



NEWSLETTER

Ciao | Hello Member,

The **Ballarat Italian Association** is pleased to provide you with our latest newsletter. Enjoy the read and we look forward to seeing you at one of the events below.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE





Welcome all to our first newsletter for 2023. Hopefully you have enjoyed the beautiful weather that we have been having, apart from those odd moments?

I would like to take this opportunity in welcoming to our Language and Culture classes our two new teachers, Cristina Giovannini and Jessica Ringin. They both come with a wealth of experience and now join Julia Moore in sharing their passion of teaching to our students.

The committees are very busy in planning and presenting to our members and the broader community activities and events to enjoy and learn of our culture.

For some of our members and friends, it is that time of the year that we get together with families, to make the home made sauce or wine, these traditions we should never loose but pass on to others.

Hope to see you all at sometime during the year at our upcoming events.

Stay Safe.



Un benvenuto a tutti nella nostra prima newsletter dell'anno 2023. Spero che vi siate goduti il bel tempo che abbiamo avuto ultimamente.

Colgo l'occasione per dare il benvenuto ai nostri corsi di Lingua e Cultura, alle nostre due nuove insegnanti, Cristina Giovannini e Jessica Ringin. Entrambe hanno una vasta esperienza e ora si uniscono a Julia Moore per condividere la loro passione per l'insegnamento con i nostri studenti.

I comitati hanno lavorato molto nella pianificazione e presentazione dei corsi ai nostri membri e, alla più ampia comunità, portando a conoscenza attività ed eventi atti a godere e conoscere la nostra cultura.

Per alcuni dei nostri membri e amici, questo periodo dell'anno coincide con le riunioni familiari, per fare la salsa o il vino fatti in casa e queste sono quelle tradizioni che non dovremmo mai perdere anzi dovremmo cercare di trasmetterle agli altri.

Spero di vedervi tutti durante l'anno e partecipare ai nostri prossimi eventi.

Un cordiale saluto.

Your President
Frank Cotronea

Ballarat Italian Association [BIA]

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES

LE CLASSI DELLA LINGUA E CULTURA ITALIANA



The **Ballarat Italian Association** would like to introduce the teaching team for Term 1 of our Italian Language & Culture classes. The classes for Term 1 began on the 6th of February this year.

The commencement of this year's language classes has seen 8 classes in total start in 2023 with 2 new teachers joining the programme. Currently the number of students enrolled total 62.

Below is a brief profile of each teacher with the classes they currently teach.

Julia Moore, has taught English in Australia and overseas and more recently at Deakin University. Julia developed a love of Italy, its language and culture. She began studying Italian at the Victorian School of Languages in Ballarat and she successfully completed VCE Italian Units 3 & 4 in 2007. Julia also studied Italian at a private language school in Verona.



L'Associazione Italiana Ballarat

vorrebbe presentare il gruppo di insegnanti per il primo Term relativamente ai nostri corsi di Lingua e Cultura Italiana. Le suddette lezioni sono iniziate il 6 febbraio di quest'anno.

Al principio di quest'anno hanno preso il via 8 classi in totale, con 2 nuovi insegnanti, che si sono unite al percorso. Attualmente gli studenti iscritti sono 62.

Di seguito si riporta un breve profilo di ciascuna insegnante con i relativi corsi.

Julia Moore, ha insegnato inglese in Australia e all'estero e più recentemente alla Deakin University. Julia ha sviluppato un amore per l'Italia, per la sua lingua e cultura. Ha iniziato a studiare l'italiano presso la Victorian School of Languages di Ballarat e ha completato con successo le unità 3 e 4 del VCE italiano nel 2007. Julia ha anche studiato italiano presso una scuola di lingue privata a Verona (Italia).

She began teaching Italian in primary schools in 2006 and was later employed by the VSL to teach secondary and adult students until 2010, when she moved to Geelong. In 2013, Julia lived in Bergamo, near Milan where she taught English in a secondary school.

Since last year, Julia continues her passion with the language and culture by continuing to study independently and by sharing her knowledge with the beginners' classes at BIA on Tuesdays. Her favourite city in Italy is Torino (Turin).

