



# Club Garibaldi News

January 2007

## The President's Report

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This is the first newsletter of the New Year! On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish all members, their families and loved ones all the very best for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2007 ~ may it be a good one for all of us!

Our club calendar is already filling up with upcoming events and activities. The Executive Committee has been quietly working in the background, organising various events, which hopefully, all members will support. I'd like to thank all our 'active' members for their continued support, and once more, encourage our passive and out-of-town members to join in.

The months of February and March will be pretty busy. Our annual picnic this year will be held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki on Sunday, 25 February. If you have never attended one of the picnics I encourage you to do so this year ~ it is a lot of fun! There will be games for the young and the not so young, and if you were wanting a dip into the sea, the beach is a short walk away from the picnic grounds. What better way than to spend a very pleasant day in the sun with your families and fellow club members. More information further on in this newsletter.

The Annual Bus Trip will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, 13 and 14 February 2007 ~ with an overnight stay in New Plymouth. More information further on in this newsletter.

We recently received notification from the spokesperson of the National Italian American Foundation, advising that their visit to Wellington will be in the last week of March. You will recall last March, due to unforeseen circumstances, the group cancelled their travel to New Zealand and Australia. To date, we have not received confirmation of their intended date of arrival, however you will be advised as soon as we know.

Put a big circle on your calendar ~ **Sunday, 25 March 2007** ~ the club's annual Festival Day at the Overseas Passenger Terminal. As this is the club's biggest function and fund-raiser, please come and support us, and help make this year's festa, as successful as in previous years. Planning began months ago, and a lot of hard work is going on behind the scenes. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work' ~ anybody wishing to help please contact me or an executive committee member ~ any offer of help would be appreciated.

As advised in the November 2006 newsletter, the club was originally fitted-out in 1990/91, and there are some areas that now need to be spruced up. Shortly, the first stage of the club's re-vamping will be under way, commencing in the foyer area where damaged wallpaper will be replaced, ceiling painted, lighting enhanced, and a few added enhancements to make the entrance to our club rooms more welcoming.

Ciao a presto

Ginette Toscano Page

## Club Newsletter Translators Required

We require a small group of people who could take turns at translating our newsletters. If you could help, by doing a couple per year, we would love to hear from you. If you have a good command of both English and Italian, then please contact Ginette or Robin. Note – all written transactions and communications would need to be via email.

## Club Garibaldi Website - [www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz](http://www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz)

The Club would like to form a small sub committee (two or three people) to monitor and control the website. This may suit a couple of younger club members. They could meet once a month and report to the executive committee, with ideas and suggestions. If anyone is interested and can help us, please contact Ginette or Robin.

## Sharing News

We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members. Please contact Ginette or Robin.

## Josephine Van Der Donk

Congratulations to Josephine Van der Donk who recently reached the milestone of 50 years young! Buon compleanno Josephine! Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.



## Condolences

Deepest sympathy to Kevin, Angela, Valentina and Christian Bull of Oriental Bay, on the recent passing of their mother and grandmother, Barbara Bull, formerly of Miramar.

## What About my Family?

Here is the chance to contribute your family's personal story on Italian migration to the Qui Tutto Bene Exhibition. The exhibition has been extended to May 2007. Your story will appear in What About My Family? ~ a collection of stories in the Settler Stories digital album. In the long term, your story will be stored in the archives of the Museum and be accessible to researchers by request. Please contact Susan Superville, Community Relations Manager, Te Papa (04) 3817 281, or Nina Cuccurullo.

## Children's Language Classes

If you would like your child to attend the classes this year, and they are aged between 5 and 12 years, please contact Nina Cuccurullo as textbooks need to be ordered from Italy. Please note there is a waiting list.

## Circolo Social Events

Monthly social evenings are held from March to November inclusive. Topics vary from time to time but they all have an Italian flavour. A light supper is served during or after the events. A small charge of \$4 towards the cost of the food/wine usually applies. Garibaldi House is the usual venue but other venues may be selected during the course of the year. Further information on the topics and venues will be made available with the monthly Circolo Newsletter and will also be advised to the Executive committee of Club Garibaldi. Club Garibaldi members are very welcome to attend all Circolo Italiano social functions.

On behalf of Club Garibaldi the Circolo will show an Italian film (with English subtitles) at 7pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. A \$2 charge towards costs will apply. [www.circoloitaliano.org.nz](http://www.circoloitaliano.org.nz)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 4 February 2007 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

Mass is held every first Sunday of the month throughout the year.



Once again, the club will provide the steaks and sausages for the barbeque. All members and families are welcome. Any enquiries please telephone Maria Colucci.

## GC Benefit Series

"An evening with Anna Leese"  
Both March performances are now sold out.



