



# Club Garibaldi News

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## Note from the President

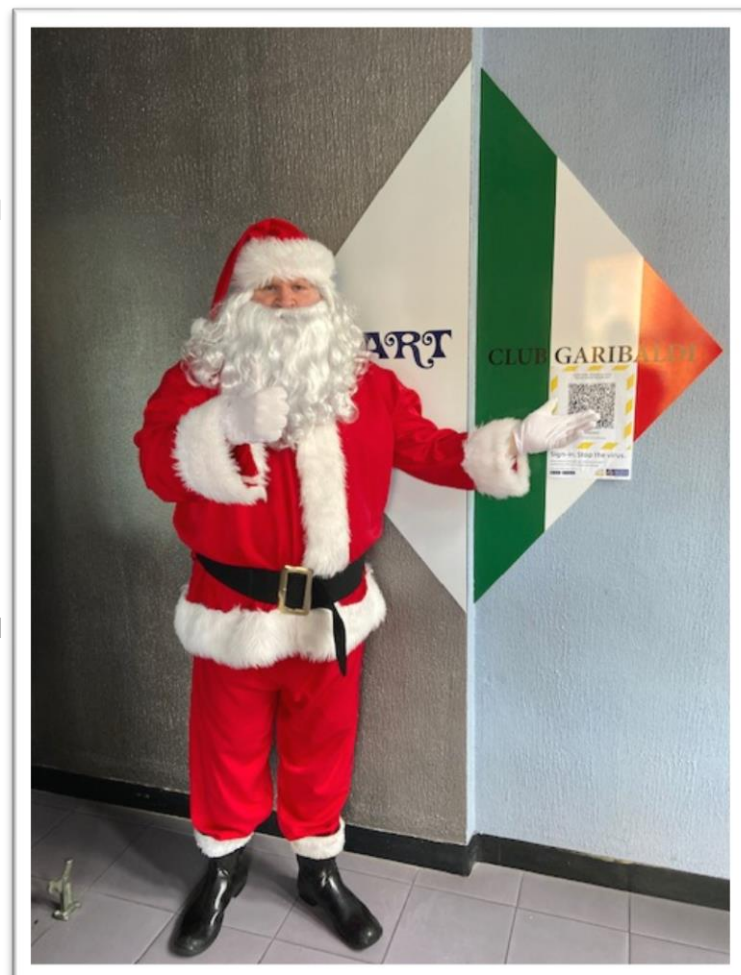
As the end of the year draws near I look back and wow what a strange year it's been.

Unfortunately we had to cancel many of our planned social events this year due to Covid-19 but looking ahead we plan to reschedule most of these in 2021.

The cost of maintaining our ageing building, and the diminishing income to service rates, insurance and the impact of COVID-19, will eventually exhaust our financial reserves. The Club membership was informed of the reasons why a sale of the Club's property and relocation to other premises was considered to be in the best interests of the Club with a view to securing its continuation and long term future.

The AGM held on 8 November last gained the required 75% majority of those present at the meeting to proceed along these lines.

A marketing plan is presently being prepared to sell the Club's property next year by closed tender at no less than the market valuation prepared by an independent registered valuer, obtained for this purpose.



An experienced group, delegated by the meeting to negotiate the sale and relocation process, are as follows: Rex Da Vanzo (Lawyer), Dean Soldera (Accountant), Vic Criscillo (Trustee and chair of the Building Committee), David Monastra (Quantity Surveyor) and the legal firm of Gault Mitchell. Two of this group negotiated the sale of our Wakefield Street premises in 1990 and the later acquisition of our present premises and have been actively involved in the Club's management since.

I have total trust that the above group will achieve the best possible outcome for the Club.

At the AGM the election of officers were voted in.

<b>President:</b>	Linda De Gregorio (1 year)
<b>Vice President:</b>	Alfonso Basile
<b>Secretary:</b>	Marco Costa
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Raphaele Mollo

**Executive Committee:**

Rex Da Vanzo, Larry Greco, Victoria Cacciappoli, Frank Basile, and Maria Colucci

**Trustees:** Vic Criscillo, and Robin Page

Congratulations and thanks to all those people - especially to Marco Costa who has agreed to take on the Secretary's role. Thanks Marco – I know you'll do a great job. Marco replaces his aunty Caterina Costa who held the position for over 25 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Caterina Costa for all her hard work and dedication to this Club over the years – she has done an **AMAZING** job to say the least and we will miss her on the committee. We wish you all the best Caterina – take care.

Also thanks to our Social Committee: Josephine and Martin Van der Donk; Josephine and Dean Beavis; Lynda & Jim Marson; Maria Colucci who always do a wonderful job behind the scenes at all our social events.

Thanks to Wade Hall who sets out our newsletter (looks amazing each month!); and thanks to Dave Da Col who updates our newsletters on the website.

Our final events for the year took place in November and I'll elaborate on that further in this newsletter.

But I'd now like to take this opportunity to wish you all Buon Natale and Felice Anno Nuovo. Thanks for all your support – we plan to make 2021 a year of more social activities so we can catch up with each other, and will add some different events into the mix.

