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# Club Garibaldi News

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## **Note from the President**

Welcome to the April newsletter.

Last year was the very first time that I can ever recall that we did not celebrate Italian National Day. This was due to Covid restrictions and lockdowns.

This year we plan to make up for that!

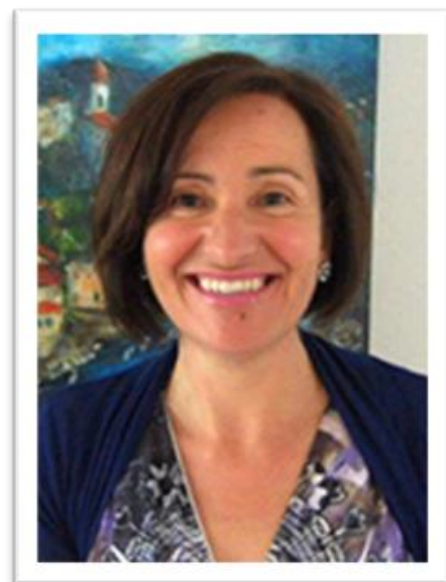
So, save the date; and on Sunday 5th June we will be celebrating Italian National Day. More of this in the newsletter below.

Club Italia in Nelson have set the date for the 2022 Football Match to vie for the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy, and this is Saturday 5 November – more below. But in the meantime, also Save the Date for what is always a fantastic weekend and a great chance to catch up with our Nelson friends.

With Easter coming up this week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter (Buona Pasqua). Enjoy some family time and rest.

Ciao for now

*Linda De Gregorio*



## Italian National Day Celebrations – Sunday 5 June 2022

The National Day celebrations will be held at the Club on Sunday 5 June from 7pm-10pm. We have a great line-up of entertainment from The Sirens who are a world-class act. Four singers who will sing a variety of songs, and believe me, you will be mesmerized with their performance!

As usual the Club will provide a light supper (and you won't be disappointed!) and a bar tab to a certain amount – then once the bar tab runs out, it's cash only. So please make sure you bring some cash with you.

Note also – this is for FINANCIAL members ONLY and due to our Liquor Licence rules, numbers will be limited to 120 max.

So if you wish to come along to what is always a great night out, please RSVP as soon as possible to either Josephine t: 9348 720, or Maria t: 3838476, or before 29<sup>th</sup> May.

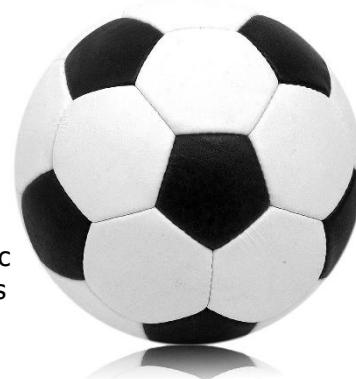
We look forward to a well overdue catch up with everyone!



## Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy Football Game Between Club Italia and Club Garibaldi – Saturday 5 November 2022

The date has been set – Saturday 5 November and the venue, Club Italia, Trafalgar Street, Nelson. If anyone wishes to play in the team who has never played before, please contact us via the Club's email and we will forward your details to David DaVanzo, who is organizing the team.

For those of you who have never come down to Nelson, please consider it. It's a fantastic weekend and Club Italia always put on a wonderful dinner for us. There are cheap flights with Air NZ at present. And I know our team would appreciate all the support.



## Job Vacancy at the Italian Embassy

The Italian Embassy are looking for an Office Administrator to work at their offices in Thorndon.

For a Job Description and further information please refer to their website or contact: [wellington.embassy@esteri.it](mailto:wellington.embassy@esteri.it)

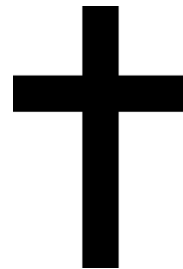
## New Members

We welcome Gina Courtier (nee Mollo) of Island Bay who recently joined the Club. Welcome Gina and we hope to see you at a function at the Club soon.



## Condolences

The Club would like to extend Condolences to Bruno and Ainslie Maresca, and Tony & Maria Maresca of Island Bay on the recent death of their brother and brother-in-law Giuseppe (Joe) Maresca. Many of you would know Joe - he used to live in Trent Street, Island Bay for a long time before moving up North to the warmer climate. RIP Joe.



