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On April 23, the day of the Spanish language was celebrated for the first time in Australia, as the embassies of the Spanish-speaking countries in Canberra commemorated the occasion at the Australian National Library. The event took place on the decision of the United Nations to declare the Spanish language as a universal and widely used language (recognizing the number of Spanish speakers in the world), and to choose the day of the celebration to honour the anniversary of the death of the Spanish Literature genius, Miguel de Cervantes.

The General Director of the Australian National Library, Dr Marie-Louise Ayres, gave the welcoming remarks at the event, where the Director of the Cervantes Institute in Sydney, Coral Martínez Iscar also participated. Members of the diplomatic corps, the Australian government, and the Spanish-speaking communities in Canberra also joined in the celebrations.



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MOBILE CONSULATES IN BRISBANE AND SYDNEY



Brisbane and Sydney are two of the cities with the largest Mexican population in Australia. For this reason, and in order to cover the growing demand for consular services, mobile consulates were held during last quarter in these cities.

Personnel from the Embassy of Mexico in Australia travelled to the state of Queensland to carry out the consulate in Brisbane on May 14 and 15, where they attended to almost 100 people.

Likewise, on June 25 and 26 the mobile consulate was taken to Sydney, where even greater participation of the Mexican community was observed and services were provided to more than 150 Mexicans.

Your consulate at hand

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Mexicans who reside abroad and wish to return to Mexico have the possibility to import their household goods with an exemption from import tariffs, provided they have resided outside the country for a minimum of six months. To do this, they must process the "Certificate for the List of Household Goods" at the embassy.



Requirements:

- Application letter
- Prove your nationality
- Prove your identity
- Proof of residence abroad
- Household items list

LAUNCHING OF THE DIGITAL SPANISH-LANGUAGE MAGAZINE "PALABRAS"

Did you know that the Spanish language is the second language in the world with the most native speakers (after Mandarin) with 493 million people in 2021?

With the objective of continuing to promote this language in Australia, the embassies from the 15 Spanish-speaking countries in Canberra have come together to develop a free digital magazine called "Palabras" (Words).

The publication has a variety of articles, poems, short stories, cultural information, and even songs from the Spanish-speaking world. Check it out and share it!

All Spanish-speaking people are invited to collaborate in the magazine, for which they can send an email to revistapalabrasau@gmail.com.

<https://issuu.com/revistapalabras>



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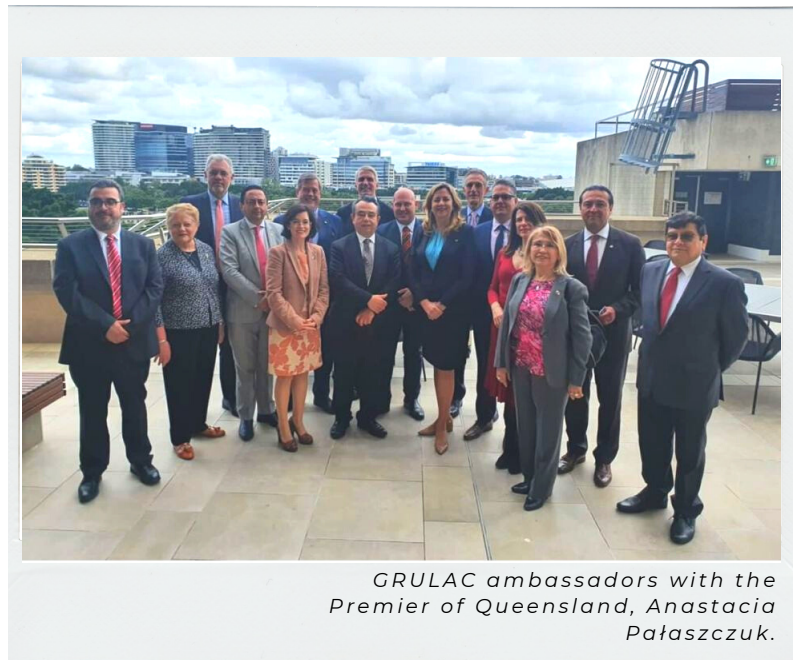
AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO QUEENSLAND

From May 25 to 27, Ambassador Peña Haller visited the state of Queensland, together with the ambassadors of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC).

During the visit, the Queensland Parliament inaugurated the "Queensland-Latin America and the Caribbean Friendship Group", led by the Speaker of Parliament, Curtis Pitt, and the Leader of the Opposition, David Crisafulli. The GRULAC ambassadors met with Queensland Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, who praised the creation of the parliamentary friendship group, as well as with Brisbane Mayor, Adrian Schrinner.

In order to explore options to promote trade and investment, the GRULAC ambassadors met with the president of the Australia-Latin America Business Council (ALBAC), Richard Andrews, and Marcelo Salas, ALABC CEO, as well as executives from Trade Investment Queensland and the Brisbane Economic Development Agency.

The ambassadors also visited the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology to trigger more cooperation actions in science and technology. For the Mexican case, in line with the agreement between CONACYT and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, namely: indigenous communities; women in STEM; marine and water sciences, and food safety.



GRULAC ambassadors with the Premier of Queensland, Annastacia Palaszczuk.

The objectives of the visit to Queensland were:

- to strengthen political relations with QLD;
- to promote trade and investment exchange;
- to promote educational, technological, and scientific cooperation, and
- to create spaces for dialogue with the community.

Finally, they met with the Latin American community established in Queensland, including the Mexican community, to generate synergies due to their natural role in promoting economic and cultural relations between Australia and the region. There are currently 21,800 Latin Americans residing in Queensland, of which a large part belongs to the business sector.

KIDS4KIDS INITIATIVE

Our young friend Mik Sakal is a seven-year-old Mexican-Australian boy who lives in Melbourne and started a campaign called "Kids4kids".

This campaign, with no political or profit purposes, seeks that children from different schools who want to join show support and solidarity for Ukrainian children through their drawings.

Mik and his family have helped Ukrainian refugee families in Australia and hope other children will do the same through their art.

The donated drawings are uploaded to an online [platform](#) where people can download them for a price used to raise funds for families affected by the war.



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SOCIAL NETWORKS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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#JUEVESDEDIFUSIÓN

STORIES THAT DESERVE MORE THAN A "LIKE"

In Australia, we are not many Mexicans. On the contrary, the last census shows that only 6,845 Mexicans live in this enormous country. However, we realized that the Mexican community here is distinguished by having a high academic, professional, artistic, or entrepreneurial level.

For this reason, we took on the task of convening our community through social networks and asking them to tell us their stories so that we could share them and support their projects.

The response was very positive, as we met artists, entrepreneurs, sports commentators, researchers, authors, illustrators, and poets. The truth is that they all have something in common: to position Mexico's name up high in Australia!

Participate by emailing homaus@sre.gob.mx with information about you, your work, or your brand, and let's create synergies to support the Mexican community.



INCLUSIVE RIGHTS AND LGBTIQ+ PRIDE



We issued the first corrected birth certificate based on the recognition of gender identity, reaffirming our obligation to promote, respect and protect the human rights of all Mexicans regardless of their gender identity or sexual preferences.



We joined the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), to celebrate and promote the rights of LGBTIQ+ people and combat the social and systemic discrimination that afflicts this community, endorsing our commitment to be a #SafeZone.



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