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# Club Garibaldi News

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## Note from the President

On Sunday 6 June we held our National Day Celebrations at the Club and all I can say is "What an amazing evening!"

After a year of Covid and given the fact we did not celebrate this event last year, we certainly pushed the boat out this year.

The doors and bar opened at 7pm and drinks and nibbles were served whilst everyone mingled. At 8.00pm the formalities took place and after a few words from myself, our new Ambassador, Hon. Francesco Calogero and Chris Monagatti (President, Circolo), both the NZ and Italian National Anthems were sung.

The floor show was next, and what an amazing slick performance from The Sirens – three wonderfully talented women who brought the roof down with their amazing singing. They are truly a world class act, and we were very lucky to have them perform for us.

Following that 15-minute show, we asked both Ambassador Francesco and Francis Miccio (President, Club Italia, Nelson) to cut the cake. More food and drinks followed, and later tea and coffee was served with the cake. We were then treated to another performance from The Sirens, and the evening wound up at 10pm.



I would like to personally thank everyone that made this event the success it was. Starting with our Social Committee (Josephine, Martin, Jo, Dean, Lynda, Jim and Maria) who worked hard behind the scenes. They set up the club, cleaned up and tidied the Room at the end of the night.

Thanks to Rex Da Vanzo who organized the fantastic floor show (The Sirens). They were a real hit with everyone. Thanks to Robin Page who helped with the sound system and organized our background music (Piano accordion player). Thanks to Chris Monagatti who arranged both the NZ and Italian national anthems' words to be shown on screen so we could all sing along.

Thanks to our waitresses Alexandra and Helena Basile who did a fantastic job of serving the food and helped clean up. And to our barman, David who kept up with the drink orders.

And a BIG thanks to Alfonso who put on a supper that was simply Superb! We dined in style from crayfish, prawns, octopus, mini pizzas and an endless procession of cocktail food. Nobody went home hungry.

Thanks for all the lovely comments we've received from members – the atmosphere was really nice, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

On another note, annual subs are due by the end of June. Please pay direct into our bank account.

For those new members who have joined up within the last 3 months, you won't need to pay again until next year.

In August, our secretary, Marco Costa will be organising a Fifa Football competition (via Playstation) – come along and enjoy a night of football/light supper and a few drinks and catch up. Friends are welcome to come along too. More information on this feature further in this newsletter. Cash prize for the winner! We hope to get good support.

That's it from me – ciao for now.

*Linda De Gregorio*



## **Annual Subscriptions – 2021/22 Financial year**

As mentioned above, these are now due and we'd appreciate payment be made before 30 July 2021. We are in a fortunate position that we can keep the same low rates – ie:

- 50 per couple;
- \$30 single;
- \$20 tertiary student.

This year we have printed new car stickers (2021/22 year), so once you've made payment, please advise our secretary (Marco) if you require a sticker via club email. These need to be displayed on your windscreen when you use our carparks. Without one, you risk being towed away (at your expense). Thanks.

Please make payment direct into our bank account. "Club Garibaldi"  
ANZ Bank - Account Number: 06-0513-0005579-00



## **RIPOSA IN PACE GINO DI LEVA**

(28 August 1962 – 13 June 2021)

The Club wish to express condolences to Dolores Di Leva of Island Bay, on the death of her son Gino Di Leva. Gino suffered a very short illness which sadly cut his life way too early. He was also a loved father and brother and we send our sympathy out to Gianni, Marisa and Annalisa too. Gino was well known in the Island Bay Italian community and will be sadly missed by many. RIP.



## **New Members Welcome:**

We wish to welcome our new members:

***Rob Barton-Howes and Karen Rea.*** We look forward to meeting you both soon!

## **Congratulations**

Well done Nicolas Volpicelli-Muollo (son of Antony and Krissy). Nicolas (14 years old), decided to raise money to provide an interactive television set in every room in the new children's hospital in Wellington. He was thinking of the children that were in hospital for a long time and the costs involved in hiring a TV for their parents. So, he set out and fundraised \$55,000.

This money made it possible for every room to have a television. And because of his achievement, he was invited to a black-tie dinner at Government House and was honored by Dame Patsy Reddy, who personally thanked him for his great efforts.

That is such a lovely thing to do Nicolas – what a great initiative and congratulations on such a wonder effort.



