



# Club Garibaldi News

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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The Annual General Meeting was well attended, and I felt proud to disclose the results of yet another successful year. To achieve such results, the club depends upon the help of a small band of members who give their time and expertise voluntarily. The club would not survive without this help. Please read further on for my annual report.

There are three changes to this year's executive committee. The following are those who have stood down: Robin Page as Treasurer, Marie Barnao as Secretary, and Armando Gilmoni as Trustee. We sincerely thank them all for giving their time freely to carry out their respective duties for many years.

We warmly welcome three newly appointed executive committee members: Michael Musso as Treasurer, Cav Nina Cuccurullo as Secretary, and Robin Page as Trustee.

As I will be shortly leaving for Italy for four weeks, this issue of the newsletter is for August and September. The next newsletter will be in October.

Thank you to all the members who have paid their membership subscriptions and updated their records. The end of the financial year was 30 June 2009.

**Please note: For those members who have not paid their membership subscriptions this will be the last newsletter they will receive.**

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page

## **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST 2009**

As I complete my second term and fourth year as President of Club Garibaldi, once again, it gives me great pleasure to advise members that our club continues to do well. May this achievement keep on this positive path in future years.

The club has enjoyed another happy and eventful year, during which time the number of members who frequented club activities and functions has risen, which is really pleasing to see. Club Garibaldi continues to prosper in spite of the busy 'outside' world, which is filled with so many other activities. This proves there is still a place for cultural clubs such as ours in society.

In addition to the monthly Italian Masses, bi-monthly shared lunches and tombola evenings, which have been well attended, the following are some of the year's highlights:

In October 2008, Labour weekend, the club's soccer team successfully challenged Club Italia Nelson in Wellington, for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy for the fourth year in a row! Congratulations guys! Once again, you did us proud! Thank you to all those who supported the team.

On November 29, the club's 10th annual senior Christmas luncheon was held, with eighty members attending. The following week, December 5, Father Christmas made his annual trip to the club with his sack of gifts for the forty children who came to the children's Christmas party. Signora Trizzino, wife of the Italian Ambassador, called in to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and to give the children Christmas candy sticks and chocolates. Signora was given the job of helping Father Christmas distribute the presents and sweets.

On December 13, an Italian language tour, organized by members Letizia Columbano Green and Luca Quaglia, took place at the Leonardo da Vinci Machines Exhibition at the New Zealand Fine Arts Academy in Wellington. This was followed by afternoon tea at the clubrooms.

During the second week of February the club's annual 2-day bus trip took place ~ this year's destination was Hastings and Napier. The forty people who went on this trip had a wonderful time.

The annual club picnic was also held in February. A wonderful and fun time was had by the 120 people who attended ~ we even managed to have a group photo taken! The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Festival Italia held on the last Sunday of March, was a huge success, drawing a crowd of nearly 13,000. Although the weather outside was cool, it did not deter those who came to enjoy a little bit of Italy right here in the heart of Wellington City. Italo-neozelandese have certainly made their mark in today's society!

In the first week of July we held a very relaxed 'Family Night' for the first time. This was most successful with 60 attending ~ 36 adults and 24 children. There are plans to have further evenings such as this in the future.

As everybody knows, there is always a small but strong, dedicated team of members working behind the scenes. I would like to sincerely thank these people, bearing in mind that the members of the executive committee and all those members who help in whatever way, give of their time willingly and voluntarily for our enjoyment.

Once again, first and foremost, my sincere thanks and much appreciation to my husband Robin, who holds the full-on position of club treasurer, and whose continued support in every aspect of my position, has been outstanding. Besides the responsibility of finance, Robin also stocked the bar for our many functions, organized cleaners and bar staff, and handled all the private clubroom hire arrangements, plus a hundred and one other tasks when required. Robin feels that it is now time for a well-earned break after serving 11 years as the club's treasurer, and has made a decision to stand down from this position after the tonight's Annual General Meeting. However, we know that he will continue to play a helping roll with the running of our club.

My sincere thanks to the outstanding members of the executive committee, Alfonso Basile, Robin Page, Marie Barnao, Maria Colucci, John Cao, Martin Van der Donk, Mattio Amitrano and Jim Marson as well as the club's trustees, Paul Elenio and Armando Gilmoni, and legal advisor Rex Da Vanzo. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Your support and assistance has been invaluable and must appreciated. Many thanks also to Marie Barnao who is standing down as the club's secretary after holding this position for 5 years.