## Shared Lunch

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 4 February 2007 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



## Tombolo Evenings

The Tombolo nights are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. **The first evening for 2007 will be on Tuesday, 27 February, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.** Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

## Italian Film

At 7pm on Thursday 15 February 2007 the film *The Snack Thief* (Il ladro di merendine) will be shown. The film is from the popular Inspector Montalbano series and promises to be great entertainment.

A \$2 charge towards costs will apply.

## Annual Bus Trip

This year's annual bus trip will be on Tuesday and Wednesday 13 and 14 February, with an overnight stay in New Plymouth.

Members will be given first consideration, however if you wish to bring a friend, they will be most welcome.

## Circolo March Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 8 March there will be a presentation by Don McLean from Italian Villa Holidays. Don will talk about **Independent Travel in Italy** and his presentation will be in the same style as his very popular and well-received evenings held previously. The material and visuals will be new and we look forward to being taken on a virtual armchair tour of Puglia, beautiful Basilicata and beyond. This will be a great evening to start off the Circolo's social calendar for 2007. Come along and join in the fun!!

A \$4 cover charge towards costs will apply.

If you are interested in joining the group with the aim of having lots of fun, please contact Maria Colucci or Lucia Esposito before 7 February 2007.

**Please note:** Would those members who have already contacted Maria Colucci about the forthcoming bus trip and left their names and telephone numbers, please contact her again to confirm.

## Club Garibaldi Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic will be on Sunday 25 February at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki. It will be at the first ground which is called the children's play area.

Please note: This is the only weekend available this year, so there won't be a cancellation/reserve option in the event of bad weather....so start praying for a fine day! Directions: Turn left off SH1 into the Paekakariki township and then right into Wellington Road. Our area will be the first on the left. Keep an eye out for the green, white and red signs.

## Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February (11:30am) - Italian Mass

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February (1:00pm) - Shared Lunch

Tues/Wed 13/14<sup>th</sup> February - Bus Trip

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February (7pm) - Italian Film

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Annual Picnic

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February (7:30pm) - Tombolo

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - A Night at the Garibaldi

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - A Night at the Garibaldi

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March (7:30pm) - Circolo Social

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Italian Festival

## Radio Iris

By Micaela Mecocci

Don't miss Radio Iris' forthcoming broadcasts!

**Sunday 14/1/07** in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: [www.accessradio.org.nz](http://www.accessradio.org.nz) at 4 pm

Mauro Rubino, who is going to go back to Italy soon, talks about his experience in NZ and at the Dante Alighieri Society in Auckland. Alfio Leotta interviews Fred Rousset.

**Sunday 21/1/07** in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: [www.accessradio.org.nz](http://www.accessradio.org.nz) at 4 pm

Cin cin! Wine expert Paolo Frugoni tells us secrets and suggestions about Italian wine.

**Sunday 28/1/07** in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: [www.accessradio.org.nz](http://www.accessradio.org.nz) at 4 pm

Congratulations to Antonio Cacace and "La bella Italia", winner of the Wellington Vibrant Gold Award! Alfio Leotta interviews Campbell, the owner of Verandahs Backpackers in Auckland.

## A Bit of Trivia

### Stone-Age Female Statuette Unearthed

From News from Italy - September 2006

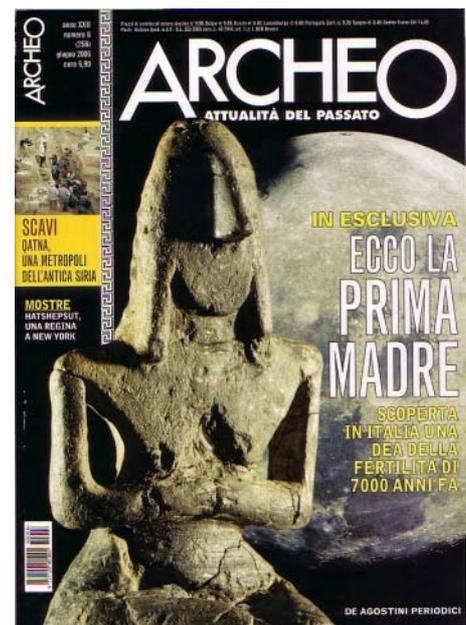
By Ginette

Archaeologists have unearthed the largest Neolithic female figurine ever found in Italy. The 7,000 year old stone statuette was discovered during excavations of a burial site, outside Vicofertile, a town about 10 km south-west of the northern Italian city of Parma. The statuette is over 20 centimetres tall and depicts a woman with an oval face, slit eyes, a prominent nose and long hair. Although such statuettes are fairly common, it is rare to find figurines this old in Europe, and the majority represent a mother earth divinity with a swollen belly which symbolizes fertility.

