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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Thank you to all those who attended our first ever "Remembrance Day" on Sunday 30 October. We had a great turnout. I can only say simply that it was a very moving, emotional and a wonderful tribute to all our family members and club members who have gone before us.

I tried to sum up the day in my own words for this newsletter - but then I saw that Nina Cuccurullo had captured every moment perfectly on her Facebook page - and so I have copied Nina's recount of the Day which follows in this newsletter.

Our Christmas parties are coming up – kids and Seniors, so make sure you get your name down on the list and don't miss out.

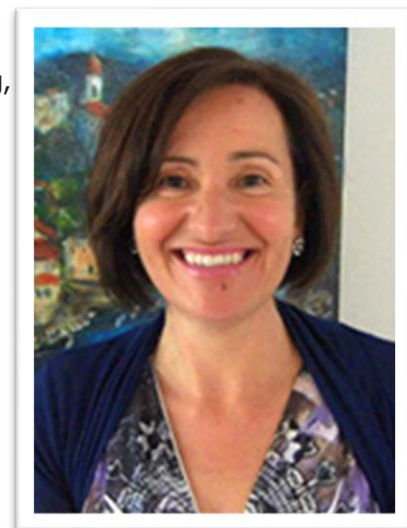
The football game in Nelson over the weekend was a fantastic event. Although we lost 4-2, this didn't dampen the celebrations that took place after the game.

Our thanks to Francis Miccio, Club Italia members and the Nelson community for giving us such a warm welcome, providing us all with a fantastic meal and again, another good catch up.

We will elaborate more on the weekend in the December newsletter with photos and a report on the game.

Ciao for now

Linda De Gregorio



Remembrance Day – by Nina Cuccurullo

Please refer to Island Bay Little Italy Facebook page for video and more photos of the day - it's a great read.

In memory of our departed loved ones, most of whom made the long journey to make a new life for us in New Zealand"

Yesterday I attended along with other members of the Italian community the inaugural Remembrance Day Service at Club Garibaldi. This special function was organised to remember and honour members' forebears.

Members were asked to find and send in photographs of their loved ones who had passed away. These photos were displayed/mounted on the walls of the clubrooms.

Officiating at the memorial service was Monsignor Gerry Burns, the Wellington Archdiocese Vicar-General who led the service with Fr Giosue Busti, Deputy Head of Mission at the Apostolic Nunciature (Embassy of the Holy See in attendance).

Paul Elenio welcomed everyone. Lina Volpicelli lit a special candle of remembrance. There were readings by David Monastra, with prayers of the faithful read by Maria Elenio. The Italian choir along with Frank Basile led those attending to sing 'Make Me A Channel of your Peace'. This hymn is based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Italy.

Those in attendance were asked to take a flower from a special basket of blooms to place next to their loved ones and those of friends displayed on the boards.

Vic Criscillo read out this poem:

*"Softly the petals of our memories fall.
Gently we gather and treasure them all.
Unseen, unheard you will always be near,
Always loved.
Always be missed.
Never forgotten."*

As part of the service "The Prayer" by Andrea Bocelli was played and gave people time to reflect on the loved ones. It was very moving.

Following the liturgy, we all enjoyed tea and coffee and some Italian treats.

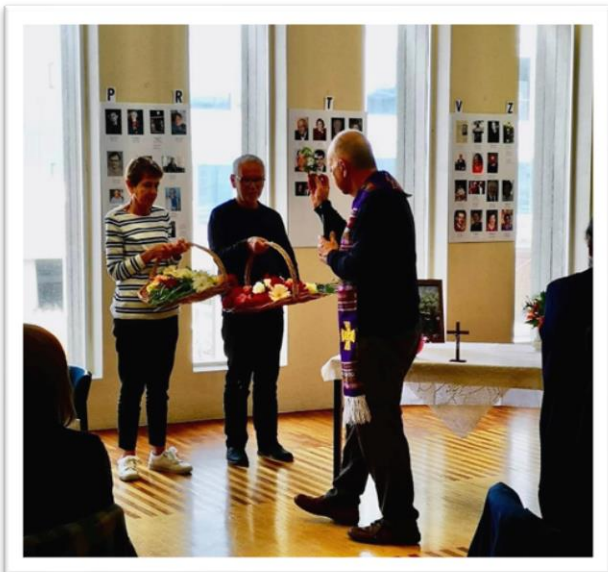
A big thank you to the Organising Group from Club Garibaldi: Paul & Maria Elenio, Larry Greco, Frank Basile, Vic Criscillo.

Thank you also the Social Committee and members who helped with the serving of food and drinks.

