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Club Garibaldi News

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Picnic Fun for All

A crowd of about 100 people enjoyed a great day out at the annual club picnic at Eastbourne. The day started cloudy, windy and uninviting but by 2pm the sun was out and the wind had calmed down. Those who were there dined on beautifully barbecued steak and sausages cooked by head cook Alfonso Basile and his assistants, Vince Costa, Mattia Amitrano and Joe Basile. Later they served up watermelon.

Children and adults participated in a variety of races including sprints, sack and egg and spoon races, the children smashed the piñata and made up teams in the novelty treasure hunt. Those brave enough finished off with a swim in the sea or the nearby pool. Thanks go to Alfonso, Maria Colucci, Josephine Vanderdonk and the social committee for their organisation and planning.



Showing their best sack jumping style are the six to nine-year-olds at the picnic.



Enjoying the weather Giuseppe Iaccarino with his Mum Shareen, sister Daniella (middle) and friend Bella.



The chefs at work – from left Alfonso Basile, Mattia Amitrano, Vince Costa and Joe Basile.

Club Carparks – Important Notice

The NZ Transport Agency has purchased land on the Vivian Street frontage of the club's building. The road is to be widened for a left-hand turning lane into Tory Street and road works are to commence soon. Therefore, the car parks numbered 15 to 18 on the building edge of Vivian Street adjacent to the footpath are no longer available for parking. The only car parks to be used by club members (with a current car park label attached to the car rear window) are in the Vivian Street car park, numbered 1 to 13 only, all day Saturdays and Sundays, and only after 5.30pm Monday to Friday. These car parks and the Tory St car parks are leased to the club's tenants or private clients at other times. The car parks will be more strictly monitored and you run the risk of being **towed away** if you do not comply with this notice.

Congratulations

The Volpicelli family of Island Bay had two celebrations that brought people together from around New Zealand and even Australia.

Raffaele Volpicelli celebrated 90 years young. Raffaele, wife Lina and their extended family and friends of about 50 celebrated the special milestone with a fine lunch at the home of son Antony and Krissy in Roseneath. Raffaele, spent his childhood and young adult life in Massa Lubrense as a fisherman from the age of nine and was a fisherman and expert fish filleter after arriving in New Zealand in 1952. Special guests were his two sisters, Rosalia and Liberata (Mariatella) who came from Nelson for the occasion.



A rare moment together for Raffaele Volpicelli with his sisters Rosalia (left) and Mariatella.



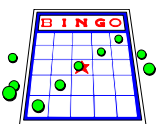
Ready to blow out the cake decorated with little tomatoes and tomato leaves to reflect Raffaele's love of his glasshouse are: Top – Lina Volpicelli, Raffaele junior, Antony and Krissy Volpicelli; Front – Mariatella Lagrutta, Antonio, Raffaele, Nicholas and Rosalia Alessi.

Antonina Volpicelli celebrated 80 years young. Antonina and her extended family of about 50 people celebrated the day with a fine lunch at the Pines Cabaret, Houghton Bay. Antonina (nee Mollo) is mother to Salve, Josephine and Luigi, all of Island Bay. Antonina is an excellent cook and still helps out occasionally at Salve's fish and chip shop in Newtown.



Antonina with family. From left: Luigi, Antonina junior, Antonina, Josephine, Lilly and Salve.

Tombola



The next tombola night is on **Tuesday March 25** at the clubrooms at 7.30pm. Come along for an enjoyable night out. Call Maria Colucci, 383-8476 for details.

Italian Mass



On the first Sunday of every month Mass is celebrated in the Italian language at St Francis de Sales Church, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay. Everyone is welcome to attend and members are encouraged to spread the word to others, including non-members, so they have the opportunity to hear Mass in the native tongue. If you can help with a reading or would like to bring up the Offertory gifts at the Mass please call Ida Basile, 934-7814. We are grateful that Mass continues to be celebrated by either the Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand, Archbishop Martin Krebs or his Secretary, Monsignor Jean Sylvain.

The next Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday April 6.

Shared Lunch



The shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday April 6** at 1pm following the Italian Mass. Please bring your families and food to share in a wonderful way of socialising and enjoying each other's company. New members are especially welcome.

Concert

The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra is presenting La Dolce Vita, a concert on **Friday March 28** at the Michael Fowler Centre featuring three works by Italian composer Ottorino Respighi. The concert launches the NZSO's 2014 season. For the final of Respighi's three tone poems the orchestra will be joined by the Wellington Brass Band. For ticket details go to: nzso.co.nz

Cartolina Radio



On **March 26** the programme will feature the cooking school in the donkey stables, the latest expansion of Gayle Hopkins' offerings in the Abruzzi village of Vittorito (1000 inhabitants). It's called La cucina sotto l'arco. Information on www.viasanrocco34.com.

As usual all programmes are available via internet live or in podcast from <http://plainsfm.org.nz>

Circolo April Social

At 7.30pm on **Thursday April 3** the Circolo Italiano will have a very special presentation by Barbara Pezzotti, who is the Circolo's senior tutor. This year is **the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino, Italy**. Barbara will give us an overview of this very important period in the history of World War II. This will be a Powerpoint presentation with photographs and other visuals. A \$5 cover charge towards supper will apply.

Newsletter

If you would prefer to have the monthly club newsletter sent to you by email please let Caterina Costa know at costac@xtra.co.nz. If you have items for the newsletter please contact paulelenio@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday, 25 March (7.30pm)

Friday, 28 March

Thursday, 3 April (7.30pm)

Sunday, 6 April (11.30am)

Sunday, 6 April (1pm)

Tombola/Housie (Clubrooms)

NZSO Concert La Dolce Vita

Circolo April Social (Barbara Pezzotti)

Italian Mass (St Francis de Sales)

Shared Lunch (Clubrooms)