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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members

Our Club like many other small businesses in the community have just experienced one of the most difficult years of trading of recent times, a year that has seen many businesses close down.

You may recall that at last year's AGM we did predict that it would be a very difficult trading year for the Club – but it actually proved to be more difficult than we thought. It's on public record that a number of Perth restaurants, clubs and cafes have closed in the last twelve months and many more trading under severe financial stress.

Having said that I feel that the Board of Management and the various subcommittees have done a marvellous job in keeping trading losses to a minimum. I hope members can appreciate just how much work has been devoted by your committees in the last twelve months under very difficult financial constraints.

We have been very fortunate in having a group of generous sponsors, with almost everyone from last year renewing their sponsorship for the next twelve months, which under the current financial condition of the economy is amazing. I extend my sincere thanks to each and everyone of them and ask that our members please support them when the opportunity arises. In particular a big thank you to Mr Nick Catania and the Board of Bendigo North Perth Community Bank for once again donating \$20,000 and it is my pleasure to announce that we have recently secured another Major Sponsor being Cav Tony Fini who also has kindly donated \$20,000. These contributions will be of enormous financial help for the next twelve months.

As I have said before, I do think that going forward the Club needs to make some difficult and maybe unpopular decisions and this would include, trading days and hours.

As many of you would know it has been a year that both myself and more so the Vice President Nunzio Nici have been experiencing some health problems and have not been able to devote as much time as we would have liked to the Club and I would take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to committee member Sal Vallelonga, who has stepped up and carrying a heavy workload in the day to day management of the Club to cover our absence. Sal has also been the driving force in setting up the new Club restaurant, 1934 Ristorante which after a slow

start is now beginning to show some good results.

I am pleased to announce that through our Redevelopment Committee and our consultants we have lodged a Local Development Plan for our properties with City of Vincent and WAPC in which we have requested a rezoning to eight stories and if passed would make our properties worth so much more. Now whether we develop ourselves, joint venture with a developer or in fact sell some of the properties will be a decision to be made after consultation with members and experienced property developers at a later stage. Many thanks to Tony Vallelonga and other members of the Redevelopment subcommittee as well as our consultants Frank Arangio and Tony Cassella for driving the rezoning to this point, the furthest we have ever been.

I do wonder about the long term viability of the Club as we have known it to date. A recent article in the West Australian Newspaper about Clubs in WA showed that many Clubs are closing due to lack of support by members and the lack of interest of the younger generation to become members of a club. In fact one of oldest Clubs in our State of some 125 years, the WA Club is just one of the clubs to close its doors. I believe that a Club to attract members must offer an environment with modern facilities providing entertainment, sporting opportunities, business and social services, be family friendly, with very competitive pricing for quality food and wine in an area that is easily accessible with convenience of parking. So unless we could be confident of providing such a facility going forward, I think the whole concept of members Club needs to be seriously looked at.

I would like to thank the staff for their contribution over the last twelve months together with Chiara Scaffidi and her Ladies Committee who have always been strong supporters of the Club and myself. Also many thanks to my committee for being very supportive during the very difficult last twelve months and as I said earlier a particular thanks to board member Sal Vallelonga.

In finalising, I would take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019 – a year in which the Club will celebrate it's 85th Anniversary.

Joe Radici
President

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Carissimi Membri

Il nostro Club, come molti altre aziende commerciali locali, ha sofferto uno degli anni più difficili del passato. È stato un anno in cui molte aziende hanno chiuso i loro battenti. Probabilmente ricorderete che già dalla Riunione Generale

dell'Associazione dell'anno scorso noi avevamo predetto che questo sarebbe stato un anno molto difficile per il successo commerciale del nostro Club. In verità è risultata un'annata più difficile del previsto. È di comune conoscenza che un gran numero di ristoranti, Club, Caffè hanno chiuso i loro esercizi negli ultimi 12 mesi, mentre molti altri sono ancora in pericolo.

Detto questo, devo rilevare che il nostro Gruppo dirigente e gli altri Comitati hanno svolto un lavoro fantastico per ridurre al minimo le nostre perdite. Spero che tutti i membri del nostro Club apprezzino il gran lavoro fatto finora dai nostri comitati negli ultimi 12 mesi, malgrado le difficoltà generate dai limiti finanziari.

