



Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

North Meets South

As we all know many years ago when our ancestors left Italy to come to NZ, it was to provide a better life for themselves and their future families. This was a life their homeland could not provide. Many of them came from southern Italy – either Massalubrense or Stromboli, others from northern Italy – and settled in Wellington.

Then there came a period of increasing prosperity and opportunity in Europe, and the need for people to leave their homeland for a better life was no longer there.

However, as they say *"history usually repeats itself"*. We are starting to see migration increasing again but perhaps not to the same degree. The global financial crisis, war forcing refugees to flee their home, overcrowding, and other factors are putting pressure on many European countries, including Italy.

Many young Italians are leaving their homeland and seeking a better future overseas.

This time the new immigrants arriving in Wellington are coming to us from northern parts of Italy – Rome, Milan, and many of them are finding a new home in Wellington. Some have come with some unique skills that have led to work in the city's growing movie industry.

Thanks to our patron, Italian Ambassador Carmelo, we were introduced to these new "Kiwis". Club Garibaldi invited them to meet us at the club picnic at Bishop Park, Eastbourne on Sunday 28 February. And what a wonderful day that was. More under "picnic review".

This year we are going to have a 'Mother's Day lunch' at the Club. This is the first time the club has had such an event. More information in this newsletter.

As this newsletter will be the last before Easter, I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break.

Saluti – Linda

Picnic 2016 – Review



Date: Sunday 28 February 2016

Venue: Bishop Park, Eastbourne

Weather Forecast: Beautiful blue sky and a hot sunny day...

Over 120 people met up at the annual club picnic, ate, mingled together and basically, had a great time.

As usual, the Club provided steak, sausages, bread and melons, and prizes for the races. This year we had a record number of little children line up to smash the pinata. At first it took a while, but they soon "broke the camel's back" and lollies poured out everywhere. After lunch the races began and then the traditional 'tug of war' took place.

We were honoured this year to have the presence of His Excellency Carmelo Barbarello and his partner, Javier. We also invited the so-called "new Italian immigrants", and everyone socialised nicely and a great day was had by all.

Thanks go out to St Pat's college for the loan of the BBQ's, and to John DeGregorio who carted the BBQ's out to Eastbourne. Thanks to our chef's Paul Elenio and Jim Marson who did a fantastic job of cooking the meats. Thanks to the social committee who organized races and prizes, and to Robin Page who provided the sound system at the park. We had lots of loud Italian music in the background at times!!!

It was truly a fun day out! See more photos at end of newsletter.

Mother's Day Lunch – Sunday 8 May

As previously advised, this year the Club will host a 'Mother's Day Lunch' – the first time we have done this, so let's see how it goes!

We can promise you that this will be the best deal in town. The date to diarise is Sunday 8 May at the Club, commencing at 12pm.

A 2-course meal (followed by tea/coffee) will be provided and the following charges will apply:

Adult member: \$15pp Child 6-10 years: \$10pp 5yrs and under Free

Adult Non Member: \$20pp Child 6-10 years: \$12

Please note, this lunch is not only for Mothers. Anyone can come along.

So make sure you don't miss out and book early by contacting Josephine on 9348 720.

The deadline for bookings is 30 April.

Childrens' Italian Classes 2016

If your child would like to learn the Italian language, we have a wonderful, enthusiastic teacher, Eleanora Bello, who would love to help them learn. Lessons are offered for children aged 5-12 years and take place at the Club on Tuesday evenings (4-5pm). Cost for members' children are \$180 per child, and non-members' children are also welcome and the fee for them will be \$250 per child. These fees are heavily subsidised by the Club (usually private second-language lessons cost approx \$50 per hour). So, if you have any friends (who are non-members), who want their children to learn the Italian language, please let them know. To register your child or if you have any queries, please contact us via the Club's email **no later than Friday 1 April**. First lesson will commence on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 4pm.

Golden Wedding Congratulations – 50th Wedding Anniversary of Josephine (nee Barnao) and Dean Beavis.



