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# Club Garibaldi News

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## Note from the President

I trust everyone had a very Happy Easter and not too much chocolate was consumed!

This month has been another busy one for our Club. We are currently in the midst of renewing our Liquor Licence, and due to changes in the new Liquor Licensing Act which came into effect late 2012, there are a few new laws which have affected our Club's liquor licence. At present your Executive are working hard to make sure we comply with the new Act so that we can renew our Liquor Licence. We will keep you all up-to-date with progress.

On 2 June is Italian National Day. Our Club will be celebrating this occasion on Sunday 31 May at the Clubrooms – more on this below. We would love to see as many members possible attend the celebrations on the night. It's a time to be proud that we are Italian.

You will see below, that the Italian Film Series has now been timetabled. These are free of charge to all members and will be held at Victoria University. Our thanks go to Claudia at Victoria University who has done a fantastic job of arranging the screening of these films for us. Also thanks to the Italian Embassy, for making the films available.

Later on this year (during the winter) we intend to introduce "**Sunday Club Day Lunches**". Both myself and your Vice President, Alfonso, will be cooking a 2-course meal for members and friends. Afterwards if you wish to stay on we will get out the cards, bingo and bowls mat and have a little play. We will advise more on this in the next newsletter.

And I believe our Social Committee are planning a "Formal Pot Luck Dinner/Dance" evening at some stage soon. Once we have a date and more information, we will advise.

In the meantime, sit back and enjoy the read.

**Saluti – Linda**

## Italian National Day Celebrations – 31 May 2015

On Sunday 31 May, the Club will be celebrating Italian National Day at the clubrooms – a day where we celebrate Italy's independence as a country. A day we should all be proud of. So come along to the Club and join in the celebrations. The club will provide live music, a light supper and drinks (NB: There will be a set amount of drink available, and then a cash bar once that runs out).

Entry is free and this event is for financial members only. Start time is 7pm. Bookings are essential and seats will be limited. *RSVP to Josephine 9348 720 or Maria ph 3838 602, before Thursday 28 May.*

If any Club member or children would like to sing, play an instrument or dance for us (provide entertainment) at this evening, we would love for you to do so. Please contact Josephine and advise.

## Embassy's Celebration of the Italian National Day in Wellington – 2 June 2015

The Embassy of Italy advises Club Garibaldi members that the celebration of the 2015 Italian National Day in Wellington will take place on Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6pm with a Gala performed by the Royal New Zealand Ballet at the Sounding Theatre of Te Papa Museum. The Gala ballet will be followed by a "Cheese & Wine" toast to be held within the same premises. The Ambassador has allowed for 35 tickets to be made available to Club Garibaldi members wishing to attend this event. These will be issued on a 'first-in, first-served' basis. To confirm your attendance/book your ticket, please contact the Embassy directly at [Wellington.ambassador@esteri.it](mailto:Wellington.ambassador@esteri.it).

## Italian Film Series – 2015

The Italian Programme of the Victoria University of Wellington, in collaboration with the Club Garibaldi and the Circolo Italiano of Wellington, welcomes you to the 2015 Italian Film Series. These new and recent Italian films will be presented free of charge. They will be screened in Italian, with English subtitles.

All screenings will be held at the Kelburn Campus of Victoria University, *Hugh McKenzie Building, Lecture Theatre 001, Kelburn Parade.*

Films will start promptly at **6pm** on the following Wednesday nights:

29 April	<i>La mossa del pinguino</i> (The Penguin Move), Claudio Amendola
6 May	<i>Italian movies</i> , Matteo Pellegrini
13 May	<i>La sedia della felicità</i> (The Chair of Happiness), Carlo Mazzacurati
20 May	<i>Me ne frego</i> (I Don't Care), Vanni Gandolfo

***Many thanks to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Italy in Wellington for making the films available.***

## Pasta, Prayer & Book Launch

The story of the Nelson Italian migrants. A reminder that this book launch will be held at the Clubrooms on Friday 8 May. Bookings are essential and can be made to Karen Price on phone 03-546 6394 or email [info@contexo.co.nz](mailto:info@contexo.co.nz) Cash sales only for book and bar.

## Shared Luncheon – Sunday 3 May



A shared lunch for club members and friends will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday 3 May at 1pm. Come along and bring a plate of food to share with others, and enjoy a relaxed and friendly lunch. This is a nice way to catch up with other members.

