



IL GIORNALE

NEWSLETTER FROM NEW ITALY MUSEUM INC.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure that we welcome into the NIMI committee, old friends of New Italy Museum, **Brian Pezzutti and Lester Cooke**. Both share family connections and a deep interest in good governance at Historic New Italy.

It is so nice to be able to take it easy for a few days as it has been a very busy past 12 months of planning, liaising and meetings with Tesla representatives but at last, we now have **a 12 bay Tesla Supercharger in our back car park**. This includes a standalone bay for EV's with caravans and trailers,

You may not realise that planning starting back in 2020! Then more seriously in July 2023. But it has taken the last 12 months to finally get approvals because of our NSW Heritage title and also the caveat that Diaa Shaker has on our land. Those hurdles were met and we were able to liase a good license agreement with Tesla (much, more than what they first proposed in 2020!) which will be ensuring a sizable monthly income stream for NIMI for the next 15 years and each year the payments will rise by 4%.

Tesla stated that our site is the best site on the east coast as it is directly off the highway and easy to return to when charged. They began building in March this year, but due to the wet weather it was held up for months. Finally, it opened to the public on the 1st July. A good start to our brand new financial year! There always seem to be 2-3 cars there charging. According to Tesla they say that is promising for a new site as it takes awhile to get known. Not having signage out front has been a problem and that is our next project. We have permission and advice from Richmond Valley Council.

So I'm glad to say the financial future of NIMI looks considerably brighter.

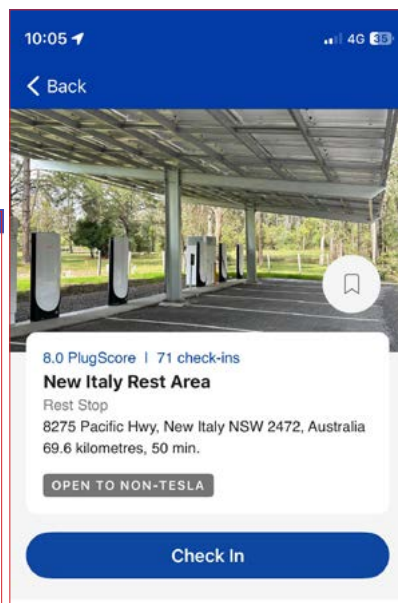
Now there is also another major project in the pipeline at the moment. The Tesla engineer happened to be present when we had a power outage on site (a too common phenomenon at New Italy). It was explained to him that we have to close the toilets to the general public as the pumps and septic system need power to operate. He encouraged us to think about getting a **Tesla solar battery** while the government was supporting energy transition with discounts

on batteries. **You could say they made us an offer we couldn't refuse, and we are now going to run the toilet block and septic system totally on solar power that is harvested from all excess power that is generated from our solar panels on the roof of the Café/Museum.** This will eventuate in September. Gone will be the days of having to explain our "closed toilets" situation to the distressed visitors who realise they have to get back in their cars and travel to Woodburn to use the public toilets there when we have a power outage!

So please excuse me while I put my feet up and relax... one major money producing and one money saving project now ticked off the never ending "To-Do" list.

I remain committed to serving you and the committee in finding ways to carry the museum and it stories into the future so this part of early Australian pioneering history is never forgotten.

Next is the preparation for our November AGM. I hope to see you all there.
Gail Williams

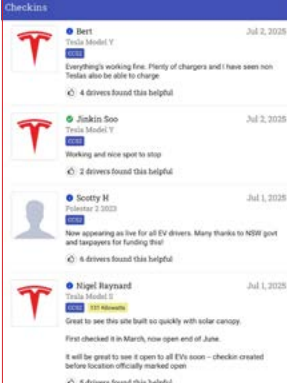


Top: The 12 bay Tesla Supercharger in the back car park. Eleven bays under the massive awning topped with solar panels. Note the stand alone bay designed for EVs with caravans /trailers in the left of the photo.

Left to right: Stay tuned re Launch event in Spring; EV user feedback promotes the Supercharger site plus all the other good things that the New Italy Museum site offers; non-Tesla EVs can use the site to recharge as well. Download the Tesla App, connect with your email, phone number and add bank details. Plug in and charge away!



