

HONOUR
FOR
ITALIAN
WOMAN

An Italian volunteer social worker living in Sydney has been awarded the title of la Croce di Cavaliere," (an equivalent honour to a Knighthood), by the Italian Government.

Mrs John Gustin, of Bankstown (pictured), who arrived by Qantas yesterday from Italy after a month's business and holiday trip, only recently learned of her new title. She has been attending a five-day conference for Italian migrant families in Rome, as the Australian representative chosen by the Italian Embassy.

When the honour is conferred on her at a ceremony at the Italian Embassy at Canberra soon, she will be one of only five or six Italian women living who have been so honoured by their Government, and the only Italian woman recipient in Australia.

As president of a local "good-neighbour council" in the Italian community that gives aid to migrants, Mrs Gustin has become an authority on the Italian immigrant picture here.

At the council meeting in Rome, which was attended by representatives from other countries with Italian migrants, Mrs Gustin was able to compare and contrast Australia's problems with those of other countries.

"Australia rates very highly among the countries who admit Italian migrants," she said.

However, housing and language problems still face the new Italian migrant.

"I believe the Government should provide housing other than the hostel," said Mrs Gustin. "I believe it is better for the immigrants to come out of the hostel."

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An Italian migrant, Mrs. Lena Gustin, of South Terrace, Bankstown, leaves Mascot Airport for Italy last week to receive the country's second highest honor, the Cross of the Cavaliere. Mrs. Gustin, who is known to thousands of migrants as Mamma Lena, will receive the award for her services to them through her twice-weekly program on Radio 2CH. Mrs. Gustin is also president of the Family Migrant National Association.

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