## **Circolo May Social**

At **7.30pm on 7 May**, Phyllis Mossman will give us a presentation on the Art Patronage of the Gonzaga of Mantova (Mantua). Phyllis will give an insight into this very noble and powerful family who ruled in Northern Italy from 1328 to 1708. You will be intrigued by the history of this great family and this Power Point presentation will enlighten you!! Phyllis is a Teaching Fellow in the Art History Departments of Victoria University, co-ordinating and teaching the Renaissance Art History undergraduate papers. Art History lovers - don't miss this presentation!!

Garibaldi Club members are very welcome to attend. A \$5.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## **Birthday Congratulations**

Happy Birthday to Caterina Cucurrullo who celebrated her 50th birthday in late March. Caterina celebrated at home with her family. All the best for the next decade.

On 14 April, Camillo Amitrano turned 90 years young. Camillo has been a member of the club for many years. He celebrated with a low key afternoon tea with his wife Rosalia and his family. (Pictured with his children L-R Antonietta, Linda, wife Rosalia, Josephine and Nino). Tanti Auguri Camillo.



## **Island Bay's Fruitful History**

Do you know the history of any of the fruit trees planted by Italian settlers in Island Bay? Sarah Adams from the Wellington City Council is on the hunt for old fruit trees with a known history around Island Bay. Heritage fruit trees are an important part of our settler history, they are often lesser known varieties and are examples of trees which grow well in the Wellington's climate.

Trees collected through this programme will have cuttings taken from them and will be grown on to be planted in sites around the city. There are a number of heritage tree around Island Bay which were brought out and planted by Italian settlers and we would love to find some with the story of how they came here, what variety they are and who planted them.

If you know the history of any of the fruit trees in the area or know someone who does please contact: [sarah.adams@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:sarah.adams@wcc.govt.nz)

## A Servant to Two Masters – Italian theme play by Carlo Goldini

An Italian-themed play is coming to Circa Theatre during May. It's about love, passion and pandemonium and directed by Ross Jolly. Sounds like fun. For bookings please go to the Circa theatre website.

## Radio Cartolina 6 and 20 May



Two programmes on Pino Daniele, the Italian singer-song writer who died recently. Daniele Ronci ed Erica Belletini discuss (in Italian) his unique style of Neapolitan rock, and introduce his best songs.

As usual all programmes are available via internet live or in podcast from

<http://plainsfm.org.nz>

Cartolina producers Wilma Laryn and Denis Walker wish you all: Buon ascolto!



## Trying to find my biological father

I was born in September 1965. My mother was Lynette Quirk. My father was/is an Italian man. Lynette was an Australian visiting NZ on her OE. Lynette was 23 years old at the time she fell pregnant. In Australia, Lynette worked as an air hostess for TAA and Alitalia. While in NZ, Lynette took a nursing job as her qualifications were in nursing.

I was born in Bellevue Private Women's Hospital in Auckland. Lynette had a relationship with an Italian man and he later broke it off. She later found out she was pregnant but as she didn't see him again, wasn't able to tell him about the pregnancy.

I was adopted by wonderful people, however I have always wanted to find my biological father but it has been difficult without a name. I am hoping that someone may recognise a resemblance to a person or family (I have included my photo) and that may lead to my father. He may have been someone's friend, a cousin or a fellow villager from Italy

that may not have settled here. He may have had family in Wellington, however he may well have worked in Auckland also. He may even still live in NZ. If you can help then please contact me by email, [lissacarthew@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lissacarthew@xtra.co.nz) or Nina Cuccurullo, [nina.cuccurullo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nina.cuccurullo@xtra.co.nz). Thank you.



Sunday, 3 May (1pm)

Thursday, 7 May (7.30pm)

Friday, 8 May (6.30pm)

Sunday, 31 May (7pm)

Tuesday, 2 June (6pm)

August/September

Shared Lunch at Clubrooms (Bring a plate)

Circolo May Social

Pasta, Prayer & Promise Book Launch (Club Garibaldi)

Italian National Day Celebrations (Club Garibaldi)

Embassy of Italy's National Day Celebration Gala

Club Social (TBC at later date)





## "A Night at the Garibaldi"

Capacity audiences at the club rooms enjoyed another two nights of quality entertainment promoted by GC Benefit Series, now in its 25th year. Highlights included some of the cast members of Wellington Musical Theatre's recent productions of Grease and Mamma Mia singing numbers from the shows.



*Lydia McDonnell (Pour Que Tu M'aimes Encore)*



*Margaret Cain and Mel Heaphy (Two dancers await their cue)*

*Grease ensemble (We Go Together)*

