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TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00008

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<b>Property Name</b>	Round Tower (Water Tower)		
<b>Address</b>	Triq San Gejtanu		
<b>Town Name</b>	Hamrun	<b>Toponym</b>	N/A
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Government Property Department
<b>Local Council</b>	Hamrun		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	No		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Architectural Social	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High
<b>Property Function</b>	Social and Communal	<b>Conservation Area</b>	N/A

<b>Outline Description</b>	Early 17th century water inspection tower built as part of the Wignacourt aqueduct project to provide Valletta with fresh running water.
<b>Property Description</b>	Forming part of the early 17th century Wignacourt aqueduct, the water tower permitted the carrying of water from Hamrun to Valletta. The work carried out under Engineer Bontadino de Bontadini as part of the solution to provide fresh water to Valletta replaced the previous system of carting fresh water to the city. Water coming from Rabat, through Attard flowed into inspection towers. These were located in St Venera, Hamrun and Floriana. From Hamrun water was directed through underground channels towards Valletta. The aqueduct was further strengthened by De Rohan in the late 18th century. The inscription on the water tower reads "VT SPIRITVS IN AQVIS SIC SPIRITVS AB AQVIS. BONTADINO DE BONTADINIS BONON AQUEDUCTORE MDCX"

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	0790	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1994
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	MEPA Scheduled Property Register Abela, G.F. () <i>Della descrizione di Malta isola nel mare Siciliano con le sue antichita con le Antichita ed altre Notizie</i> , Malta Freller, T. (2010) <i>Malta The Order of St John</i> , Malta: Midsea Books Ltd;
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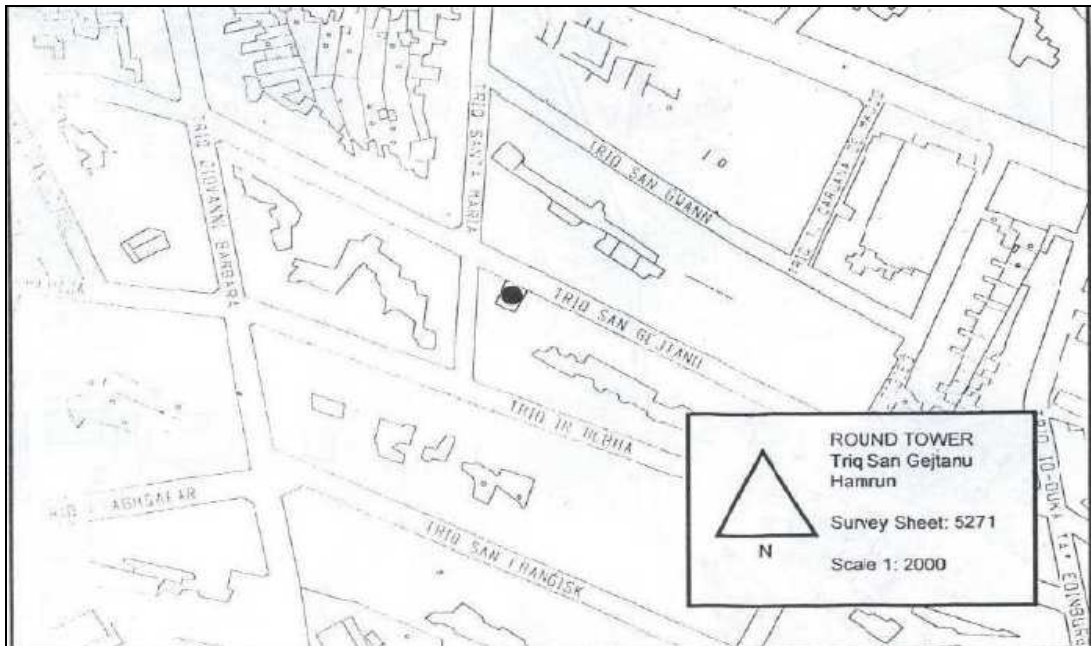
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Property Plan



Property Images