Julia's Classes: Tuesday continuing and Beginners class

Cristina Giovannini, a native speaking Italian teacher, who moved to Australia 2 years ago.

Cristina comes to us with a knowledge of teaching Italian Literature, Grammar, History and Geography.

She studied at the University of Bologna, graduating in Medieval History and later at the University of Como obtaining a degree in Modern Philology (ancient Italian linguistics).

Her husband and family are also living here.

Cristina's Classes: Wednesday, Literature and 2 language classes and Thursday 2 language classes.

Jessica Ringin, is originally from England and has been here for 7 years. Her husband and family are also living here. Jessica has been and is currently teaching Italian at a local Ballarat primary school.

We are pleased that she will share her knowledge and teaching skills with our Monday Class. Jessica studied Italian at high school and at university in England.

Ha iniziato ad insegnare italiano nelle scuole primarie nel 2006 e successivamente è stata assunta dalla VSL per insegnare agli studenti delle scuole secondarie e agli adulti fino al 2010, dopo di che si è trasferita a Geelong. Nel 2013 Julia ha vissuto a Bergamo, vicino a Milano, dove ha insegnato inglese in una scuola secondaria.

Julia prosegue con la sua passione per la lingua e la cultura, continuando a studiare in modo indipendente e condividendo le sue conoscenze con le lezioni per principianti del BIA il martedì. La sua città preferita in Italia è Torino (Torino).

Lezioni di Julia: martedì continua e lezione per principianti

Cristina Giovannini, insegnante madrelingua italiana, trasferitasi in Australia 2 anni fa.

Cristina si rivolge a noi con una conoscenza dell'insegnamento relativamente alla Letteratura Italiana, grammatica, storia e geografia.

Ha studiato all'Università Bologna, laureandosi in Storia medievale e successivamente all'Università di Como conseguendo una laurea in Filologia moderna (linguistica italiana antica).

Anche suo marito e la sua famiglia vivono qui.

Le lezioni di Cristina sono: mercoledì, letteratura e 2 lezioni di lingua e giovedì 2 lezioni di lingua.

Jessica Ringin, è originaria dell'Inghilterra e vive qui da 7 anni. Anche suo marito e la sua famiglia vivono qui. Jessica è stata un'insegnante di italiano e attualmente lo insegna in una scuola elementare di Ballarat.

She loves Italy and her favourite city is Bologna where she lived and studied at university for a year.

Jessica's Classes: Monday Beginners

Please join us in welcoming **Julia**, **Jessica** and **Cristina** as the BIA Italian Language & Culture teaching team. Also, for those participating in classes, we trust you will enjoy your year of learning.

Interested in learning Italian?

Head to our website for more information and to register your interest here

<https://ballaratitalianassociation.org/language-culture/>

Siamo lieti che lei possa condividere le sue conoscenze e capacità di insegnamento con la nostra lezione del lunedì. Jessica ha studiato italiano al liceo e all'università in Inghilterra.

Ama l'Italia e la sua città preferita è Bologna dove ha vissuto e studiato all'università per un anno.

Classi di Jessica: lunedì principianti

Unisciti a noi nel dare il benvenuto a **Julia**, **Jessica** e **Cristina** come team di insegnanti di lingua e cultura italiana del BIA. Ci auguriamo che tutti coloro che parteciperanno alle lezioni, possano giovare dell'apprendimento.

Vuoi imparare l'italiano?

Vai al nostro sito web per maggiori informazioni e registra il tuo interesse qui

<https://ballaratitalianassociation.org/language-culture/>



Each year in March, Victoria comes together to celebrate **Cultural Diversity Week**, which is a time to celebrate the power, influence, and stories of Victoria's rich multicultural communities. The theme

this year is: *Our Past. Our Future: Celebrating and reflecting on the contributions of Victoria's multicultural communities.*

Since 2010 the [City of Ballarat's Harmony Fest](#) has celebrated its culturally diverse community and their contributions to society. This year Harmony Fest will be held from the 16th - 23rd March.