Marriage of Dean and Josephine (nee Barnao) Beavis on 5th February 1966, the Wedding Group photo taken at the Botanical Gardens Wellington New Zealand on 5th February 1966) : The Wedding Group (from left to Right facing)are: Gerald Fuller (Groomsman), Kay Fowler (Bridesmaid), Dean Beavis (Bridegroom), Josephine (nee Barnao) (Bride), Jim Gridley (Best Man), Lucia Barnao (Chief Bridesmaid), Teresa Barnao (Flower Girl), Dominic Barnao (Page Boy).

Fifty years ago on 5th February 1966, Dean Beavis and Josephine (nee Barnao) were married at St Francis de Sales Church, The Parade, Island Bay, Wellington, New Zealand. They first met in February/March 1964 in Wellington, (New Zealand), and became engaged to be married in July 1965. Josephine and Dean began their married life in Hastings (New Zealand) which is where Dean had been living since he was transferred in 1965 by IBM from Wellington to Hastings on a three year assignment and in 1968 at the end of Dean's IBM assignment they returned to Wellington with their eldest child, Jacqueline who was born during their time in Hastings (New Zealand).

In 1968 Josephine and Dean bought their first home in Newlands (Wellington) and their family increased with the births of their children, Michael, Corey, Melissa, who were all born in Wellington (New Zealand) and in 1979 Dean and Josephine and their four children moved to their home in Johnsonville, (Wellington) where Josephine and Dean still reside. Josephine and Dean have lived in New Zealand throughout their marriage but Dean's job with IBM required Dean to travel overseas quite frequently and after their marriage, IBM in accordance with IBM criteria and the length of time that Dean would be away overseas, at times, arranged for Dean to also take his family overseas and on those occasions Dean and Josephine and their children were able to travel together.



Josephine and Dean have been very blessed with their four children: Jacqueline (Jacqui), Michael, Corey, and Melissa, and their ten Grandchildren: Alexander (Alex) and Nico Reynolds, Kate and Emily and Sophia Beavis, Alessandria and Helena Beavis, Austin and Cairo and Neve Melville. Dean is the only son of the (late) Ralph and (late) Linda (Lyn) (Nee Lougher) Beavis and Josephine is the eldest child and daughter of the (late) James Emilio and Maria Assunta (Nee Monopoli) Barnao (Widow, 93 years old).

Josephine and Dean celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 6th February 2016 with a private function for family and friends at the La Bella Italia Business Centre, Petone, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

Congratulations to you both – from all your friends at Club Garibaldi.

Josephine and Dean Beavis at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on 6th February 2016 at the La Bella Italia Business Centre, Petone, Lower Hutt, New Zealand.



Condolences

The Club would like to express condolences to the families of Joe & Maria Dileva of Island Bay and Annamaria and Tony Muollo of Oriental Bay on the recent death of Joe & Annamaria's mother (Anastasia) in Italy. RIP

Cineforum Wellington 2016 – Italian Film Series

The Italian Programme at Victoria University of Wellington and the Victoria University of Wellington Italian Society, with the support of Club Garibaldi and the Circolo Italiano di Wellington, welcome you to the 2016 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 hosted in the School of Languages and Cultures at the Kelburn Campus of Victoria University von Zedlitz Building, Room 606, Kelburn Parade.

Films will start at 6pm on the following Thursday nights:

14 April	<i>Stai lontana da me</i> (Stay Away from Me) – Alessio Maria Federici
21 April	<i>Gli amici del bar Margherita</i> (The Friends at the Margherita Café) Pupi Avati
14 July	<i>Bar sport</i> - Massimo Martelli

4 August *L'intrepido* (A Lonely Hero) - Gianni Amelio
 8 September *Il sole dentro* (Bright Flight) - Paolo Bianchini
 29 September *Terramatta* - Costanza Quatriglio

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

A Night at the Garibaldi "Awhimai Fraser Benefit" 4th & 5th March 2016 Review:



Awhimai Fraser

The (now) annual Garibaldi Benefits, primarily established to financially assist young singers and showcase their talents, has entered its 25th year.

