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# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 1383

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<b>Property Name</b>	St Julian's Tower and Battery		
<b>Address</b>	Tower Road		
<b>Town Name</b>	Sliema	<b>Toponym</b>	<b>Local Council</b> Sliema
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Private
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>			

<b>Period</b>	Modern (17th Century)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Historical Architectural	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Outstanding
<b>Property Function</b>	Fortification	<b>Conservation Area</b>	

<b>Outline Description</b>	Coastal tower and battery
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>St Julian's Tower is one of the thirteen coastal towers erected by Grand Master Martin de Redin in 1658/9. Internally, the tower was built around a barrel vault, which was divided vertically by means of a first floor resting on spring arches in order to create two rooms, one above the other. The upper room was used as the living quarters for the small garrison and the lower room, windowless, was reserved for storage. A small spiral staircase was set within the thickness of the wall to provide access from the first floor to the roof. The roof was ringed off by a parapet fitted with small embrasures. An opening in the ceiling served as a ventilation shaft. Access to the tower was via a small doorway set in the inland-facing wall of the tower, with a small window opening on the opposite facing wall towards the sea. A semi-circular coastal battery was added on the seaward-facing side of the tower in 1715/16. This contained a parapet with four embrasures and flanks with parapets built en barbette. The gorge of the battery was enclosed by a free standing wall and redan, fitted with musketry loopholes and partially protected by a rock-hewn ditch. This defensive wall is no longer standing. The battery walls are revetted in masonry and scarped. The embrasures and parapets were removed and replaced with a modern low boundary wall.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	729	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1995
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Cross (Malta,1994), 498, 524-5
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

