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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Hello, my name is Frank Basile. I am married to Diane and we have two adult children; Janine and Tony. They're married to Neil and Helen. We have five grandchildren Connor, Penny, Bede, Madeleine, and Leo.

I would firstly like to thank all of you who have offered me support and best wishes since I was elected President of our Club. I would like to thank Linda De Gregorio for all her enthusiasm and work she has done for the last 10 years as President of our Club. She is a hard act to follow,

I have been on the Executive Committee for the last six years and the Treasurer for the last two. I have a good understanding of how the Club operates. I'm looking forward to giving the best of my talents to all our Club members and the wider Italian Community. There are many of our Club members who give up their valuable time to make our Club successful and for that I say thank you.

I am proud of my Italian Heritage, and I think this becomes stronger when our parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles pass.

A little bit about me and my family. I was born in Masterton and have a sister Brigida and two brothers Joe and Vince. I have lived in Palmerston North and Rotorua. When I shifted to Wellington I managed some of the ANZ Branches from Kilbirnie to Johnsonville. The Basile name is well known in the wider Italian Community, and I was always asked who my father was from customers when they found out I was Italian, and my surname was Basile. Many of the Italians who came into the Branch knew Dad and told me stories about him in his younger days.



My Nonno and Nonna were Giuseppe and Brigida Basile who lived at 38 Trent Street, Island Bay. I have very special memories of them growing up and our family visiting them regularly. Afterwards we visited our relatives especially my aunts Giuseppina Molloy and Maria Costa and my cousins who lived close by.

My mother's family lived in Clyde Street. My grandmother Lily Ann Cochrane was blind, and she knew us by touching our faces when we visited. I never knew my mother's father as he died before I was born.

My father Mariano (Mario) was married to Thelma. Mum wasn't Italian but was very supportive of Dad's Italian Culture. One example being Dad using the copper at home to make tomato puree for our pasta in the beer bottles and cooking all our favourite Italian Food. He was a fisherman in Island Bay before he married Mum and used to cook for the fisherman in his teenage years. When they shifted to Masterton, they owned a Fish and Chip shop, and I remember Dad out the back filleting the fish. They spent long hours working in the shop.

Being Italian I think is family, generosity with food and getting together and "to never leave the table unless all the food is eaten".

As you are all aware the Club was established on 31 December 1883. In our Constitution one of the objectives (2b) is "to encourage the use of the Italian Language and to promote and enhance all aspects of Italian culture". I want to keep focused on this during my time as your President.

I went to Circolo for a few years to learn the Italian language. I tried my best, but it helps to have someone to talk to regularly to become fluent. If I read Italian I can understand a bit. Maybe your goal could be to help me.

Finally, this Club belongs to you the members. There have been many Presidents Trustees, Executives and Volunteers who have worked so hard since 1883 to make this Club so special. I acknowledge all their efforts. I won't take for granted the privilege of being the President of Club Garibaldi. I welcome any ideas or offers of support you may wish to give to our Club going forward. Please email me at francisb43@gmail.com.

Please continue to support your Club and on behalf of the Executive Committee I look forward to seeing you all at any future events.

Cordiali saluti

Frank

Newsletter

Paul Elenio has kindly offered to write the Newsletter from November. Thank you so much Paul for assisting me with this and of course Wade Hall who puts everything together. Wade has been doing this for several years now, Thanks for the excellent job you do!

To enable the Newsletter to be published in the middle of the month, **please send any Articles or News you may want to be included in the Newsletter to Paul before the 10th of the month.**
Email Paul at paulelenio@gmail.com

The Newsletter is also published on our website. If you haven't viewed the Website, just google Club Garibaldi. There are headings on the left-hand side of the Home Page. Click on any of these. There is some good information about Club Garibaldi and History of the first Italians who immigrated to New Zealand.

