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# Club Garibaldi News

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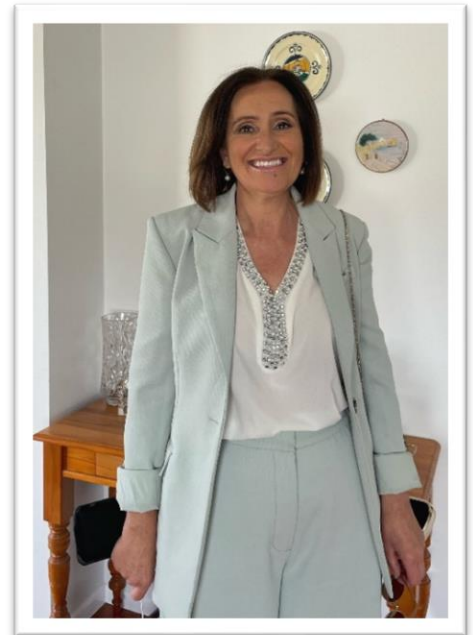
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## Note from the President

The AGM took place on Sunday 29 October and sadly we had no new nominations to join the Executive Committee. The results are as follows:

President:	Linda De Gregorio
Vice President:	Alfonso Basile
Secretary:	Marco Costa
Treasurer:	Frank Basile
Executive Committee:	Raphaele Mollo, Rex Da Vanzo, Larry Greco, Maria Colucci
Trustees:	Robin Page/Vic Criscillo

Sadly, Ruffy Mollo resigned as our Treasurer, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruffy for the fantastic job he has done over the past few years. Fortunately for us all, Ruffy has agreed to stay on the Executive Committee. And fortunately for us Frank Basile has been voted as our new Treasurer – Frank comes from a Banking background, and I know he will also do a great job. Sadly, we lose Sophia Basile as our “Under 30” representative on the Committee (apart from Marco); Sophia will be travelling overseas next year and is not available. We would like to thank her for all her help on the Committee this year, especially with her help organising the successful Casino Evening earlier this year. We wish her all the best for her travels. So, we still have a gap or two on the Executive committee – if anyone is keen to join, please email us at the Club email. The Football game with Club Italia was a roaring success – more in this newsletter.



Ciao for now

*Linda De Gregorio*

## Aldo Cuccurullo Football Game Review and Photos Saturday 4 November

Another successful football match between Nelson and Wellington took place on Saturday 4 November. David Da Vanzo has summarised the game below, and photos at the end of this newsletter follow. Thanks to all those who supported our boys at the park on the day, and for those who came along to the after-match function, which was a great night out.

### Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy Game 2023 *"Déjà vu less two" (written by David Da Vanzo)*

The latest instalment of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy Game was played out under sunny blue skies at Wakefield Park. We were hoping to turn the tables on Club Italia after the defeat last year.

We started brightly with some fluid passing, however, Club Italia were able to get a foot in here and there and scrambled well, preventing the creating of any clear-cut chances. Club Italia had speed in attack with Gianni Darroch and Jamane Wilson leading the line, and we to work hard to keep them out at times as they used their youth and speed to advantage.

Just as we thought the game was meandering to a scoreless draw at half-time, Club Italia struck. Club Italia President Francis Miccio got onto the end of a perfect cross and headed it forcefully home to put them up 1-0.

This was Francis' first goal in these fixtures, and Francis has been there since the very beginning of the Aldo Cuccurullo games, so persistence pays off! Club Italia were not satisfied with one goal however and made it 2-0 before half-time with a cracking strike from Liam Goodger from the edge of the box.

We were not overly worried at half-time, as we felt we were playing well but needed to continue to play with positive intent and goals would come. We did start the second half brightly and went very close to opening our account, but the ball found the post rather than the net.

Club Italia were defending very smartly, knowing we had to come at them, and when we beat a defender there was another one lying in wait to make a tackle.

Just as we thought things were starting to turn our way Nelson struck again on the break, when the ball was laid back across the box to Marko Doblanovic, who rifled the ball powerfully into the roof of the net.

Being 3 down, we threw caution to the wind (which was pretty light for Wellington) and attacked at every opportunity, but every question we asked in attack was answered soundly by the Club Italia defence, and try as we might, we could not quite breach their line.

Club Italia pounced on the break after an attack broke down, and the speedy Gianni Darroch blasted it into our net to make it 4-0. The 4-0 scoreline echoed a scoreline that Club Italia had reached in last year's game, but in that game we had staged a comeback with a couple of nice goals, but in this year's game there was to be no comeback, as Club Italia held us scoreless, and the game ended in a 4-0 victory to Club Italia.





Club Italia deserved the win with their clinical converting of chances combined with their dogged determination in defence.

Players of the day were Francis Miccio for Club Italia, and to the veteran Michael De Gregorio for Club Garibaldi. A wonderful dinner was put on at Club Garibaldi afterwards, and the players' danced away until the early hours of the morning.