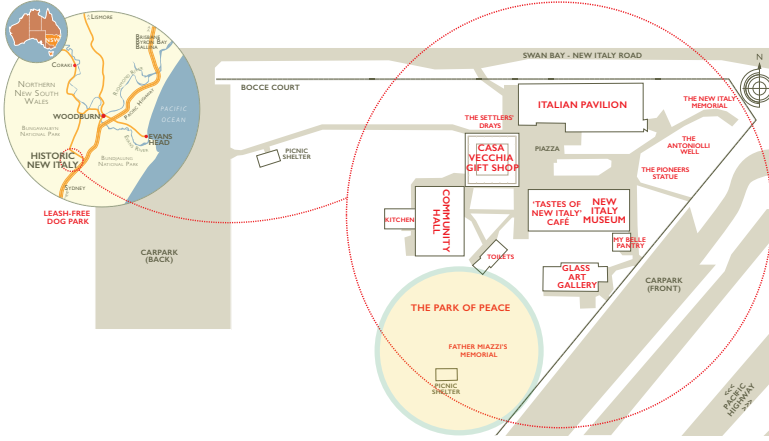
LAUNCH DATE TO BE ADVISED
12 EV CHARGING BAYS
IN THE HISTORIC NEW ITALY
BACK CARPARK



Check-ins

- Best** (Tesla Model Y) - Jul 2, 2025
Everything's working fine. Plenty of chargers and I have seen non Teslas also be able to charge.
4 drivers found this helpful
- Shelvia Soo** (Tesla Model Y) - Jul 2, 2025
Working and nice spot to stop.
2 drivers found this helpful
- Scotty M** (Polestar 2 2023) - Jul 1, 2025
Now appearing as free for all EV drivers. Many thanks to NSW govt and taxpayers for funding this!
4 drivers found this helpful
- Nigel Raymond** (Tesla Model S) - Jul 1, 2025
Great to see this site built so quickly with solar canopy.
First checked in in March, now open end of June.
It will be great to see it open to all EV's soon - check-in created before location officially marked open.
4 drivers found this helpful

HISTORY BITES: NEW ITALY'S 'PARK OF PEACE'



Giacomo Piccoli at his New Italy Park of Peace 1953 with one of the named trees.

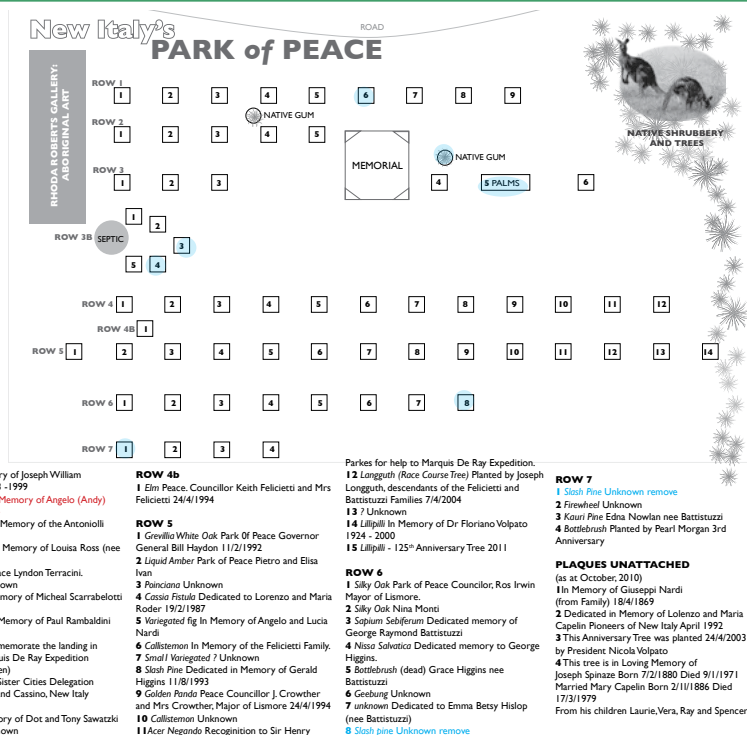
A tranquil and special part of the New Italy Museum site is the 'Park of Peace' with important connections to the New Italy story.