Special thanks and appreciation go to the Building Manager, Salvi Gaeta. This is a huge job, as the building is over 40 years old and regular maintenance to plumbing and electrical is ongoing. Rent is our major income, and it is certainly not easy keeping everyone happy, and ensuring that payments are made on time. The club rents out both the lower floors plus a storage area, and of course, the car parks. He has done a brilliant job and always gives of his best.

The clubrooms are hired out for private functions, as well as to The Circolo Italiano, who hold regular Italian language classes, social functions and meetings.

Many thanks to the members of the executive committee, and in particular, our in-house chef, Alfonso Basile, as well as to Salvi and Jo Gaeta, Lynda Marson, Josephine Van der Donk and Ida Basile for their invaluable assistance with the social side of our club which is a lot of hard work. There are also lots of others people, too many to mention personally, who also pitch in during club functions and give a hand ~ sincere thanks to you all.

Thanks also to Caterina Costa, who continues to do a great job of looking after our membership registrations. This takes up many hours of her time and I can always rely on her to maintain an accurate database of contact information.

Special thanks also to Paul Muollo who had the big task of formatting the monthly newsletter for the last five years. Due to other commitments, Paul has decided to stand down from this position. We wish him well for the future. We warmly welcome Melanie Federico to the club's small band of voluntary helpers. Melanie has taken over the position vacated by Paul.

Many thanks and appreciation to the Italian translator of the newsletters, Giovanni Martini of Runanga on the West Coast, who has done a brilliant job.

Thanks also to Maria Colucci, Lucia Esposito and other members of their family, who fold and post out the newsletters each month. To Nina Cuccurullo, another hard worker behind the scenes, sincere thanks. As well as looking after the club's archives, until a couple of months ago, Nina also co-ordinated the children's Italian class registrations, and negotiated with the Italian Embassy, who give the club a grant towards these class expenses. We warmly welcome Sira Ballara to the club's small band of voluntary workers. Sira has now taken over the position vacated by Nina.

Also many thanks to Elizabeth Peek for her continued support and encouragement, both as a member of the club and President of The Circolo Italiano. May the friendship and goodwill between both clubs long continue.

Sincere thanks to all the members who helped in any way during the festival: whether it be baking dolci and/or manning the club's cake stall, or selling beverages at the bar, for the great entertainment, for helping to set up before the festival commenced and cleaning up after the festival ended. Sincere thanks also to Letizia Columbano Green who once again, did a fantastic job of organising the children's programme, which is always very popular.

There are many others who have helped in various ways, and to mention each and every one of them would take forever! However, please accept our grateful thanks.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the members, who have encouraged and supported me during the years.

May Club Garibaldi continue to flourish, so that the young Garibaldini of today, will have a club to be proud of, so that they in turn, can pass the Italian culture and traditions on to the next generation.

Ginette Toscano Page  
President

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the following members:

Lisa Falleni and family of Wellington, on the recent passing of her mother Yvonne Falleni.

Rosaria Massa and family of Island Bay on the recent passing of her brother Domenico Ruocco.



### **Domenico Ruocco: 1939-2009**

Thank you to the Italian community and friends for their support, cards, flowers, food and attendance at the funeral of my brother, Domenico Ruocco of Manor Park, Upper Hutt.  
A daily prayer would be appreciated. *Rosaria*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FORMATTER



We are very happy to warmly welcome Melanie Federico of Newtown, to the small band of club volunteers, as the new formatter of the monthly newsletters. Many members will know Melanie, who is the elder daughter of Maureen and the late Salve Federico, as she was raised in Island Bay. Melanie and her husband Sean Keaney have been club members for some years and both have helped many times at our annual Festival Italia on the bar.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to the following new members: Mikey and Carla Musso of Wellington, Giuseppe and Mary-Rose Basile of Island Bay, and Jonathan Basile of Island Bay, Wellington.

## **BABY CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Matthew and Kerry Bale of Wellington, on the safe arrival of their son, Salvatore William (Salve). A grandson for Marilyn (Paino) and David Bale of Seatoun, Wellington.

## **FAMILY NIGHT**

Following the success of the first Family Night in June, another function is being planned for Friday, 25 September at our clubrooms. Once again, Alfonso Basile will be catering along the same lines as the previous dinner, i.e. a delicious plate of pasta with something sweet to follow. Dinner will be served at 6.30pm after which the children can either watch a DVD on our new flat screen television or simply play. The adults can socialise, play cards or just relax at the end of the working week. The bar will be open as well.

Cost: \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 for each child up to age 13 years.

