

NEWSLETTER

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July 2024

A message from your President

The committee has been busy over these last few months.

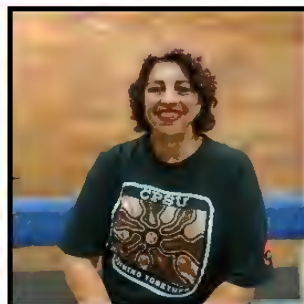
In April we meet at the hockey club to discuss and consult with members regarding the direction of the association. This special meeting was very busy and productive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Josh Bedson especially for his leadership and well thought out plan for the day.

We have continued to have monthly Italian Kids Club gatherings and Friday night Tombola. These are free events and are well supported.

Our language classes continue to be very popular and we continue to respond to enquiries on a weekly basis.

We gathered together at a sold-out event at Carboni's restaurant for the Festa Della Repubblica. The children enjoyed pass the parcel and we all enjoyed the Tarantella Dancers teaching us a few dances. It was a relaxed day enjoyed by all in attendance.

Sofia Sarra



BIA Committee 2024

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Un messaggio dal vostro Presidente

Il comitato è stato molto impegnato in questi mesi.

Ad aprile ci siamo riuniti al Hockey Club per discutere e conferire con i soci in riguardo alla direzione dell'associazione. Questa riunione speciale è stata impegnativa e produttiva. Vorrei accogliere l'occasione per ringraziare Josh Benson per il suo leadership e una giornata ben pianificata.

Abbiamo continuato a tenere gli incontri mensili del Italian Kids Club e della Tombola di venerdì sera. Queste occasioni sono gratuite, ben frequentate e ci accogliamo tutti.

Le nostre lezioni d'italiano continuano ad essere ben frequentate, ed ci sono anche molte richieste per informazioni. Ci siamo riuniti in tanti dal ristorante Carboni's per la Festa della Repubblica, un'altra occasione esaurita. I bimbi si sono divertiti a giocare Pass the Parcel e tutti noi abbiamo goduto i Ballerini della Tarantella, che ci hanno insegnato alcuni passi di danza. Una giornata molto rilassante e piacevole a tutti.

Sofia Sarra

FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA

Thank you to everyone who attended Carboni's Italian Kitchen on the 2nd of June to celebrate one of Italy's most important days—Festa Della Repubblica.

We started the day with a Welcome to Country in Italian by Donato and then the singing of the Italian national anthem. How lovely it was to have a full house, watch families and special friends catching up, hear lots of talking and share a beautiful meal together.

The Melbourne School of Tarantella dancers were a hit with young and old teaching and encouraging people to join in and enjoy the music.



The children played pass the parcel and participated in some colouring in. The City of Ballarat Mayor Des Hudson and his wife Anne joined us and all reports are they had a wonderful time.

Another event to mark on your Calendar for next year which is not to be missed.



Grazie a tutti che sono venuti a Carboni's Italian Kitchen per festeggiare uno dei giorni più importanti per gli italiani, La Festa della Repubblica.

Abbiamo iniziato la giornata con il Welcome to Country tradotto da Donato e poi il cantare insieme

l' inno nazionale italiano. Quanto è stato bello avere tutti in presenza, a vedere le famiglie e amici mentre chiacchieravano e condividevano un bel pranzo insieme.

I ballerini dalla Melbourne School of Tarantella erano un grande successo con

tutti, giovani e anziani, insegnando ed incoraggiando tutti a partecipare e a godere la musica. I bimbi hanno giocato Pass the Parcel e colorato vari disegni. Il Sindaco di Ballarat, Des Hudson assieme alla moglie Anne erano con noi e secondo i racconti, si sono divertiti un mondo.



Questa è una occasione da non mancare e da segnare al vostro calendario.



Language & Cultural Classes

Another term of classes has finished up with good numbers attending across all levels.



In Semester 3 a new Beginners class will commence as there seems to be enough interest from students to make this a viable option. There are anywhere from 4 to 5 enquiries a week about language classes coming into our emails which is wonderful. Most people wish to learn as they are wanting to travel and others just want to learn about the Italian Language plus our culture. Sometimes we think everyone just wants to be Italian !!!!!

BIA ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

A reminder that this is a part time role.

If you wish to speak to Angela, our Admin. Officer, she is available on the phone each Monday and Friday between the hours of 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m..

