



# Club Garibaldi News

APRIL 2012

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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*Buona Pasqua a tutti*



Easter comes into our hearts with feelings of hope, faith, trust and love. Through the joy and simplicity, we can understand ourselves better and understand more about the values of life. I wish everyone peace and harmony.

*La Pasqua entra nei nostri cuori con sentimenti di speranza, di fede, di fiducia e di Amore. Attraverso l'allegria e la semplicità, riusciamo a capire meglio noi stessi, e a comprendere di più i valori della vita. Auguro a tutti pace e armonia.*

Ciao a presto,  
Ginette Toscano Page  
President

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Emilio Gratton and Barbara Ianne of Eastbourne, Lower Hutt, and John and Janice Frandi of Waikanae

## HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Benito visits Dr Ziccardi at the medical centre.....

Benito: "Doctor, doctor, I seea elefanti blu ..... everywhere!"

Dr Ziccardi: "Oh, mama mia! Have you seen a psychologist yet?"

Benito: "No, solo elefanti blu!"

# 130<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARIO CARNEVALE

Wow! What a day it was! Club Garibaldi's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversario Carnevale was a huge success! After a week of inclement weather leading right up to Sunday morning, we were blessed with a beautiful, fine, sunny day. This event gave us a chance to not only celebrate this milestone anniversary, but it also gave us the opportunity to share our Italian heritage, and invite all Wellingtonians to this special event.

Events such as this would not happen without a hard working, dedicated core of club members and helpers; this year was no exception. However, the three members who made up the Carnevale Committee, Vic Criscillo, Robin Page and Catherine Monastra, were absolutely outstanding. They worked tirelessly for weeks on end planning/organising everything. In fact, the week leading up to event, our telephone and computer literally ran 'hot' day and night – the computer seat was never vacant – the moment Robin stood up, I would jump onto it! I imagine it would have been the same at Vic and Catherine's households!

Many thanks to all the people, including those who are not club members, for their tremendous support in baking for the club's dolce stand. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement. The dolce stand is always very popular and attracts a lot of regulars who know exactly which cake or biscotti they want! Many thanks also to those members who spread the word to family and friends about the Carnevale. Many thanks also to Ambassador Alessandro Levi Sandri for coming to the Carnevale and saying a few words, particularly about Giuseppe Garibaldi, whom our club is named after.

Check out our website to view heaps of photos take at the Carnevale: [www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz](http://www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz)

## **Saturday morning: Set up**

Adriana & John Wholey, Vic Criscillo, Robin & Ginette Toscano Page, Catherine Monastra, John Cao, Jim Marson, Nina Cuccurullo, Lou & Lucy O'Regan, Marie Barnao, Maria Colucci, Matt Amitrano, Kerry Noaro, Angela Noaro, Guglielmo Panettieri, Vince & Ida Basile, Delia Benazzo & Carlo Puglia, Nina Cuccurullo, Joe & Mary Rose Basile, Robyn & David Monastra, Rex & Avril Da Vanzo and Peter Amitrano.

## **Sunday: 8am to 6pm**

**Cake Stall:** Alfonso Basile, Anna Quinn, Carmela Morrison, Mary Rose Basile, Lynda Marson, Anna Maria Di Leva, Josephine van der Donk, Linda De Gregorio, Maria Colucci, Ida Basile, Teresa Mollo and Josephine Volpicelli

**Cultural Stall:** Nina Cuccurullo, Delia Benazzo, Carlo Puglia, Mary Rose Basile, Caterina Cuccurullo, Giancarlo Cuccurullo, Irene Baleani, Fiorella Piscini and Marco Sottocorono

**Club Bar:** John Cao, Jim Marson, Marc Tesoriero, Marie Barnao, Denise Menara, Melanie Federico, Sean Keaney and Peter Elenio

**Car Parking:** David Monastra and his great team of friends

**Eftpos/Finance:** Joe Basile, Mary Rose Basile, Josephine Volpicelli, Josephine Van der Donk and Vince Costa

**Mask Making:** Catherine Monastra, Lili Volpicelli, Kerry Noaro and Angela Noaro

**Admission:** Salve Volpicelli, Marie Barnao, Delia Benazzo, Carlo Puglia, Gary McFadyen, Peter Elenio, Teresa Elenio and Tim

**Emcee:** Paul Elenio

**Puppeteer Marionette:** Anna Bailey

**Mediterranean Sextet:** Robin Page, Salvi Gaeta, Armando Gilmoni, Adam Costa, Gary McFadyen and Simon Waddington

**Duo:** Caterina Costa (piano) and Adam Costa (violin)

**Tarantella Dancers:** Maria Elenio and Matt Amitrano for organising and training the girls – Grace and Rebekah Amitrano, Sophia and Charlotte Basile, Anna Cacace and Nicola Di Leva.