Giacomo Piccoli, one of the last surviving expeditioners and original New Italy settlers, established a 'Park of Peace' (Il Parco della Pace) as a form of thanksgiving on his selection at New Italy. Floriano Volpato, the

Lismore correspondent for the Sydney newspaper *La Fiamma*, reported on Giacomo's motivation for his original Park of Peace and the proposal for a new park: *During the last years of solitude and meditation, Giacomo observed all the events of the world in isolation and objectivity, and came to the conclusion that 'Peace is the Supreme Gift of Humanity' ... Giacomo dedicated the most important trees to the people of international fame who contributed to peace in the world. He attached a tag with respected names to each tree. When Giacomo died the 'The Park of Peace' was abandoned. Once again it returned to forest. The New Italy organising committee intend to buy 5 hectares of land in the heart of New Italy and recreate 'The Park of Peace' and start a new plantation of trees on the occasion of the centenary celebration. Every year there will be new trees planted with new names attached.**

LIST OF SITE PLAQUES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, DENOTING TREES PLANTED BY NEW ITALY DESCENDANTS AND VISITING DIGITARIES PROMOTING WORLD PEACE.

- ROW 1**
- 1 Hoop Pine Giovanni Battistuzzi
 - 2 Cypress Anzica In Memory of Giovanna Battisto Battistuzzi
 - 3 Banyu Pine In Memory of Emma Battistuzzi
 - 4 Acer Negundo Polonia Battistuzzi
- Gum Tree**
- 5 Missing Tree James Thomas Battistuzzi
 - 6 Western Australian Flowering Gum replace In Memory of Leigh Helen Battistuzzi.
 - 7 Missing Tree John Battistuzzi
 - 8 Missing Tree.
 - 9 Banyu Pine Unknown.
- ROW 2**
- 1 Norfolk Island Pine Peace Carlo Zaccarotto Sydney 24/4/1994
 - 2 Crows Ash Flindersia Australis Planted by Honorable Harry Woods Federal Member of Page 2/5/1993
 - 3 Fig Unknown.
 - 4 Gum Unknown
 - 5 Slush Pine Unknown
- Memorial:** In Memory of Reverend Father Anthony Mazzi GS 2/3/1968
Golden Book Leaf Pine x 4 planted by Councillor D. Parkinson 24/4/1994
Bottlebrush Unknown
7 x 3 self sown to be removed
- ROW 3**
- 1 Conifer The Durrington Family Reunion 8/6/1997
 - 2 Liquid Amber In Memory of Antonio Fiorina Spinaze
 - 3 Unknown 124th Anniversary President Nicola Valpato 3/4/2005
 - 4 Small flowering tree (Crispe Myrtle) Unknown
 - 5 3 x rubber palms (should remove - not planted by descendants - story about the cook just put them in the ground, get rid of them - dangerous)
 - 6 Ficus Fig Unknown
- ROW 3B**
- 1 Platycarp Western Australian Flowering Gum Unknown
 - 2 Sausage Tree igalia pinata Planted by Hon. Ian Casuley 2/5/1993
 - 3 Group of Bottlebrush Trees to be removed
 - 4 Native trees - not planted, can remove
 - 5 Cherry Gawa Tree Dave Felicietti Family 5/1/1989
- ROW 4a**
- 1 Silky Oak Grevilla Robusto
- ROW 4**
- 1 Lillipill In Memory of Joseph William Scarrabellotti 1913 - 1999
 - 2 Liquid Amber In Memory of Angelo (Andy) Nardi, 1899 - 1994
 - 3 Macodamia ? In Memory of the Antonioli Family 10/9/1989
 - 4 Acer Negundo In Memory of Louisa Ross (nee Spinaze)
 - 5 Liquid Amber Peace Lyndon Terracini.
 - 6 Red Cedar Unknown
 - 7 Bottle Tree In Memory of Michael Scarrabellotti 1851 - 1945.
 - 8 Liquid Amber In Memory of Paul Rambaldini 7/4/1990
 - 9 Kauri Pine Commemorate the landing in Australia by Marquis De Ray Expedition 7/4/2004 (P.Rosolen)
 - 10 Acer Negundo Sister Cities Delegation Casino, Australia and Casino, New Italy 31/10/2003
 - 11 Flame In Memory of Dot and Tony Sawatzki
 - 12 Mulberry Unknown
- ROW 4b**
- 1 Elm Peace, Councillor Keith Felicietti and Mrs Felicietti 24/4/1994
- ROW 5**
- 1 Grevilla White Oak Park Of Peace Governor General Bill Hayden 11/2/1992
 - 2 Liquid Amber Park of Peace Pietro and Elisa Ivan
 - 3 Pansiano Unknown
 - 4 Cassia Fatale Dedicated to Lorenzo and Maria Roder 19/2/1987
 - 5 Variegated fig In Memory of Angelo and Lucia Nardi
 - 6 Callistemon In Memory of the Felicietti Family.
 - 7 Small Variegated ? Unknown
 - 8 Slush Pine Dedicated in Memory of Gerald Higgins 11/8/1993
 - 9 Golden Pondo Peace Councillor J. Crowther and Mrs Crowther, Major of Lismore 24/4/1994
 - 10 Callistemon Unknown
 - 11 Acer Negundo Recognition to Sir Henry
- ROW 6**
- 1 Silky Oak Park of Peace Councillor Ros Irwin Mayor of Lismore.
 - 2 Silky Oak Nina Monti
 - 3 Sopium Sebiferum Dedicated memory of George Raymond Battistuzzi
 - 4 Niso Salvatico Dedicated memory to George Higgins.
 - 5 Bottlebrush (dead) Grace Higgins nee Battistuzzi
 - 6 Geobung Unknown
 - 7 unknown Dedicated to Emma Betsy Hislop (nee Battistuzzi)
 - 8 Slush pine Unknown remove
- ROW 7**
- 1 Slush Pine Unknown remove
 - 2 Firewheel Unknown
 - 3 Kauri Pine Edna Nowlan nee Battistuzzi
 - 4 Bottlebrush Planted by Pearl Morgan 3rd Anniversary
- PLAQUES UNATTACHED**
(as at October, 2010)
- 1 In Memory of Giuseppe Nardi (from Family) 18/4/1869
 - 2 Dedicated in Memory of Lorenzo and Maria Capelin Pioneers of New Italy April 1992
 - 3 This Anniversary Tree was planted 24/4/2003 by President Nicola Valpato
 - 4 This tree is in Loving Memory of Joseph Spinaze Born 7/2/1880 Died 9/1/1971 Married Mary Capelin Born 2/11/1886 Died 17/3/1979 From his children Laurie, Vera, Ray and Spencer