**Photo credit: Government House, Wellington  
(Kristina and Nicolas)**

## **FIFA Tournament – Friday 6 August 7pm**

On Friday the 6th of August at 7pm, Club Garibaldi will be holding a FIFA Tournament.

We will be playing FIFA 21 on the PlayStation 5. It is a knockout tournament, with a CASH PRIZE for the winner.

A cash bar will be available and pizzas will be provided. If we get enough interest, we will split the tournament into age categories.

Entry fee: \$10 per person

Please RSVP to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com by the 25th of July with your name and age.



## Obituary

### **RIPOSA IN PACE GIUSEPPE (JOE) ANTONIO BARNAO**

(26 December 1926 – 30 April 2021)

*By Cav. Ginette Toscano Page*

Our deepest sympathy go to the family of Giuseppe (Joe) Barnao of Levin, who recently passed away in Palmerston North Hospital.

Joe, who was widely known by the Italian community by his affectionate nickname/soprannome/n'ciura, Joe Marjory, was the husband of Anne and the late Mildred, father of Anthony and Christopher, and nonno of Amanda, Antonia and Dante.

Joe, born in Island Bay, was the elder son of Bartolomeo (Bob) and Marjory (nee Paino) Barnao. As the Barnao's are a large extended family, all descended from the same grandparents, his nickname came about when there were more than a few Joe Barnao's, so to differentiate them from each other, they all had nicknames! Joe carried his mother's first name – Joe Marjory.

The gift of a clarinet in 1942, set him "on the road to a life in music".

In 1943, he joined the "Golden Horn" music shop in Vivian Street, Wellington, as a trainee musical instrument repairer.

Joe loved music! He played in dance bands, toured with J C Williamson and Tivoli Theatre shows, and was a bandsman with the 1st Battalion Wellington Regiment. The Dennis Huggard files state that Joe played in the Swingmen Orchestra in 1946, with the Syd Kris Band in 1952, with Tony Noorts in 1954 and 1962, with the Don Richardson Big Band in 1956-1957, and with the Levin Big Band in Manawatu Jazz Festivals in 1991 and 1998.

I'd like to share a funny memory. In his younger days Joe was a keen skier and most weekends he could be seen on various ski-fields throughout NZ. As skis are lengthy, transporting them was difficult – a car was not long enough, so to Joe, the next best vehicle to transport his skis was a no-longer used hearse! You should have seen the neighbors' faces, and curtains twitching as he drove along Trent Street where he lived, all thinking 'Madonna, who has died now?'

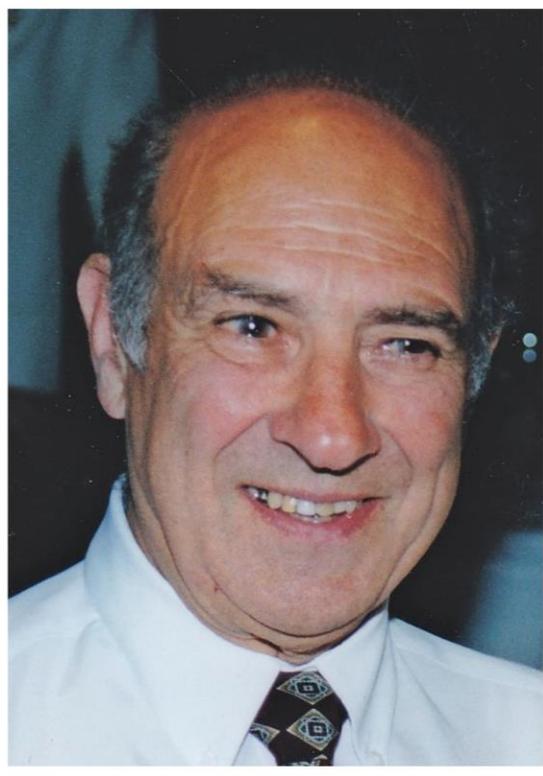
Joe was an active member of Club Garibaldi from a very young age and served as the club's Treasurer from 1952-1956.

In the late 50's Joe travelled overseas and returned to Wellington in 1960. In 1962 he and his family moved to Levin and opened a music shop which ran until 1988. Joe was a member of the advisory panel for Te Papa's "Qui Tutto Bene", the very successful and hugely popular exhibition that ran from 2004 until 2007.

