



CIRCOLO ITALIANO DI WELLINGTON NOTIZIE PER NOVEMBRE 2018

CLOSING CEREMONY

Thanks to all members who attended the closing ceremony on Wed 24 October. Forty certificates were presented (non attendees can collect their certificate at the AGM) and a sumptuous array of food was enjoyed. If you were lucky enough to try the Italian biscuits made by Fabiana Prativiera, then see her at the Frank Kitts market or order some for Christmas at: fabiana@amorini.nz

We greatly appreciated Martina Depentor from the Italian Embassy giving encouragement (in Italian) to students.

The Charles Bell Memorial Scholarship for study in 2019 was awarded to Cheryl Constable, who plans to attend Scuola Romanica in Modena. Congratulations Cheryl and we look forward to you sharing some of your experiences at a social evening after your return.

HAVE YOUR SAY

We look forward to seeing you at the **AGM** at the end of November.

The Circolo Italiano is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who are always open to suggestions and new ideas - please send any by email to president@circoloitaliano.org.nz or deliver in person at the AGM, or even consider standing for the 2019 committee.

One change proposed for next year is to change our monthly social night to always be the 'second Thursday of the month', rather than the current mix of mostly the first, and twice a year second Thursday. Please let us know if that would be an inconvenience.

Also, any suggestions re speakers for the socials or ideas to encourage more of you, the Circolo students, along would be most welcome. Please email phyllis@mossman.net.nz

STUDY IN ITALY

We have received offers of fee reductions for members to attend the **Dante Alighieri School in Recanati**, in Macerata on the Adriatic Coast. If any members are thinking of studying at a school in Italy, please check with us which schools have reductions available.

CAR PARKS

The building manager has asked that we remind members that the Vivian St car-parks are rented out - park 14 is rented all hours and must never be parked in. Parks 1-13 may be used after 6pm on Circolo nights only.

CLASSES 2019

Please start thinking about your enrolments for 2019 and pass the word around. Thanks to everyone who has already advised us of their intentions for classes next year. Please complete an enrolment via the website to confirm your place.

The Opening Ceremony in 2019 will be on Monday, 11 Feb, with classes commencing the following week, ie: Monday 18 or Wednesday 20 Feb.

It has been necessary to increase the class fees slightly, to \$250 for 2019. We believe this still represents great value for 30 lessons, and 11 social evenings.

NOVEMBER AGM AND SOCIAL, THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018.

The AGM starts at 7pm and the presentation, *Memories of Modena and beyond*, will follow at 7.30pm.

Laurel Johnson, winner of the 2016 Charles Bell Memorial Scholarship, will talk about her experiences studying in Modena and exploring Italy.



Please note, as we are holding the AGM, together with Laurel's presentation, on 29 November, there will be no Social on the first Thursday of November.

No entry charge. Supper provided.

ITALY 2019 Note: there are now only two places left on this tour.

Phyllis Mossman is organising another Renaissance art and architecture tour to Italy in 2019. **Starts Monday 16 September 2019 in Rome - ends Monday 7 October 2019 in Florence.**

The theme is *Renaissance Rivalry: art patronage from Rome to Tuscany*.

The tour will visit Rome, Tivoli, Orvieto, Siena, Volterra, Lucca, Florence and some off the beaten track locations in between (including a marble quarry in the Alpi Apuane).

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, horse riding, guided hiking, the Puccini Festival in Lucca and of course enjoying central Italian scenery and delicious cuisine. For expressions of interest, please contact Phyllis by email phyllis@mossman.net.nz She will then send you the finalised itinerary and cost.



Gardens of the Villa Lante at Bagnaia

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Grazie to those who have already liked and shared our Facebook page. Remember, the more likes and shares our Facebook page gets, the more we can share the love and get our name and activities out to the wider community.



Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo



Fleur-de-lis a Firenze (Italian, giglio) una decorazione natalizia

A presto!