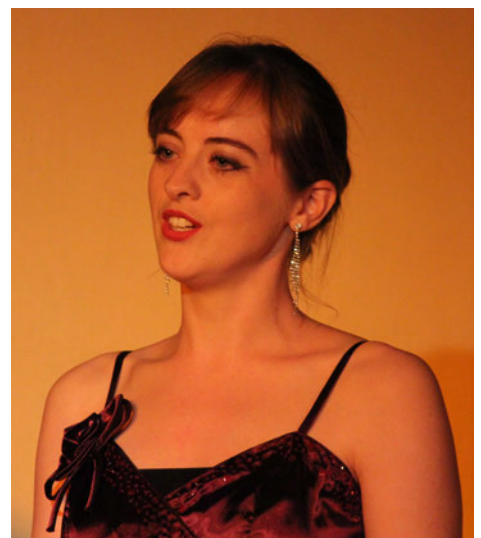
The latest Benefit, held over two nights in early March, was once again performed to capacity audiences. The Italian Ambassador, His Excellency Carmello Barbarello and his spouse Javier Barca were in attendance on the Saturday night, along with Awhimai's friends and family who came from many parts of the country to support her. Emily Mwila and Jennifer Little, two operatic sopranos, also received grants on the night from the Haliburton trust.

The Benefit Series gained civic recognition in 2008 with the presentation of an Absolutely Positively Wellington Award from the then Mayor, Kerry Prendergast.

Awhimai with her backing singers from Whitireia



Lydia McDonnell



MELHOP TRUST AWARD

As there were no applications received before the 31 January 2016 deadline there will be no award made from the trust this year.

COM.IT.ES news

For the latest updates regarding the Comites, please visit their website as follows: www.comitesnz.com

If you wish to receive regular updates/newsletters from this group, please enter your name and email address under "Mailing" which is found under Contatti on that website.

Radio Cartolina Programme for April/May



6 April: Francesca Rizzoli is an Italian journalist working for SBS radio in Melbourne. She's realized a video, called 'Dear Italy', in which Italian immigrants to Melbourne address their homeland, telling what the decision to leave meant for them, and what's their message to Italy. There are three creatives: Nicolo', Alberto and Camilla; a teacher of Italian language, Francesca; a chef, Rocco; and Matteo and Luca are two PhD students. To watch the video it's enough to google 'dear Italy sbs'. Here Francesca tells about her personal journey, and how the video was envisaged and realized. Francesca has also produced Dear Iraq and Dear Somalia, and is starting Dear Siria. We play music from the soundtrack of Dear Italy, and Rino Gaetano's Il cielo e' sempre piu' blu.

21 April: 4-4-1 is the combination to the perfect gnocchi, as prepared by Felice Mannucci, Italian restaurateur extraordinaire, who talks about his multiple experiences in the field of Italian cuisine. His latest venue is called Casa Nostra, on Ferry Road in Christchurch. We play songs by the mythical Caterina Bueno, a passionate Tuscan singer and researcher of folk music. The first one is "Fagioli 'olle 'otenne" (the Tuscan pronunciation for "Fagioli colle cotenne"), that is: beans with pork rind. The second song is a surreal and humorous tale of witches and billy-goats, streghe e caproni, titled "Le streghe di Barberino".

3 May: Giovanni Lopresti is a 19-year old Italian in Auckland, on a working/holiday visa. He tells us what he's missing and what he's enjoying during his experience here. We play Cesare Cremonini's Marmellata 25, and Vasco Rossi's Stupendo, a song dedicated to all the mothers who have children on the other side of the world (starting of course with Lorenzo's mum in Brescia).

Radio Cartolina is the only radio programme in New Zealand with an Italian content. It's produced under the patronage of Societa' Dante Alighieri Christchurch, and aired locally through Community radio Plains fm 96.9. It's also available in podcast from: <http://plainsfm.org.nz/podcasts/programme/cartolina>

Cartolina producer Wilma Laryn wishes you all: Buon ascolto!



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8 May 2016 (12 Noon)

Mother's Day Lunch

Club Picnic 2016



*Jim Marson and Paul Elenio
(our chefs for the day).*



Relaxing and Eating.



*Junior Garibaldini kids lining up
for the pinata bashing.*



Raff Muollo, Fifi Esposito, Neil Lavia & Cataldo Mollo (longtime Garibaldi members).

Men getting ready for the Race.



Tug of War.