

# Club Garibaldi News

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# **CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW DI LEVA!**







#### **Note from the President**

Welcome to the June/July edition of our club news.

Our Club Day lunch held a few weeks ago was a real hit. Over 50 members sat down to enjoy a bowl (or two) of pasta, followed by salad and dessert.

Everyone that came along really enjoyed the lunch. There was plenty of food to go around and the atmosphere was really nice and relaxed.

The Italian National Day party on 4 June was in one simple word – FANTASTIC! More on this below.

The date has been set for the Annual Football game against Club Italia. Saturday 4 November in Wellington – so save the date and we will advise further in the upcoming months.

Ciao for now

Linda De Gregorio

#### **Italian National Day Celebrations – Sunday 4 June**

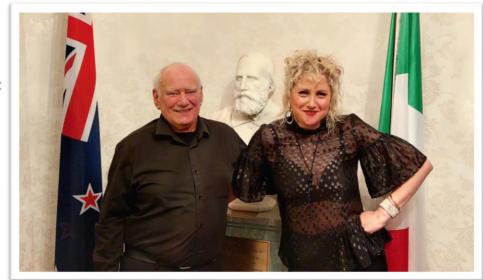
We didn't have a great crowd turn up and that was a bit disappointing considering what was on offer. However, that didn't stop the night being a great night out.

Thanks to Alf who, as usual supplied some great finger food and there was plenty to go around; and thank you to the Social Committee for their hard work. Without a doubt, the highlight of the evening was our world-class entertainer, Ainslie Allen. Ainslie, as some of you may know has appeared on television and was the singer of the NZ National Anthem when the Stadium in downtown Wellington opened. She has also sung at some high-class venues and events, and we were VERY lucky to have her perform at Club Garibaldi. She took us down memory lane with some great songs – a tribute to Tina Turner, Kenny Rogers, rock'n'roll and country. And what a powerful voice she has. She is an entertainer of first class and by the end of the night she had the crowd up dancing and singing away.

We got great compliments on the night from everyone who attended, how much they enjoyed the evening. In fact, some people made the comment to me that they hadn't danced in a very long time and really enjoyed the chance to put on their 'boogie shoes'.

Thank you to Robin Page who organised Ainslie for us.





Robin Page and Ainslee Allen

#### **Club Lunch**

We had a great turnout for our Club lunch held in May. Approximately 57 people sat down to a delicious bowl or two of pasta, salad, breads, gelato and fruit and coffee and sweets. There was heaps of food and plenty to go around. Nobody left with an empty tummy. We had great reviews, and members have asked that we hold these lunches more often. Thanks to Alf for cooking the lunch and the social committee who helped set up and serve the food. Watch this space for the next lunch date.

## Sunday fun day at the club

Thank you to those members who came to the Fun Day recently held. The bowling mat was out. Cards were played and cake coffee and tea was provided. We look forward to the next time we have a get together.







#### Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy - Football Game: Saturday 4 November

This year the Nelson team comes to Wellington to vie for the Trophy. This is one of our flagship events of the year and we look forward to hosting our Nelson guests. If anyone wishes to play in the team that has never played before, please let us know via our club email and we will forward your details onto David Da Vanzo. We will advise more as the date gets closer.



### **Special Olympic Representative – Matthew Di Leva**

Congratulations to Matthew Di Leva who competed in the Special Olympics in Berlin. Matt took part in 3 events and made the Finals in all his events. He ran a close fourth in the 200m Run; He won a silver medal in the long jump and was also instrumental in winning a Bronze Medal in the  $4 \times 100$ m relay.

Matt, you are amazing, and everyone is so proud of you. What an achievement – a young Italian man from Island Bay representing his country in the Special Olympics – it doesn't get better than that!

As a result, we are going to hold a light lunch at the Clubrooms on Sunday 23 July to celebrate Matt's achievements. If you wish to come along to congratulate Matt personally, please let us know as we will require numbers for catering purposes. There will be a cash bar operating.