The tradition of planting a tree on Anniversary Day - commemorating the arrival of the expeditioners in Sydney 7 April 1881- has continued in the new 'Park of Peace'. Descendant families have planted them in remembrance of family members and friends of New Italy. While some trees have died due to drought, bush fires and age, others have thrived and form the basis of gardens. Some plaques have come adrift waiting to be added to this commemorative space. In 2011, Community Historian, and then New Italy's Community Liaison Officer, Jo Kijas, worked with botanist, Tein McDonald, NIMI and myself to document and map the plantings.

The memorial to Lismore's much-loved Father Miazzi, the first of the Scalabrini fathers, forms a centrepiece in this space. It was offered to New Italy when the North Lismore parish closed. On the 28 April 1991 at New Italy, the first Mass and dedication to Fr Miazzi was celebrated in the Pavilion by Rev Francis Lovetin (a colleague of Fr Miazzi) who also blessed the monument at its new home in The Park of Peace.

As the site develops, NIMI is committed to maintaining The Park of Peace as a place of commemoration and contemplation.

* 'Salami, Shortbread & Parrot Pie: stories of Multicultural New Italy' Museum Monday Group - Dr Jo Kijas Chapter 12 Page 85



Left to right:

Rev. Father Francesco Lovatin, Sydney, Lorenzo Cremasco, Scalabrinian Order, Rome with Floriano Volpato, Italian Consul Agent North Coast, NSW dedicating the Father Miazzi memorial.

A recently added wedding bower in the Park of Peace using parts of the Antonioli heritage post and rail fence. Special thanks to the Battistuzzi family.

Locals enjoying the Park of Peace.

