



# Club Garibaldi News

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## **Note from the President**

Summer seems to be finally getting here!

Over the next couple of months we have a lot going on at the Club – and we hope you all support these events.

Firstly the Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 15 March at St Francis de Sales Church in Island Bay. Please note the time is 2pm, simply because that's the only time the Apostolic Nunzio was available. Also note we will be holding an afternoon tea after Mass in the Church Hall and not at the Club as previously advised. We ask everyone please bring a plate of food to share. The Apostolic Nunzio is very excited to be saying Mass in Italian, and we would really love a good turn for this event.

As you know during the WW2, fifty Italian New Zealanders were incarcerated on Somes Island for a number of years. These were men identified by the Police and other authorities as being in category 1 of risk as "enemy aliens".

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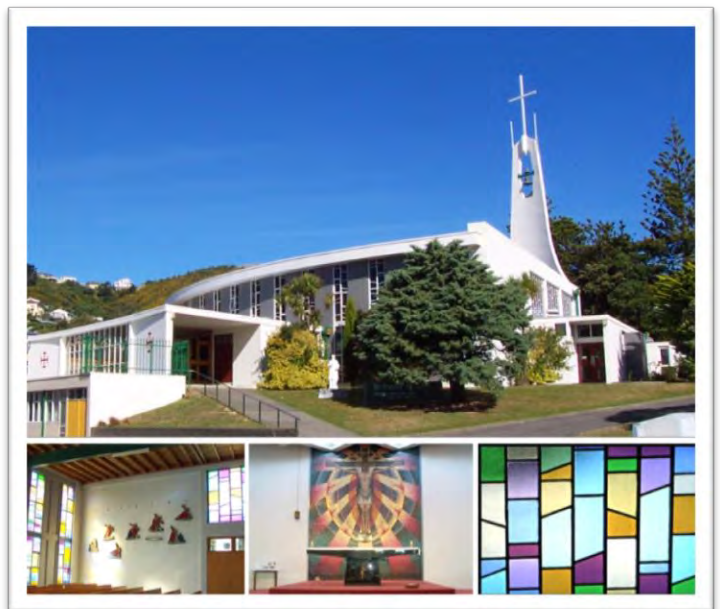
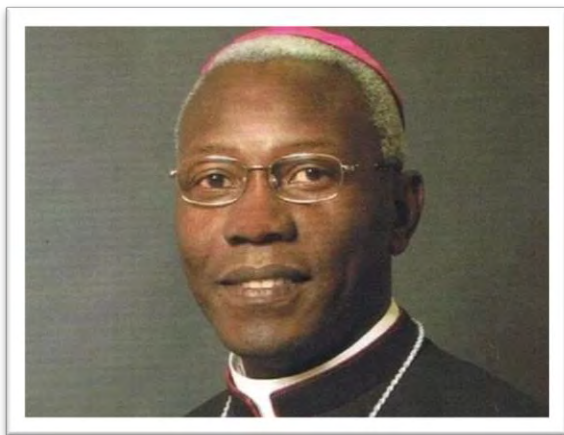
We're pleased to announce that the Children's Italian lessons have begun. There is still time to register your child. The costs are \$8 per lesson per child for Club Members, and \$10 per lesson per child for non-Club members. Very good prices and our Teacher, Eleanor Bello is very experienced. If you know anyone who would like their child to learn the language, please let them know and ask them to email the club to register their interest.

That's it from me – enjoy the rest of this newsletter and our summer.

*Linda*

### **Italian Mass – 15 March 2020**

Mass will be celebrated in Italian by Apostolic Nuncio. This will be held at St Francis de Sales Church, Clyde Street, Island Bay on 15 March 2020 at 2pm; followed by afternoon tea at the Church hall. Please bring a plate of food to share - We hope to see a lot of people support this event.



### **Somes Island Visit – Sunday 22 March 2020**

The East West Ferry departs at 12.00 noon from Queen's Wharf (off Customhouse Quay, by the Porto Fino restaurant), and returns from Somes island at 3.20pm.

Most club members will know the significance of this small island that is on the northern side of Wellington Harbour.

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We invite all those members who wish to come on this trip to join us on the 12 noon sailing for the 25-minute ferry trip to the island. Members can park their cars at the club and a bus will be provided to take them down to Queen's Wharf in time for the sailing.

We will need to walk up the hill to the memorial – please note the walk from the pier is about 15 minutes and is not suitable for wheelchairs.

On the island there's an information centre and toilets. Members can bring food and drink to have a picnic, but the obvious rule is that we take our litter back to town with us!

For those who have gold cards the return sailing is free but you must have your gold card to travel. For those who haven't reached the grand age of 65 the return sailing will cost you \$25. (Tickets can be purchased from the Queen's Wharf office or on board the boat).

We need to advise East by West Ferries of the number of people who will make the trip and how many will have gold cards. Also, we will need to know whether you want to get the bus from the club.

### Bookings

Bookings are required no later than Tuesday 17th March.