To support the Harmony Fest calendar of events, the [Ballarat Italian Association](#) will be showcasing the following two Italian Movies for your viewing pleasure (Details below).

- **A Casa Tutti Bene** [There Is No Place Like Home]
- **Finché C'è Prosecco C'è Speranza** [The Last Prosecco]

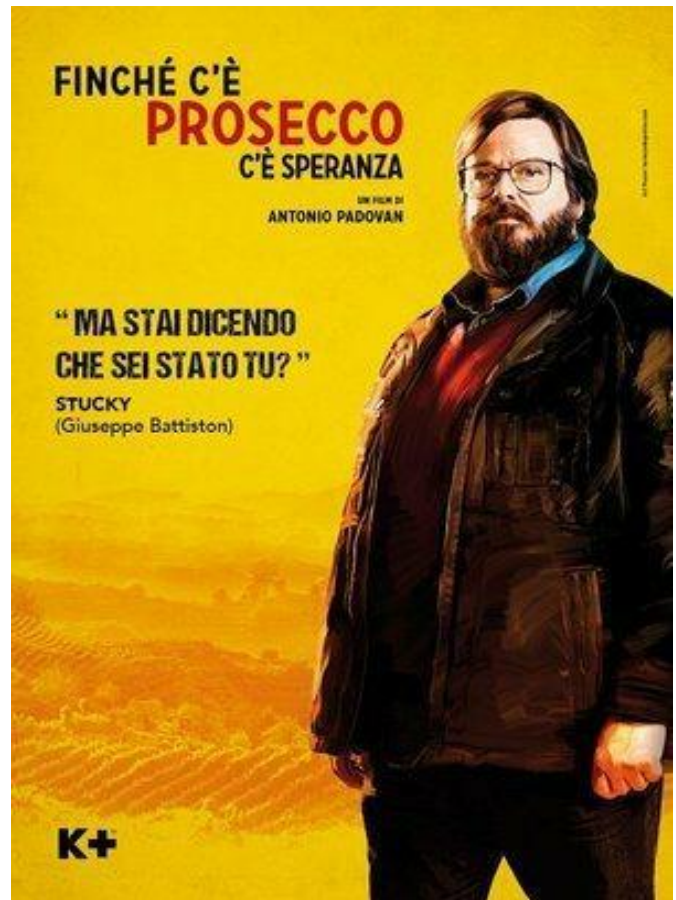
Screenings will be shown at the [Regent Cinemas](#) in Lydiard Street.

A CASA TUTTI BENE [THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME] - Italian Movie Screening

FINCHÉ C'È PROSECCO C'È SPERANZA [THE LAST PROSECCO] - Italian Movie Screening



17th March 2023 at
4:00pm.



18th March 2023 at
6:20pm.

TICKET SALES:

Click ["PURCHASE NOW"](#) or
call Regent Cinemas on (03)
5330 5555

107 mins | Rated M | Includes English
Subtitles

Director: Gabriele Muccino

Starring: Stefano Accorsi, Carolina
Crescentini, Elena Cucci

Synopsis: A big family that like any
other one includes relatives that see
each other often and others that rarely
meet, reunite to celebrate the 50th
wedding anniversary of grandma Alba
and grandpa Pietro in a big Villa, on the
island they moved to. Because of
weather conditions they all remain
stranded on the island and the idyll
between them seems to be over.

TICKET SALES:

Click ["PURCHASE NOW"](#) or
call Regent Cinemas on (03)
5330 5555

96 mins | Rated M | Includes English
Subtitles

Director: Antonio Padovan

Starring: Giuseppe Battiston, Rade
Serbedzija, Liz Solari

Synopsis: The film follows Inspector
Stucky investigating a series of murders
and the theatrical suicide of Desiderio
Ancillotto, a count who lives in the hills of
Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, in a
story that recounts the conflict between
greed and respect for the land.

