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# Club Garibaldi News

## FEBRUARY 2014

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### Family Picnic



This will be held at Bishop Park, Marine Parade, Eastbourne, on Sunday February 23. Members and their families are welcome to join us in what is always a highly enjoyable day – providing the fickle summer weather plays its part! The club provides a barbecue and vice-president Alfonso Basile and his assistants will be throwing steak and sausages on the barbecue. You need only bring salads, baking, plates, cutlery, grass covers, chairs and other picnic equipment.

The barbecued food will be available between 12 noon and 1pm. Later watermelon will also be served.

The programme is:

11am – Picnic starts

Midday – 1pm Barbecue

1.30pm – Pinata smashing for children

2pm – Races and other games

2.30 – Treasure hunt

3pm onwards – Swim at beach or pool

Please respect the park by collecting all your litter and taking it away.

If the weather is unfavourable listen to Newstalk ZB for the cancellation notices. If it is cancelled on February 23 it will be held on Sunday March 2.

### Club Day

Please remember that the clubrooms are open every Sunday between 3pm and 8pm for members to socialise.

### Condolences



The club extends sympathies to Cristina Vinaccia on the recent loss of her brother, Luigi Gargiulo, in Italy.

## Italian Mass



On the first Sunday of every month Mass is celebrated in the Italian language at St Francis de Sales Church, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay. Everyone is welcome to attend and members are encouraged to spread the word to others, including non-members, so they have the opportunity to hear Mass in the native tongue. If you can help with a reading or would like to bring up the Offertory gifts at the Mass please call Ida Basile, 934-7814. We are grateful that Mass continues to be celebrated by either the Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand,

Archbishop Martin Krebs or his Secretary, Monsignor Jean Sylvain.

**The next Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday March 2.**

## Parking Changes

As advised at the last annual general meeting the club has been negotiating with the New Zealand Transport Agency which wants to establish a left hand turning lane for traffic on Vivian Street into Tory Street. This requires the agency to take a strip of the club's land on the Vivian Street side which will result in the loss of the parking on the perimeter of the building. Please note that parking for members on this strip off Vivian Street will no longer be permitted from March 1 this year. Please do not park in this area even outside of work hours – you could be towed away. The main carpark will be available to members as usual after hours – ie. from 6pm Monday to Friday and weekends.

## Executive Committee

We say farewell and best wishes to Liliane Cacciato from the executive committee as she and her family move to Wales. A vacancy exists on the committee and members are asked to put themselves forward. Please contact club secretary Catherine Monastra – [catemonastra@gmail.com](mailto:catemonastra@gmail.com) – to advise of your interest.

## Church Fundraising

The Catholic parish of St Francis de Sales Church in Island Bay has started fundraising for the more than half a million dollars required to bring the church building up to earthquake standards. A number of fundraising activities are planned and Club Garibaldi members are asked to support these by volunteering their time and assistance. A fair is to be held in the church grounds on **Sunday March 16**. If you can lend a hand by baking, donating goods to sell or by serving at a stall of food at the fair please contact Salvi Basile, 383-8896.

## Newsletter

If you would prefer to have the monthly club newsletter sent to you by email please let Caterina Costa know at [costac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:costac@xtra.co.nz). If you have items for the newsletter please contact [paulelenio@gmail.com](mailto:paulelenio@gmail.com).

## Can you help? Did you know Aurelio Mereu?



Ciao Everyone!

I am looking for information about my late grandfather and am hoping somebody out there may remember him or the family.

His name was **Aurelio Mereu**, born in 1886 in Sardinia, Italy (region or village unknown, we would love to find out what part of Sardinia he came from). The year he arrived in New Zealand is also unknown to us, but it would have been sometime before 1914.

He married a New Zealander, Doris Mary Emma Sharp on 25 September, 1920. They had five children - Aurelio Thomas (son of the same name, deceased, nickname Sonny), Felice (son, deceased, nickname Filly), Mafalda (daughter, still living but she is 94 years old now and very deaf with little information to add to our search, unfortunately), Nina Francesca (daughter, deceased) and Natalina (daughter, died age 1, 1931). All the children went to Mt Cook School.

They lived at 28 MartIn Square, Newtown, 111 Adelaide Road, Newtown, Richards Street in Titahi Bay and Viking Street in Norsewood, southern Hawke's Bay Aurelio and Doris are buried in Norsewood Cemetery. Aurelio died in 1966, Doris in 1993. He served during the First World War with the Royal New Zealand Navy.

He belonged to the Garibaldi Club and as a child I remember going there, as this was where they purchased food from Italy. Little else is known to me and I am doing the usual searches in hope to gather more information. I am planning a trip to Italy next year and would dearly love to be able to make contact with family or at least visit the place where my grandfather came from.

Any information or things you may remember would be of great help to us.  
Thank you – Sue

Please contact Nina Cuccurullo, [nina.cuccurullo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nina.cuccurullo@xtra.co.nz) or 383-7142 (evenings) or (021) 0707 474 if you area able to help.

## Circolo March Social

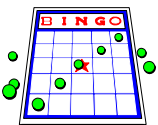
At 7.30pm on **Thursday March 13** (note change from our usual first Thursday of the month arrangement), Don McLean, of Italian Villa Holidays will give us a presentation on Independent Travel in Italy.

Don is an accomplished speaker on all aspects of travel in Italy and he has given presentations to Circolo members and friends on many occasions. He will give us valuable practical information and useful hints and we will benefit from his extensive knowledge. The material and visuals will be new and we can look forward to being taken on a virtual tour around Italy.

Don's Powerpoint talk will include fantastic photographs and other visuals. This is a "not to be missed" presentation and it will be of particular interest to our new students and those people who have a desire to travel in Italy.

Come along and start getting your 2014 Italian holiday plans under way. A \$5 charge towards supper will apply.

## Tombola



The next tombola night is on **Tuesday February 25** at the clubrooms at 7.30pm. Come along for an enjoyable night out. Call Maria Colucci, 383-8476 for details.

## MARK YOUR DIARIES



Sunday, 23 February (11.00am)

Tuesday, 25 February (7.30pm)

Sunday, 2 March (11.30am)

Thursday, 13 March (7.30pm)

Sunday, 16 March

Club Picnic (Bishop Park, Eastbourne)

Tombola/Housie (Clubrooms)

Italian Mass (St Francis de Sales)

Circolo March Social (Don McLean)

St Francis de Sales Church Fair