**Opera singers and other entertainment:** Rex Da Vanzo and Robin Page

**Take down and clean-up:** A happy finale with so many helpers! Decorations removed, table and chairs stacked, vehicles loaded, rubbish removed and a final floor sweep, it was all over in no time!

## THANK YOU!

Club Garibaldi wish to sincerely thank Salvatore Volpicelli, Fish Fins Ltd and Glenn and Jo Barnao Gordon, Island Bay Video/Lotto/Post Shop, for sponsoring the hiring of the Gondola model at the Carnevale.

## ANOTHER THANK YOU!

Club Garibaldi wish to sincerely thank Deputy Mayor, Ian McKinnon, and officers from the Wellington City Council, for their support, professional advice and willingness to help in so many ways. We also successfully applied for a financial grant to help offset our Carnevale expenses – this was very much appreciated.

## CARNEVALE TESTIMONIALS

**Buona sera**, thanks for organising the Italian Carnival on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>, at St Patrick's College. We were struck by the wonderful family feeling and warm atmosphere (this was a little different to previous festivals that seemed to be rather more commercially focused). The entertainment was lovely and we very much enjoyed the delicious food and the generosity of spirit of the Italian community in inviting Wellington to be part of its celebration. Well done on a well-organised and very enjoyable day! *Angela Duncan, a member of the public.*

**It was a lovely happening...**the best thing being the enjoyment that was obvious on the faces of all. I really loved seeing so many young families with wee ones out there in the sun enjoying the atmosphere and the food and wine, etc. The music that came from inside also helped the atmosphere. As I heard it said, it was good to get away from the commercial aspect of the event...My heartiest congratulations to all for the splendid, successful day. Best love, *Marie Barnao.*

**Congratulations on a great job.** You can count on our support next year, God willing. For me, the best part of the day was the nice atmosphere. We support the festival for the club. I spoke to a lot of people and never heard a bad comment. Regards, *Joe Cuccurullo.*

**Hi all**, I would just like to say a big thank you to Vic, Robin and Catherine, for organising such a wonderful Carnevale at St Pat's today, and all the hard work they put into it. And also to Ginette and the rest of the committee and club members who helped today to make it such a success! Lots of good feedback from store holders and the general public about today's Carnevale! Many thanks! *Alf Basile*

**It was a really good time** today. Everyone I spoke to said it was relaxing and cool. Cheers! *John Cao*

**Congratulations to everyone** involved in organising such an amazing day. I know the work involved behind the scenes is enormous. Everyone I know had an amazing time. *Lynda Marson*

**Just wanted to say** that we think you did a great job of the Carnevale yesterday. We were pleased we were part of it. Kind regards, *Debbie Natoli – Harvey World Travel Miramar.*

**Jenny and I** are very sorry we were unable to join you on Sunday Ginette. We already had four civic commitments, some overlapping directly with Club Garibaldi – Carnevale Italiano...we do hope it went well for all (and are sure it would have). Thank you for your very nice words in your email. Be assured, you are welcome to get back at any time. *Warm regards, Ian McKinnon, Deputy Mayor.*

**Sunday was just great!** Back to what it used to be. Real community feeling, everyone pulling together, enjoying each other's company and generally having a good time. My three 'girls' thoroughly enjoyed the day too, as did Janet Purdey (Manager of Marketing) who came and joined us at the booth in the afternoon. Janet

is a cannoli addict so she was in heaven! We love to support the Club and the Italian Community. *Susan Superville, Te Papa Tongarewa.*

**Thank you** for inviting us to have a stall at Club Garibaldi's Carnevale Italiano. The St. Patrick's College venue proved to be perfect; easy access, well-appointed facilities and plenty of room both inside and outside. The Carnevale itself was so good with variety; excellent entertainment, amazing food and drink stalls – big queues especially for the piazzas and the Italian dolci!! The whole atmosphere was wonderful and so much like the Italian Festivals that were held at the Overseas Terminal. A big thank you to the Carnevale Organizing Committee and the many helpers. Well done! *Elizabeth Peek, President Circolo Italiano di Wellington.*

