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# Club Garibaldi News

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## Note from the President

Lovely picnic was held at Days Bay – The meat was delicious and there was plenty of it. I can certainly recommend the Pork Spit Roast company if you're looking for a good roast pork or lamb.

Just under 50 members enjoyed the sunshine, good food and good company. Thanks to those who organised this event.

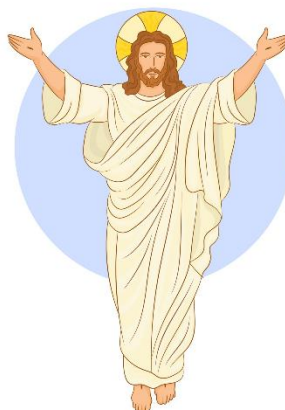
Hopefully this newsletter will arrive before Easter – and I wish you all Buona Pasqua. Don't eat too many chocolate eggs!!!

Ciao for now

*Linda De Gregorio*



*Buona  
Pasqua*



## Tanti Auguri Antonina – 90 Years Young

The Club wishes a Happy Birthday (Buon Compleanno) to Antonina Volpicelli of Island Bay who turned 90 years young in early March. Antonino celebrated a lovely afternoon tea with her family. Auguri a te.

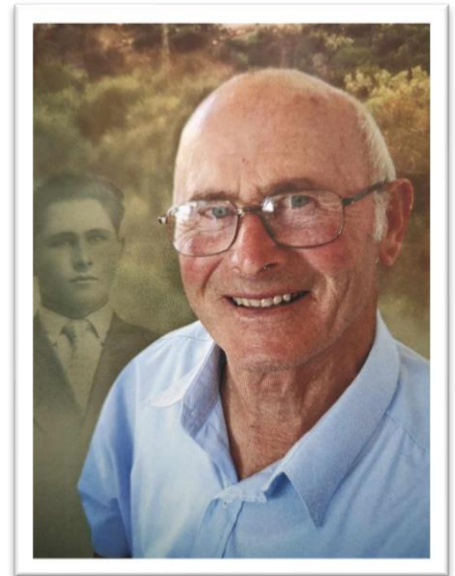


## Condolences

The Club wishes to express condolences to John and Michael De Gregorio and families on the recent death of their Dad Cav. Antonino De Gregorio (fondly known as Dulino) of Island Bay.

Antonino was made famous by Island Bay Butcher owner Don Andrews when Don closed his Butcher shop in Island Bay last year. Antonino was Don's first customer and continued to patron the shop till it closed.

This story made the Dom Post and as a result, Antonino became the "famous customer" of Island Bay Butchery. RIP Antonino.



## Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy – Football Match between Club Italia, Nelson and Club Garibaldi, Wellington

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, 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.

## Cricketers Arms celebrates 60 years of music

On Saturday 20th April 2024, the Wellington Club Garibaldi will host an exhibition and performances to celebrate the long history of music on this site. The Club Garibaldi, one of the Southern Hemisphere's oldest Italian Clubs (established 1882), purchased the former Cricketers Arms site from Lion Breweries in 1991. The Cricketers Arms had previously enjoyed a long history of music in its three bars since the 1960s. In 1983, when John Roache was the licensee, the top floor, which currently houses the Club Garibaldi, became the successful "Steinie Bar" under the direction of David Hyams as promotor.

Because of its central location, the "Steinie Bar" was very quickly adopted as the place to play by both local and touring acts. Some of the first groups in the door was *Andrew Fagan and the Mockers*. They were quickly followed by the *Pink Flamingos*, the *Narcs*, the *Legionnaires*, *Midge Marsden*, *Primitive Art Group*, *Rick Bryant and the Neighbours* who brought special guests *Trudi Green and Sam Ford*, *The Topp Twins*, *Sam Hunt*, *Gary McCormick*, the *Willie Dayson Blues Band* the *Netherworld Dancing Toys*, *Body Electric*, *The Mangawekeas*, *The Chills*, *The Bats*, *Back Door Blues Band* the list goes on and on...

