

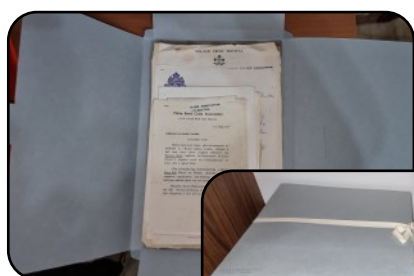
## “Preserving and Communicating the Club's History”

The aims of this project were three-fold:

- 1) Devise ways how the important historical records pertaining to the Imperial Band Club could be retained, organised, preserved and permanently protected from loss, damage, or destruction.
- 2) Write a detailed history of the Imperial Band Club by making use of the minutes of meetings, letters, magazines published by the Club, photos and other available records.
- 3) Create awareness of the history of the Imperial Band Club through the setting up of an exhibition.

The project was carried out in various stages.

- ↪ The physical retrieval of the various minutes of meetings, correspondence, photos, magazines and posters from the Club's offices, stores and depositories.
- ↪ The appropriate recording, grouping, classification and organisation of the retrieved material.
- ↪ The appropriate storing of the material retrieved. Ms Maria Borg, an expert in the field of archiving, went meticulously through all the material to assess the damage, to stabilise all the material, and to prepare it for proper and safe storage. For this aim, the necessary material for storing and the required cabinets were bought and put in



place so as to house the archived material.



- ↪ The writing up of a faithful, detailed and complete history of the first seventy-five years of existence of the Imperial Band Club from the records available. This lengthy and painstaking task was diligently carried out by Mr Jonathan Muscat, following on the work initiated by his late father, Mr Jimmy Muscat. The end-product is a document which gives a comprehensive picture of how the Imperial Band Club evolved from its inception to the seventy-fifth anniversary.
- ↪ The communication of the history of the Club through the Club's social media platforms. This materialised through the various posts that were made throughout the project to present some interesting findings arising from documents and photos that were retrieved.
- ↪ The setting up of an exhibition that recounts the main events of the Imperial Band Club, illustrated by photos and other historical documents. This exhibition was printed on light material which will make it possible to be transported to other places if requested. This is currently housed in the ground floor of the club.



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