



Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

BENVENUTTI 2020

Welcome to 2020!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations and have now settled back to begin another New Year.

Linda



Senior's Christmas Lunch 2019

On 1 December 2019 we held our Senior's Christmas Lunch and as usual this proved to be a wonderful event.

Alfonso went out fishing that morning and cooked up his catch of the day, alongside a very filling Antipasto and dessert consisting of Berry Tiramisu. Three of our Social Committee members, Lynda Marson, Josephine Beavis and Maria Colucci kindly made Christmas Mince Pies; Rum Balls and Profiteroles and these were served with coffee. Everyone raved about the food and the day – and all left very content. While they ate and enjoyed each other's company the Piano Accordion played in the background.

But the star of the day was Alessandra Basile (daughter of Luigi & Zelamarie of Island Bay), who played 6 short songs on her violin. You could hear a pin drop as the dulcet tones of that violin echoed in the whole room. Alessandra hit every note with precision and confidence. Well done Alessandra and Thank You so much for making so many people happy that afternoon.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Social Committee who once again surpassed themselves with organizing this event – and to Alfonso who cooked up a storr

Our thanks must also go to two sponsors who kindly offered Raffle prizes for the day.

They were Joe & Gino Cuccurullo from Mediterranean Food Trattoria in, Newtown and Don & Chrissy Adams of Island Bay/Strathmore Butchery.



Profits from the raffles will go towards helping our Boys get to Nelson for the 25th Anniversary football game between both Clubs

Some photos of the day are on display at the end of this newsletter.

Club Picnic – The big day out!

This will be held on Sunday 16 February 2020 at Bishop Park – start time 11am. If anyone has a BBQ they could bring out to the Park please let us know ASAP by emailing the Club. As usual, the Club will provide meats and fruit for the day and there will be games and Races and the children's Pignata. So bring your family along to what will be a great day out and catch up with all.



Children's Italian Classes – 2020

Eleanora Bello will be recommencing our Children's Italian classes for 2020. If you would like your child to learn the language, please register your interest by email to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com no later than 2 February.

Classes will be for 1 hour each, held on Saturday afternoon and will run in conjunction with the School term – two sessions

5, 6, 7year olds 1.30pm to 2.30pm
8,9,10 & 11year olds – 2.35pm – 3.35pm



Obviously, we will need to get 10 children or more in order for this to be viable – so once we get registrations, we will advise more – eg: cost etc. Also, we would like for someone to volunteer their services to co-ordinate the classes with the Teacher. This will just require liaison with Eleanora and emailing parents/families of any news or updates and/or details as they come to hand.

Auguri / Congratulations to Joe Greco

Congratulations to Island Bay resident, Joe Greco for being recognised in the Wellington Te Whanga-nui-a-Tara Kiwibank 2020 New Zealand Local Hero of the Year Awards for his services to the Wellington Relief Centre (Soup Kitchen) for the past 45 years!



Pictured is Joe Greco and National List MP for Wellington Central – Nicola Wills
Rosie Cathro (nee Greco), Joe Greco, Kim Thomson, Larry Greco

Italian Mass – 15 March 2020 – Save the Date

Mass will be celebrated in Italian by Apostolic Nuncio. This will be held at St Francis de Sales Church on 15 March 2020 at 2pm; followed by afternoon tea. We hope to see a lot of people support this "one off" event.



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 6451, or to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com. The criteria for this annual award is available on request from the Secretary, Caterina Costa.

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.

Blessing of the boats – clock 9 February 2020 at 2 PM – 3 PM

The ceremony has been adopted in Island Bay by its Italian community since 1933, when the fishing boat Santina foundered in Cook Strait, with the loss of four crew including three Italians.

The "Blessing of the Boats" attracts large crowds to the coastline, who come to watch boats from all over Wellington be put through their paces and blessed for safe carriage and bountiful catches.

Unique to Island Bay, local and visiting Clergy venture out into the Bay to bless the fishing boats after they've made a trip around Tapu te Ranga Island.



Buon Compleanno - 80 Years Young

Buon Compleanno to Antonina De Gregorio of Island Bay who turned 80 years young in December 2019.

Antonina celebrated her birthday by having lunch with family and close friends at Mediterranean Food Trattoria in Newtown.

Tanti Auguri Antonina and we wish you all the best in this new decade.



Dates for your Diary



Sunday 9 February

Blessing of the boats

Sunday 16 February

Club Picnic

Sunday 15 March

Italian Mass – 2pm

Seniors Christmas Lunch 2019



