



Media Release

Riverina Students Learn About Italian Fruit Shops

GRIFFITH NSW – On show at **Griffith City Library** from the 5th February 2011, is the photographic exhibition, entitled *Sydney's Italian Fruit Shops – The Original Green Grocer*. What better city could there be than Griffith to kick off the regional tour, a city that owes so much to Italian migration.

The free exhibition is open to the general public from 5th February until 28th April 2011 and is offering students and their teachers excursion packages to accompany the exhibition.

Recording and celebrating Italian heritage is one of the main objectives of Co.As.It as an organisation and it is important that this knowledge be passed on to future generations. It is hoped that students who visit the exhibition not only examine and appreciate the photographs and history on display, but also gain an appreciation of the sacrifices and contributions Italian migrants made in those early days.

Co.As.It. (Italian Association of Assistance) has developed a set of learning materials to accompany the Fruit Shops Exhibition which has been informed by the relevant NSW Italian and History syllabus documents.

The education package is available for students in years 5-6 and 7-12 and the exhibition explores the history and significance of Italian fruit shops in Sydney from the turn of the twentieth century to the present.

After the excursion, teachers can help their students to understand the ways that Italian fruit shop owners and Italian migrants in general, made an impact on Australian culture and how we can see this presence today.

The material was developed to be an interactive resource, with students being encouraged to search for information and be active learners in the process. Students will be able to collect and interpret information by accessing a series of websites. As today's students are technology savvy users of multimedia resources, links to sites providing authentic and interesting information (such as accessing pictures from the National Archives of Australia website and clips of Italian documentaries from YouTube), have been included in the excursion material.

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