

Club Garibaldi News

AUGUST 2014

Membership Renewal

A friendly reminder that membership subscriptions for the 2014-15 year are now due. Thanks to all those who have already paid. Please note: For those who have not renewed their membership this will be the last newsletter they will receive.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting will be held at **7pm on Sunday September 28** at the clubrooms. Financial members are invited to exercise their rights to attend and speak at the meeting. The club invites members who feel that they can contribute to allow their name to be put forward for one of the executive roles. This includes president, secretary, the committee and trustee.

AGM Notice of Motion

The executive committee will move an alteration to the club's constitution

Motion: Alter the wording of clause 6.h as follows:

The five committee members who shall be elected to the executive committee shall include at least one person under the age of 30. If this position is not filled at an annual general meeting then the position shall remain open until the executive committee co-opts an eligible person. This person shall be entitled to vote and shall, in all respects, be deemed to be an executive committee member. This position shall be listed on the nomination form sent to members prior to each annual general meeting.

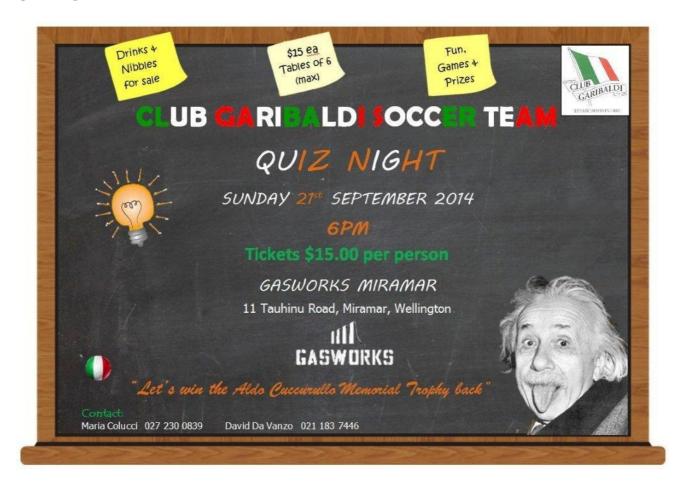
Club Carparks

New Jamieson's Tow Services Ltd signs have been fixed to the club's building. The car parks around the building will now be more strictly monitored. If you are illegally parked then you risk being **towed away**.

The only car parks available for club members are in the Vivian St car park, numbered 1 to 13 only, all day Saturdays and Sundays, and only after 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

A current car park label must be attached visibly to the vehicles rear window. The other car parks on the Vivian St and Tory St footpaths are leased to the Club's tenants or private clients at other times.

Quiz Night – All Welcome!





Condolences

The club offers sincere condolences to the family of Maria Muollo who died during the month of August. Maria was mother to Rosina Basile and sister to Harold Gargiulo.

Guglielmo and Enrichetta Melhop Award/Prize

There appears to be a level of misunderstanding among some club members about the way in which this award or prize is administered. The Melhop trust, as it is generally known, was set up by Guglielmo (William) Melhop on 17 August, 2000 and became active on the first anniversary of his death on 5 July, 2004.

The trust's declared intention is to assist young New Zealanders of Italian descent to further their educational studies. The term "educational studies" is defined in the trust deed as embracing study or projects in the following fields, viz., language and literature, including the publication of Italian migrant histories, vocal and instrumental music, the graphic arts and architecture and engineering.

In its capacity as trustee, the club has no discretion to depart from this strict criteria and is at pains to ensure that those applying are made aware of the restrictions imposed by the donor.

In some respects the trust deed is open to interpretation, e.g. the definition of "young", and to provide a common standard a supplementary guideline was established by the executive committee which is available to all applicants.

A common misconception is that the award or prize is available only to club members or the children of club members. The scope is wider than that although, to contain costs, public advertising has been confined to the Wellington region.

The award or prize is sourced from income generated by the trust each year. Undistributed income is retained in the trust to build up the capital to acceptable levels and to standardise distributions.

Each year a small sub-committee, appointed by the executive committee, considers the applications and makes a recommendation to the executive committee as to the preferred applicant. The president of the club is the final arbiter in the event that agreement cannot be reached. The award or prize is normally paid in retrospect following the satisfactory completion of studies and takes the form of reimbursement of course fees, or course materials, either fully or in part.

The club administers the trust on a completely voluntary basis and its terms were accepted by the trustees of the club in the year it was first established.

Club Garibaldi Benefit Series

Those who attended a recent benefit concert at the clubrooms featuring operatic soprano Isabella Moore will be interested to know that Isabella recently won the prestigious Lexus Song Quest in Auckland. Isabella was also one of the entertainers at the last Italian Festival held at St Patrick's College in 2013.

Circolo September Social

At **7.30pm on Thursday 4 September** Barbara Collins and Trish Knaggs will give us a presentation. Their talk will include a focus on the language and cultural programme at Scuola Romanica, Modena, and they will give us information about their holiday in beautiful Ravenna and the spectacular Sorrento Peninsula.

Barbara and Trish have been participants in the Circolo classes for a number of years and we can look forward to an interesting and entertaining presentation. Members of Club Garibaldi are very welcome to attend. A \$5 cover charge towards expenses will apply.

Italian Mass & Shared Lunch



At 11.30am on the first Sunday of every month Mass is celebrated in the Italian language at St Francis de Sales Church, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay.

The next Mass is on Sunday September 7.

Afterwards you are invited to a shared lunch at the clubrooms at 1pm. Please bring a plate of your fine food to share.