**Hi Robin & Ginette**, hope you've had the time to rest and relax after last Sunday! Angelo and I would just like to thank you both and all the others that were involved in organising such a great event! Lots and lots of hard work would have been involved, so thank you again. We are looking forward to next year! Hopefully this will be a yearly event! The venue was just perfect!!! *Kind Regards, Liliane & Angelo Cacciato, The Italian Connection.*

**Ciao**, Carlo and I really had a great time last Sunday. We enjoyed being of some help and really felt part of the community. And...thank you Ginette for dancing the tarantella with me!!! Un abbraccio a te e a Robin! *Delia e Carlo*

**I think the venue is fantastic** and has brought the festival back to what it originally was a fantastic way for the community to celebrate the Italian way. The festival is very near up my heart as it was where we did our debut event back in 2004 so it is like the anniversary of our company! Well done and I look forward to being involved in future year. *Regards, Nathan Meyer, Gelato NZ*

**It was my pleasure** to have sung at the Carnevale, and I look forward to hopefully many more. *Elitsa Kappatos, Auckland*

**Congratulations** on hosting such a wonderful event for the community! I really enjoyed playing, and being able to contribute to the day. Thanks for inviting me to part of such a friendly well organised event. *Best Regards, Rebekah Grieg (accordionist)*

**The event was great** for myself and Leanne – many wonderful interactions with people passionate about Italy, comparing travel experiences. The atmosphere was quite different to the stadium – feeling less 'commercial' and more relaxed. So many thanks for the opportunity. We return to Italy in September and will be taking many new photos...*Ciao ciao, Don and Leanne.*

**Well done** on pulling together the Carnevale. We can only imagine what a big task it is. The set up and entertainment were great and we definitely hope it's not the last. It was a joy to see the celebrations go back to a more low key community/family feel. We're behind you all the way and always happy to help. Ciao, *Melanie Federico & Sean Keaney*

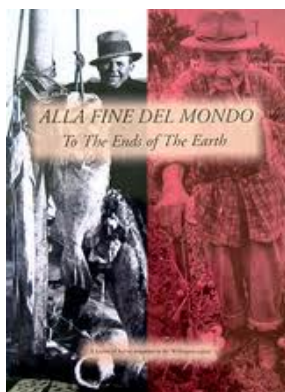
## **ANNUAL BUS TRIP – FEBRUARY 2012**



## LAUNCHING OF REVISED HISTORY BOOK 'ALLA FINE DEL MONDO'

On Friday evening, 16 March, as part of Club Garibaldi's 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, a reception was held for the businesses and people who sponsored the revised edition of 'Alla Fine Del Mondo', written by Paul Elenio. The Italian Ambassador, and the Nuncio, Abp Charles Balvo were official guests.

The formal part of the evening began with the president, Ginette Toscano Page, welcoming everyone to the club. In reply, a short speech was given by H.E. Ambassador Alessandro Levi Sandri. After Cav Nina Cuccurullo read out the names of the sponsors, Paul Elenio shared some thoughts with us. A suggestion came from a club member that a blessing be given to those present and to all the people who worked on the book, to which Abp Balvo happily agreed to do. See the article below for details of how to purchase the book.



### HOW TO GET A COPY OF ALLA FINE DEL MONDO

#### In Wellington

The book is available through a small number of retail outlets in the Wellington area. These include the Mediterranean Food Warehouse outlets in Constable Street, Newtown and High Street, Lower Hutt and at La Bella Italia, Nevis Street, Petone, at a cost of \$35 each.

#### Outside of Wellington

People from outside of Wellington can order the book in several ways.

1. Write to Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Te Aro Wellington, or email [clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com](mailto:clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com). You need to provide the following information (in writing or by email):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make bank payment direct to Club Garibaldi's bank account:

National Bank A/C No: 060513 0005579 00. Please add payee reference DEL MONDO

2. If the book is to be posted within New Zealand the purchase price is \$42 for each book (i.e. \$84 for two, \$126 for three). This covers the cost of postage (via an NZ Post bubble bag), packaging and handling.
3. If the book is to be posted to Australia or the Pacific Islands the purchase price is NZ\$55 each, \$110 for two.
4. If the book is to be posted anywhere else in the world the cost is NZ\$70 each.