Email: clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

or Phone (Text): Frank Basile/ 027 914 0253

Details required:

Name / Number of people / Number of Gold Card Holders

Shuttle bus from Club - departs 11.30am

(You may go direct to Queen's Wharf and meet by the Porto Fino restaurant at 11.45am)

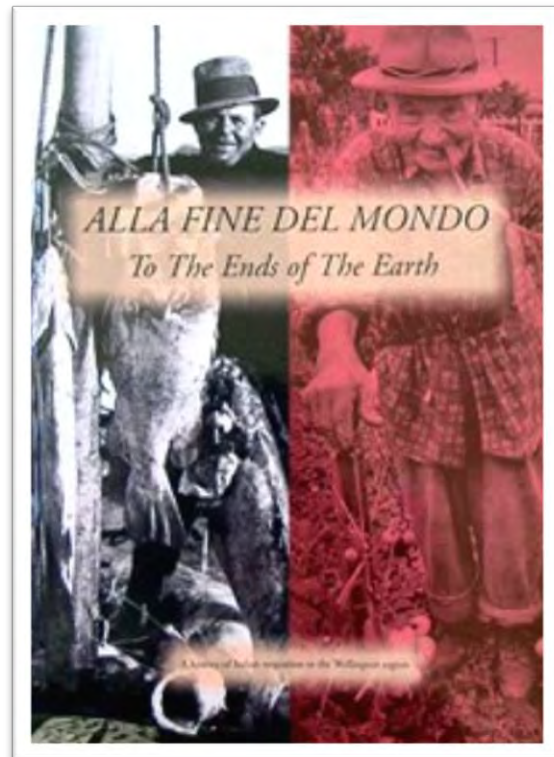
Email address or phone number.

Note: If the weather is not suitable for the trip to Somes island, and is cancelled, you will be notified by email or phone later on Saturday afternoon 21st March.

The following is more information about the island from the Department of Conservation:

During World War I (1914-1918) the human quarantine barracks were used to hold enemy aliens who were considered a risk to New Zealand's security.

Around 300 prisoners were held on the island, most of whom were German nationals. Some of those held were born in New Zealand and had families,





businesses and established lives here.

In World War II (1939-45) the island once again became an internment camp. While the prisoners were primarily German, there were a large number of Italian and Japanese nationals. They were moved to Pahiatua at the start of 1943 during the short period when the anti-aircraft artillery battery was operational but returned to the island in September 1944 when the guns were removed.

The internees were required to do road-building, gardening and fishing. For this they were paid a small daily allowance. They also had the opportunity to earn additional money by making small items such as wooden toys and pāua jewellery. Some internees tried to escape the island by swimming or stealing a boat but there are no successful escape tales from Matiu/Somes.

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

In late January, Lucy Esposito of Island Bay, turned 80 years young. She celebrated by going out to lunch with friends and family.

Also in January, another member turned 80 years young – Lina Volpicelli of Island Bay. Lina celebrated with afternoon tea with family and friends at her son and daughter-in-law's (Anthony & Krissy) house in Oriental Bay.

Congratulations to both Lucy and Lina on such a great milestone birthday, and we wish you both the very best in your new decade of life.



**Lina and her son Anthony**

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

Lessons have begun for Term 1. However, it's not too late to register your child. Very moderate fees apply: \$8.00 per lesson, per child for members and \$10 per lesson, per child for non-members. Lessons are held every Saturday from 1.30pm – 2.30pm at the Club. At this stage we have only one class from 6-8 year olds. If you're interested in registering your child, please contact the Club via email above.



## Melhop Trust Award

Club Garibaldi, which administers the Melhop Trust, invites applications for funding from eligible students. Applicants should be no older than 30 years at the time of application and be engaged, or about to engage, in a formal course of study provided by a recognized educational establishment in one or more of the following fields, namely, Language and Literature, including the publication of Italian migrant histories, Vocal and Instrumental Music, the Graphic Arts or Architecture and Engineering. Applications close on 15 March 2020.

Applications, citing the course of academic study or project and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to the Secretary, Club Garibaldi, 118 Tory Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011, or to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com. The criteria for this annual award is available on request from the Secretary, Caterina Costa.

## Condolences

The Club wishes to extend condolences to the following families who have lost love ones over the past month;

Marilyn Bale (nee Paino) of Seatoun and family on the death of her husband, **David Bale**;

Dean Soldera, who lost his wife **Vivienne Soldera**.

And to the family of **Armando Teodoro** (Armando was at one time, Vice President of Club Garibaldi).

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. – RIP



**Armando Teodoro**

## Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup Football Games – Saturday 24 October 2020

This will be held over Labour Weekend and will take place in Nelson. This year marks 25 years that the game has been played against the two communities, and we plan to celebrate in style.

The game will take place on the Saturday, and on the Sunday (for those who wish to stay on), both clubs will unite with special celebrations.

More details will follow during the year, but we're letting you know the dates now, so if you wish to grab a cheap airfare – now is the time to book. Of course, there is also the Ferry.

We'd love to see a great turnout of past players, Club supporters and friends – this should be a weekend to remember.



## 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:

***Lisa Costa of Rongotai***

***Paul Kelly and family of Island Bay*** (Paul is the song of Rangī and the late Karen Solomon (nee Saffiotti) of Island Bay.

We both to see you all at a function soon!

## Dates for your Diary



Sunday 15 March

Italian Mass – 2pm

Sunday 22 March

Somes Island Visit

Saturday 24 October

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup Football