Siamo stati davvero fortunati ad avere un Gruppo di sponsors molto generoso; quasi tutti gli sponsors hanno rinnovato gli impegni assunti anche per i susseguenti 12 mesi, il che è molto ammirabile di fronte alle difficili condizioni finanziarie. Mi onoro di ringraziare ognuno di loro, mentre raccomando ai nostri membri di sostenerli, quando si presenti l'opportunità. Un ringraziamento particolare vada a Signor Nick Catania, come pure al gruppo dei dirigenti della Bendigo Bank che ha donato di nuovo \$20,000. Rilevo con piacere che abbiamo recentemente assicurato un altro grande sponsor nella persona del Cavaliere Tony Fini, il quale ha anche donato generosamente \$20,000. Questi contributi saranno di enorme aiuto finanziario per i prossimi 12 mesi.

Comunque, come ho anticipato in precedenza, sarà necessario prendere delle decisioni difficili e non popolari che riguardano il numero dei giorni dedicati all'esercizio commerciale come pure il numero delle ore.

Come molti di voi già sanno, sia io che il Vice Presidente Nunzio Nici abbiamo avuto problemi di salute e non abbiamo potuto dedicarci a tempo pieno al lavoro del nostro Club come avremmo voluto. Colgo questa occasione per esprimere i miei più sinceri ringraziamenti al membro del Comitato, Signor Sal Vallelonga per il suo intenso lavoro di supplenza di giorno in giorno, dovuto alle mie assenze. Sal è stato anche il promotore dell'organizzazione del nuovo 1934 Ristorante del Club, il quale, dopo un primo lento avvio si è affermato con buoni risultati.

Ho il piacere di annunciare che, attraverso gli sforzi del nostro Comitato e esperti consulenti, abbiamo deposto un Piano per lo Sviluppo delle nostre proprietà presso l'autorità del Vincent City e WAPC, nel quale abbiamo richiesto una riclassificazione zonale per poter erigere una costruzione di 8 piani. Se la richiesta verrà approvata il valore delle nostre proprietà sarà molto maggiore. Le seguenti alternative di scelta sono le seguenti: o noi sviluppiamo detto piano da noi stessi, o come un'iniziativa da sviluppare con altri, oppure vendere alcune parti delle nostre proprietà. Comunque tutto ciò sarà il risultato di decisioni prese in consultazione con i membri del Club come con gli esperti del mestiere più in là nel tempo. I nostri ringraziamenti vanno al Sg. Tony Vallelonga e agli altri membri del Comitato del nuovo sviluppo, come pure al nostro Consulente Sig. Frank Arangio e Tony Casella per aver condotto le trattative per la riclassificazione zonale fino a questo massimo punto.

Non so fino a quando potrà continuare la possibilità di esercizio del nostro Club com'è stato finora. Un recente articolo pubblicato dal giornale Western Australian relativamente all'esistenza dei vari Clubs, dichiara che molti di questi Club commerciali chiudono i battenti a causa della mancanza di partecipazione dei loro membri o per mancanza di interesse da parte della nuova gioventù. Di fatto, uno dei Club più antichi di questo Stato: il Western Australian Club, di 125 anni, ha chiuso il proprio esercizio. Io credo che la capacità di un Club di attrarre nuovi membri dipende dal fatto che offrano un ambiente moderno, con intrattenimenti, opportunità sportive, affari commerciali e servizi sociali, che siano attraenti per la famiglia, con prezzi realistici e cibi e bevande di ottima qualità e con parcheggio macchine conveniente. Perciò, a meno che tutto questo sia messo a disposizione del pubblico, il concetto del Club tradizionale dovrà essere riveduto profondamente.

Desidero ringraziare tutti i membri del personale di servizio per il loro valido contributo alla gestione degli ultimi 12 mesi, in particolare Chiara Scaffidi con il suo comitato femminile che sono sempre state di grande aiuto al nostro Club e a me stesso. Inoltre devo ringraziare i membri del mio Comitato per essere stati di così grande aiuto negli ultimi difficili mesi, ripeto un grazie particolare al membro del Comitato Sal Vallelonga.

Infine, desidero servirmi di questa occasione per augurare a tutti i nostri membri e alle loro famiglie un sicuro, pacifico e gioioso Santo Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo, anno in cui il nostro Club celebrerà il suo 85mo Anniversario di Fondazione.

