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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Members who took the boat over to Somes island last month said that it was an absolutely fantastic day out. Paul Elenio will elaborate more in this newsletter.

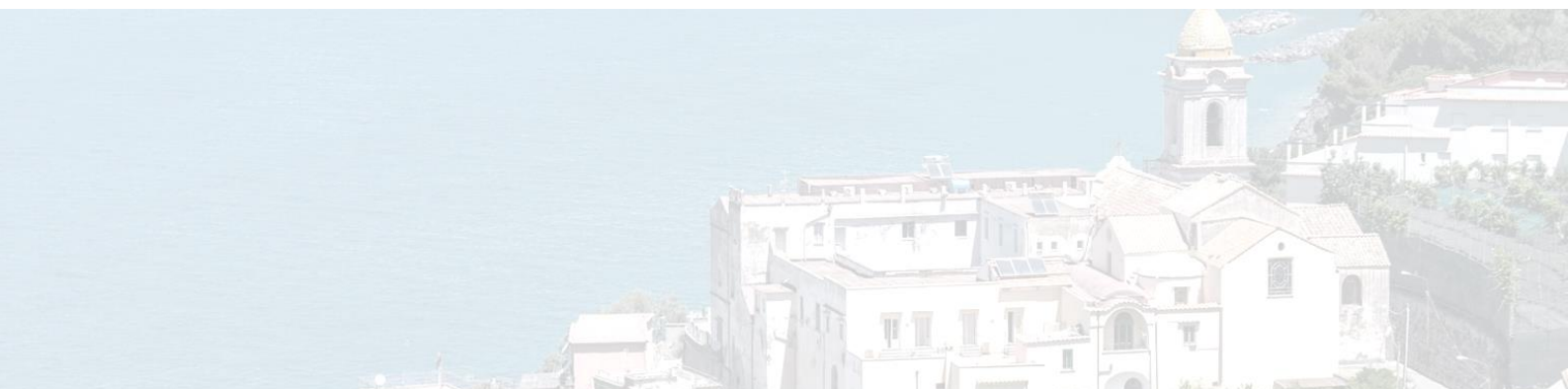
I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who organised this event – Frank Basile, Maria and Paul Elenio and Vic Criscillo. Well done to you all. We were lucky that the weather was a fine calm day and that everything went off without any problems.

The Club will be holding a Club Lunch in May and we hope to see members and friends/family there.

We will celebrate Italian National Day on Sunday 4 June at the Clubrooms starting at 7pm. We are also in the midst of arranging a Casino Evening in July/August, so watch this space.

Ciao for now

Linda De Gregorio



Somes Island Trip

By Paul Elenio

Some 40 Club Garibaldi members and their families took the trip to Somes Island to remember those Italian men incarcerated there during the Second World War.

The group took the trip across Wellington Harbour to the island where we were greeted and underwent biosecurity and health and safety checks before walking up the hill. Nestled in the bush with a stunning outlook on the city on a beautiful day was the memorial seat that was installed in 1995 to commemorate the 38 Italians who spent more than three years there.

The seat had been created by long time club member, the late Felice Benvenuti, using his terrazzo paving skills and, once in place, was blessed by Cardinal Tom Williams. This time our special liturgy was led by Father Giosue Busti from the Papal Nunciature in Wellington. In his reflection he talked about how two of his relatives were held in confinement in India during the Second World War. Our thanks to Father Busti for his special part in the ceremony.

It was acknowledged that it was the men's families who had suffered greatly. There was a special welcome for those descendants present: Lucia Esposito, whose father Luigi Aprea was held on the island; Carmela Morrison Petagna, whose grandfather Liberato Volpicelli was on the island and Steven Picone whose grandfather and uncle, both named Vincenzo, was held.

After the ceremony the group scattered around the island, visiting the small museum, the lighthouse and the buildings used for quarantine purposes. Staff at the Department of Conservation provided some rustic transport (a gardening tractor) for Fifi and Lucia to get up and down the hill which was much appreciated! No one was left behind when the East by West ferry took everyone back to Queen's Wharf.



The descendants of those interned on the Island.



The Garibaldi crew that went to the island on the Memorial Day



Sunday lunch at the Club – Sunday 21 May 2023

On Sunday 21 May there will be a lunch for members and families and friends at the Clubrooms. Alf will cook us up a delight and we hope to see as many members as possible come along. Please note the lunch is free for Club Members but there will be a cash bar operating, and non-members charge of \$15 per person. Note: there is a limit of 100 pax (due to our Liquor Licence regulations) so first in, first served. Please reply to either Josephine 9348 720, or Maria - 3838476 to book your seat. Cash bar available.

Italian National Day Celebrations – Sunday 4 June at 7pm

Members are invited to the Club on Sunday 4 June to help celebrate the Italian National Day. As usual the Club will provide light supper and great entertainment. **Please note this event is for Financial Members Only** and there is a limit of 100 pax – so please reply to either Josephine 9348 720 or Maria 3838476 if you wish to attend.



Condolences

It is with sadness that we advise the death of stalwart member, George Benvenuti.