For catering purposes please call Alfonso to advise how many members of your family will be attending, no later than Wednesday, 23 September. Please note that no bookings will be accepted after this date, and that it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

## **YOUNG SOCCER REFEREE**

Francois Cuccurullo, son of members, Joe and Yolanda Cuccurullo, Island Bay, is moving up the football refereeing ranks in Wellington. Francois is 13 years old and a pupil of St Patrick's College. He is the Captain of the Under 14 Combined Miramar St Pat's Team and finds time to referee games on Saturdays as well as senior women's club games on Sundays.

During the summer he is a keen cricketer and plays as a striker for the Miramar Ranges. He hopes one day his refereeing skill might provide a ticket to see the world. Well done, Francois!



## **14<sup>TH</sup> ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL IN WELLINGTON**

The dates have been set for this year's Italian Film Festival ~ 14 to 28 October 2009, at The Embassy Theatre, Courtenay Place, Wellington. Make up a group and enjoy an evening/s of great Italian cinema. More details in the October newsletter.



## MAN CAUGHT DRIVING WITH ARMS IN PLASTER

ANSA, Citta di Castello, July 14, 2009

A man was caught driving with his arms in plaster, local papers reported. The casts stretched from above the man's elbows to the palms of his hands, leaving only his fingers free! The 40 year old was fined 78 euros and his car impounded for a month. The man, a resident of this Umbrian town, told police he had urgent errands to run!

## A DAY IN POMPEII



An exhibition entitled *A Day in Pompeii will be coming to Te Papa* at the end of the year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Roman treasures from the ancient city of Pompeii, buried by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. At the exhibition you will be able to walk back in time to glimpse daily life in a Roman city. So watch this space for more information as there are exciting events planned to support the exhibition.

## CIRCOLO OCTOBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday 1 October**, the Circolo will celebrate its 60th birthday! The function will be held at Club Garibaldi and the programme will include some live entertainment and a Power Point presentation. A special invitation is extended to Club Garibaldi members to attend the birthday party, who were at some time in the past, members of the Circolo. The Circolo was started informally in 1946 and the Club was officially affiliated to the Societa` Dante Alighieri, Roma in 1949. Come along and have a fun evening and share your memories with past and present members of the Circolo. For more information please contact Elizabeth Peek (President).

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2009-10

<b>President</b>	Ginette Toscano Page		
<b>Vice President</b>	Alfonso Basile	<b>Trustees</b>	Paul Elenio
<b>Secretary</b>	Cav. Nina Cuccurullo		Robin Page
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Musso		
		<b>Legal Advisor</b>	Rex Da Vanzo
<b>Committee</b>	Maria Colucci Matt Amitrano John Cao Martin Van der Donk Jim Marson		

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO TE PAPA

The following email was sent to Susan Superville, Community Relations Manager, at Te Papa, on behalf of Club Garibaldi, on the day the Chief Executive Officer was reported to be missing.

"Just a short note to let you know that members of Club Garibaldi are praying for Seddon and his tramping partner, so that they keep safe and well until found ... a very worrying time for his family, friends and colleagues at Te Papa, but also his many friends among the community. A presto, Ginette"

A sympathy card on behalf of the club was subsequently sent.



Kōhiti kau ana te ngākau i puta ai te kakara o te Taramea, tēnei ka mahora ko tō mātau Rangatira a Seddon Bennington. Mai i te Poari o Te Papa Tongarewa ka mahue noa.

On behalf of the Te Papa Board and staff, thank you for your message of sympathy following the sudden loss of our Chief Executive, Seddon Bennington.

With heartfelt thanks.

John Judge  
CHAIRMAN

Michelle Hippolite  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE/KAIHAUTŪ

## POEM: GLI ITALIANI E IL MARE

Some of you may remember the successful event held at the club as part of the 2007 Italian Language Week organised by Club Garibaldi and the Embassy of Italy. At this event Rosaria Massa of Island Bay, recited a poem she had especially written for the occasion. The theme of the week was Italians and the Sea, hence the title of Rosaria's poem. She has kindly let us print it for members.



Il mare è una pazzia  
Continuamente viene - va  
Alle sponde galleggiano barche nuove

Criticamente sperdute sulle onde  
Fuoco di sole freddo di mare  
Circondano i nostri marinai

Allegria è solo una pazzia  
Seguire i mostri marini  
Nell`ambiente freddoloso grida se vuoi  
Asciugami il viso, c`e dolore piacere e  
Mamma aspettami sono imbianchito anch`io  
Passione e pace mi stringono il cuore

Auguri sono lontano e vivo  
Vivo di amare vivo di godere vivo di sognare  
Mamma aspettami il mare è anche vicino  
Casa mia

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: OVER 70 YEARS OLD FREE MEMBERSHIP**