Leonie Lane

THE NEXT BIG PROJECT - UPGRADING THE TOILET BLOCK

The existing New Italy toilet facilities were constructed in the mid to late 1980s and are in need of an upgrade. This is not because they are not functional (they are very much so) but because the design is dated and they no longer meet community expectations.

In light of this and considering future increased use, NIMI has decided that our next major project will be a serious renovation of the toilet block.

We have approached this project with the intention of creating a facility that is compliant, robust and *state-of-the-art*. This means that it will be well-lit, well-ventilated, easy-to-clean, user-friendly and very modern. Expect tiled walls, a raked ceiling, epoxy commercial standard floors, personal male urinals, hidden piping and insect proofing. Additionally, to comply with slope regulations, a separate disabled facility will be located at the top of the footpath that leads from the cafe area. The existing sloped footpath is to be widened, covered with an iron roof and fitted with a handrail. This improvement will mean that in wet weather visitors can access our toilets without getting wet and it has the added advantage of keeping the floors dry.

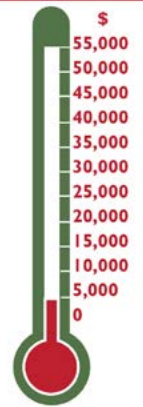
We aim to enhance our visitors experience with updated quality facilities, ensuring return visits to Historic New Italy. We are very aware of the often questionable standard of competing toilet stops on the highway.

To date we have employed a design professional to prepare specifications and drawings so that building quotations can be obtained. In the meantime, if you would like to assist this important project, when next *spending a penny* at New Italy, consider donating to the adjacent toilet block donation box - cash, QR code or TapNGo - and check out our barometer. **John Barnes**



The New Italy toilet block, July 1988
Photo courtesy Joan Bortolin

HELP
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PROJECT UPDATES

... SEWERAGE TREATMENT - YOU NEED TO KNOW...



The activated carbon filter atop the septic tank has been hermetically sealed.

Like New Italy's water supply, the treatment of sewerage effluent is by necessity an internal affair.

The existing treatment system was installed some 35 years ago and is now showing signs of incapacity. This is particularly evident during busier periods in summer. Another problem is corrosion of the tanks internal steel.

A corrective investigation has found that since most toilet use is between say 10.00am to 2.00pm the load on the treatment system is disproportionately urine. Therefore the degrading bacteria have an unbalanced diet. This was partly corrected by the daily addition of a purpose designed balancing nutrition pack and an improvement to the aeration system.

However since the problem was still evident we fitted a drum of activated carbon in the discharge air line to purify the air. Additionally all air leaks about the lid were sealed. This has further reduced the problem.

These measures are however only "stop gap" and a system more correspondent to a usage rate of say 1,000 uses/day needs to be installed. Current usage is approx. 550.

Regarding a new and larger system, we are yet to define a location that can be supplied with all services and does not impede any other future development of the site. Then there is the problem of finance. Hopefully a grant can be obtained. **John Barnes**

THE ITALIAN PAVILION

The renovation of the Pavilion continues despite the incessant rainy weather. A big thank you to builder, Ned Hayes and crew, for their perseverance. The closed front face of the Pavilion tower is waiting to be finished before a large sign announcing 'NEW ITALY' to the south bound highway traffic will be added.

Meanwhile, we have had lovely donations of beautiful, cherished items from local Italian families to add to theme based displays. They are carefully documented, photographed, accessioned to our database as they find a place in developing displays. **Leonie Lane**



Left to right: The front of the Pavilion tower; Angela 'Rosetta' Polese in her garden, Naughton's Gap; the Kitchen display takes shape.

SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS

When you are next at the New Italy Museum site, take note of changes to signage at both the front and the back of the site. We hope that they make it easier for our visitors to enjoy their on-site experience ... while encouraging donations. These signs have come together through consultation with the team and



From front car park: way-finding signage between the Glass Art Gallery and MyBelle Pantry; new covered walkway map and contents of site.

lessees, with placement and content by Kevin Poole, design by Leonie Lane and fabrication by the good folk at Lismore Sign Shop. Thank you all!

Still to come: signage for the Hall, the Italian Pavilion and of course the Tesla EV Supercharger. Thanks for your patience!



Off-Leash Dog Park at the rear of the back car park: do's and don't s; no fires allowed. Note: charred trees reminders of 2019/20 bush fires.



From back car park: entrance welcome requesting \$15 overnight stay; donation box; site map with contents of site; committee thank you; safe travels, ciao!

FRIEND OF NEW ITALY KEVIN'S STORY by John Barnes

New to New Italy's working team is Kevin Poole.

Originally from NSW Central West - Rylstone - his family's sheep farm was renowned for Super Fine Merino wool.

Kevin's career commenced with the Westpac Bank. He also served as a Cub Scout Leader and represented Westpac at the World Scout Jamboree fostering global citizenship and community spirit in younger generations.

He met his wife Anne, through the State Bank of NSW while she served as a Girl Guide Leader. Their shared values and dedication to service, has laid the foundation for a strong partnership.

Kevin's early contributions to community have been recognised with significant honours, including Young Australian of the Year (Australia Day Award) and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, the latter presented by the Governor-General. A reflection of a lifelong dedication to service, leadership, and personal development.

He has remained actively involved in both civic and emergency service organisations. These include the Australian Army Reserves with the 1/19th Battalion as well as President - Lismore Apex Club, President - Lismore Rotary Club, and Secretary - Alphadale Rural Fire Brigade. Kevin received the commissioner's Certificate and Medal in recognition of his involvement and support in the effort to preserve life and property during the 2019 – 2020 bush fire season.

Professionally, he progressed through various positions with Westpac Bank, Suncorp Bank and Insurance Company as Manager at Lismore and Ballina branches. He now works casually at Pellet Heaters Australia at Woodburn. During the

Lismore flood recovery effort, Kevin assisted in the clean-up by operating a hook truck for Richmond Waste, transporting waste from devastated areas to disposal sites.

Kevin's dedication to grassroots initiatives is demonstrated through community projects at New Italy. He has assisted in the development of the dog park, a project he continues to support with ongoing maintenance. He has also been instrumental in the development of new signage in the grounds (see above). Fresh eyes and good ideas are so welcome!

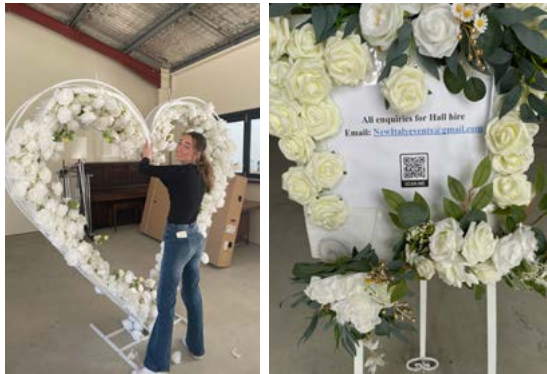
An accomplished martial artist, Kevin has a strong belief in continuous learning and personal growth.

His passion for new experiences has taken him across challenging and scenic routes in Australia and beyond, including the Kokoda Track and white-water rafting expeditions on the Johnstone and Franklin Rivers. He and Anne witnessed the extraordinary red crab migration in Christmas Island. They look forward to many more and unforgettable experiences together.



John Barnes with Kevin Poole installing new signage at New Italy

THE NEW ITALY COMMUNITY HALL & THE EVENTS COMMITTEE



The recent repair to the New Italy Hall (2023) has certainly created a very appealing place for events, admin. and museum collection management. There are a few incomplete details - lining the ceiling, equipping the hall kitchen and adding external signage before declaring it a big event venue.

Working towards this is the newly formed Events Committee. Locals Megan and Stacey Bunker, Jim and Anna Lagerstedt join NIMI committee members, Gail Williams, Shail Maharaj and Leonie Lane to design a way forward for the Hall and events at the New Italy site. Starting small - a local inside Spring market - could start to create interest and earn funds to finish the Hall. One day we aim to hold weddings on site. Just as well we have wedding planner, Megan Bunker (left), on the Events Committee.

VISITOR NUMBERS

Our visitor numbers fluctuate with external factors like bush fires, COVID, highway reconstruction, floods, competing sites and neighbouring town by-passes, having their impact.

We monitor visitor numbers considering the above, to gain an idea of what the growth rate of future visitor numbers might be. The figures below are most encouraging:

1/1/2023 ~ 13/5/2023 = 466 persons/day

1/1/2024 ~ 13/5/2024 = 534 persons/day

1/1/2025 ~ 13/5/2024 = 550 persons/day

The above represents a growth rate of 21% over two years.

With this (plus supporting information) NIMI has embarked on a program of continued site improvement to cater for increased numbers of visitors and their rising expectations.

With the completion of the highway reconstruction, the entrance appearance was significantly improved, the standard and extent of lawn/garden maintenance lifted and the hall reconstructed. This was accompanied by a rebuild of our water collection and storage facilities. Further the gift shop strives to open daily, MyBelle Pantry has opened at the entrance and the cafe has extended trading hours and revised its menu. The Glassworks Gallery continues to open daily. Additionally site signage has been updated, advertising continued and maintenance issues attended to. Currently the Pavilion is undergoing a major refurbishment. This latter undertaking will add significantly to the sites attractiveness as indications are most impressive. Notably we have plans to refurbish the toilets block - our next big thing!

The future? All being well, we could expect a steady growth rate of approx. 5% annually. The operation of 12 bay electric charging stations will impact our overall visitor numbers.

Continued growth creates opportunities to diversify however such ventures can be expensive and risky. Meanwhile happy visitors are our best form of promotion.

John Barnes

VISITOR FEEDBACK



Happy customers in the off-leash dog park.

Recently from Trip Advisor:

Perfect stop on the Pacific Highway, beautiful Historic New Italy. What a nice place to take a break, coffe place with a lot of choices. And a to read about the Italian history of the place. A few shops, a gift shop with a lot of amazing gifts, glass art gallery with so many amazing gifts, Bella pantry with organic products. They even had Tesla charge station, I did not use. Easy to park, toilets. Ironbarkcreeka, July 15 2025

Stop and recharge on the lovely terrace wreathed in grape vines. We stopped for lunch and coffee. Years ago we would stop in here on our way to our summer camping holidays. We were delighted to find the same lovely ambience - long cool terrace, wreathed in grape vines. The coffee was good and the food fresh and tasty. The staff were cheerful and the service prompt with our meals made to order. I had a beef burger and my husband had frittata and salad. The toilets are the same as 16 years ago - very rustic but clean. Happy to recommend to anyone who enjoys a country cafe and the added attraction of a historical Italian museum. Sue A, Brisbane, November 18 2024

OVER NIGHTERS: WASH ROOM DUO

We are visited by a wide range of age groups and nationalities who travel in a wide variety of vehicles. The vast majority are friendly, sociable and talkative.

This latter fact was demonstrated when I spoke to this couple in our Faces and Plates Washroom. She, Ola, was from Poland and he, Jerry, was from China. They were travelling Australia's east coast and were most thankful for the facilities that made their stay so pleasant.



RECENT EVENTS

**6/7/2025 - 2025 LISAMORE!
LISMORE TURF CLUB**

A huge success! Congratulations to the organising committee and to their team of volunteers! The NIMI Gift Shop did a roaring trade in their marquee and enjoyed being a part of the vibrant atmosphere!



Photo by Peter Derrett



Raffle Champion, Julie de Nardi

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NEW BRITAIN REVISITED:
Bev Phelts visit 2023**

“I recently returned from a trip to New Britain, PNG and visited the Rabaul/Kopoko Museum. As you would be aware, the museum holds artefacts from the Port Breton settlement. Artefacts are a mill stone, bricks and three cartwheels”.

**Story and photos by Bev Phelts
(Piccoli/Belotti descendent)**



Bottom right: NIMI President, Gail Williams with Bev Phelts during a recent visit to New Italy

9/7/2025 - VISIT BY YAMBA U3A

Leonie conducted a tour of the New Italy Museum site for the Yamba U3A.



Photo by Peter Derrett



**NIMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 2025**

2.30pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.00pm NIMI A.G.M.

4.00pm GUEST SPEAKER: Live from Barcelona

DR POL DALMAU

‘Fresh Insights into the Marquis de Rays’ Colony and the New Italy Settlers’

Dr Pol Dalmau ~ History professor, Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona and a friend to New Italy Museum.