George was a regular member at the Club in the days of Wakefield Street and our current premises. George was a very talented man, and he volunteered his services where possible at the Club over the years.

A few years ago, he offered to fix the broken "Garibaldi on the Horse" statue that now sits on the piano at the clubrooms. His workmanship was seamless.

Our thoughts go out to Lena and the Benvenuti family – RIP.



Last Night at the Garibaldi

October 2022 marked the end of the musical variety Benefit evenings, hosted by the Club, for the past 30 years. The activity was recognised by a civic award in 2008 ("Absolutely Positively Wellington") by the then Mayor Kerry Prendergast and nationally in 2011.

Following a substantial bequest from the late Don Haliburton's estate (establishing the *Don Haliburton Vocal Award Charitable Trust*) it became possible to fly in and accommodate professional performers from other parts of the country for the always sold out two-night seasons. The success of this operation would not have been possible without a dedicated group of helpers, too numerous to mention, in setting up the portable stage, installing overhead lights, dressing tables, and providing supper. Above all, the valued support of the general public.

End of an era.





Joe Avati Comedian Show

Review by Cav. Ginette Toscano Page

"When I Was Your Age" a live comedy show performed by Joe Avati.

Robin and I, along with 26 Club Garibaldi members and their families joined over 70 others at a concert on Thursday 6 April. The theme was "When I Was Your Age" by Joe Avati, a well-known Australian / Calabrese comedian. The middle aged and slightly older audience enjoyed slick anecdotes and typical Italian sayings used by their parents & grand-parents. (Papa, Mama, Nonno & Nonna) He also directed many of his comments to the youngest person in the audience, 15 year old Giuseppe Iaccarino. Joe related to Giuseppe with respect when referring to his Nonno, Nonna and all other Italian immigrants to both Australia & New Zealand.

We returned homes, still laughing over his words and his vivid stage antics, not forgetting the hand gestures whilst talking! A most enjoyable evening for all who attended.



Sunday fun day at Club Garibaldi – Sunday 11 June 2pm-4pm

Come to your Club Sunday 11th June 2pm to 4pm. Bring your family or bring your grandkids. Or just bring yourself. Table Tennis...Table Football... Indoor Bowls...you choose. Have a game of Cards? SHOW US YOUR TALENT ENTERTAIN US. Do you play the Piano, Violin, Guitar or Sing?

Coffee, tea and cakes provided. Drinks and Chippies for the kids.
CONTACT Frank Basile 0279140253 if you are coming before 1st June.

Dates for your diary

2023

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Sunday 23 April

Lazy Sunday Afternoon

Saturday(s) 29 April – 24 June

Italian Conversation at Club Garibaldi

Sunday 21 May

Club Lunch

Sunday 4 June

Italian National Day Celebrations

Sunday 11 June

Sunday Fun Day!

You are invited

to join **The Young Once**
for another **Lazy Sunday Afternoon**

When: 2 to 5 pm Sunday 23 April 2023 Where: The Pines, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay \$8 entry at the door Light food and refreshments available from the bar

Reservations not required – simply turn up!



We know how much you love listening and dancing to familiar songs from your younger years, which is why our repertoire is full of all your favourite artists from the 1950s and 60s. Our name is a nod to Sir Cliff Richard and The Shadows, whose music features heavily on our set list.

Follow us on Facebook for more information and music demos.

facebook.com/TheYoungOnceBand/





Italian Conversation at Club Garibaldi?



We are calling for expressions of interest in joining an advanced Italian conversation group. This will be a five-lesson intensive course held on Saturday mornings commencing in late April.

Led by former Circolo Italiano tutor, Eleonora Bello, a Victoria University graduate and currently employed as Team Leader, Student Success in the Faculty of Science, Health and Engineering at VUW. Eleonora is passionate about teaching and learning – especially in languages – looking to enhance student success, engagement and motivation.

During these sessions Eleonora will focus predominantly on oral skills – speaking, listening, interaction and vocabulary building – all at an advanced level. Activities will include games, role-play, article reading, using YouTube/Social media/photos as prompts, etc. Members will be encouraged to take the lead in the discussions and to suggest topics.

When 10–12 noon, five fortnightly then weekly meetings starting Saturday 29 April to Saturday 24 June inclusive.

Revised dates are as follows:

- ❖ first two sessions fortnightly on **29 April and 13 May**
- ❖ with a three-week break — recommencing weekly on **10 June, 17 June and 24 June**.

You may wish to attend all or just some of the dates to suit — as long as enrolment and payment are made before the course commences.

Location Club Garibaldi level 2, 118 Tory St/cnr Vivian St Wellington

Fees per two-hour session Club Garibaldi and Circolo Italiano members \$30.00 and non-members \$40.00 (includes coffee/tea)

Parking:

Club Garibaldi members can use the car parks 1–13.

Parking for non-members available at CarePark 70 Tory St Wellington for \$6 a day on Saturdays

For enquiries, or if you wish to enrol – please contact Phyllis Mossman
phyllis@mossman.net.nz or phone: 021 263 1319

