

# Ballarat Italian Association Inc.



## Annual Report



**2017**

# BALLARAT ITALIAN ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 2.00pm

At G-Place  
102 English Street, Ballarat

### 1. Present.

Cesare Dichiera, Evie Dichiera, Sylvana Mitchell, Filippo Bozzo, Jeanne Wheeler, Charlie Tarquinio, Margaret Tarquinio, Sherry Nuccio, Carmelo Nuccio, Johana Ferri, Aldo Ferri, Stefan Carli, Ria Carli, Maria Antonelli, Kathy Towns, Henk Batstra, Dean Cinque, Elizabeth Astbury, Peter Jones, Gwendoline Blake.

### 2. Apologies.

Maura McCabe, John and Judi O'Loughlin, Joe and Frances Sensi, Lelio and Iris Buczkowsky, Maria Tocchet, Prue and Eligio DiGirolamo, Nonnie Tennant, Kym and Dino Procaccino, Angela and Lesley Bigarelli, Rina Campana, Julie and Alan Pittard, Liz Denny, Yin Toe, Adrian Morisi, Francesca and Barry Henderson, Rick and Kathryn Steele, Ann Ball, Giuseppina Rossi, Trina Jones, Pirkko Peramaa, Rita Ripani, John Maguire, Antonio Spurgo, Dolly Spurgo.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 15 November 2015.

*The minutes were confirmed by Dean Cinque / Peter Jones*

#### 3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes.

1. Filippo Bozzo advised that he would not be seeking re-election on the Board.
2. The meeting was advised that the Heritage Sub-Committee had decided to engage author/journalist, Jan McGuinness, to research the Italian migrants' contribution to Ballarat from the Gold Rush period, through the early 1900s, and post first and second world wars, and to interview BIA members and other Italians living in the Ballarat Community. From the interviews, and historical data, Jan will write the book documenting the contributions that Italians have made to the Ballarat community.

### 4. President's Report.

Cesare Dichiera read the President's Report, as presented in the BIA Annual Report for 2015-2016.

*The report was accepted. Moved by Cesare Dichiera / Margaret Tarquinio*

### 5. Treasurer's Report.

Evie Dichiera read the Treasurer's Report as part of the BIA Annual Report to members present. The report was based on Financial Accounts of the Association as audited by PPT Auditing Pty Ltd. There were no questions raised in connection with the Report.

*The Report was accepted. Moved and seconded by: Evie Dichiera / Charlie Tarquinio*

A question was then asked about the overdue funds from the developer of the property at Recreation Road, Mt Clear. The Association's legal counsel, Dean Cinque, advised that he has written to the developer recently, and asked him to respond to his letter of inquiry by close of business on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. The developer did not respond.

Our legal counsel advised the meeting that the developer owed the Ballarat Italian Association \$747,500 to date.

He also advised the meeting that the Association held caveats over titles which would be worth around \$800,000. He is also being charged 7.5% interest on all overdue payments.

The committee agreed to monitor the situation with the assistance of our legal counsel.

#### **7. Appointment of Auditor for 2016/1017 Financial Year.**

Jason Hargreaves of PPT Auditing Pty Ltd was appointed auditor for the 2016/2017 financial year.

*Moved by Margaret Tarquinio and Seconded by Giancarlo Faustini*

#### **8. Election of Committee of Management**

President -	Cesare Dichiera
Vice President -	Adrian Morisi
Secretary -	Jeanne Wheeler
Treasurer -	Evie Dichiera
Committee -	Sylvana Mitchell, Antonio Spurgo, Maria De Grazia, Stefan Carli.

It was noted that the committee may appoint up to 2 more committee members.

#### **8. Discussion on Activities / Events for the next Calendar Year.**

Members eagerly joined this discussion, which covered –

- Finding another venue for events, as G-Place would not be available due to its sale.
- Presenting members at the Christmas Party with a suggestion sheet for events they might like the club to arrange through 2017.

There was also a suggestion that more members might attend the Annual General Meeting if it was held from 6.00 – 8.00pm on a week night. The committee will discuss.

#### **9. The meeting closed at 3.30pm and was followed by afternoon tea.**

**Ballarat Italian Association Inc.**  
**President's Report 2016-17**

The Committee settled into the 2016-17 financial year with the knowledge that the Association was in a strong financial position. The Treasurer will provide more details in her report.

The launch of "Italians in Ballarat" heritage project in July provided the Committee with the focus and backdrop for the year ahead. The launch was attended by close to 100 members and invited guests who were asked to consider telling their migration and settlement stories to be included in a book to be published in 2018. Jan McGuinness, journalist, author and educator was introduced to members and guests at the lunch. Jan outlined her approach for gathering the information that would form the basis of the book. Jan has interviewed over 50 members of the Association and those Italians living in Ballarat considered to have contributed to Ballarat's culinary, social and economic development over the last 100 years. I'm pleased to report that the first draft of the book is close to completion and a graphic artist and printer will be engaged shortly. We anticipate that the book will be launched around September 2018 at a public function.

