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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

What a difference a week makes!

At the time of writing this newsletter we were all living normal lives. Some of us working, some living the retired lifestyle, our children were at school and life seemed to tick along. Within 5 days the world and life as we know suddenly came to a stop!

The world is once again at war – this time war with the bugs, and this time it's an enemy we can't see and that's the scary thing.

Many of us have family in Italy and we hope they are doing well in a country which seems to have been one of the hardest hit by this virus.

On 15 March we held our Italian Mass at St Francis de Sales Church. We had a fantastic turnout – well over 80 people and the afternoon tea that followed had a warm feeling, and it was nice to catch up with people that we don't often see.

There was a great variety and plenty of food too. Thanks to Larry Greco for all his hard work and efforts in getting this Mass organised.



We also wish to thank the following people who helped out at the Mass and afternoon tea – Teresa Mollo, Imma Moreno, Antonio Cacace, Paul Elenio for readings and introduction; the Italian choir who led the singing; Alessandra and Helena Basile for serving at Mass; Rosina van der Aa and Josephine Van der Donk for helping clean up the hall and prepare tea/coffees and of course Monsignor Edward Karaan. It was truly a wonderful afternoon.

Due to the Covid-19 virus we decided to postpone our trip to Somes Island. We will reschedule and advise of details in the near future.

We have also to put our other social functions that were in the pipeline "on hold" for now. However, once we get back to a kind of 'normality' we will advise you of these events.

In the meantime, I hope everyone is keeping safe and well and staying home and taking care of each other.

Due to Covid-19, we have decided to suspend the monthly newsletters until things get back to normal - so till then, take care, stay safe and let's pray we get this Virus under some sort of control.



Italians during Covid lockdown!

Ciao for now

Linda

Social Media

Follow us on social media to celebrate the rich and vibrant heritage and culture of Club Garibaldi.

We have some exciting new content coming to our Facebook page in the next few months and have just started the Club Garibaldi Instagram page. Like us on Facebook and give us a warm welcome to Instagram by following the club and keeping up to date with our posts.

Facebook

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/ClubGaribaldi/>

Tag: @clubgaribaldi

Instagram

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Instagram

Children's Italian Classes— 2020 (6 years to 11 year olds)

These classes have been suspended till further notice.



News from Circolo Italiano

Circolo Italiano activities – by Chris Monigatti, President Circolo Italiano di Wellington.

Due to the Covid-19 enforced restrictions, the Circolo elected to postpone our classes (last classes Wed 18 March) until further notice. We would usually have a two-week break in April, so hopefully we won't be too far behind schedule when conditions improve.

Beginning on Monday 6 April, our tutors will be holding 'on-line' lessons, using Zoom. Students log in to their usual class and can interact with tutor and classmates via cyberspace. Also, we have cancelled our April and May socials. We will try to reschedule our April talk by Phyllis Mossman, Raphael Resurrected, in recognition of 500 years since the death of Renaissance artist Raphael, later in the year.

We would like to express our extreme sadness at the severity of the impact of Covid-19 on the people of Italy. We hope that family and friends of Club Garibaldi members are in good health and morale.

Building Report

The coronavirus (Covid-19) has implications on the Club's finances.

The first floor became vacant in January this year, and it is difficult to predict when we will lease it again.

The previous tenant spent a substantial amount on glazed partitioning, which will remain the property of the Club.

Wellington City Council's on-street parking is now free until June, therefore the monthly rental payments from the Club's car parks will reduce temporarily. The hire of the Club's billboards will also decline due to the reduction in general advertising.

With careful budgeting and planning our 'reserve funds' are sufficient to sustain the Club for more than one year.

Things are still unfolding and there is a lot of uncertainty in the future, however later on there will be a return to more favourable economic conditions, and the continuation of Club events and functions.

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Building Committee

(Vic Criscillo, Rex Da Vanzo, David Monastra, Robin Page)



Club's Car Parks

The only car parks available for financial members are in the Vivian St Car Park numbered I to 13 only, after 6.00pm Monday to Friday, and all-day Saturday & Sunday. The other car parks on the Vivian and Tory St footpaths are leased to private clients at all times for 24 hours. The car parks are now monitored by the individual car park users, therefore, if you are illegally parked, your car will be towed away at your expense. The Club takes no responsibility.



A current window sticker (2019-2020) must be attached visibly in the rear window of your vehicle.

New Members

Welcome to new members Kathy (nee Meo) and Albert who joined this year. I had the privilege of meeting both Kathy and Albert at our picnic earlier this year. We look forward to seeing you both again at many future events.

Dates for your Diary



Saturday 24 October

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup Football

