

# Club Garibaldi News

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

Ciao everyone

Late last month I was invited to a farewell dinner for Ambassador Francesco Calogero and his wife Francine as they headed off back to Rome. It was a lovely occasion, and on behalf of Club Garibaldi we presented the Ambassador with a piece of Greenstone and a Rimu chopping board – both items being found solely in New Zealand. He appreciated our gift very much and asked me to thank our Members'. So, from Ambassador Francesco, 'thank you'.

We now have a new Ambassador, and his name is Cristiano Maggipinto. Welcome Cristiano to Wellington.

As promised, we will be holding a Casino Evening in early May. Our young members Sophia Basile and Giulianna Quinn are organising this and have put a lot of effort into this event, so I do hope as many members as possible and friends will support them.

The bus trip to the Wairarapa was a HUGE success – and those who came along thoroughly enjoyed the day out. More on this later.



National Day celebrations are quickly creeping up on us. We will advise the details in the next newsletter.

That's it from me.

Linda De Gregorio

### **Review of bus trip to Wairarapa**

On Sunday 9 March forty-five members took the bus over to the Wairarapa for the day – and what a day it was!

The bus made four picks up – one from Reef Street in Island Bay, Club Garibaldi premises, Lower Hutt railway station and finally Upper Hutt railway station and then off we went over the Hill. We arrived in Greytown and parked there for just over 1 hour and everyone got off and wandered around the shops, cafes at their own leisure. Unfortunately, at that point it began to rain, but that was short-lived, and we were soon basking again in the sunshine. We boarded the bus again and twenty minutes later we arrived at Tirohana Winery Estate, and what a fantastic site that was. The marquee was set up for Club Garibaldi only. We were greeted by our Host Toby and his wonderful staff who was absolutely professional, friendly and couldn't do enough for us. A three-course lunch was leisurely served to us at the tables throughout the day – and in the meantime everyone mingled and chatted away happily. We had lots of laughs, and the food and wine were fantastic.



At approximately 4.30pm we jumped back on the bus and sang our way back to Wellington courtesy of Frank Basile and his guitar skills.

Everyone had a good time, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Basile who organised this whole event – we will definitely do more of this thing in the future, as it's a lovely way to stay in touch and get to know each other better.









### 30th Anniversary Game - CLUB ITALIA vs CLUB GARIBALDI

This year marks the 30th event of the annual Football game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson. We would like to invite past and present players to be a part of this event – it will be held on Saturday 1 November in Wellington. Save the date for now and more details will follow in due course.

## Casino Evening – Saturday 3 May 2025



### Join us for a Night of Fun at Club Garibaldi's Casino Night!

Get ready to try your luck at our exciting casino games, including roulette, blackjack, and crown and anchor games. Tickets are just \$15, which will include some Club Garibaldi funny money to use at the games. But that's not all—at the end of the night, the players with the most funny money will win amazing prizes! We're lucky to have some fantastic local Wellington businesses supporting us with prizes, including:

- Napoli Pizzeria
- Kristina Raffaele Hairdressing
- Justine's Cookies
- Wellington Sea Market
- Wellington Dentists
- Supreme Coffee
- Gipps Street Butchery
- The Greek Food Truck
- Sir Breadwins
- Nicolini's

Both members and non-members are welcome to join in the fun. Please RSVP by Saturday, April 19th. To RSVP, contact Sophia on 0226211007

There will be a cash bar and a delicious supper to enjoy throughout the evening. Buona fortuna!























#### **Melhop Study Award**

Club Garibaldi, which administers the Melhop Study Award, 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 recognised 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 30 April 2025.

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, 118 Tory Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6451, or to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com. The criteria for this annual award is available on request from the secretary, Marco Costa.

#### **Car Parks**

Just a reminder that the 2025 parking stickers have arrived. If you require a sticker for your car, please contact Marco Costa on club email. You will need the new sticker going forward otherwise you will be towed (at your expense).

The carparks available to members are 1-13 only and Monday-Friday after 6pm; Saturday/Sundays – All day.

**PLEASE NOTE ONE CHANGE IN PARKING:** We no longer are available to park All Day during Public Holidays if the Public Holiday falls on Monday-Friday. But we can park after 6pm on that day.

The car parks are monitored by Smart Compliance Management cameras for the building owner. If you ignore the above car park usage you will receive a Parking Breach Notice of \$65.00. The Club takes no responsibility for any notices issued and should not be contacted with regards to any infringements.

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