Meeting on disability issues

At a consultation meeting on disability issues, Parliamentary Secretary Justyne Caruana said the learning hub for people with disability and the community home will be opened by the end of the year. Other topics discussed were the law on guardianship, the use of trusts, community services, employment and sport. On the latter topic, Special Olympics Malta director Anna Calleja called for Gozitan athletes to participate in the event. The meeting was also addressed by Kevin Cutajar.

Peace donkey exhibition

The Mediterranean Peace Donkey exhibition opened as part of the Mdina Cathedral Art Biennale at the Cathedral Museum, Palazzo de Piro and Vilhena Palace, Mdina. It comprises 21 life-size fibreglass donkeys sculpted by Egyptian artist Reda Abdel Rahman and painted by 21 Egyptian, Maltese and European artists, including the one painted by pupils from Victoria Primary School. It is open until January 7. Photos shows pupils from the school and its head Lelio Spiteri next to 'their' donkey. *Photo: Betty Bugeja*

Julian's uncool life

A matinee show of a play entitled *Il-Ħajja Xejn Cool ta' Teenager Jismu Julian* will be staged for students on Thursday at Aurora Theatre, Victoria.

There will be another show for the public on Saturday at 8pm.

The play is co-produced by Studio 18 and Aurora Youth Movement and supported by the *Żigużajg* Arts Festival for Children and the Gozo Ministry. It is rated 11+.

To book tickets at €5 each call 7904 5779 or e-mail teatruaurora@leone.org.mt.

French tricolor on Aurora

Aurora Opera House expressed its sympathy to the French people following the Paris terrorist attacks by lighting its façade with the French tricolor.

Promoting Gozo tourism

A total of €210,000 was spent promoting Gozo via publications, TV spots, articles, blogs and the setting up of a booking portal as part of a project entitled 'Island of Gozo: A unique destination for all'.

The project included drafting a marketing plan for Gozo, which was presented to local stakeholders. It aims to achieve higher rates of economic returns from the tourism industry while safeguarding the island's attractiveness as a destination.

It was co-financed by the EU's European Agricultural Fund for rural development and organised by the Gozo Tourism Association, in collaboration with the Tourism Ministry and Malta Tourism Authority.

The project activities were presented at a business breakfast at the Grand Hotel, Għajnsielem, addressed by Tourism Minister Edward Zammit Lewis, Gozo Minister Anton Refalo, GTA chairman Paul Scicluna, GTA secretary Joe Muscat and MTA CEO Paul Bugeja.

GTA officials, MPs and other guests at the business breakfast.

Nadur square embellished

The Gozo Youth Wind Band, accompanied by singers Chiara and Ludwig Galea, performed at a concert to mark the inauguration of the embellished St Peter and St Paul Square, Nadur. The project, which was 80 per cent financed by the EU, was inaugurated by President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca and Nadur mayor Edward Said. *Photos: Charles Spiteri*