## Children's Italian Lessons (ages 6 years – 11 years)

We have had numerous requests to start up our Children's Italian lessons again. We are currently trying to organize a teacher and some options and will let you know once we have a plan. These lessons will be available for both members and non-members – The Club will subsidise the members' children. In the meantime, watch this space for further details.

## A bit of humour

Young Mario lived in Italy and bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100.

The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up saying, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the donkey died.'

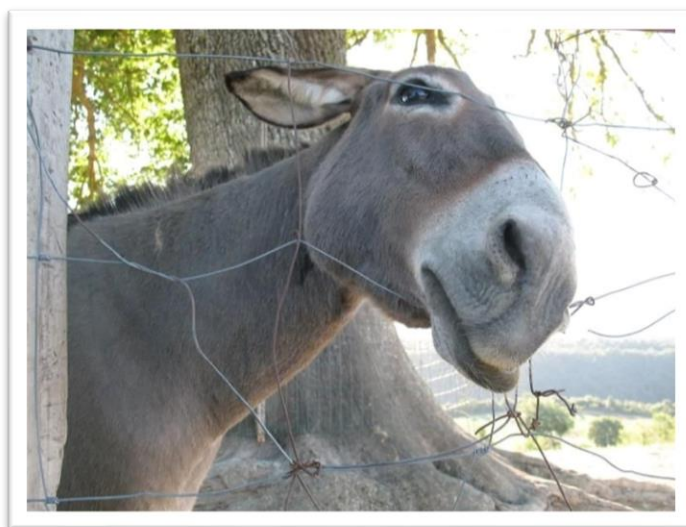
Mario replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.' The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already.' Mario said, 'Ok, then, just bring me the dead donkey.'

The farmer asked, 'what ya gonna do with a dead donkey?' Mario said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.' The farmer said, 'you can't raffle off a dead donkey!'

Mario said, 'Sure I can, I just won't tell anybody he's dead.' A month later, the farmer met up with Mario and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?' Mario said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at \$2 each and I made a profit of \$898.'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?' Mario said, 'Just the guy who won, so I gave him his \$2 back.'

Mario now works for the government.



## Italian Immigration in New Zealand: Your Family's History

*Dear Members,*

*I am passing this information on to you all after Alessandra saw a photo I posted on my Facebook page ISLAND BAY LITTLE ITALY. The request has come from Alessandra Zecchini of the Dante Alighieri Society in Auckland. I am sure members will be able to provide lots of photos. I will be sending the photo below of my parents Antonio and Teresa Cuccurullo on their wedding day at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay in 1958. - Cav Nina Cuccurullo*

The Digital Archive of Documents on Italian Immigration in New Zealand (Archivio Digitale Documenti sull'Immigrazione Italiana in Nuova Zelanda) is looking for photos from Italian families and their descendants in NZ, preferably any year up to the 1980s.

The aim is to enrich the archive with historical personal records of the Italian presence in New Zealand, both from immigrants and Italians who have lived and left a mark in this country. Relevant photos will be included in the archive for public reference, and can be emailed to [info.addiinz@gmail.com](mailto:info.addiinz@gmail.com) or [alessandra@oratia.co.nz](mailto:alessandra@oratia.co.nz) with a caption including description and names, date, location, occasion (i.e. wedding, family photo etc.) and photographer (if known).

### About the Archive

In 2016 Com.It.Es. Wellington launched a project to research and collect the existing sources of information about Italian migration and presence in New Zealand. Thanks to funds from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), and the help of volunteers, the project materialised into a website and online archive: Archivio Digitale Documenti sull'Immigrazione Italiana in Nuova Zelanda (ADDIINZ).

Today the archive is hosted and paid for by the Società Dante Alighieri Auckland and administered by volunteers as a free, public, and not-for-profit resource. Entries are divided into six categories: Books & Theses, Articles, Videos & Documentaries, Interviews, Websites, and Other (which includes photos). Each single entry has a short synopsis, with links to online resources or to the location of the documented material (libraries, archives, universities, etc). When available, each page also lists other resources on the same topic. At present the main language of the archive is English, like much of the resources catalogued so far. For resources in the Italian language a synopsis is provided in both English and Italian.

