



CIRCOLO ITALIANO DI WELLINGTON

NOTIZIE PER MAGGIO 2018

BENVENUTI / WELCOME

Welcome to our May-going-into-June newsletter.

June 2nd is a very important day for Italy and for all Italians. The Italian National Day and Republic Day, Festa della Repubblica, commemorates a key political event. In 1946, after the Second World War and the fall of Fascism, Italians voted in an institutional referendum to decide between becoming a republic or a monarchy (12,717,923 votes for a republic and 10,719,284 for the monarchy). The foundation of the new Italian Republic is a great reason to celebrate during our upcoming long weekend.

If the colder weather has you feeling uninspired, grab a hot drink and read about what's happening in our Circolo.

SAVE THE DATE 2019

Our lovely Phyllis who so brilliantly organises our monthly Circolo socials has the following exciting news to share...

"I am planning another tour to Italy beginning in Rome Monday 16 September 2019 and finishing in Florence Monday 7 October 2019.



Gardens of the Villa Lante at Bagnaia

The theme will be ***Renaissance Rivalry: art patronage from Rome to Florence.***

We will also visit Orvieto, Siena, Volterra, Lucca and some off the beaten track locations in between. The itinerary will highlight Renaissance country villas and gardens as well as the competitive artistic commissions of the Papacy, Medici family and Republican governments. Optional activities include cycling, wine tasting, cooking classes and of course enjoying central Italian scenery and delicious cuisine.

For expressions of interest, please contact me by email phyllis@mossman.net.nz

I will then get back to you in July 2018 with a finalised itinerary and cost."

MONTHLY SOCIALS

Dr Claudia Bernardi, is a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University where she teaches the Dante course. Around 45 people were treated to Claudia's insights into this late medieval poet who wrote one of the world's literary masterpieces, *Divine Comedy* and is seen as the father of modern Italian. Several people messaged the Circolo afterwards to say how much they enjoyed this informative presentation. Grazie mille, Claudia.

So what's up next? We have a very entertaining Mid-Winter social planned for June and the July social looks like it has a note, or two, of music in it.

THE GREAT DEBATE: Thursday 14 June 2018

SILVIO BERLUSCONI WAS A MISUNDERSTOOD PRIME MINISTER



Come along and listen to this fun debate between two opposing teams formed from our Circolo classes: the Intermediates who form the affirmative team and the Beginners who will oppose the resolution.

Let's debate, drink mulled wine/herbal tea/juice and nibble delicious savouries and chocolates. As usual, our 7.30pm social is at Garibaldi House, 118 Tory Street, corner Vivian Street 1st floor. For this chance to also socialise with your classmates and friends we have a \$5 cover charge per person.

Join the fun this debate is sure to provide ...and support your fellow students!

But wait, there's more to add to your calendario:

ITALIAN OPERA: Thursday 5 July 2018

A MUSICAL JOURNEY - THE STORY BEHIND A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI

Rex da Vanzo from Club Garibaldi has kindly offered to share the story behind these fabulous nights that started in 1992. Some 98 shows have enthralled opera lovers and novices. All shows have always had full audiences. A few film performance highlights over the years will also feature during this presentation.



SOCIAL COVER CHARGE

The committee has agreed that the \$5 monthly social cover charge for financial Circolo members will remain as a sign of appreciation for your ongoing support. The cost for non financial Circolo members and your friends, whom you are welcome to bring along to our socials, will increase to \$10 per person from July 2018 to help cover costs. Your friends, who have an interest in our events but don't attend classes, are always most welcome to join the Circolo for a small annual fee of \$30. The same lovely selection of Italian themed food and wine will continue.

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IL CALENDARIO

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| 2 June 2018 | Italian Republic day |
| 14 June 2018 7.30pm | Debate: Sylvio Berlusconi was a Misunderstood Prime Minister |
| 5 July 2018 7:30pm | A Musical Journey: The Story Behind <i>A Night at the Garibaldi</i> |