Although contacting and scheduling interviews took up significant time, the Committee continued to arrange functions and activities for members. The Heritage Project sub-committee – Evie, Dichiera, Dean Cinque, Jan McGuinness, Jeanne Wheeler, Elizabeth Astbury, Karen Sparnon and Barry Henderson have contributed greatly to the formation of the heritage project with considered and expert advice.

The Association's strong financial position has enabled the discounting of functions for member benefit. The following is a list of activities and functions organised by the Committee during the financial year.

- 31<sup>st</sup> July - Italians in Ballarat Heritage Project launch at GPlace
- 6<sup>th</sup> August - Casa D'Abruzzo Club in Epping, bus trip and dinner dance
- 25<sup>th</sup> August - Ballarat Italian Film Festival
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Carboni's Pizza Kitchen Lunch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. - Lygon Street Fiesta bus trip
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. - Annual General Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Christmas Party at the Ballarat Regional Soccer Centre
- Jan. 2017 - Committee Planning Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. - BBQ Picnic and Bocce at Eureka Park
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Multicultural Films Festival as part of Harmony Fest
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - 30 Members attended the Intercultural Gala Dinner
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Member's Lunch at Da Vinci's Restaurant
- 24<sup>th</sup> June - Italian Food Outlet Bus trip to Melbourne

The Italian Conversation Group and Italian Choir continued to provide an outlet for Italian culture and language. Thanks to John & Judy O'Loughlin, Rita Ripani and Evie Dichiera for co-ordinating these activities.

This year we welcomed 4 new members to the Committee, Maria De Grazia, Sonya Roberts, Kym Procaccino and Stefan Carli. Their contribution to the function of the Committee has been significant and I'm encouraged by their commitment and enthusiasm. Other members of the Committee, Sylvana Mitchell, Jeanne Wheeler, Tony Spurgo, Adrian Morisi and Evie Dichiera have continued to work tirelessly to ensure the Association continues to prosper by organising a range of activities and functions for the benefit of members.

I wish to thank Jeanne and Tony for their wise counsel and dedicated contribution to the Association. They will not be seeking re-election but I'm sure they will continue to be involved in other ways.

It is always a challenge to single out people for special mention. But Dolly Spurgo has been a great contributor to the Association over many years and when called upon she offers her service with grace and enthusiasm. It is the Committee's pleasure to make Dolly Spurgo a life member for her exemplary service.



Cesare Dichiera

President 2017

## **Ballarat Italian Association Inc.      Treasurer's Report 2016-2017 Financial Year**

This is an overview of the financial position of the Ballarat Italian Association Inc. as set out in the audit conducted by Jason Hargreaves, Director, PPT Audit Pty. Ltd.

At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the Total Equity of the Association was \$1,810,094 as shown in the Balance Sheet (p.3). The Assets being: \$1,055,521 in Term Deposits and Cash in Bank; \$747,500 outstanding on the sale of land; Other Assets of \$3,395 (pre-payments of insurances and sponsorship); and Plant and Equipment (trailer, printer and bocce court edging) to the value of \$3,678.

Notes accompanying the Financial Statements (p. 7) state that receivables (\$747,500) in relation to the sale of the land were due to be paid in full by October 2016 under the contract with the developer. In July and August 2017, the Association received \$525,000 leaving a balance of \$222,500 outstanding which is expected to be paid during the current financial year. This amount is secured with caveats on 3 allotments.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income (refer to p. 2) shows a total income of \$36,750 and comprises of: Sale of Goods, or Function Income as \$6,622 less cost of sales at \$266; Victorian Government Grant \$1,000; Interest Earned from Term Deposits \$28,637; Italian Film Festival \$3,414; Harmony Festival \$1,059; Membership Subscriptions \$840; and Club D'Abruzzo \$1,800.

The total Expenditure for the financial year was \$87,365. The Heritage project which is well underway accounted for \$34,550. Other expenditure included \$18,699 for Member Functions; Sponsorship for Ballarat City Football Club \$6,194; Coro dell' Oro \$5,236; Italian Film Festival \$2,685; Insurances \$2,468 and Auditor's Fee \$2,327. The Association posted a loss of \$44,259 with the Heritage Project accounting for a significant proportion of the expenditure.

All of the 5 Functions held during the year were subsidized for Members, with the Christmas Party being the major event with an attendance of 127 adults and 46 children. In addition, 3 bus trips were provided free of charge for members and were very popular, in particular, the Lygon Street Festa, the Dinner Dance at Club D'Abruzzo, and the trip to Italian Food outlets in June. The Italian Choir, Coro dell' Oro, performed at Begonia Festival as well as the Christmas Party, and the Association held another successful Italian Film Festival at M.A.D.E. (in September 2016). In addition the Association sponsored a Multicultural Film Festival as part of Harmony Fest in March this year.