Joe Radici
Presidente



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MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING

Dear Members,

It has been another eventful year for our Club, with a continual update in technology to better interact with our members. We will continue to review and update these initiatives with a review of many of our technologies also underway.

The committee has always been dedicated to continuing to facilitate the improvement of services for members, along with growing the club's membership base, to ensure the club is sustainable for many of the generations to come.

One strong initiative achieved this year was the official opening of our new restaurant offering '1934 Ristorante'. By moving our small restaurant offering to the front restaurant, not only did it make the restaurant operation more profitable, it also provided a better service offering to our members.

Since its opening, we have had an unprecedented amount of bookings for a range of functions, such as:

- Baptisms
- Confirmations
- Special Birthday's
- Communion's
- Engagements
- Corporate Functions

With an ageing building it is always difficult to be able to attract different ages and demographics, however 1934 Ristorante, is proving to be a hit with our members and it is evident by the strong support it is being given and the large number of functions that are continuously being booked.

As you can see on the adjacent page, the inspiration of the new restaurants name, comes from our proud heritage and the year this very club was founded. The photo shows the first premises "Casa D'Italia", on Fitzgerald Street. The photo below it is of the second building constructed on the site we currently call our home, on Fitzgerald Street. This collage and associated commentary is proudly placed at the entrance of the restaurant to remind us of the WA Italian Club's rich history and why we are still to this day "Inspired by Tradition".

We have also been active and successful in establishing some regular functions that have been bringing a lot of familiar faces back to the club, such as the "Let's Catch Up" nights. It has been great to have our members engaging with old friends, along with attracting new membership.

I wish to thank the President Mr Joe Radici and the Management Committee for their support in allowing

us to work hard at turning these new initiatives into profitable ventures for the Club.

I take this opportunity to wish all our Sponsors and Members a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. I hope the festive season brings you all much joy and happiness and allow you to share some wonderful memories with your family and friends. With God's blessing, we look forward to seeing you back at the club in 2019.

Sal Vallelonga
Chairman

Membership & Marketing Sub-committee
Sal Vallelonga, Nunzio Nici, Christine Madaschi,
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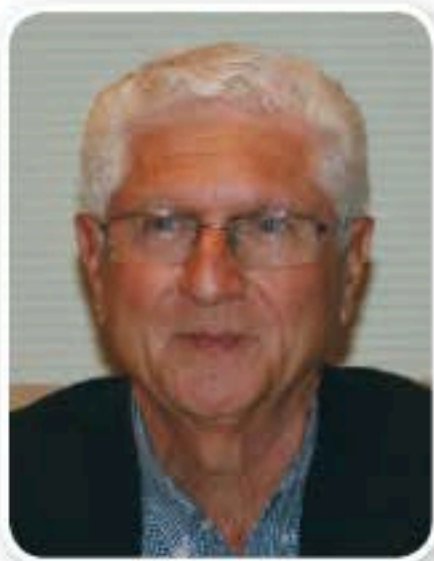
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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - FINANCE REPORT

Dear Members

The downturn in revenue over the last 12 months has impacted on the clubs operations.

The operations of the club resulted in a loss for 2018, of \$89,920 before depreciation.

A summary of the prior years is shown below:

(2017 - Profit of \$67,062 before depreciation)

(2016 - Profit of \$93,473 before depreciation)

(2015 - Profit of \$86,753 before depreciation)

(2014 - Loss of (\$150,479) before depreciation)

(2013 - Loss of (\$121,047) before depreciation)

Over the previous 3 years of profitable trading; the club was able to pay its liabilities on time, carry out improvements each year, along with acquiring new equipment.

This year the club spent \$21,286 (last year \$40,110 and \$63,693 in 2016) on improvements to ensure the members requirements are catered for.

In 2017 the Operations Committee identified the possible impact the slower economy would have on the clubs activities. This enabled the Management Committee to take steps to minimise expenditure so that the impact on the net profit was contained. A reduction of \$82,993 in overheads was achieved this year. (The reduction in 2017 was \$48,607).

Summary

- Over the last 3 years the committee has been able to reduce overheads from \$709,344 per year to \$515,033 per year.
- Membership and sponsorship has increased and this support is welcomed.
- The Bar and Restaurant revenue also increased slightly.