If you're travelling, have a safe trip away and enjoy your break.

Till next year - Ciao for now

*Linda*

*Special thanks to for supporting our Children's Christmas Party:*



## Children's Christmas Party

It was so nice to see nineteen of our youngest members and their families enjoying the crafts table; the Magician, lunch and of course a visit from the man himself – Santa at our Kids Christmas party this year.

As usual, this event was a huge success and enjoyed by both children and adults.

I'd like to thank Tony and Dion Basile and staff at Wellington Seamarket, Upper Cuba Street for providing plenty of amazing fish, hot dogs and chips. Every year we put in our order and end up with almost twice as much as we've requested – thanks for your generosity. If you want good fresh fish and delicious fish & chips – that's the place to go.





## Senior's Christmas Party

A week later our senior citizens sat down to a lovely lunch cooked by Alf. We started off with Antipasto plates, followed by lasagne and trifle. Coffee and Tea were served with profiteroles and chocolate fudge balls.

Thanks to the social committee who worked hard for both these events – they were both successful and fun and thoroughly enjoyed by those who came. Thanks also to Maria Colucci and Josephine Beavis for the yummy baking that went with tea and coffee.





## Condolences

The Club wishes to express its Deepest Sympathy to Anna Maria Muollo and family (Oriental Bay) on the recent death of her husband Cav. Antonio (Tony). Tony has supported the Club for many years, and his 'larger than life' personality will be sadly missed around the Italian community. RIP



**Tony Muollo**

Condolences also go out to Bill Caccia-Birch of Tawa on the recent death of his wife Colleen. Our thoughts are with the Caccia-Birch family at this time. RIP.

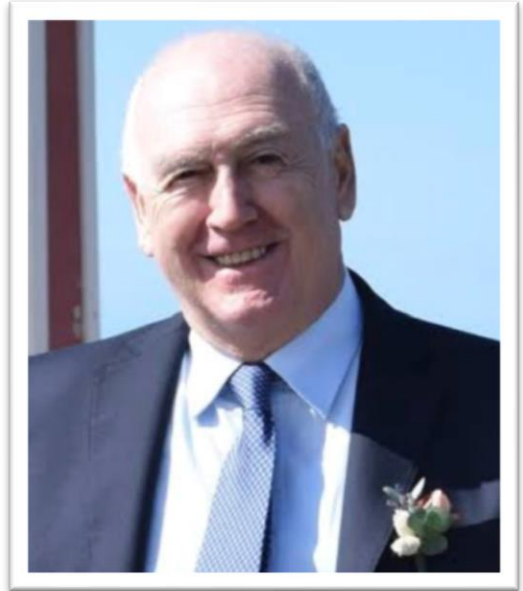


**Colleen Caccia-Birch**

## New Italian Ambassador

Earlier this week I met with our new Italian Ambassador, Francesco Calogero.

Benvenuti to Wellington Ambassador. Francesco was brought up in Naples and is looking forward to meeting with the Italian community in the near future.

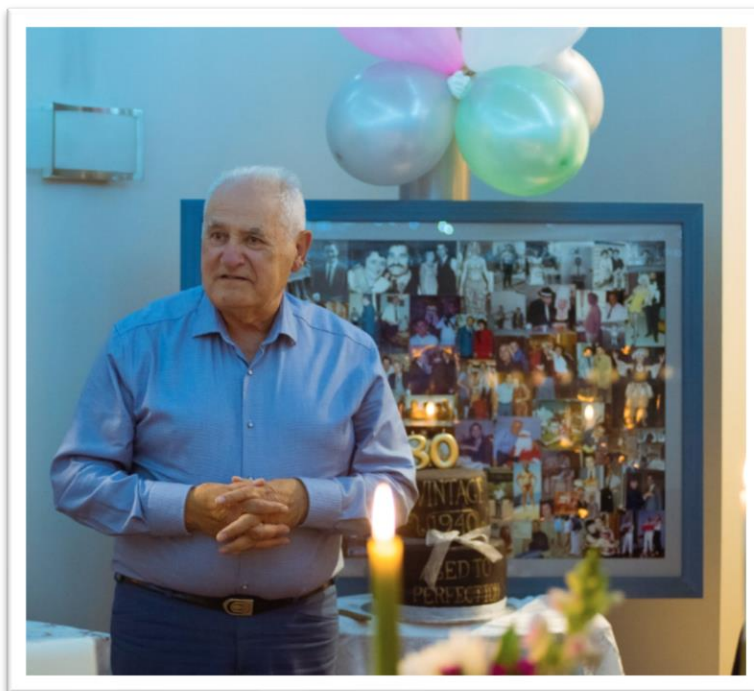


## Picnic 2021

Sunday 21 February with a cancellation date of Sunday 28 February – venue to be confirmed in January.

## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Best wishes go out to our Ex-President Salvi Gaeta who celebrated 80 years young in November. Salvi celebrated with a family dinner held at his son Michael's house. Family from Blenheim and Whangarei also attended. Michael said it was a lovely evening with lots of good food, fine wine and great music. All the best Salvi in the next decade of your life.



## Dates for your Diary



Sunday 21 February 2021

Club Picnic