



# Italian Club News

Ballarat Italian Association Inc.

July 2020

## BIA Committee

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## Annual Membership Fee Waiver

The Committee is pleased to announce its decision to waive membership fees for the 2020-21 financial year. All financial members for the 2019-20 financial year will automatically have their membership renewed. The decision was taken in lieu of the coronavirus impact on our functions and events so far and into the foreseeable future.

Il Comitato è lieto di annunciare la propria decisione di rinunciare alle quote di adesione per l'anno fiscale 2020-21. Tutti i soci dell'anno fiscale 2019-20 riceveranno automaticamente il rinnovo della loro iscrizione.

La decisione è stata presa a causa dell'impatto del coronavirus sulle nostre funzioni ed eventi ora e nel prossimo futuro.

## Lunch for Members Sunday 9th August 2020

The Committee is very pleased to finally be able to organise a lunch at your favourite Italian Restaurant under COVID –19 restrictions.

The plan is to simultaneously have lunch at the restaurant of your choice. You can order and enjoy food of your choice straight from the menu.

**Adults will receive a \$30 discount and children under 12 a \$20 discount**

**Seats will be limited so you will need to book early to reserve a seat.**

**Eureka Pizza limited to maximum 20 people (12.30 - 2.30pm)**

**Table 48 limited to maximum 20 people (12.30 - 2.30pm)**

**Carboni Italian Kitchen up to 55 people (12.30 –2.30pm)**

If you don't wish to attend the lunch a \$30 voucher per adult member and a \$20 voucher per child under 12, from your restaurant of choice, will be sent to you to be used at your leisure.

**Call Sonya on 0437 869 241 to reserve your seat**

**Booking after Friday 31st July will NOT be accepted**

The three restaurants strictly comply with COVID restrictions.

Note our new email address. Please direct all enquiries to the email address below

**Email: [info@ballaratitalianassociation.org](mailto:info@ballaratitalianassociation.org) Website: [www.ballaratitalianassociation.org](http://www.ballaratitalianassociation.org)**

## Corona Virus Impact

The COVID19 crisis has impacted us all, including the Ballarat Italian Association. Our thoughts are with our members and the community during this difficult time. The crisis has impacted on our regular events schedule but we are optimistic that we will be able to return to a new normal as restrictions ease.

**Italiano** Il COVID-19 ha colpito tutti, incluso l'Italian Association di Ballarat. In questi tempi difficili, il nostro pensiero va ai nostri membri e alla comunità. Questa crisi ha avuto un impatto sull'usuale programmazione dei nostri eventi ma siamo ottimisti che torneremo ad una nuova normalità appena diminuiranno le restrizioni.

## BIA Facebook Page

Our Facebook page has been reinvigorated. If you have not liked it yet, please do at <https://www.facebook.com/ballaratalianassociation>

We have lots of content in both Italian and English, there are videos, podcasts, articles and a weekly quiz.

## Pagina Facebook BIA

La nostra pagina Facebook è stata rinnovata. Se non avete ancora messo un like, per favore fatelo all'indirizzo <https://www.facebook.com/ballaratalianassociation>

Troverete molti contenuti sia in italiano che in inglese, video, podcast, articoli e un quiz settimanale.

## BIA Donates to Feed Ballarat Campaign

The Ballarat Italian Association are proud to have donated \$1800 to the Feed Ballarat campaign through the Ballarat Foundation. This will provide a package of food supplies to six households every week for a year.

## BIA dona per la campagna Feed Ballarat

La Ballarat Italian Association è fiera di aver donato 1800 dollari per la campagna Feed Ballarat attraverso la Ballarat Foundation. La donazione permetterà di far avere una provvista settimanale di alimenti a sei famiglie per un anno.

## Italian Language Classes

Our Italian classes with Francesca started this year, and during isolation the classes have continued online through the use of "zoom." We are hoping to return to our classroom at Room 213, Barkly Square when restrictions ease. Students have also participated in an intensive course during the school holidays. If you are interested in learning Italian please contact us. Classes are available for beginner, intermediate and advanced learners on Wednesdays during the school term. The cost is \$10 per 1 hour lesson.

**Italiano** I nostri corsi d'italiano tenuti da Francesca sono iniziati quest'anno, e durante il periodo d'isolamento i corsi hanno proseguito online grazie al software Zoom. Speriamo di tornare alle nostre lezioni nella stanza 213 di Barkly Square appena diminuiranno le restrizioni. Gli studenti hanno anche partecipato a un corso intensivo durante le vacanze. Se siete interessati ad imparare l'italiano vi preghiamo di contattarci. Sono aperti corsi a livello principiante, intermedio e avanzato ogni mercoledì durante il periodo scolastico. Il costo è di 10 dollari per un'ora di lezione.

## Vale: Eligio Di Girolamo

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of one of our long standing supporters and member of the Ballarat Italian Association. Eligio died in Geelong, where he had moved with Prue, to be closer to their children. Eligio emigrated to Australia in 1951. During a short stay in Bonegilla he befriended a German immigrant who later employed him in his smallgoods shop for over 15 years. After working in various delicatessens he established La Cucina Fine Foods with Prue. In his later years he worked as a gardener where he continued well into his eighties. Eligio was a very gentle and considerate human being who was passionate about his Italian heritage. Our heartfelt condolences to Prue and her family. Eligio's story is included in La Nostra Storia