Cartolina Radio



10 September: Primavera ai Castelli. Cartolina co-producer Denis Walker suggests spring itineraries in the Castelli, the hill towns around Roma. He describes also Civita di Bagnoregio and Dante's tomb in Ravenna. To stay with the spring theme, we play Primavera by Marina Rei and Maledetta primavera by Loretta Goggi.

24 September: Diane Swain explains the fascinating connection between fencing and Michelangelo Buonarroti who, after a masterpiece or two, enjoyed fencing, and also illustrated one of the first printed books on fencing. How appropriate that Diane teaches both art and fencing: Renaissance anyone?

As usual all programmes are available via internet live or in podcast from http://plainsfm.org.nz

Don't forget to listen to **Made in Italy**, the new all-in-Italian radio programme, produced in Italy and made available worldwide, that Dante Alighieri of Christchurch has brought to Plains fm 96.9, every Wednesday at 7.15 to 7.30 pm.

A Note from Adalgisa Giorgio

Dear friends

You may remember me from last year when you welcomed me into your homes and allowed me to interview you for my study on Italian and European identity among the Italians in New Zealand.

Since my return to Bath in June 2013 I have been busy with transcribing the 168 interviews I collected in Wellington, Auckland and Turangi. Two thirds are now on paper. I have also spoken at three conferences, in Durham, Rome and Edinburgh, when I wore Nina Cuccurullo's Opposites Attract t-shirt.

On 17 May 2014, I spoke on "Italian Parenting and Motherhood among the Italians in New Zealand", at a workshop on the phenomenon of *mammismo* abroad, part of a big project on *La Mamma Italiana: Interrogating a National Stereotype* (Universities of Dundee and Glasgow). The workshop, held at the Edinburgh Scottish Storytelling Centre, included a very emotional public event on Mothers and Motherhood in the Italian-Scottish community (see http://lamammaitaliana.wordpress.com/edinburgh-spring-2014/).

My paper looked at how the Italian traditional model of motherhood and family, which continues to dominate in Italy, has been translated to New Zealand. Although my questionnaire contained no direct questions on motherhood, issues concerning motherhood and parenting emerged from answers given to my questions on your style of parenting (Italian, New Zealand, Maori?) and on the division of gender and parental roles within the family. The answers were cross-referenced with answers to other questions, such as what 'being Italian' means for you, what things you associate with Italy, and what Italian values you think you embody.

My data showed that *mammismo*, the Italian mother's oppressive doting on the son and the son's excessive dependence on the mother, is not a feature of New Zealand family dynamics. While the family is still considered a most important Italian "value", with food acting as a fundamental link between generations, the Italian community in Wellington have raised and raise their sons and daughters equally to become independent individuals. When gender differences were highlighted, especially among the older generations, they seemed to depend on the disadvantaged situation of women in New Zealand society at the time they grew up.

My Edinburgh presentation will become an article in a special issue of a journal, which I will also co-edit, on *Mothering and Migration: Interdisciplinary Dialogues, European Perspectives and International Contexts.*

You can read a bit more about my work on http://www.bath.ac.uk/polis/news/news_0081.html

Un carissimo saluto.

Adalgisa – Bath, 24 July 2014

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Dates for your Diary



Thursday, 4 September (7.30pm) Circolo Italiano September Social

Sunday, 7 September (11.30am) Italian Mass (St Francis de Sales, Island Bay)

Sunday, 7 September (1pm) Shared Lunch (Clubrooms)

Sunday, 28 September (7pm) Club Garibaldi AGM

Trip Down Memory Lane

Our building manager came across an Evening Post photograph while visiting the archives of the Alexander Turnbull Library. This was the club's home for many years until the late 1990s when the club relocated as the Wakefield Street building was an earthquake risk. The building was bought for a major development by Chase Developments but this stalled when Chase disappeared from the scene. In the meantime it was converted into a plant shop. On the site now is a parking complex which, ironically, has been closed pending repairs after earthquakes in 2013.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NOMINATIONS AND MOTIONS

This year's annual general meeting of the club will be held at the clubrooms at 7pm on Sunday September 28. Only paid-up financial members are entitled to serve on the executive committee and vote at the meeting.

Motions: Members wishing to submit motions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting must
do so in writing. By email to clubgaribaldi.1882@gmail.com or to the club's postal address. Motions
must be addressed to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6141, Wellington 6011 and be in the
hands of the Secretary by 5pm on Friday, August 29.

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Nominations: Nominations for the 2014-15 Executive Committee will be accepted up to the meeting time. Nominations should be made on the form below, and can be sent to the above address or placed in the box on the bar at the clubrooms.

Current members of the Executive Committee are: Alfonso Basile (vice-president), Maryrose Basile (treasurer), Catherine Monastra (secretary), Maria Colucci, Caterina Costa, Matt Amitrano, Martin Van der Donk, Larry Greco. Trustees: Paul Elenio and Robin Page. Solicitor: Rex Da Vanzo.

Please note that the following committee members will be standing down and are *not* available for re-election: Catherine Monastra as secretary, Martin Van der Donk, Paul Elenio. Note that as the president's position has been vacant for the last year that, too, must be filled.

Please ensure that those you nominate have agreed to stand and serve on the Executive Committee and are current financial members.

Position	Nomination for 2014-15	Position	Nomination for 2014-15
Patron	The Italian Ambassador	Committee Member:	
President:		Committee Member:	
Vice President:		Committee Member:	
Secretary:		Committee Member:	
Treasurer:		Trustee:	
Committee Member:		Trustee:	

Name of member making these nominations:	
Signature of member making these nominations:	