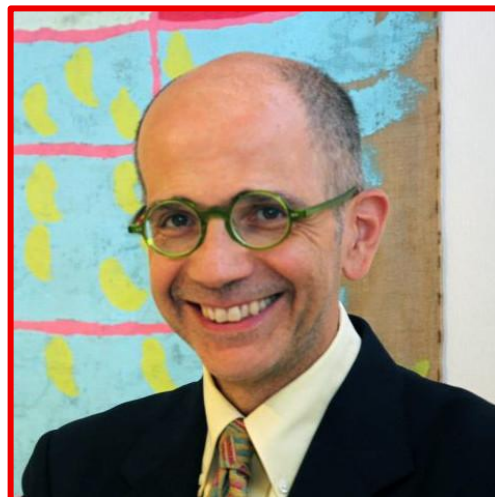
We also send out notices, news and reminders about upcoming events on our Facebook and our Instagram sites. Follow us on these as well. Thanks to Rosina van der Aa who is currently updating these sites and bringing them alive in 2025.

Patronage Club Garibaldi

His Excellency Ambassador Cristiano Maggipinto has expressed his sincere gratitude and has accepted our Invitation to be Patron of Club Garibaldi.

His Excellency recently wrote to us saying that he is looking forward to supporting the Club's valuable initiatives in promoting Italian heritage and strengthening community ties in Wellington.

Thank you and behalf of the Executive Committee and our members we look forward to working closely with you.



Condolences

Gaetano (Guy) Maresca

The Club extends our deepest sympathy to the Maresca family on their recent loss. Guy was the brother and brother in law of Tony and Maria and Bruno and Ainslee who are members of our Club.

Lora Bargiacchi

We also acknowledge the recent passing of Lora Bargiacchi. Lora with Giovanni Mersi started the first Italian radio programme "Un'ora per voi" in Wellington for Access Radio in 1980. Our deepest sympathy to the Bargiacchi family for their loss.



30TH ANNIVERSARY GAME – Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy

CLUB ITALIA vs CLUB GARIBALDI – Saturday 1 November 2025

NOTE: WCC have changed our Football Field for Saturday 1 November against Nelson. The game will now be held at Te Whaea Park, Hutchison Road, Newtown. Not Wakefield Park as originally advised.

This year marks the 30th event of the annual Football game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson. Wow! What a great milestone:

***** Kick off is at 2.30pm *****

The After-match function will be held at The Pines Cabaret, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay commencing at 6pm. This will include an "all you can eat" buffet dinner.

Come along and support our boys – we haven't won for the past 2 years, so we need all the support we can get to make sure we keep the Trophy in Wellington this year.



Zamora By Neri Marcorè (2023)

Grateful thanks to the Embassy of Italy in Wellington for bringing the film Zamora to Club Garibaldi and the Circolo Italiano on Tuesday 21 October 2025. The evening will begin at 7pm.

With calico as its theme, the timing is appropriate because it will be just before the Club hosts the 30th annual football game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson on 01 November. Zamora is a comedy based on football and a period piece set in 1960s Italy

Garibaldi House Level 2 118 Tory Street/corner Vivian St

Welcome to Club Garibaldi & Circolo members, students, tutors, and guests.
Supper – pizzas and drinks

Circolo & Club members \$5 / guests \$10 cash
RSVP (attendance only) phyllis@mossman.net.nz

Children's Xmas Party – Sunday 23 November – from 12 noon – 3.00pm

This year Zappo the magician will entertain our young ones (10 years and under). Arts and crafts table will be available and lunch will be served. Of course, Santa will pay a visit too. So if you want your child to attend the Children's Xmas party, please RSVP to either Josephine t: 9348 720, or Maria t: 3838 476 before Saturday 15 November. Start time 12 Noon – 3pm. We ask that parents please bring a small, wrapped gift for your child with their name on it.

Senior's Xmas Lunch – The Pines Monday 15 December 2025

Our Senior's Christmas lunch will be held at The Pines, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay, on **Monday 15 December** commencing at 11:45am. For reservations please telephone either Josephine t: 9348 720, or Maria t: 3838 476 to book your seat.

Italian Film Festival

The Italian Film Festival is coming to Wellington 19 November – 14 December. It is being held this year at two venues:

- Roxy Cinema 5 Park Road Miramar from the 19 November -14 December
- The Embassy Theatre 24 Nov – 14 Dec.