Many will recall Dr Pol Dalmau’s informative talk at New Italy Hall, on 9 October 2022. His research added another chapter to the New Italy story encompassing the time when hundreds of hopeful Italian emigrants assembled in Barcelona waiting to embark for an island paradise in the South Pacific.

His latest research looks further into the Marquis de Rays colony and his part in the New Italy story.

RSVP FOR CATERING NEEDS BY 27/10/2025: museums@newitaly.org.au



SHOPPING AT HISTORIC NEW ITALY...

CASA VECCHIA GIFT SHOP

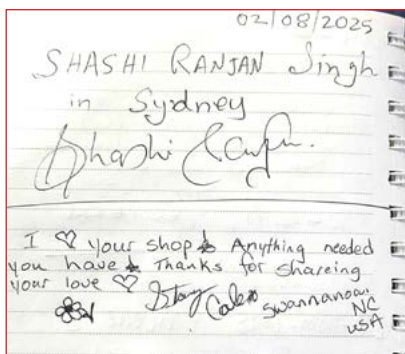


We have also increased our product line with gorgeous winter gloves with a touch of class! One size fits all! Also new picture winter scarves or summer shawls of Venice and the Island of Murano. They would make a stunning addition to your wardrobe. Come in and see them before they disappear!

Would you like to work here with our dynamic team? We pay travel allowance and you get 10% off on all purchases. Call Gail or send an email...

Gail Williams • giftshop@newitaly.org.au • 0414 348 566

MYBELLE PANTRY



Before starting MyBelle Pantry, Michele ran a toxic-free cleaning business in Melbourne and swore by Bio Blitz. This pro-biotic cleaner uses beneficial bacteria to naturally break down dirt and odors, without chemicals. Now, it's part of MyBelle Pantry, extending healthy living from the kitchen to the whole home.

MyBelle Pantry has received lots of good feedback from the visiting public. A recent visitor to the shop, Cole from North Carolina, USA "I love your shop! Anything needed you have. Thanks for sharing your love!"

Michele Bertoli • masfmdcare@gmail.com • 0403 212 747

NEW ITALY GLASS ART GALLERY



To compliment the largest range of borosilicate* jewelry in Australia, Ian has a constantly evolving display of individual glass sculptures. Underwater scenes mounted on reclaimed native timber are not often available, but he has recently completed a limited series.

*Borosilicate is a type of glass known for its exceptional resistance to thermal shock completely free from harmful chemicals like BPA, lead, or phthalates.

Ian & Julie O'Driscoll • ianodriscoll58@gmail.com • 0414 668 223

TASTES OF NEW ITALY CAFÉ



As well as offerings of fresh food and beverages for sit down and take away diners, the Café sells a variety of enticing products (sourced locally where possible) on the glass display shelves. Great for travelers looking for souvenirs, gifts or road snacks. There are biscotti, coffee beans (Merlo is so good!), tea, honey, pasta, preserves, sauces, lollies, chocolates and more!

Jamie Herring • newitalycafe@gmail.com • 6682 2622

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Are you a local business owner? A friend of Historic New Italy? A member of NIMI?

NIMI's bi-monthly newsletter, 'Il Giornale' is offering a unique opportunity to advertise your business to a growing and engaged readership for a small annual fee. Each edition of our newsletter reaches hundreds of members and supporters who are passionate about New Italy's rich heritage, culture, and community events.

We are inviting interested businesses or projects to feature a colour 9cm x 5.5cm landscape format ad in each issue: 6 issues per annum = \$200. Funds raised go to our ongoing efforts to support Historic New Italy and local enterprises.

This affordable and effective advertising space will showcase your brand, promote a new product or service, or simply raise an awareness about what you do. Whether you're a café, artisan, tradesperson, retailer, or service provider, this is your chance to align with us while gaining exposure via our supporters.

Historic New Italy is more than a destination – it's a celebration of community, history, and the entrepreneurial spirit. By advertising in our newsletter, you're not only promoting your business, but also supporting the ongoing preservation, development and maintenance of this treasured landmark.

For all advertising enquiries to secure your space in the next issue, contact Leonie at museums@newitaly.org.au

Next content deadline is 27/10/2025.

LET'S HELP EACH OTHER TO GROW TOGETHER — ADVERTISE WITH HISTORIC NEW ITALY!