Time: from 12-2pm. Please RSVP to either Josephine 9348720 or Maria 3838476 no later than Thursday 20 July. No walk-in's on the day please





#### **Condolences**

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Virginia and Michael Rafferty and their families on the recent death of their Mother, Innes Rafferty (nee Menara). Innes was a long-time member of Club Garibaldi and loved coming to the Senior's Christmas lunch each year, and to our annual picnic. She will be missed. RIP Innes.

We also wish to express our condolences to Rex & David Da Vanzo and the Da Vanzo family on the recent death of wife and Mother, Avril. The Da Vanzo family have a very longstanding relationship with this Club and very actively involved with many aspects. Rex, has acted as the Club's Legal Advisor for well over 40 years and David who is instrumental in organising the annual Garibaldi Football team. Both Rex and Avril were also heavily involved with the Garibaldi Entertainment evenings that ran each year. We know Avril will be missed. RIP.



#### FIFA Football Women's' World Cup

Italy v. Argentina – Monday 24 July 2023

Clubrooms open at 5.30pm, game starts at 6.00pm Shown on our big TV screen. Cash bar Finger food at half-time Garibaldi & Circolo members – no charge Guests - \$5 (to be signed in)

**Benvenuti** - Come along and enjoy an evening together.



#### **Subscriptions due**

Annual subs are once again due at the end of June. For a very moderate \$50 per couple and \$30 Single and University Student \$20 – there is a lot on offer. Please pay direct to our Bank Account below, with your name – so we can update our database. Thanks.

Club Garibaldi – ANZ Bank: 06-0513-0005579-00

- Annual picnic (club provides meats, fruit and games)
- National Day celebrations club provides food/drink/top class entertainment
- Annual Football Match with Club Italia, Nelson
- Children's Xmas Party
- Senior's Xmas lunch
- Parking available at certain times
- And of course we add a few functions in between

You'll find it very hard to find a Club that offers so much to its' members, for such a moderate subscription fee. However, it would be nice to see more members at our events – it makes all the organising worthwhile.



### Children's Italian classes continuing in Term 3 2023

Buongiorno. There are currently two groups of children enrolled in the combined Club Garibaldi and Circolo Italiano Italian language classes on Saturday afternoons. These are open to any children.

They are held at the Garibaldi Club rooms at 118 Tory Street Wellington. The two age groups are 7 to 10 years (on Saturdays at 2–3pm) and 11 to 13 years (on Saturdays at 3–4pm).

**Dates** Term 3 classes begin again on Saturday 22 July to Saturday 16 September 2023 inclusive.

**Tutor** Antonietta Demurtas who is very popular with the children.

**To enrol** please contact Laura Binnie at Club Garibaldi email <a href="mailto:laurajbinnie@gmail.com">laurajbinnie@gmail.com</a>

phone or text 021 262 6530. Please spread the word if you know of any others who may be keen to join us. We intend to continue for the rest of the year.

**Fees:** Club Garibaldi and Circolo Italiano members: \$10 per one hour lesson (\$90 for all nine lessons with car parks available) Non-members: \$12 per one hour lesson (\$108 for all nine lessons)

Fees are to be paid in advance and are non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances.

# **Undercurrent Bookshop**

Philip Muollo, is the son of longtime Club Garibaldi members Tony and Eileen. Philip and Helena invite you to their cosy and welcoming space to browse the great selection of books and have a coffee. Also, from time to time you will be entertained with live music. Their second-hand bookshop is located on the ground floor under the Garibaldi clubrooms in Tory Street. Opening hours are: **Wednesday to Sunday, 11.00am to 7.00pm.** 



# **Dates for your diary**

**2023** 

Saturdays 22 July – 16 September Italian Children Classes

Sunday 23 July Special Olympic Representative Lunch

Monday 24 July FIFA women's Italy v. Argentina

Saturday 4 November Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy