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# Club Garibaldi News

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## Note from the President

The Club AGM took place on 1 October and I am pleased to announce that this Club is in the best financial position than it has been in quite a while. My President's report is attached to the end of this newsletter and that will give a summary of the Club's situation.

Congratulations to our two newly elected Executive members – Marco Costa (representing under 30 year olds), and Ruffy Mollo who was officially elected Treasurer. The rest of the Executive committee remain the same.

I would like to especially thank Maryrose Basile for helping out with our finances when we lost our Treasurer earlier in the year. Maryrose has also been an immense help to our Secretary. We thank you Maryrose.

The big football game and social event takes place on Saturday 28 October. We would love to see as many people come along to Wakefield Park to support our boys, and at the Club later on. Please note, kick off time has now been changed to 3pm. See you there!

If you want to attend our Children's Christmas party and Senior's lunch, please contact the Club to book your spot.

And of course, our New Year's Eve party will take place at the Club on 31 December. There will be a live band and supper. So get your dancing shoes on and bring your friends and family along.

Ciao for now,  
Linda

## Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup Soccer Game – Wellington vs. Nelson

The date has been set for **Saturday 28 October 2017**. This year we host Club Italia in Wellington.

**Make sure this date is booked in your diary!** This will be a fantastic day of sport and a wonderful social evening at the Club. The game venue this year is Wakefield Park Artificial Turf Field number 1, The Parade, Island Bay. Come along and support our boys in their endeavours to retain the Cup! **Kick off is 3pm.**

As usual we will hold the 'after-match' function at our Club rooms and ask that all members bring along a couple of plates of food to help feed our guests. There will be two mystery prizes – everyone that attends the evening event will receive a lucky ticket number. We will draw out two winners on the night. So make sure you're in to win!

## New Year's Eve Party

Say goodbye to 2017 and welcome 2018 at the Club. On Sunday 31 December the Club will party. Live music and supper will be available as well as a cash bar. Prices and more information will be advised in later newsletters. In the meantime, pencil in the 31<sup>st</sup> December. This event is open to all members and friends.

### "A Night at the Garibaldi"



The next series of Benefit evenings will be held at the club rooms on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd March 2018. Ticket price of \$37 includes a light Italian supper. No door sales. Preferential booking to GC Benefit Series regular attendees until 8th November. Phone bookings to Rex Da Vanzo on 977 7609.

## Senior's Christmas Lunch



This will be held at the Club on Sunday **26 November** at 12 Noon. As usual we will serve a 3-course meal. Entertainment and a cash bar will be available. To book your seat, please let us know either via the club email, or telephone Josephine on 934 8720, or Maria on 3838 602. We need to know numbers before 19<sup>th</sup> November please.

## Children's Christmas Party

Santa and his Reindeer friends will visit the Club on **Sunday 3 December** at 11am. We will have a magic show and this will be followed by lunch. Then Santa will deliver presents to the children. Please supply your child with a wrapped gift, which will be placed in Santa's sack. We'd love to see as many families as possible attend this fun-filled event! RSVP to either the Club email, or Josephine on 9348 720 before 1 December.

## Dates for your Diary



Saturday, 28 October ( <b>3pm Kick Off</b> )	Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup Soccer Match
Sunday, 26 November (12pm)	Senior's Christmas Lunch
Sunday, 3 December (11am)	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, 31 December (8pm)	Club New Year's Eve Party

## **President's Report – AGM 1 October 2017**

I've said it before, and I will say it again – I believe behind every good Club there is a good committee – and club Garibaldi is fortunate to have the best committee that money does **not buy**.

Firstly, I am very pleased to report that this Club is in the best financial situation that it's ever been in for a long time. As you all know, last year we took a gamble to spend the money and earthquake strengthen the building to 67%. I am pleased to advise the gamble has paid off. As a result we have all the floors fully leased for at least the next 3 years, all our carparks rented out, and our Billboards leased, which is bringing in a healthy income.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Building Committee led by Vic Criscillo, Robin Page, David Monastra, Rex Da Vanzo and Sean Mulholland, who have worked tirelessly to make sure that our building is up to Building Code, leased out and maintained. What a fantastic effort – on behalf of the members, I thank you all.

