



SPRING 2015

# IL GIORNALE

**CIAO E BENVENUTI AL GIORNALE PRIMAVERA!**

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Decisions, decisions and more decisions!

Over the past couple of months there has been much discussion about future plans for both the Museum Complex and Carnevale Italiano.

After reviewing feedback from the formal Carnevale Italiano survey and informal discussions, there is consensus that the site needs some upgrading while enhancing and showcasing the essential Italian nature of the place. These improvements are to be easily converted to the once a year Carnevale mode with a minimum effort and hired equipment to accommodate comfortably the large crowds. These improvements need to be of a style that is attractive to our general visitors as well.

With this in mind it is proposed

- to have the major Carnevale entertainment in the Piazza. This will require some structural changes like relocating with care and advice the rotunda and pioneer statue (pictured here) to new sites in the Complex. Garden beds and pathways will be arranged to create an Italian style garden between the Museum building and the Pavilion.
- to install a childrens playground on part of the new lawn (west of the Pavilion). It will have an adjoining al fresco shaded dining area.
- to proceed with the long overdue upgrade to the Museum.



The rotunda, Pavilion and pioneer statue in 2012. Photo Leonie Lane.

Appropriate advice will be obtained for all aspects of the above. These plans can now be made because the basics of the site are now secure. Site buildings, maintenance and water supply are of good standard. Also our income level (from rents and the successful gift shop) and bank balances are of a level that such things can be contemplated. We are hopeful of the success of various grant applications - if not we may consider a bank loan.

Our sense of security for future planning did not arrive by accident. It is the accumulative result of much effort by a core group of dedicated volunteers and others who ably assist with occasional help. We are thankful for their contributed time and talents to New Italy for its future well being. Many helpers go unsung and the rewards are not material but they do deserve our enduring gratitude! Please note the upcoming events (see below) at New Italy Museum Complex - we look forward to seeing you and your families!

**John Barnes**

**SPRING ITALIAN  
MORNING TEA  
VOLUNTEER  
RECRUITMENT DRIVE**  
10am Sunday 18  
October 2015

**CENTENARY  
OF ANZAC  
PROJECT**  
The Honour Roll  
Unveiling Ceremony  
10am Saturday 14  
November 2015

**CARNEVALE  
ITALIANO**  
10-4 Sunday 10  
April 2016

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# NEW ITALY'S ANZACS

SONS OF AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE

## CENTENARY OF ANZAC PROJECT: The Honour Roll Unveiling Ceremony 10am Saturday 14 November 2015

An Honour Roll to acknowledge the WWI service and sacrifice of the 13 young men from the Italian families that settled New Italy in 1882 will be unveiled at a ceremony in the New Italy Museum Complex on Saturday morning, 14 November 2015. All are welcome to attend this ceremony – we are particularly looking forward to the attendance of members from the families of the men being honoured. Those families are **Caminiti, Gava, Mazzer, Nardi, Roder, Sanotti, Battistuzzi, Scarrabelotti, Mellare, Spinaze and Tome.**



Grafton-based master craftsman, Jim Muldoon, is constructing New Italy's Honour Roll. Here in his workshop, the 24 handmade specialty mouldings and components await the next stages: joinery and construction, sanding and preparing for finishing, french polishing and signwriting in gold leaf. Photo courtesy Jim Muldoon

Nardi), and a further seven were severely wounded. All of the men saw active service on the front line, either on the Western Front or in Egypt and Palestine. Two of the men were decorated (Cpl Toney Mazzer – Military Medal and Cpl Michael Scarrabelotti – Distinguished Conduct Medal).

The ceremony will commence at 10am and following the unveiling of the Honour Roll, laying of wreaths, etc. a morning tea will be provided in the New Italy community hall. Stories of the men's service, photos, etc. will be on display in the hall.

For more information Peter Blackwood,  
Centenary of ANZAC Project  
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By way of a brief background to these men, there were two who paid the supreme sacrifice and did not return (Pte John Caminiti and Gnr Lorenzo

*Become one of New Italy Museum Complex' wonderful team of...*



New Italy Museum Complex is a museum of historic importance where we celebrate the history of an Italian migrant community who began their settlement in Australia at New Italy in the 1880s. If you have a few spare hours each month and would like to make new friends, share your skills and gain some more, there are plenty of opportunities for you at New Italy Museum Complex. Learn about aspects of Italian culture and Australian history. Gain new experiences and grow your resume in the Museum Complex' various activities. Assist with museum maintenance, display and conservation issues, Gift Shop face-to-face selling and e-commerce, begin and run a film society, help plan and manage events, assist marketing and promotion... and more. **For more information come to our Volunteers Morning Tea 10am Sunday 18 October / call into the Gift Shop during opening hours / contact Gail 0414 348 566 or Peter Blackwood [info@newitaly.com.au](mailto:info@newitaly.com.au) - 0414 673 933**

# 2016 CARNEVALE ITALIANO

The *Carnevale Italiano* planning committee has begun organising our next annual major fundraiser. Sunday 10 April 2016 will mark the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New Italy settlers arrival in Australia. We hope you will join our celebration! Following feedback from our survey, there will be some changes... and yes, there will definitely be a dance floor!

This year we were blessed with a large crowd and beautiful weather. We have enjoyed the support of a number of local businesses and organisations.

**Summerland Travel Lismore** For the last two years **Summerland Travel** has sponsored the first prize in our raffle - a \$2000



travel voucher! This local business has been operating since 1955, owned by one of the Museum Complex' founding families, the Volpatos. Nic Volpato and his team at Summerland Travel - Neelia, Stephen, Kay and Barbara - have extensive experience in the travel industry and as travellers to many exotic locations. If you are planning an overseas trip, need some expert advice or looking for a great deal, visit Summerland Travel at 97 Keen Street, Lismore or [www.summerlandtravel.com.au](http://www.summerlandtravel.com.au).



**Richmond Valley Council** is another major sponsor that supports us financially and, through its events staff, have helped with publicity, crafted various documents as well as graded Swan Bay Road prior to this year's Carnevale. We value its input throughout the whole year but particularly at Carnevale time.

**RICHMOND RW WASTE** **Richmond Waste** supports the Complex quietly behind the scenes doing

the extremely important but not so glamorous job of ensuring we have ample toilets coupled with collecting the garbage. We rely heavily on this locally owned business and thank Michael Barnes and his team for their ongoing support.

**The Northern Star** supported us throughout the publicity period leading up to Carnevale by donating advertising space and working with us to guarantee we received the best coverage we could. They bring local news to your front door and help keep the Northern Rivers informed and up to date.



This year Frank Vanz came on board from **Frank Vanz Tyres** who donated a bar fridge for a raffle alongside Tony Carusi from **Oz Rice** for bales of straw for patrons to sit on.



Our volunteers on the day are what make the event tick and it wouldn't run without them. We are particularly grateful to the crew behind the food from **the Italo Club**. Every year Americo Melchior's and Julie de Nardi's team have donated skills, time and energy and pulled off the most amazing food - we are indebted to you.



In the Autumn 2015 edition of *Il Giornale* we profiled our sponsors **Ramada Hotels and Suites, Ballina and Booyong Design**. Thank you again for your generous support.



The planning committee is a small group who meet once a month at New Italy. Each year we look to expand our numbers, skills and strengths.

**Next meeting: 11.30am Tuesday 21 October - New Italy Museum Complex Hall.**

**Aliison Kelly** Events Manager - 0428 216 079

**WHAT'S ON AT THE ITALO- AUSTRALIAN CLUB: LISMORE**  
 SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER | **Mick Buckley and the Hepcats** (from the 1980's band 'The Radiators')  
 SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER | **Afternoon on the Deck** featuring the **Chris Cook Band**  
 TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER | **Melbourne Cup Luncheon**  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT AT 6.30PM | **Smorgasbord dinners**  
**ALL WELCOME!** Contact **Julie de Nardi** - [juliedenardi66@gmail.com](mailto:juliedenardi66@gmail.com)

**MAGICAL OUTDOOR THEATRE EVENT**  
**RAILWAY WONDERLAND**  
 Live on Lismore's iconic train station  
 22 OCT - 7 NOV  
 SELLING FAST  
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**RAILWAY WONDERLAND** Take your seat under the stars and experience bringing life back to Lismore's iconic railway station as NORPA presents *Railway Wonderland*. The main character is an Italian immigrant who came to Lismore in the 40s as a proxy bride - the show is a magical ride across time to the present day and celebrates our community. *Railway Wonderland* sold out its first season in 2012. NORPA are thrilled to get it back on the tracks in 2015.  
**8PM 22 OCT - 7 NOV 2015 - LISMORE TRAIN STATION**  
 Groups of 4 + pay Concession rate of \$42. Book now on 1300 066 772 or at [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au). Street Diner and Bar nightly.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NEW ITALY...

## THE TASTES OF NEW ITALY CAFÉ



The *Tastes of New Italy Café* baristas applying their trade at the recent Carnevale Italiano. Photo Jimmy Malecki

The Café is open 9 ~ 4 seven days a week including public holidays. It boasts the best coffee on the Pacific Highway, delicious home-made cakes, fulsome lunches, drinks and snacks! The best toasted foccaccia north of Leichhardt!

Bring your family, friends or community groups for a leisurely lunch under the vine trellises, or call through for quality take-away for the ongoing trip. Call 02 66822622 for a group booking. There is a special menu for coaches and meetings.

Enquiries: Rob Duncan, *Tastes of New Italy Café* owner • 02 66822622

## NEW ITALY MUSEUM



Donated 1836 New and Old Testament Bible from Venice. Photo Lester Cooke

At the recent Museums Australia Far North Coast Chapter meeting, Anne Kennett advised us on how to stabilise, clean and repair documents, artworks, newspapers and posters. Anne is a museum specialist and has studied both Paper Conservation and Prints and Drawings Conservation at the Camberwell School of Art in London.

Our volunteers can access these and other skills like photography, developing audio-visual presentations, data-base management, website publishing, basic graphic design, word-processing and office procedures. You are welcome to join our Museum Monday Group, which meets in the New Italy Museum Complex Hall at 10am every second Monday in the month. For information about volunteering, membership or donations visit page on our website for details.

Enquiries: Lester Cooke, Museums Co-ordinator. • webmaster@newitaly.com.au

## THE ITALIAN PAVILION



Recently New Italy Museum Complex was one of the heritage sites in Northern NSW that was visited by the NSW Heritage Office. Nineteen of their representatives enjoyed morning tea at the Café and a quick tour of the Pavilion, the Museum and of course Casa Vecchia Gift Shop. They were very impressed by what they experienced!

We are currently gathering material about local Italian food and drink production for displays along the internal southern wall of the Pavilion. These displays will be about wine (including grappa and limonicello), salami, and cheese making, coffee growing and processing as well as kitchen gardens. If you have recipes, stories or artifacts you would like to share with us please let us know. If appropriate to the stories we want to tell, we can accept donations or loans of objects for display. If you would like to help add content and put displays together we would love to hear from you!

Contact Leonie Lane, Italian Pavilion Co-ordinator • booyongd@bigpond.net.au • 0423733569

This Italian wine bottle corkscrew has been loaned to New Italy Museum Complex by the Fraccaro family from Koonorigan. Photo Leonie Lane.

## THE CASA VECCHIA GIFT SHOP



Casa Vecchia Gift Shop entrance open for business. Photo Gail Williams

The Casa Vecchia Gift Shop continues to provide an enticing focal point at the Museum Complex for visitors and shoppers. It is open 52 weeks a year by a generous but dwindling number of dedicated volunteers. We regret to report that due to injury of one of these hard workers and the current shortage of volunteers, the gift shop will be closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays (after the September school holidays) until more willing helpers can be found. If you are curious as to what this and other New Italy Museum Complex tasks might entail, we will be having a Spring Italian Morning Tea Volunteer Recruitment Drive on Sunday 18 October at 10am. Come along and hear how, by giving a few hours of your time each month, you can make a real difference here at the New Italy Museum Complex.

Enquiries: Gail Williams, Casa Vecchia Gift Shop Co-ordinator • giftshop@newitaly.com.au

### 2015-16 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

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### WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO IL GIORNALE?

Email stories, tourist tips to Italy, recipes etc.  
Summer 2015 edition: content due 21/11/15

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Peter Blackwood (Secretary)  
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### VOLUNTEER PROFILE: PAULENE BLACKWOOD

Paulene Blackwood, a descendant from the Bertoli/Antoniolli line, is a wonderful asset in the Casa Vecchia Gift Shop. A talented artist in her own right, she, with her daughter, create the beautiful range of Murano beaded jewelry on sale at the shop. She has also assisted with sourcing merchandise since the shop opened back in 2010. Paulene is currently recovering from a broken arm. We wish her a speedy recovery!