However

- The functions activity and function bookings declined substantially and consequently the turnover dropped significantly. Functions turnover was \$178,305 less than the prior year. (2017 \$433,779 - 2018 \$255,473).
- The club has also been affected by a reduction in rental income and room hire of \$74,745.

Both of these reductions may be partly due to difficult economic times however the club relies heavily on the support of its members for its functions.

The budget for the 2018/2019 year is targeting a break even result. However as with all ventures the support is necessary from many people, including the committee but more importantly ongoing support is necessary from the Members of the club. A big thank you to the members of the Operations Committee for their work and to the club members who regularly participate and contribute their time and sponsorship funds.

Charles Foti

Chairman Operations Committee



MAINTENANCE & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dear Members,

This year has seen a considerable amount of work completed to our club in order to maintain its structural integrity and uphold its quality and compliance.

As you can appreciate the age of the building means that constant maintenance

is required and this year has seen significant works, especially in the way of electrical, plumbing, roofing, air-conditioning, replacing deteriorated ceiling panels, and cleaning and repairing gutters and downpipes, to touch on some items. Further to this, we were fortunate enough to have Water Corporation provide us with their resources to fix the drainage issues in the carpark. All-in-all there has pretty much been daily trade activity at our Club this year, and these improvements are imperative to provide our members and guests with premium facilities.

Trades are generally given short notice, and we would like to extend our appreciation to these trades, some of whom attended to issues after hours and on weekends, etc. Our building is a wonderful old building, with some great history behind it – if only the walls could talk...! Maintaining its aesthetic presence means that we need to allocate substantial funding, as well as sustaining a tight budget, to keep it operational and provide a space for our members to enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to specifically thank members such as John Ielati and Vince Mesiti, for their continuous efforts and hard work in helping maintain the current facilities throughout the year.

Again, we are very grateful to our sponsors and volunteers, as well as all staff and committee members for all their hard work to keep our Club working and looking good.

Rocco Lumbaca
Maintenance Committee



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2018 year. Sponsorship can take the form of cash, goods or services all of which help with the financial existence of our Club.

I would take this opportunity to acknowledge the latest addition to our Club Sponsorship Group, Cav Tony Fini. Many of you know that Cav Fini has been a long time member of our Club and is well known and highly respected in our community for his business acumen as well as his support of many charitable causes. Cav Fini has generously agreed to a three year Major Sponsorship, at \$20,000 per year.

Bendigo North Perth Community Bank, our other Major Sponsor have recently honoured their second year contribution. So once again on behalf of our Club I extend our gratitude to Chairman of the Bank, Mr Nick Catania and his Board of Management for their continued support.

On behalf of my committee and members I sincerely thank all of our sponsors over the last twelve months and look forward to a continued association. Sponsors and supporters are a very important part of any club or association and help us provide benefits to our members and to keep the doors open, so I would ask our members to support our sponsors if and when the opportunity arises.

So if you would like to become a sponsor or know of someone that might, then please contact myself, Sal Vallelonga or Morena Strano through our office.

Joe Radici
Chairman



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WAIC LADIES COMMITTEE

Hello to all our Dear Members,

It's time again for my annual article for the Bulletin with news of what the Ladies Committee has been up to. We are still enjoying our wonderful lunches through the year, with the Melbourne Cup

being our next luncheon. If you are interested in a fun day put please do not hesitate to come along, and ladies just to let you know that gentleman are also welcome to our lunches so please feel free to bring them along.

Our monthly bingo was cancelled for the winter months, but will be restarting the last Wednesday in September, so I hope to see you in great numbers. I also remind you about our ladies Christmas function in November. Our Tuesday afternoons are still going strong, so if you are at a loose end come down and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and cake. The ladies enjoy

this afternoon immensely. It is a great time to catch, play cards, knit or just have a great chat.

Carla is still organising the casino trips on the first Tuesday of the month, for ladies who enjoy a day out to the Casino.

Our thanks and gratitude to Mr Joe Radici and the Board of Manager, the ladies in the office, the wonderful bar staff, Rimon, Kamal and all restaurant staff for their great help and service during the year.

To my very small band of ladies on the committee, thank you for all your help and support during the year. To our dear lady committee member, Mrs Ines Miotti who has been absent due to illness, you are sorely missed; I hope you get well soon.

