

Oh Mamma Lena

Now they sing rock songs about her

Lena (Madelina) Gustin, compere of 2CH's Italian program Arrivederci Roma has a "mamma" image.

Many Italians regard her as a spokesman for their community in Australia.

She receives dozens of calls every week for financial help.

And because of all the social work she does she has received the Cross of the Cavaliere from the Italian Government. That was in 1967.

But that's not all. In 1968 the Queen award-

ed her an MBE. All this since Lena came to Australia as a migrant in 1956.

She couldn't speak a word of English when she first arrived, but was perfectly at home with French and Spanish.

However she learned English quickly and in 1957 was approached by 2SM, which was then running an Italian half hour program.

The station asked her to compile an Italian news bulletin for the program which was compered then by John Mahon.

Lena joined 2CH soon afterwards, and today is on air for 10 hours a week.

Lena's job is a big one at 2CH.

She compiles an up to the minute Italian news bulletin as well as compering the Italian half hour program of musical hits.

Lena is able to compile the bulletin by monitoring news reports from Rome on special short wave equipment made available in her home by 2CH.

Her husband Dino also helps her to produce the program.

Lena is also responsible for obtaining sponsors for the show.

The Sydney community think a lot of Lena and that's why one Italian pop group has made a record about her.

It's called Mamma Lena and has a rock rhythm.

"It is a very full time job," she said.

Lena has been married for 30 years and has one son and one daughter.

Lena said she felt her work at 2CH was helping many Italians in Australia to integrate.

Playing during

Bob Moore, 2C is an actor as well

He is currently appearing in the play Madly Love at the Q Theatre the A.M.P. building.

The Q Theatre specises in lunch hour pl and this suits Bob fine cause his evenings are up with 2CH's Supper C program.

In the play Bob pl the part of a nerv father worried about daughter who can't No.

Bob has been acting plays for 20 years.

"You could say I'r sort of frustrated act he said.

Vincent and Lucy

Horror headliner 1 cent Price guest stars LUCY CUTS VINCENT PRICE, the title of week's HERE'S LUCY episode on TCN9, Thursday, March 11 at 7.00.

For cheap entertainment Lucy takes her children to an art auction, while there, inadvertently buys a Florentine painting. Hearing that the painting could be valuable, takes it to art expert at Vincent Price at his home.

The den of Price's he has been converted to mad scientist's laborator for a picture he is making. He is expecting his star to arrive at his home that evening for rehearsal. Lucy shows up and Price thinks she is the co-star. He subjects Lucy to heinous devices in his for the rehearsal with disastrous results.

THE ABC

The ABC has decided to sever its relationship with the Brisbane version of the MORNING MUSIC PROGRAM.

The show will now emanate from Sydney to a New South Wales audience.

The first NSW Morning Music show began last Monday, compered by Arthur Burrage, a former Melbourne announcer.

The original Morning Music announcer, Graham Webster, will continue to comper the show from Brisbane to all other States.

An ABC spokesman said that the show was being made independently in Sydney to give more local references.

He said: "The show will now have more appeal to Sydney and NSW audiences."

Morning Music has been one of the ABC's most popular morning shows.

It has been broadcasted nationally from Brisbane for several years.

It will be heard Monday to Friday in NSW on 2FC from 6.38 am till 8.00 am.

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