There appears to be some confusion about the Over 70 free membership rule. This is the position according to the Club's Constitution:

- Existing members who have reached the age of 70 and have been members for at least FIVE consecutive years before reaching the age of 70 have free membership. (If your membership lapses before reaching the age of 70, you have to start counting five years again.)
- New members joining after the age of 70 are to pay \$30 (or \$50 per couple) for five years before they have free membership.
- VERY IMPORTANT: If a person reaches the age of 70 and becomes free and their partner is not 70 yet, the membership fee for the partner is to be paid until age 70. If not, you are not considered to be a member for the purposes of attending functions like the Senior Christmas Lunch, Italian National Day Function, Children's Christmas Party or any function which is considered for members only, until a membership fee is paid.

If you have any questions please get in touch.

## **THE MIGRATING KITCHEN - PATAKA MUSEUM, PORIRUA FROM 7 AUGUST TO 13 SEPTEMBER**

The kitchen is the hub of the house, the heart of the home - a place where families and friends are fed, stories are told, memories rekindled.

The Migrating Kitchen exhibition, featuring some of New Zealand's multi-cultural communities, celebrates food, families and festivals. It is an interactive visitor experience for young and old - the chance to step inside our neighbours' kitchens - to hear their stories, taste their food and take away their recipes.

Explore the kitchen spaces, each reflecting their cultural roots - Afghan, Chilean, Cook Islands, Indian, *Italian* and Zimbabwean. Take away recipes to try at home. Enjoy the aromas of spices, herbs and foods. Watch the videos. Each community has a week when their foods, crafts and cultures are also displayed on the central "kitchen table".



## **CLUB BAR PERSON**

Our lovely bar person Hannah, is unfortunately leaving us. We are grateful for Hannah's reliability and efficiency. We need to find a new person to work behind the club's bar on Sundays, 3pm to 8 pm, and at club functions during the year. If anyone is available to do this work, please contact Robin Page. This is a paid position.



## FAREWELL TO PALMIRO SPORTOLETTI



In August we farewelled Prof Sportoletti, the Cultural Officer from the Embassy of Italy. During his time in New Zealand Palmiro became a member of Club Garibaldi and supported events at the Club in particular the Annual Italian Festival and the successful Italian Language Week event 'The Italians and the Sea' held in our Clubrooms.

Last year Palmiro also presented certificates to the children of the language classes on behalf of His Excellency, Ambassador Giocchino Trizzino.

In 2005 Palmiro became a full-time employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an Italian Government Lector. Palmiro divided his time between working at the Embassy of Italy and Victoria University. As Palmiro returns to teaching at a High School in Perugia, Italy, Club Garibaldi would like to thank him for his support of us during his time in Wellington, and wish him well for the future.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on **Sunday 6 September** 2009 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

The October Mass will be held on **Sunday 4 October** 2009 at 11.30am.

Mass is held on the first Sunday of the month throughout the year.



## SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday 4 October 2009** at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.

Please bring a plate.



## TOMBOLA

Tombola nights are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next Tombola nights are on **Tuesday, 22 September** and **27 October**, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

## ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on **Thursday 17 September** the film 'The Spider's patience' ('La Pazienza del ragno') will be shown.

Come along and enjoy another Inspector Montalbano treat! A \$2.00 cover charge towards costs will apply.

## 'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' ~ JULIA BOOTH BENEFIT



Both Benefit nights on 6th and 7th November are now sold out.

## CIRCOLO SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday 3 September** Ella Horrobin will talk to us about her experiences while living in Italy for 11 months. Ella was awarded an American Field Scholarship in 2008 and she returned to New Zealand in July 2009. She lived with an Italian family and went to school in Lecce in the Puglia region. This will be a chance to hear about every day life from the perspective of a New Zealand teenager - don't miss this opportunity! We will also be treated to lots of visual material in Ella's Power Point presentation. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## CIRCOLO OCTOBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday 1 October**, the Circolo will celebrate its 60th birthday! See the main newsletter for more information.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 September (7:30pm) - Circolo Social  
Sunday 6 September (11:30am) - Italian Mass  
Thursday 17 September (7pm) - Italian Film  
Tuesday 22 September (7:30pm) - Tombola  
Thursday 1 October (7:30pm) - Circolo Social  
Sunday 4 October (11:30am) - Italian Mass  
Sunday 4 October (1pm) - Shared Lunch  
Tuesday 27 October (7:30pm) - Tombola

## FURLANI - MALNAR



Luigi Furlani and Rosa Malnar were married in Rijeka, Croatia on 11 February 1949.  
This photo was taken not long after they arrived in New Zealand.