The Archive can be found at this link:

[https://immigrazioneitalianz.mywikis.net/wiki/Immigrazione\\_italiana\\_in\\_Nuova\\_Zelanda](https://immigrazioneitalianz.mywikis.net/wiki/Immigrazione_italiana_in_Nuova_Zelanda)



**From left to right (woman's maiden name in brackets)**

Giovanni Federico, Maria Rosaria Di Leva (Muollo), Salvatore Ruocco, Antonina De Gregorio (Mollo),



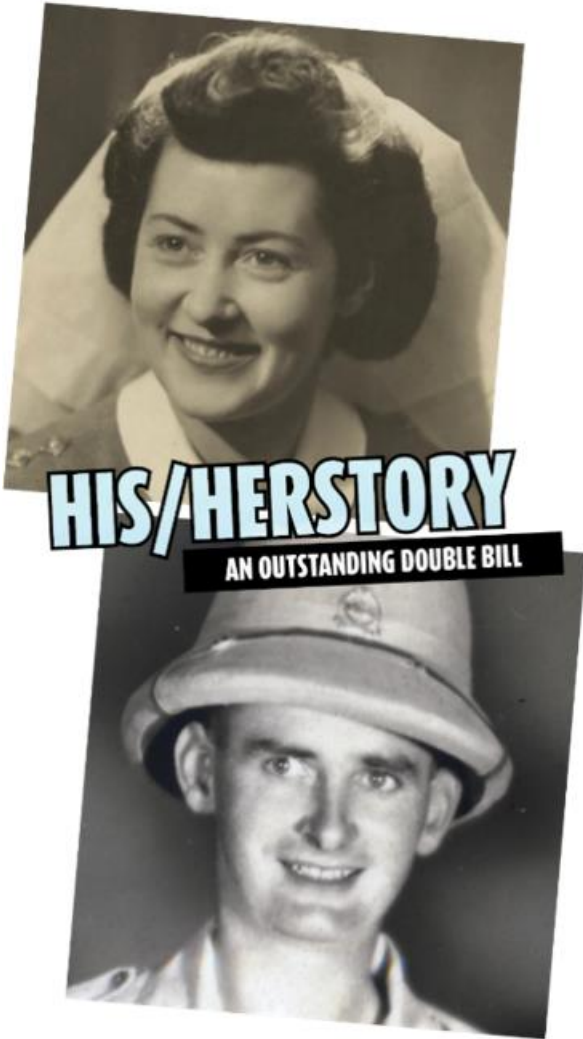
Antonio Cuccurullo, Teresa Cuccurullo (Ruocco), Liberato Vinaccia, Luisa Tomlinson (Meo), Raffaele Esposito, Antonietta Canzano (Elenio)

## Play at Circa Theatre 22 April and 14 May 2022

### HIS/HERSTORY - two solo shows. (Milord Goffredo)

One is the story of a Dunedin butcher who became "a bloody legend" in a small northern Italian town during the Second World War after he twice escaped from his German captors.

His daughter, Jan Bolwell dynamically re-creates her discovery of her father's exploits - living in a cave for two years and cared for by the brave and courageous Zantadeschi family. They nicknamed him Milord Goffredo.



### I'll Tell you this for Nothing

By Kate JasonSmith | Directed by Jan Bolwell

Phyllis Garvin, an Irish QA nurse on the WWII battlefields who lived most of her life in NZ, was honoured with France's highest decoration, the Légion d'honneur for extreme bravery. Sent to the front lines on D-Day, Phyllis's hospital followed the battles through Europe and finally to the liberation of Belsen Concentration Camp. Her daughter Kate presents the dramatic and often humorous tale of her mother's life in an acclaimed show about war, courage, danger and romance.

**"Superb, from the first minute to the last...a treat for theatre lovers" ADELAIDE ADVERTISER**

### Milord Goffredo

By Jan Bolwell | Directed by Kerryn Palmer

The remarkable story of a Dunedin butcher who became "a bloody legend" in a small northern Italian town during the Second World War after he twice escaped from his German captors.

Jan Bolwell dynamically re-creates her discovery of her father's exploits - living in a cave for two years and cared for by an Italian family who nicknamed him Milord Goffredo.

**"This is a cracker of a New Zealand story beautifully evoked..." MARK AMERY, SUNDAY TIMES**

**\*ONE NIGHT TWO SOLO SHOWS\* Circa Theatre**

**22 April – 14 May 2022 BOOKINGS 04 8017992 CIRCA.CO.NZ**

### Dates for your Diary



Sunday 5 June

Saturday 5 November

Italian National Day Celebrations

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup Football