

 **Adrian Doyle**

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To: Christina Venettacci

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Dear Christina,

I was very pleased to hear that you are taking the initiative to have a commemorative bench in honour of your beloved Nonna. You are right that in one sense, she was not a noted contributor to the community, but in a sense that is what made her special. She was the person we all spoke about at the funeral, who lived her at times very difficult life with great honour, integrity and generosity. And it all happened in and around Sandy Bay. She was an honourable and upstanding local resident, known to many both within the Italian community and beyond. The years she spent at Don Camillo were another contribution to the community – not high profile, but I am sure the patrons enjoyed what she cooked, the same as we did.

I think it is a shame when only those who have a profile are honoured. There are many (hundreds) who do not have the profile, but who make an invaluable contribution just the same. That is why there were 350 people at her funeral.

I would be happy to be a referee, and I would probably make my recommendation along the lines expressed above.

Let me know who the application is progressing.

Kind regards

Adrian Doyle

From: Christina Venettacci

