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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Please note that subs are now due – if you haven't done so already, please pay into our Club Account – the modest fees of any Club in Wellington. i.e.: \$50 per couple; \$30 Single membership; \$20 University student.

We figure that if you attend only one event at the Club, you've more than made your membership worthwhile – and of course, there is the bonus parking availability, which as we all know, is becoming scarcer in Wellington.

The AGM will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday 6 October. Please note that there are proposed changes to be made to our Constitution which will require the approval of members. The article under "Constitution Changes" is self-explanatory.

The big football match between Club Italia, Nelson and Club Garibaldi is getting closer. Make sure you've booked your tickets and accommodation - I know our team would love to have as much support as possible – and this is ALWAYS a great weekend away.

That's it from me.

Ciao for now

Linda De Gregorio



Change to the Constitution for Annual General Meeting – 6 October 2024

To now read: " Club" Club Garibaldi, a registered Friendly Society under the Act, being all of its members.

Explanation for change:

The expanded wording more accurately reflects the legal status of the Club.

*Clause 6r.

New commencement (and following wording for clarity) as follows: " If required by law, or deemed necessary by an ordinary resolution by the membership, or by the Executive Committee, or by either or both of the Trustees, a person qualified as required by Section 63 of the Act shall be appointed to audit the Club's financial affairs. The auditor may be removed only in the circumstances set out in s.65 of the Act."

Insert new Clause 6s.

" Subject to clause 6r., the Club shall appoint a Chartered Accountant to carry out an independent Review of the Club's annual Statutory Financial Statements.

The Review will form part of the Annual Report to members.

A suitably qualified person or Service Provider will be appointed by the Executive Committee and / or by either or both of the Trustees."

Explanation for change:

As matters stand, the Club is required by its constitution to have a full audit undertaken of its financial affairs at the end of each financial year and to include the auditor's report when its accounts are filed with the Registrar of Friendly Societies. The total expenditure of some \$10,000+ in auditor's fees for this and the preceding year can be significantly reduced by incorporating a lesser standard of review, albeit conducted by a Chartered Accountant, whilst still preserving the option for reverting to a full audit should the same be required by law, by the Club's Executive Committee, or by either or both of the Trustees, or by the membership.

*Clause 11 ALTERATION TO RULES

Amend first line to read:

" Alterations to the Club's rules and constitution may be made:

(a) By a special resolution passed by members entitled to vote....any such meeting.

OR (b) If an amendment is proposed to either this clause 11 (b) or to clause 14

(DISSOLUTION) then the conditions which apply to sub-clause 14(a) and its sub-parts (1), (2) and (3) in respect to dissolution shall apply to that sub-clause and its sub-parts in respect to any proposed amendment unless that amendment is solely for the purpose of compliance with the Act then currently in force in which case sub-clause (a) applies. The Rules of the Club must at all times comply with the requirements of the Act then currently in force.

When necessary, the then current Rules must be amended to ensure compliance.

Explanation for change below (the above change simply reinforces the primacy of the Act in what is required).The intention here is to lower the minimum threshold of members entitled to vote on dissolution to 75% which is the minimum threshold required by the Act. A further, and dominant, consideration Is that written notice of intended dissolution must be given to current members and their approval or otherwise must be obtained.

*Clause 14a.(2)

Delete " ninety per cent" and substitute "seventy-five (75) per cent"

Delete the words "and do vote".

For clarity the new sub-clause should now read(after these changes):

" That within thirty(30) days of the special resolution in sub-clause (1) above being passed a poll of all members entitled to vote is undertaken provided that the vote in favour of dissolution represents not less than seventy-five (75) per cent of all members entitled to vote."

New (3) " If members approve dissolution of the Club in terms of sub-clause (2) the Club must undertake the dissolution process as detailed in the Act"

*Clause 14c.

Amend third sentence by deleting the words " The trust may seek charitable status in line with the objective to encourage the use of the Italian language" and substitute the following : " The trust should encourage the use of the Italian language and to promote and enhance..... Wellington area. No member of the Club, present or former, at the time of dissolution, shall derive any financial benefit on dissolution."

Explanation for change:

As matters stand, neither the Club, nor any trust which eventuates on dissolution, can obtain charitable status unless the eligibility for membership is widened. This is unlikely to happen anytime soon and may give the wrong signal to those drafting a new trust on dissolution.

P.S. The latest version of the constitution to which these proposed changes are made is dated November 2014.