Many people commented on how moved they were at the service and how it meant a lot to them to be part of it - Riposa in Pace



(photo credits to Nina Cuccurullo)



Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 27 November 2022 – Don't miss out !!!

Starting at 11am at the Club – There will be arts and craft, a magical show, lunch and of course, the highlight of the day, a visit from Santa!

Please note Nonni's are welcome to bring along their grandchildren 10 years and under (even if their parents' are not members); This is always a great day – so don't miss out.

We ask that everyone bring a small gift wrapped and named for their child so we can put under the tree.

Please RSVP to either Josephine t: 9348 720, or Maria 3838476 no later than Saturday 19th November.



Senior's Lunch – Sunday 4 December

Christmas Lunch will be served for our 60 years+ members. This is always a great day out and a good opportunity to catch up with each other. Once again, we need RSVP for catering purposes.

So please let Josephine or Maria know if you will be coming along no later than 27 November. See you there!

Congratulations

Joe & Maria Di Leva and family of Island Bay are absolutely delighted to announce that their son/brother Matthew DiLeva will be one of the athletes attending the Special Olympic World Games in Berlin in 2023.

In Maria's own words "We are beyond proud of what he has achieved. Thank you to everyone who has supported Matt throughout the years. Go Matthew."

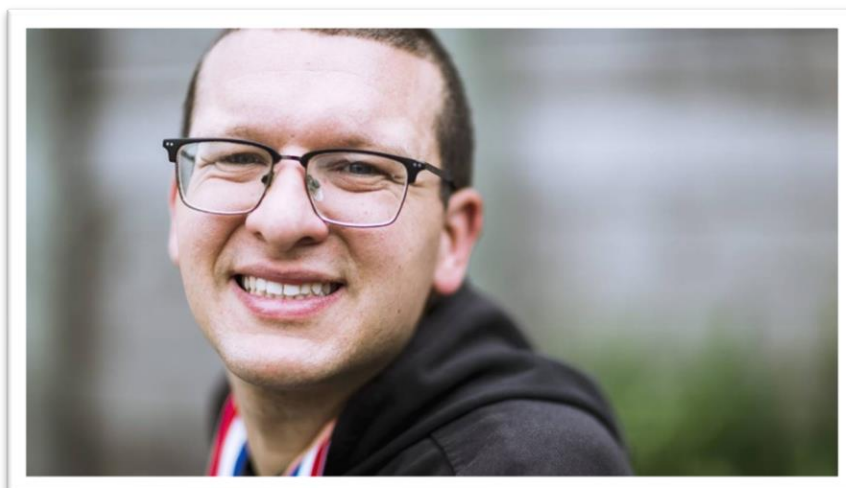
Congratulations Matt – go well and we know that you will do your best to make us all proud.

(photo credit: stuff)

Congratulations also go out to Dimitri Economou, son of Lisa Muollo.

Dimitri was awarded the Proximae Accessit at St Patrick's College, Wellington at the end of year prizegiving ceremony.

What a fantastic achievement Dimitri – all the best for your future studies.



Condolences

Condolences go out to Antonina Volpicelli and Cataldo Mollo and their families on the deaths of two of their siblings.

First, Raffaele Mollo (Swan Hill, Melbourne) who died last week. Ruffy was well known in Wellington as he made many trips to New Zealand. In the same week their sister Immacolata Belati (Mollo) died in Massalubrense, Italy. - RIP to both of them.

Condolences also go out to Emma Amitrano and family on the death of Emma's sister in Milano, Italy. Mina died earlier this month and our thoughts are with Emma and her family. - RIP.

This week we learnt about the death of Shirley Benvenuti, and our condolences go out the Benvenuti and Cancian families. Shirley was a long-time member and was often found at the Club every Sunday enjoying socialising around the card table. - RIP Shirley.

Condolences also go out to David Monastra and family on the death of his brother in Tauranga. - RIP.



Welcome to new members

It's good to see that our membership numbers are growing; and with that in mind we wish to welcome new members (and in some cases renewed members) as follows:

Diego Castillo-Alcaino
Paula Muollo
Pat Vinaccia & Family
Everard & Antonella Aspell
Vanessa Mcmanamon
Georgina Monigatti
Janine O'styke
Johnny Moreno
Gianni Di Leva

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Club Picnic – 2023 – Sunday 19 February 2023 – Bishop Park Eastbourne

Unfortunately, we couldn't get our great spot that we had last year, as it is all booked up – but we're back at Bishop Park Eastbourne – which is still a good venue. As usual the Club will provide meats, rolls, fruit and games. We want you to bring your families and come out for a good day in the sun/Bay. More details on this later.

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 27 November

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 4 December

Senior's Christmas lunch

Sunday 19 February

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