As well, Joe was a keen golfer and was still playing competitively at aged 86 – age was not a barrier!

He was also an active and founding member of The Stromboli Connection along with Ginette, Robin, Vic and Maria Francesca, since 2000. He was respected and loved by us all. Joe had a remarkable memory, was well-read, particularly when it came to the history, culture and traditions of Stromboli. He was always enthusiastic, constantly gave of his best and was happy to share his knowledge with everyone.

Riposa in pace Joe Marjory – we will miss you.





## Circolo Italiano di Wellington Monthly Social

Thursday 8 July 2021 at 7.30pm

### Mid-winter Debate

**Resolution: Italian Designers lead the world!**



#### Adjudicator Sibilla Paparatti

Born in Rome. Master's in Film Studies at Università di Roma Tre. Former Senior Italian language and cinema tutor at VUW. Had international film festival roles in NZ, Italy, USA and Germany. Currently Production Manager at Weta Digital. Likes strawberries.



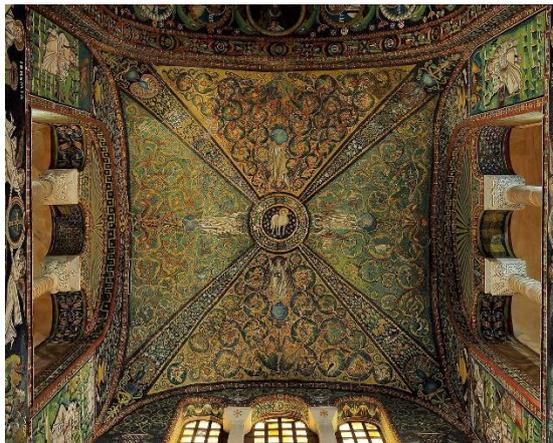
Come to debate or just enjoy the fun. Two teams of four people.  
Please email [joannelander@gmail.com](mailto:joannelander@gmail.com) to make up/join a team.  
With mulled wine, Italian cheeses and chocolates. Prizes.

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Garibaldi House Level 1, 118 Tory St/corner Vivian St  
\$5 - Circolo & Club Garibaldi members \$10 - Guests  
Drinks and nibbles to follow. Welcome!

## Winter Course 2021

### Power and Piety: Italian cities and churches



Presbytery mosaics, San Vitale Ravenna, AD 6th century

Source: Basilica\_of\_San\_Vitale\_-\_Lamb\_of\_God\_mosaic.jpg (4309×3443) (wikimedia.org)

As we are unable to travel to Italy at present, if you would like to explore the history, art and architecture of five of its most famous cities and their celebrated churches, come on our lecture tour at Club Garibaldi Wellington instead.

Four Saturdays 10am-12.30pm with a break for coffee and special Italian biscuits from Rosaria Guadalupi (Casa Mia).

Week 1	19 June	Ravenna and Venice: Byzantine and beyond
Week 2	26 June	Florence: birthplace of the Renaissance
Week 3	3 July	Rome: Middle Ages to Baroque
Week 4	10 July	Palermo: Phoenicians to the present

**Co-taught** by Italian language tutor and translator, Antonella Sarti Evans and former Victoria University Art History lecturer and tour leader to Italy, Phyllis Mossman

**Location** Club Garibaldi Level 1, corner Vivian and Tory Streets, Wellington

**Parking** available at CarePark 70 Tory Street - \$6 flat rate - 5 minute walk to Club Garibaldi

**Cost** \$200/person (\$50/session); \$184 Club Garibaldi, Circolo Italiano, students (\$46/session)  
(Individual sessions optional, please state preferred dates on enrolment)

**To enrol** please email Antonella [evans.sarti@gmail.com](mailto:evans.sarti@gmail.com) for payment details

(Course confirmation will be subject to numbers enrolling and any Covid-19 restrictions)

The course will be held in English and it is open to the public. All welcome!

### Dates for your Diary



**Saturday, 3 July**

**Power and Piety: Italian cities and churches**

**Thursday 8 July**

**Circolo Italiano di Wellington Monthly Social**

**Friday, 30 July**

**Annual subscriptions due please**

**Friday, 6 August**

**Fifa Football competition (via Playstation)**