The Finance Sub-Committee met twice in the financial year to review the Association's financial position and to make recommendations to the Committee and members. The Sub-Committee comprising of: Carmelo Nuccio, Dean Cinque, Michael Kearney, Sylvana Mitchell, Adrian Morisi, Tony Spurgo, Kim Procaccino, Cesare & Evie Dichiera, discussed potential investment prospects aimed at increasing the return on investments. A low-risk share portfolio has been considered the best viable strategy to achieve a return of around 4-6% per annum with a view to investing \$500,000 initially. In comparison, Term deposits with the ANZ Bank have only yielded a return of 2.5% per annum. The Committee is mindful of ensuring that the substantial funds that the Association has accumulated as a result of the sale of the property at Mount Clear are invested wisely.

.....*Yvonne Dichiera*.....  
Yvonne (Evie) Dichiera, Treasurer

## Ballarat Italian Association Inc. - Financial Members 2016 -2017

### Life Members

Carmelo Nuccio  
Aldo Ferri  
Mario Iafrate  
Giancarlo Faustini  
Margaret Tarquinio  
Carmine Tarquinio  
Dino Cudia  
Antonio Spurgo

### Members

Sherry Nuccio  
Johanna Ferri  
Giuseppina Rossi  
Mrs. Iafrate  
Maria Faustini  
Beatrice Cudia  
Dolly Spurgo  
John Cheeseman  
Mr. & Mrs. Buczkowsky  
Maura McCabe  
Trina and Peter Jones  
Elizabeth Astbury  
Elena Evagora  
Tony & Leanne Campana  
Cesare & Evie Dichiera  
Jeanne Wheeler  
Tina & Frank Rizzo  
Felicity Sarra  
Armando & Helen Sarra  
Regina Sarra & Tim Winter  
Anthony & Tiffany Sarra  
Sofia Sarra  
Yvette Sarra  
Rita Ripani  
Angelo Fiusco  
Joseph & Frances Sensi  
Dean & Jan Cinque  
Rosa Dawes  
Caria & Elvia Arecco  
John & Judi O'Loughlin  
Mrs Rina Campana  
Eligio & Prue DiGirolamo  
Gwendoline Blake  
Mrs. Maria Tocchet

Tony & Katie Spurgo  
Julie & Anthony Cappello  
Beth & Tim Lamont  
Sylvana Mitchell  
Kathy Towns  
Mrs. Maria Antonelli  
Mrs. Alda Bernardeschi  
Pirkko Peramaa  
Jan & Donald Anderson  
Filippo Bozzo & Maria De Grazia  
Henk Batstra  
Michael Kearney  
Carlene & Jeff Matthews  
Sue King  
Gaetano Rizzo  
Daniele Rizzo  
Anthony & Noelene Eva-Cincotta  
Joseph Micich  
Maryann & Adrian Morisi  
Adrian & Jane Tinetti  
Richard Sain  
Miriam Coyle  
Joe Birritta & Melissa Anthony  
Gemma Gilbertson  
Francesca & Barry Henderson  
Jennifer & Robert Phemister  
Liva & Christina Dellore  
Sonia & Peter Kamaretsos  
Michael & Juliette Taranto  
Andrew Nuccio  
Frank & Mandy Nuccio  
Ken & Karen Sparnon  
Maxine Trembath  
Mara Ripani  
Michael & Kathryn Bigarelli  
Fiona Watson  
Phyl & Peter Graham  
Rick & Kathryn Steele  
James Thorpe  
Bernadette Brouwers  
Sandra Lorensini  
Jan Brodie  
Sharon Mead  
Cora Hains  
Nonnie Tennant

**Ballarat Italian Association Inc. - Financial Members 2016 -2017**

Mandy Nuccio Glenys & Peter McGrath Giacomo & Diane Micich Mariza Bozic Margot Hamilton Sam Lynch Ronda Burns Corrie Hart Loey & Robert Moss Helen Drew John Maguire Julie Pittard Nicolette Petheram Francesca Angeli-Urbini Loey & Robert Moss Jacey Kavenagh Marcia Spring Emma Mirabella Lina Muller Ann Ball Peta Price Heather Fryar Maria Toomey Jan Jones Yvonne Horsfield Carmel & Robert Young Elly Rem Cassie Santoro Maria Kornas Sonya & Russell Roberts Dino & Kim Procaccino Livio Campana Clive Stratford Ann Foley Alan Pittard Michael Faulkner Joseph & Pat Giuliano Angela Bigarelli Stefan & Ria Carli Enio Zelencich Emma Mirabella Helen Carrucan & Sandie Anderson Claudio & Lindy Procaccino	
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