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**MM10/23 ITALIAN MIGRANTS OF RYDE - BOOK LAUNCH - Mayor,  
Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP23/264**

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On Friday evening, 19 May 2023, I was pleased to attend the launch of the book "A One-Way Ticket: Italian Migrants of Ryde 1860-1960".

The event was held at St Anthony's Church, Marsfield and was very well attended by members of both the local Italian community and those who had a connection with the original migrants to settle in the Ryde area.

The launch was the culmination of a three-year community research project undertaken by volunteers from the Italian Migrants of Ryde Group, including Angelina Bonifacio who curated and compiled the final book.

The book includes a collection previously undocumented stories of the pioneering Italian migrants who came to the Ryde area to establish market gardens and small businesses. It reveals how the migrants contributed to the development of the area and the evolution of Ryde's precincts and districts.

A copy of the book has been gifted to the City of Ryde.

I congratulate all who assisted in the compilation of this book and the record that it provides of the Italian migrants who settled in the Ryde area.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the information be noted.
- (b) That the Mayor host a morning tea for the organising committee and interested Councillors to thank them for their efforts with the compilation of the book – "A One-Way Ticket: Italian Migrants of Ryde 1860-1960".
- (c) That the morning tea be costed to the Mayor's catering budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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