Alternatively either leave a message or email

info@ballaratitalianassociation.org



SAVE THE DATE



Italian Kids Club—Saturday 20th July

Tombola—Friday 26th July & Frudat 23rd August

Cuciniamo Insieme (Let's Cook Together)—Saturday 27th July

AGM—Sunday 29th September

Soccer with the Irish—Sunday 27th October

Christmas Party—Sunday 24th November

For information on all of the above events, please refer to the BIA Facebook page or the BIA Website.

Notice of BIA Annual General Meeting

The Ballarat Italian Association Inc. (BIA)

Hereby gives notice to its Members

That the 2023/2024 Annual General Meeting

Will be held on

Sunday 29th September 2024

In the Barkly Square Lecture Theatre.

The AGM will commence at 2.00 p.m. and

Will be followed by light refreshments.

Please register your attendance via Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CTGNR>

**All Committee of Management positions are up for re-election,
if you wish to nominate or know someone who has skills that
would benefit the BIA Committee, please
email info@ballaratitalianassociation.org or download from our website.
This person must be a current member.**

**The form is to be signed by two members and the Nominee
and lodged with the
Secretary, The Ballarat Italian Association Inc.
PO Box 167, Ballarat Vic 3353,
or via email: committee@ballaratitalianassociation.org
*no later than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting
(Friday 20th September)***

Opera At The Castle

It was a very cold and wet day but that didn't stop us hosting another sell out event organised by our amazing Functions Committee. Over 100 people from all over including some who travelled from Geelong and Melbourne enjoyed the talents of Opera Singers Cosimo Ciccone and Rada Tochaina. The crowd were entertained by hits from La Traviata, My Fair Lady, Phantom of the Opera and a Neapolitan Medley just to name a few. Life Member Rita Ripani was spotted tapping her feet and singing along to some Italian classics.



At interval we dined on the beautiful food prepared by Yvette and Donato. Our helpers for the day were some lovely students from a couple of local high schools who assisted with handing the food around, showing people to "The Abbey" at Kryal Castle and handing out programs, thank you for doing such an amazing job.



Era una giornata fredda e piovosa ma questo non ha scoraggiato il nostro meraviglioso Functions Committee dall' organizzare un altro evento esaurito.



Più di 100 persone da vari posti incluso Geelong e Melbourne, hanno goduto i talenti di Cosimo Ciccone e Rada Tochaina, cantanti di opera lirica. La folla di gente si è divertita ad ascoltare canzoni da, in parte da, La Traviata, My Fair Lady, Phantom of the Opera e una serie di canzoni napoletane, solo per nominarne alcune. Rita Ripani, una socia a vita, è stata vista

battere i piedi e cantare alcune canzoni italiane classiche.



VALE

The Ballarat Italian Association Inc. (BIA) wishes to acknowledge the following people who have died over the past few months and we extend our sympathy to their loved ones:



John Mildren OAM, who was a Federal Member for Ballarat for a decade from 1980 during the Hawke government years, died recently at the age of 91. John had a lot to do with the BIA during the time of building the club rooms at Recreation Road and become a friend to many. His daughter told us that often spoke very fondly of the BIA.

Peter Kamaretsos, husband of Sonia and father to Rosina and Nicholas. Peter was the son-in-law of Liva Delore and we acknowledge his sudden passing and send our love to Sonia, Liva and their families. Rosina had recently commenced Italian Language Classes and we hope she continues on during this difficult time.

Vittoria (Vicki) Carta, passed away peacefully back in April. Vicki was the wife of the late Giuseppe (Joe) Carta. A much loved mother, mother-in-law and Nonna. Found memories of Vicki cooking at the Eureka Pizza and a friend to many BIA Members.

Rest in Peace, John, Peter and Vicki.

Do we have your correct details ??

So you don't miss out on any news or events from the BIA please make sure that if your email address, mobile number or physical address changes that you contact our Administration Officer.



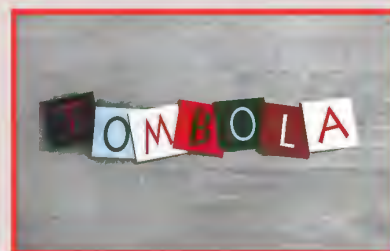
RETIRED & PENSIONERS GROUP (RAP)

Tombola is held every Tuesday at 1.00 p.m. at the Ballarat Community Health Cooina Centre—10 Learmonth Road, Wendouree Vic 3355.

