



Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Another year comes to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have worked so hard behind the scenes to make sure this Club has ticked along smoothly during 2016.

Grazie Tanti to the Building Committee, Social Committee and Executive committee. The work they have done has been phenomenal to say the least! Grazie to Mel Federico, who each month designs our newsletter; to Fifi & Lucy Esposito who envelope and mailout the newsletters; to David Da Col who keeps our website up-to-date; David Da Vanzo who organised the annual football match against Club Italia; to Peter Elenio who organised the movie evening; to Roberto Colnago who set up our Touch Rugby Team – to all our sponsors throughout the year who have in one way or another helped out with raffle prizes or contributed to our events – they are: (Mediterranean Foods, Newtown, Island Bay Little Italy, Giorgio Benvenuti, The Paper Boat, Berhampore, The Barn Bed & Breakfast, Tauranga) and Empire Cinema Island Bay.

And last but not least, grazie to all you members who have supported the Club events throughout the year – your support makes all the hard work worthwhile.

The last two social events held at the Club took place in late November and early December.

Over 20 children and their families (*some came with their Nonnis*) attended the Children's Christmas party. A week later over fifty of our seniors sat down to a wonderful Xmas lunch – more on these events and photos follow in this newsletter.

Since this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Buon Natale. E se siete in viaggio hanno un viaggio sicuro e buona vacanza. Felice anno nuovo 2017!

Tanti Auguri – Linda

Children's Christmas Party



On Sunday 27 November just over twenty children and their families came to the club to see Santa. They started off the day at the arts and crafts table which was a big hit with the children. Some great talent produced some great pieces of art.

At 11.30am Zappo the Magician came and entertained the children and adults, with a half hour show of pure magic. He was fantastic and everybody loved his show.

A big lunch was served afterwards and then Santa flew in to visit the children and give out lots of presents. At 2pm the show was over and twenty very tired children and their very tired families went home very full and very happy!!

Garibaldi Touch Rugby Team

Thanks to Roberto Colnago who has managed to put together a Club Garibaldi Touch Rugby Team. They play every Monday night at Wakefield Park. The team is called the Garibaldi's – so if you have a spare hour on a Monday evening, please come down to Wakefield Park and support our team.

Children's Italian Lessons

We would like to recommence the children Italian lessons in the new year (Feb/March 2017). Our teacher Eleanora Bello is very keen to teach the children (12 years and under) on Tuesdays.

At this stage we will require at least 10 pupils to make it worthwhile. Please email the Club to express your interest before 30 January 2017. If we get our minimum, we will advise further on classes and costs. Note, the Club subsidises members' children generously.

These lessons will also be open to non-members children, so if you have friends whose children would be interested in learning the language, please let them know about our classes.

Picnic 2017 – The Great Day Out!

This will be held on Sunday 5 March (cancellation date to be advised), at Bishop Park Eastbourne. Mark this date on your calendar – this always proves to be a great day out.



"A Night at the Garibaldi"

Both March performances are now sold out.
Waiting list enquiries to Rex Da Vanzo on 977 7609

Melhop Trust Award

Club Garibaldi, which administers the Melhop Trust, invites applications for funding from eligible students.

Applicants should be no older than 30 years at the time of application and be engaged, or about to engage, in a formal course of study provided by a recognized educational establishment in one or more of the following fields, namely: language and literature, including the publication of Italian migrant histories, vocal and instrumental music, the graphic arts or architecture and engineering. Applications close on 28 February 2017.

Applications, citing the course of academic study or project and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to the Secretary, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451 Wellington 6141 or clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com. The criteria for this annual award is available on request from the Secretary, Caterina Costa.

Radio Cartolina Programme for December



Cartolina 28 December: The recently appointed Italian Ambassador, Mr Fabrizio Marcelli, talks of his career in various parts of the world, including being Ambassador in war-torn Somalia. Being originally from Rome, he's chosen the songs: "Roma a capoccia" by Giovanni Venditti, and "La canzone dell'amore perduto" by Fabrizio De André.

Radio Cartolina is the radio programme "*For those who remember Italy and who dream of it*". It's being produced since 1999 under the patronage of Societa` Dante Alighieri Christchurch, and is aired locally through Community radio Plains fm 96.9.

<http://plainsfm.org.nz> is where you can find all recent programmes in podcast.

Buon Ascolto from the producer Wilma Laryn.



Dates for your Diary

To be Advised
Sunday, 5 March 2017

Blessing of the Boats
Club Picnic, Bishop Park

Senior's Christmas Lunch



On 4 December over fifty of our senior members sat down to a 4 course. This year we bucked the traditional trend of setting up the long tables, and opted for a "U" shape table set up. This worked really well and made it easy to serve the food, and easier to have a chat.

As usual our wonderful Chef Alfonso, cooked up tasty delights consisting of bruschetta, pasta putanesca, ham, roast vegetables and salad, and pannacotta for dessert. Thanks to Lynda Marson and Josephine Bevis, who baked some beautiful mini Christmas Mince Pies, chocolate truffles and a macadamia slice. These were served later with tea and coffee.

Silvio Famularo entertained in true "Silvio Style" with lots of great jokes, and Italian songs. The Club rocked! It was truly a wonderful day with lots of good food, plenty of wine, lots of talking, singing, laughter and lovely atmosphere. Everyone went home very happy and very full too!



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