To the Executive Committee – Caterina, Maryrose, Alfonso, Rex, Larry, Catherine, Maria and Ruffy, who give up their time to meet every month to make sure the Club runs smoothly – a big thank you all. Tonight we sadly lose the services of Catherine Monastra who has served on the committee over the past 8 years. Thanks Catherine for all your efforts – they have been much appreciated by us all. Earlier on this year our elected Treasurer, Vito Lo Iacono resigned from the Executive. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank Vito for his short-lived time on the committee. However while one door closed, another opened, and we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Ruffy Mollo, who has happily taken over the Treasurer's role – and so I welcome Ruffy and thank you for all the hard work that you have done to date in keeping the Club's finances in good order.

A big thanks also goes out to our social committee – Josephine & Martin Van der Donk, Lynda and Jim Marson, Josephine & Dean Beavis, Josephine Volpicelli and Maria Colucci. Thanks for all you do in organizing any event that we have held over this past year. Every function has gone off without a hitch from setting up to cleaning up – we are lucky to have you all.

Thanks also go out to Melanie Federico who amazingly presents our monthly newsletter from the rough notes I send to her each month – she truly is a magician! And Dave Da Col who kindly makes sure the newsletters get onto our website as soon as possible. To Fifi & Lucy Esposito – thanks for giving up your time to envelope and send out the newsletters each month.

Without all of these volunteers, the Club would not function as smoothly and as seamlessly as it does. Thank you all.

### **To recap our social activities of the past year:**

On 4 September 2016 we held an afternoon tea to farewell our Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello and Javier. It was a lovely get together where the Club presented Carmelo with a lovely Koru statue, which he absolutely loved.

On 9 September the Club supported a fundraiser evening, which was organized by the Victoria University Italian Society. All proceeds from this event went to support the earthquake victims of the destroyed town Amatrice in Italy.

On 5 November last year, over 40 members from Club Garibaldi and soccer players travelled down to Nelson to play/support the annual football game against Club Italia. This was one of the biggest contingencies to travel to Nelson. We retained the Cup, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Dave Da Vanzo who organized the team. We were pleased to advise that with the money made from the fundraisers, together with the club's contributions, all the players travelled and stayed free of charge. As usual Club Italia put on a wonderful after-match function.

On our return, Peter Elenio in conjunction with Empire Cinema, in Island Bay, organized a Movie night fundraiser for the soccer boys. They raised \$550 and the profits from this event have gone into a separate soccer bank account and will contribute to the boys' tickets/accommodation for next years' trip to Nelson.

As usual in December, we held two successful Xmas functions for children and senior members respectively. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

In March this year we held our annual picnic at Bishop Park, Eastbourne. Unfortunately we could not get our usual BBQ, so instead of steaks, the Club provided ham off the bone, rolls and fruit and of course the race prizes.

The Club supported the Club Garibaldi Touch Rugby team organised by member Roberto Colnago. We have provided the t-shirts for the players. We hope this will continue.

Over 6-7 March 2017 our annual series of 'benefit concerts' run by Rex were held at the Club.

Sunday 14 May we held another successful "Mother's Day lunch". Thanks Alfonso for taking your time out to cook for us all.

31 May we held the Italian Day national celebrations at the Club. The club provided refreshments and nibbles. Entertainment was provided by Trudy Amitrano and Ellie, which blew us away. Our new Ambassador, Fabrizzio Marcelli and his wife attended and members had a chance to meet them both.

Upcoming events for the rest of the year are of course our major event on 28 October when the Club Italia soccer team and supporters travel to Wellington to take on our boys. The game is at Wakefield Park Turf 1 at 3pm and the after match function will be held at the Club. It would be great to see a good turnout of supporters for our team. The Children's Xmas party on 4 December, and Senior's lunch on 29 November. And of course our New Year's Eve party which we are planning at present.

On a personal note, it has once again been a privilege to represent this Club at many events – and we look forward to some exciting events in 2018.

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Ci vediamo al cinema.

Paolo e Renee.

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