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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.ITALIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS RECEPTION.

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The South Australian Premier, Mr. Dunstan, and the Federal Minister for Immigration, Mr. Grassby, paid tribute to the part played by the Italian community in developing South Australia when they spoke in Adelaide this week.

The two men met leaders of the community at a special reception in the Cabinet room at the State Administration Centre.

The reception was also attended by the South Australian Attorney-General, Mr. King.

The reception was to mark Mr. Grassby's first official visit to South Australia as Minister.

Mr. Dunstan described Mr. Grassby as a man of "verve, vigour and personality" with special knowledge of the Italian community.

The Premier said that in South Australia Italian migrants and their descendants had had a very significant impact on South Australian life through their contribution to its economic development and culture.

Mr. Dunstan said he especially valued the friendships he had made with members of the community through his association with them as House of Assembly Member for Norwood.

Mr. Grassby told the gathering all migrants were members of an Australian family.

It was an important part of his job as Minister to bring all parts of the family together.