Annual Subscriptions Due

Couple: \$50 Single: \$30 Student: \$20 per annum. Over 70-year-olds 5 years consecutive financial member – Free. What do you get in return:

- Annual Picnic where the Club provides meats, fruit and prizes for games
- National Day celebrations – dinner and drinks
- Parking in central city (time restrictions)
- Football Event (Nelson vs Wellington) each year
- Children's Xmas party
- Senior's Xmas party
- Italian Language Lessons (children and adults)
- Monthly newsletter
- And a few social functions thrown in between

Please pay direct into our account with your name so that our Secretary/Treasurer can update the database.

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy

The date has been set for Saturday 9 November 2024. If anyone wishes to take part in the game – this year it is being held in Nelson, please let us know ASAP. The Club subsidises financial members (players) to help with travel/accommodation costs, and the weekend is always a great weekend away.

For any member who has never come down to the game in Nelson to support, I can only recommend that you do – cheap flights are on at the moment so don't miss out what's a lovely catch up with our Nelsonian Italians.

Condolences

The Club extends condolences to Nino Amitrano on the recent passing of Lesley Marsters. Lesley was partner/dear friend of Nino and was a long time member of Club Garibaldi. She attended many Club functions RIP

The Club also sends sympathy to Doreen Cusin on the recent passing of her husband Paolo. Doreen and Paolo also attended many Club events. We also send condolences to both Carolyn and Giorgio Canderle. RIP

Annual General Meeting – 6 October 2024

The date is set for our AGM – it will be held at the Clubrooms at 118 Tory Street commencing 7pm sharp. As mentioned above, there are some Constitutional Changes that need to be voted on, so we hope to see as many members there as possible. Note: Only current financial members can vote or speak at the AGM.

There is a Nomination Form at the end of this newsletter.

Please feel free to stand for any positions – and if you are nominating a person, make sure you have their consent beforehand. Form needs to be returned to the club email by 5pm.



Building Update

I have been asked by quite a few people how long do we have left to stay in our Clubrooms. At this stage we remain at our present Clubrooms in Tory Street as tenants. Our rent is up for review later this year and only then will we be able to advise more – but rest assured, for now, the status quo still remains.

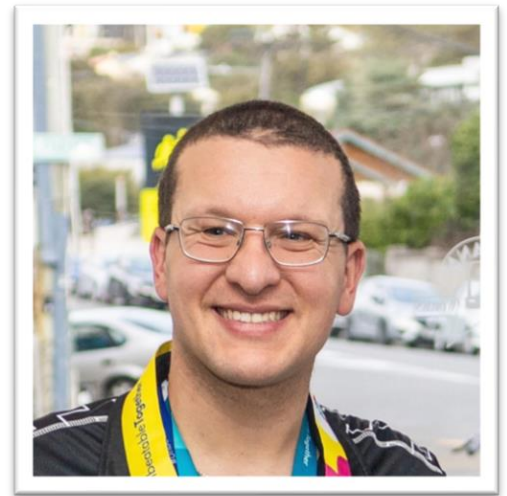
Congratulations

Matt Di Leva has been selected as a Finalist in the Nuku Ora Sports Awards, in the Disabled Sports Person of the Year category.

Congratulations Matt!!

Mass of the Assumption

Mass was celebrated on 15 August at St Francis de Sales in Island Bay. The flowers are collected annually by the Italian community of Island Bay.



2024



Annual General Meeting

6 October

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy

9 November



This year's AGM of the club will be held at the clubrooms at 7pm on Sunday 6 October 2024.

Motions:

Members wishing to submit motions for consideration at the AGM must do so in writing either by email to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com or mail to The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, 118 Tory Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011, to be the hands of the Secretary by **5pm on Friday 20 September 2024.**

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2024/2025 Executive Committee will be accepted up to **5pm on Friday 20 September 2024.** Nominations should be made on the form below, and can be sent by email to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com or mail to The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, 118 Tory Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011.

Only paid-up financial members who have been members for a period of not less than 1 year are entitled to serve on the committee. The President and Trustees must have been a member of the Club continuously for at least 3 years. Only financial members may vote at the meeting.

One or more persons can be nominated for any position on the Executive Committee.

Please ensure that those you nominate have agreed to stand and serve on the Executive Committee, and are current financial members, otherwise the nomination will not be accepted.

Position	Nomination for 2024/2025	Agreed to stand (add word "Yes")
President (2 year term)		
Vice President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Committee Member (under 30)		
Committee Member		
Committee Member		
Committee Member		
Committee Member		
Trustee		
Trustee		

Name of Member making these nominations (print name clearly)