## ***Alla Fine del Mondo* Book Launch 16 March 2012**



**The author, Paul Elenio**



**The Italian Ambassador Alessandro Levi Sandri and Paul Elenio**



**Paul Elenio, Cav Nina Cuccurullo, Ambassador Levi Sandri and Ginette Toscano Page**

## FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

*Ginette Toscano Page*

Club member, Joe Barnao of Levin, recently asked me if I would research the wreck of the ship SS Progress in Wellington, as there were Italian fishermen involved in the rescue of some of the crew and he was curious to know their names. After reading through screeds of text, I have summarized the story in the following excerpts taken from the original articles published in the Evening Post. Interestingly, it was not until Ugo Lupi wrote a letter to the Evening Post that the names of the Italian fishermen and their heroic actions in the rescue were recognised.

### ***Evening Post – 1 May 1931. Shipping tragedy – Wreck of the Progress smashed in heavy seas***

The Holm Shipping Company's steam 'Progress' well known in coastal waters, was wrecked at Ohiro Bay at noon today and broke up on the rocks under the battering of the heavy seas. She had broken her tail-shaft and lost her propeller last evening, in fine, calm weather while anchored. Shortly after 9pm the wind started to rise, and by midnight it was blowing strongly from the south-east with rising seas. The southerly gale blew up the conditions so badly that tugs were unable to assist her. For two hours this morning she was under trysails trying to move away from the shore, but was forced upon the rocks half a mile south of Happy Valley. Her recovery was botched by the Wellington Harbour tugs. Four members of the crew are dead and those bodies which came ashore were terribly battered.

### ***Evening Post – 22 June 1931 – The Progress Wreck***

Regarding the wreck of the Progress, a correspondent (U Lupi) writes, suggesting that 'merit should be given where merit is due in connection with the rescue of the survivors of the wreck, particularly as the rescue of the last man, who was clinging to the rocks, was saved by myself and four mates of mine. Even one of the constables was rescued by us. Still, not a word of thanks was given to any of us'.

### ***Evening Post, 25 June 1931 – Progress Rescue Work Letter to the editor:***

Sir, in a recent issue of 'The Post' Mr Lupi, on behalf of the Italian fishermen of Island Bay, draws attention to their actions in the rescuing of members of the Progress crew, and also to the fact that their efforts have seemingly been overlooked. There is no doubt that the Italians' boat crew did splendid work, including also the rescue of the police who were in difficulties, and I for one, would like to add my need of praise not only for their courage, but for their wonderful boat work, of which I was a witness. I am, etc. Progress Survivor.

### ***Evening Post, 3 March 1932 – Progress Wreck Rescues***

The presentation of the awards recently made by the Royal Humane Society of New Zealand to those who assisted in the rescue work at the wreck of the Progress in Ohiro Bay last year is to be made by His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Bledisloe, at the Masonic Hall, Island Bay, tonight. The Mayor (Mr T C A Hislop) will preside.



***Rosalia Amitrano, daughter  
of Salvi Volpicelli***

The following will be the recipients of the awards: **Silver Medal** – Walter Sydney Hammond, Frederick Arthur Horace Baker, Claude Francis Petherick, Raffaello Alfano. **Bronze medal** – Peter Isbister, Salvi Volpicelli, Salvi Greco, Ugo Lupi, Cataldo Mazzola, Andrew George Tait, T A Humphreys, Raffaello Persico and Ernest Connor.





## 'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI'

The Barbara Graham Benefit Season at the clubrooms on 20 and 21 July is now sold out. Waiting list enquiries to Rex Da Vanzo.



## BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following members on the recent additions to their families:

- Federica and Dominic Esposito of Miramar, Wellington, on the arrival of their son Lorenzo Mario Esposito.
- Paula (nee Tesoriero) and Chris Bishop of Karori, Wellington, on the arrival of their son Samuel Tesoriero Bishop.

## ITALIAN MASS

On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see more members and their families attend, as we are very fortunate to have this opportunity in New Zealand. If you can help with a reading or the offertory, please contact Ida Basile. The Mass is celebrated by either Abp Charles Balvo or Mons Jean-Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

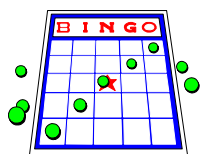
The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 6 May 2012.**



## SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 6 May 2012**, at 1.15pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

## TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 24 April 2012**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 24 April (7.30pm)

Tombola

Sunday, 6 May (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Sunday, 6 May (1.15pm)

Club Shared Lunch



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