Please contact **Helen Sarra on 0409 862 138** for any enquiries you have with regards to RAP and their activities.

La tombola si svolge ogni martedì alle ore 13:00. presso il Ballarat Community Health Cooina Centre—10 Learmonth Road, Wendouree Vic 3355.

Si prega di contattare Helen Sarra allo 0409 862 138 per qualsiasi domanda relativa al RAP e alle sue attività.



The first Monday of each month members are welcome to attend lunch at the North Ballarat Sports Club.

Latest News

RAP have continued to enjoy lunches at the North Ballarat Sports Club as well as lunches with the Wendouree Seniors with added activities -such as a paddle boat ride.



*Life Member Dino Cudia
Enjoying lunch at Carbonis.*

Some members attended a bus trip to Inglewood and attended Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

There have also been a couple of community events, including Violence Against Women, Every Age Matters Roadshow and Emergencies Meeting at BRMC. Many of RAP also attended the Festa Della Repubblica lunch at Carboni's.



*Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Amando & Helen Sarra*

Tombola



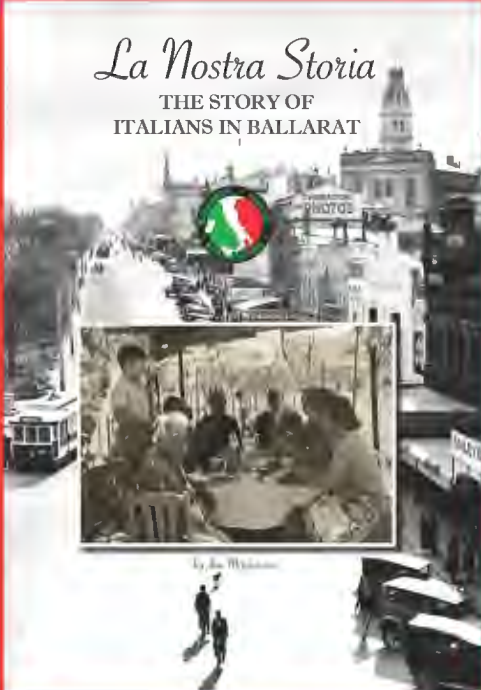
Our Friday Night Tombola gatherings have started to become very popular with our Members, Non Members and Children, some being students who are doing our language classes and wish to come along and practise their Italian numbers.

We have been spoilt over the last couple of months with home made beautiful Tiramisu from Donato and Sofia has been mastering the art of home made Focaccia.

If you have a free Friday night pop in and have a bit of fun we are usually finished by 7.00 p.m.



La Nostra Storia THE STORY OF ITALIANS IN BALLARAT



Do you ever wonder how the
BIA came to be ?

The families that helped shape the Italian
Community in Ballarat ?

The answers to these questions and other
interesting facts can be found in this wonderful
publication.

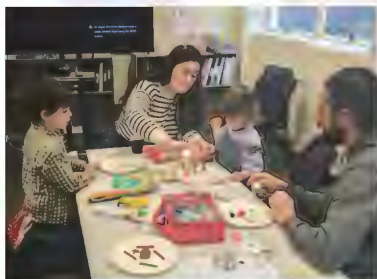
**\$65 per copy, available by contacting the
BIA on 0492 938 828**

ITALIAN KIDS CLUB

The Italian Kids Club continues to be popular amongst our young members.



Melissa and Donato have spent time reading to the children in English and Italian. The last get together the kids did some craft and made pizza. The next Kids Club will be held on Saturday 20th July.



BIA Website

When was the last time you jumped onto the BIA Website and viewed the contents ??

There have been a lot of updates to the page so pop on and browse the page. Inclusions include photos of all past events, old Annual Reports and details of up and coming events.

This is an ongoing project to get all of our history onto the web.



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



Do you have family or friends that would like to become a member/s of the Ballarat Italian Association ?? You do not have to be Italian to join.

Benefits include: discounted member prices for all events, Italian Language Classes at a special members rate, social gatherings etc.,

Contact the BIA today info@ballaratitalianassociation.org—0492 938 828

Or join via www.ballaratitalianassociation.org

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