Opening Night is at the Roxy Cinema

Tickets are \$30. Includes Peroni, San Pellegrino, JK14 Prosecco, Pizza from Bongusto. Arrivals from 6.45pm for 7:30pm film screening. The opening film is called **Gloria!**

The Italian Embassy in Wellington officially supports this Festival. The festival has reached its 10th Anniversary.



Having Friends or Relatives Over for A Drink

Surprise them with an Aperitivo, make them a NEGRONI before you sit down to enjoy a beautiful Italian meal.

Ingredients

- 1 part Campari
- 1 part London Dry Gin'
- 1 part Sweet Red Vermouth

(This is the original Negroni recipe)

1. Pour the London Dry Gin, Sweet Red Vermouth and Campari directly into a glass filled with ice.
2. Garnish with a slice of fresh orange.

They might come back for seconds !!



Italian Movies

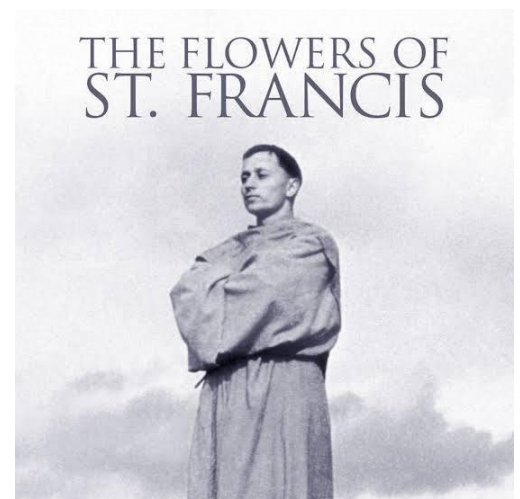
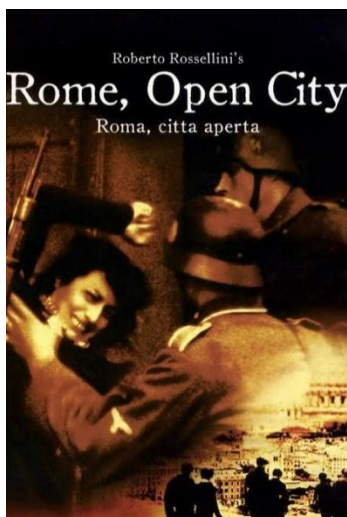
For your interest the Italian movies listed below are on the Rialto Channel in November.

Roberto Rossellini Retrospective – Rialto Film Channel

Rialto Channel in November will be showcasing a beautifully curated retrospective on Roberto Rossellini, a pivotal figure in world cinema and a founding voice in Italian Neorealism.

Highlights in the series include:

- Rome, Open City (1945) a seminal film shot during the Nazi retreat; the cornerstone of Neorealism.
- Paisan (1946) an episodic portrait of war and human connection during Italy's liberation.
- Germany, Year Zero (1948) filmed amid post-Nazi Berlin's ruins; stark and devastating.
- Stromboli (1950) starring Ingrid Bergman, grappling with spiritual isolation and resilience.
- Journey to Italy (1954) often cited as a precursor to modernist cinema.
- The Flowers of St. Francis (1950) poetic simplicity in storytelling and spirituality.
- The films are introduced with new contextual material and presented in newly restored versions where available.



Sunday Fun-Day at the Club

Over the last six months we have opened the Clubrooms on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2pm -4pm. Thanks to Maria Elenio for the initial idea.

Our last Fun-Day Sunday was on 21st September for this year. We had some visitors at our last afternoon, Davida and his family who live in Masterton and Davida and his daughter from Wellington.

It was a great afternoon; we got out the table tennis table plus the bowling mats and of course our ladies played Briscola.

We hope to do this again next year with some surprise activities.

Thanks for everyone who came especially our Club members and the homemade food for afternoon tea. It was worth coming for the food!!.



Dates for your diary

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**Football game between Club Garibaldi
and Club Italia Nelson**

Children's Christmas Party

Seniors Christmas Party

Saturday, 1 November 2025

Sunday, 23 November 2025

Monday, 15 December