Since 1992, Club Garibaldi has hosted a succession of musical variety Benefit evenings, known as "A Night at the Garibaldi" with the purpose of providing grants to assist and encourage emerging vocal talent in both the musical theatre and operatic genres. Cav. Rex Da Vanzo, ably assisted by Howard Tong, was the prime organiser and facilitator of these evenings which ended in 2022. Some of New Zealand's top vocal talent (ably supported by many accomplished musicians) made their way to the Garibaldi stage over the years. These included, on the operatic front, *Anna Leese*, *Shaun Dixon*, *Isabella Moore*, *Ana James*, *Julia Booth*, *Thomas Atkins*, *Pasquale Orchard*, *Emily M'Wila*, *Andrea Creighton*, and, from musical theatre, *Chris. Crowe*, *Matt Pike*, *Naomi Ferguson*, *Ali Harper*, *Will King*, *Barbara Graham*, *Tre Belle (now The Sirens)*, *Tim Beveridge*, *Lydia McDonnell*, and *Flight of the Conchords (Brett McKenzie and Jermaine Clement)* to name but a few.

In October 2022, the "Last Night at the Garibaldi" was held to farewell this memorable series which had always been supported by sold out audiences.

Club Garibaldi sold the building in 2022 to a development company who plan to redevelop the site. Club Garibaldi has a current lease of the second floor until the end of 2024.

*An exhibition of band touring posters from the early 1980s and other ephemera will be on display from 10.30am to 1.30pm on Saturday 20th April. Gold coin entry.*

*Commencing at 2.00pm-4pm, Club Garibaldi will host a presentation by Rex Da Vanzo and Howard Tong on 30 years of shows from "A Night at the Garibaldi" including never before seen video of these historic performances, followed by afternoon tea. Entry fee \$5.00.*

### **The Last Hurrah**

Doors will open at 7.00pm for a glorious night of music presented by the Nick Granville Band featuring some of the busiest and finest musicians playing in New Zealand today. Nick has played guitar around the world including Birmingham Symphony Hall, Liverpool Philharmonic, Indigo at London's O2 Arena, The Monterey Jazz Festival, Typhoon In Los Angeles, The Lighthouse (set for lala land Movie, in Los Angeles and also recorded at United Studios (LA, where MJ did thriller), Kronos (LA) and the most famous studio in the world, Capitol Records. Among the artists Nick has played with are Lalah Hathaway, Dave Weckl, Chris de Burgh, Ronan Keating, Delta Goodrem, Kurt Elling, the NZSO, Orchestra Wellington, The Rodger Fox Big Band, and many more.

Completing the band for us tonight are four outstanding musicians:- Greer Perenara (vocals), Richard Te One (drums), Elliot Fuimaono (bass). They will be playing music with their own contemporary spin, combining Pop, Funk, Soul and Jazz. Expect some explosive playing. This is a gig not to be missed.

*Tickets are limited to 100 and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Tickets can be booked at Eventbrite ([www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)) until 5.00pm Sunday 14th April. \$30.00 per head inclusive of light supper.*

For further information contact [hyamsd@gmail.com](mailto:hyamsd@gmail.com) Ph. Mob. 027283212

### **Annual General Meeting**

This has been set for Sunday 6 October, 7pm in the Clubrooms. Please save the date for now, and we will advise again closer to the time.

# 2024



**Italian for travellers' course**

4 May, 11 May, 18 May,  
25 May, 8 June, ending on  
15 June

**Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, 6 October 2024

**Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy** Saturday, 9 November

## Calling for expressions of interest in an 'Italian for travellers' course

This course aims to introduce basic Italian vocabulary and sentences to orient you for your next travel to Italy. The lessons will be based on real travel situations, will be focused on developing comprehension and oral skill and will use role-play exercises.

We will cover all things from how to read a menu and correct pronunciation when ordering in a restaurant to learning how to ask for simple directions and how much things cost. Know how to book into your hotel and buy tickets for public transport. The final lesson will give you information on where and how to ask for help if you need it.

A hands-on course for Beginners to Pre-Intermediate language levels – welcome to Club Garibaldi members, Circolo Italiano members and the public

**At Club Garibaldi** Level 2, 118 Tory Street, Wellington

**Two hours** from 2-4pm on six Saturdays

**Dates** starting on 4 May, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, (*2 June Italian National Day so no classes on 1 June*), 8 June, ending on 15 June.

**Cost** \$220 in total.

The course is to be paid in full and is non-refundable. (Full refunds will be provided if the course does not proceed).

**Tutor** is Virginia Listanti, from Rome and a Circolo Italiano tutor.

Please contact us at [circoloitalianodiwgtn@gmail.com](mailto:circoloitalianodiwgtn@gmail.com) if you have any queries or wish to enrol.