The archaeologists have linked this statuette to the goddess of death and re-birth, who is usually represented as slender, with a beak-like nose and rigid posture. Experts believe that she was probably carved to sit on some kind of throne or support, made of material, such as wood, which has disintegrated over the centuries.

The grave, which belonged to a middle-aged woman, also contained a number of pottery bowls, known as the 'square-mouthed pottery' era, in addition to the statuette, which was placed in front of the deceased's head.

The statuette joins a list of important figures dug up across Europe, which archaeologists believe indicates some of the earliest concepts of divinities.



## Sunday Club Day



Maddelena Basile under the watchful eyes of Vincenzo Basile, Felice Benvenuti, and Luigi Furlani



The girls, preparing for a serious game of cards



"I want you to put the next ball, right here"

## Glimpse into ~ ~ ~ Moliterno

By Ginette

This month Moliterno is featured, the area where Bianca Cassino of Thorndon, Wellington, was born and raised.



**Bianca Cassino**

The village of Moliterno, built around its feudal castle, dating from the late Angevin period, is picturesque with narrow streets and lanes, and home to 4,900 inhabitants, who are known as 'Moliternesesi'. The castle was once a Longobard fortress and in the XVIII century, home to an important school of medicine.

Moliterno's name originates from the 'Torre Merlata', which is represented in the town's coat of arms. The tower of the castle was called the 'Eternal Mole', and for that reason, was first called Moleterna which later became 'Moliterno'.

From the centre of the village it is possible to see the Castle of Longobard, an imposing master-piece, which has two towers. There are several magnificent churches; The Mother Church of Assunta which has a façade dating back to 1700, and the Church of Santa Croce, which is rich in art works, and has Franciscan origins, dating back to 1600. This church has Baroque altars and a XVII century Gothic Crucifix made of walnut wood.

Moliterno also many elegant palaces, such as Palazzo Lovito, Palazzo Gilberto and Palazzo Valinoto, and is famous for producing the 'pecorino of Moliterno'. In June of each year, the feast of the 'U Cassiad', a local cheese is held.

Casieddu cheese is made on the slopes of Val d'Agri, from goat's milk, which has been filtered through fern fronds. A small pouch of aromatic herbs is steeped into the milk for a short time, after which the milk is boiled, allowed to cool, and goat rennet added. After the mixture has thickened, the curd is cut into tiny pieces and kneaded by hand into small balls. When sold fresh, the cheese is wrapped in fern fronds to give it its distinctive look! Yum!

## A Scene From Last Years Picnic



# Italian Language Classes 2007

In 2007 the Circolo Italiano di Wellington Inc. will offer two class levels for new applicants and there will be 2 Beginners Stage 1 and Stage 2 language classes held on either Monday or Wednesday evenings.

The venue for the classes will be Club Garibaldi and the classes commence on 12 and 14 February and finish in October 2007. Check the website: [www.circoloitaliano.org.nz](http://www.circoloitaliano.org.nz) for more information.

Before completing an enrolment form please telephone President Elizabeth Peek on (04) 4759781 or email: [president@circoloitaliano.org.nz](mailto:president@circoloitaliano.org.nz). If there is a place in your preferred class you can then post your application and cheque to Circolo Italiano di Wellington, PO Box 9706 Marion Square Wellington 6141.

To ensure a place in your preferred class it is advisable that enrolments be made by post or through the Internet prior to Wednesday 24 January 2007. **We cannot guarantee you a place if you leave enrolment until the General evening on Monday 29 January (between 5.30 and 7pm)**.

The Classes Opening Ceremony for **ALL** students will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 February 2007 at Club Garibaldi.

It is not necessary for Club Garibaldi members to join the Circolo and course fees are offered at the reduced rate of \$155 for 30 one-hour lessons.

The textbook required is: **Buongiorno Italia (new 2005 reprinted version)** for Beginners Stage 1 and 2. The textbook is available from Whitcoulls Bookstore, (Information Counter) 312 Lambton Quay, Wellington. A 10% discount is available on proof of enrolment in a Circolo course. It is essential that each student has a copy of the relevant textbook.

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## CIRCOLO 2007 COURSES ENROLMENT FORM

Full name (Mr,Mrs,Miss,Ms) \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address and email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription to Circolo Italiano:    Single            Couple            Student under 18/Superannuitant/Member Club

Garibaldi

Classes enrolment: (tick)	Beginners Stage 1	Monday	5.30 - 6.25pm
		Wednesday	5.30 - 6.25pm
	Beginners Stage 2	Monday	6.30 - 7.25pm
		Wednesday	6.30 - 7.25pm

Have you studied Italian before?    Yes            No

For what reason are you studying the Italian language \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose cash/cheque for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to confirm my enrolment in the course selected.

I understand that my course fee(s) cannot be refunded.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_