BALLARAT HARMONY FEST

Harmony by the Lake Picnic

Sunday, 26 March 2023, 12 midday – 3.00pm



The poster features a blue background with the title 'HARMONY BY THE LAKE' in large white letters. Below the title are two photographs: one of a diverse group of young people smiling, and another of a band performing on stage with drums. Text on the poster includes 'L2R 26 march 2023 Sunday - 12:00pm' and 'ONE SPIRIT OF AFRICA Botanic Gardens opposite the Adventure Playground @ Lake Wendouree'. At the bottom, it reads 'HARMONY FEST 2023: Our Past - Our Future'.



The City of Ballarat is holding a free community picnic, with music, dance, and activities for families and everyone at Lake Wendouree.

The Ballarat Italian Association will be supporting the City of Ballarat with a Proposed Come and Try Bocce demonstration.

Opposite the Lake Wendouree Adventure Playground, in between the Ballarat Tramway Museum and the Ballarat Fish Hatchery.

Bring your own chairs, picnic blankets and enjoy the day.

Food trucks will be on site at own cost. **No alcohol please*



BIA Members Monthly Meetup with a Social Flavour



The BIA has a small number of members that run a monthly social event, which is usually a meal out at a local venue or an excursion to an agreed destination. Most in this group are retired.

If you are interested in joining them, please contact **Helen Sarra** mob. 0409 862 138.

BALLARAT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

COME & TRY OFFER TO BIA MEMBERS.



With the aim of promoting the sport of Table Tennis, the **Ballarat Table Tennis Association [BTTA]** has provided the BIA with 20 FREE two hour Court Hire (up to payers) vouchers. Send an email or give us a call if you would like to obtain one of these vouchers. See the following details about the BTTA.

Ballarat Table Tennis Association has a range of social and competitive programs perfect for you at an incredibly low cost. No bat, No ball, NO PROBLEM – we provide all equipment.

COMPETITION

Juniors' competition: Friday nights from 6pm to 7.30pm (**only \$5 per week**).

Seniors' competition: Monday and Wednesday from 7pm (over 18y.o).

All skill levels catered for

KEENAGERS – over 50 year old

A fun, social, non-competition environment to play table tennis. We have a mixed group of over 50s men and women with a varied skill level. Come along to any session and have a try. Tea, coffee and a biscuit are always available!

COST \$4.00 per session (Tuesday and Friday 1 to 3pm)

SOCIAL PLAY

Our stadium is open for social play – just come along and have a try!

COST: \$5.00 a session (Saturday from 2pm to 4pm)

Table tennis is the perfect, low cost sport to increase fitness, reflexes, eye-hand coordination and to make new friends.

So come on, give Table Tennis a try!

Ballarat Table Tennis Association

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SAVE THE DATE - FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA [ITALIAN REPUBLIC DAY] 2023 CELEBRATIONS



MORE DETAIL SOON...

Viva Italia, Viva Australia!

This coming 2nd, 3rd & 4th June, the [Ballarat Italian Association](#) will be holding our Annual **Festa Della Repubblica Italiana** celebrations. Festa della Repubblica is the Italian National Day and Republic Day held on 2nd June each year.

The celebrations will consist of the following:

- **02/06/2023:** Flag Raising Ceremony & Morning tea.
- **03/06/2023:** Celebration Dinner with entertainment.
- **04/06/2023:** High Tea with entertainment.

Full details and times are yet to be confirmed, all details will be published once known.

SAVE THE DATE - BALLARAT ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

[BIFF] - WINTER 2023



MORE DETAIL SOON...

This coming 11th & 12th August, at [Showbiz Cinemas Ballarat](#) in Delacombe, the [Ballarat Italian Association](#) will be holding our Annual **Ballarat Italian Film Festival** for your viewing pleasure.

Movie Titles and Session times are yet to be confirmed, all details will be published once known.

SAVE THE DATE - BIA Annual General Meeting

[AGM] 2023



SAVE THE DATE
Monday 23rd October 2023

MORE DETAIL SOON...

This coming 23rd October, the [Ballarat Italian Association](#) will be holding our **Annual General Meeting** .

Full details and times are yet to be confirmed, all details will be published once known.



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