Massive thank you to Linda De Gregorio and to Club members for making this event such a success. We look forward to travelling to Nelson next year and bringing the Cup back to Wellington.









## Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10 December

This year the Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday 10 December at 11am. We have a Clown visiting the Clubrooms with a lot of surprises for the children. Arts and crafts, lunch and of course the Big Man himself – Santa.

This is for children 10 years and under and we ask that parents/grandparents bring a small gift for their children wrapped and labelled with their names, so we can put under the Christmas tree for Santa to hand out.

Please RSVP to Josephine on 9348 720, or Maria on 3838 476 if you will be coming; no later than 1 December.

## Condolences

The Club wishes to express sincere condolences to Fifi and Lucy Esposito on the recent death of Fifi's sister, Sisina Cuccurullo in Italy. Fifi and Lucy were fortunate enough to see her a few years ago when they went back to Italy. And Sisina visited New Zealand many years ago too. RIP

## Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Gino and Lisa Di Leva who recently welcomed their first born into the world – a baby girl.

Francesca 'Francie' Rosabelle Caterina Di Leva. We wish you many happy moments. Gino is the eldest son of Maria & Joe Di Leva of Island Bay and this is Maria and Joe's fifth grandchild.

Our congratulations also go out to Maria and Joe.

## Club Car Parks

The only car parks available for financial Club members are in the Vivian St Car Park, numbered 1 to 13 only. All day Saturday, Sunday and Public holidays, and only after 6.00pm on Monday to Friday.

The other car parks on The Vivian and Troy St footpaths are hired to private clients at all times. The car parks are now monitored by the Landlord (with cameras), therefore, if you are illegally parked then you risk being towed away at the car owner's expense. The Club takes no responsibility if this notice is ignored.

A current window sticker (2023 – 2024) must be attached visibly in the rear window of your vehicle.

Car stickers are available now and can be obtained by emailing [clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com](mailto:clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com) or phoning Marco Costa (020) 41034670.

## Can anyone help Geoffrey please?

We have received a letter as per below from Geoff Cullen asking for help with a research project he is conducting. Please reply direct to him if you can help. Thanks.

Dear Linda,

My name is Geoffrey Cullen, living at Horopito, Central North Island, NZ and have a Research Project underway, titled " The names of the Italian Tunnellers, who were contracted to work in NZ on the Tongariro Power Development Scheme, in the period 1965-1983 "



Living about 65 km from Turangi, the town built to house most of the Power Schemes workers, I have managed to visit there and meet personally with ex-tunnellers or family of ex-tunnellers who have been most welcoming in helping with this Project. Through Club Garibaldi, I would like to be able to send a message to your members asking for any assistance with the names of any of the Italians who were involved with this large project. We believe the number of names we are seeking might be 200+. There was never any comprehensive list of Italian nationals ever produced.

All the Italian workers were employed by Codelfa-Cogefar (NZ) Ltd from the time that the First Tunnel Contract was let in late 1967 That tunnel was named "Whakapapa -Tawhitikuri "of length 16.7 Km. This tunnel was on the Western Diversion of the Scheme, with the water from that tunnel eventually flowing into Lake Rotoaira, through the Tokaanu Power Station, thence into Lake Taupo. In all Codelfa-Cogefar (NZ) Ltd won 3 of the total 10 Tunnel contracts on this Scheme, the longest tunnel being 19.3Km on the Eastern Diversion from Lake Moawhango to Rangipo Power Station. At that time this was the longest Hydro Tunnel built in the world.

Some of the ex-workers lived permanently in NZ, some becoming married and having families in NZ, but the majority of the workers returned to Italy, despite having married NZ women. A 50th anniversary of the Tunnel work was held in Turangi in 2017, several workers returning from Italy to celebrate the 3 days of the largest Contract Codelfa-Cogefar(NZ) ever undertook in NZ. Codelfa-Cogefar (NZ) Ltd completed their final tunnel contract, that of Rangipo Intake Tunnel in 1981, when the workers disbanded and left the Turangi district.

I will be available to answer further questions from your members via this email address.

Yours sincerely  
Geoffrey Cullen  
Researcher Horopito:  
t: 0224773602.

## Smile A While!

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totalling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents.

"When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll." The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two Precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two Times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with Happiness. "Honey," he said, "that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?" "Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

## Dates for your diary

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**14 October – 9 December**

**Children Italian Classes**

**Sunday 10 December**

**Children's Christmas Party**

## ALLA FINE DEL MONDO To the ends of the earth

The Revised edition of '*Alla Fine Del Mondo*' is a history of the Italian migration to the Wellington region of New Zealand, by Paul Elenio, which was published by Club Garibaldi in 2012.

The contents of this A4 size book of 127 pages are: 'All in a name, Origins, Fishermen, Market gardeners, Business people, Enemy aliens, War gardeners, The Italy they left behind, The new land they settled in, Club Garibaldi.'

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