To end, I send compliments of the season to everyone; hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless

Chiara Scaffidi

President
WAIC Ladies Committee



SOCIAL REPORT

Hello members

This report highlights another busy year at the Club. We are constantly reviewing what members would like to see happen here and are happy to say we have been successful.

The Business Forums are still very well attended. The Italian Ambassador, his Excellency Stefano Gatti's visit was informative with many positive comments received as was Senator the honourable Mathias Cormann's visit to the Club. We hope to have more of these events in the coming year.

The Lets Catch Up evenings held on the first Wednesday of the month has proved to be another successful innovation. The casual evening for people to get together has been well attended, with reduced priced drinks and food available as well as favourite regional treats on offer. The wine and sausage making competitions and judging caused great debate and

opinion. Congratulations to the winners. The Birthday Lunches and other lunches and events held in 1934 Ristorante have also been very well attended.

Melbourne Cup lunches will be held as usual this year. 1934 Ristorante will offer tables to be booked on the day. Contact the Office direct or refer to our web page for more details. The lady members and their friends really enjoy their Melbourne Cup Lunch each year, and is always well attended.

The ever popular New Year's Dance will also be an evening well attended. This year promises to be just as much fun to celebrate the end of 2018. Please remember to book early as tickets are sought after, so form a table.

To all who have visited the Club this year, thank you for your support. To other members, please come to the Club and enjoy what's on offer. Best wishes to all for the Christmas season and we hope you visit the Club.

Nic Agostino

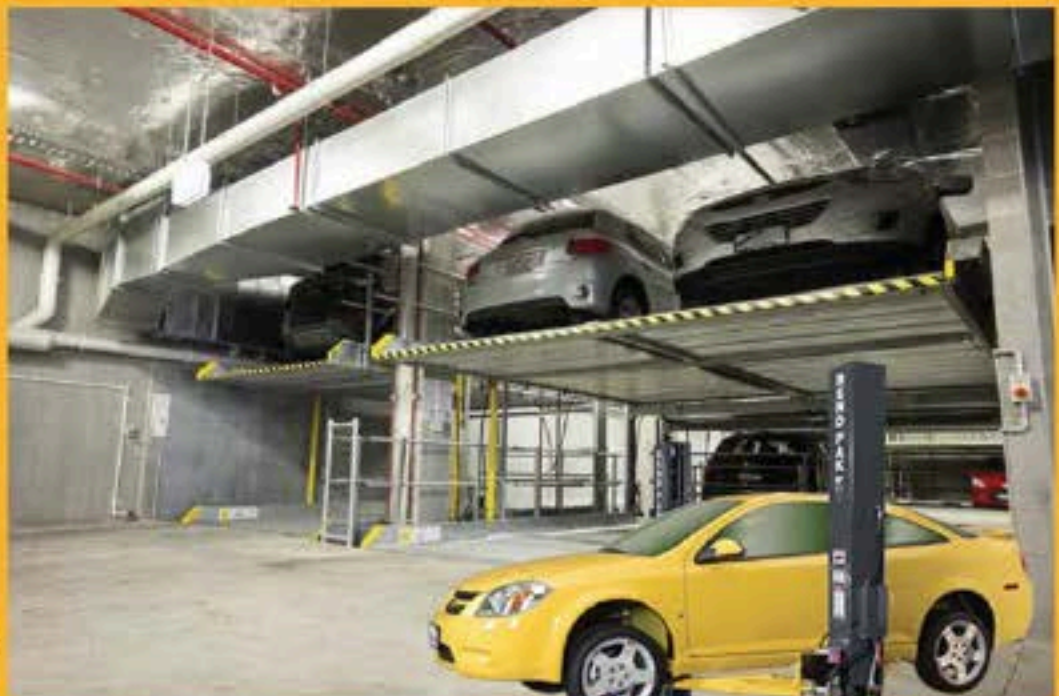
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Dear Members

2018 Golfing Season has been an exciting year, the committee decided to add two additional games to the season, one being in January and the other in September making the Natalie Perpetual Cup a 12 game challenge. Giving our members even more value for their membership fee, which by the way did not increase this year.

Due to changes to our sponsorship arrangements to the club this year members were given a new uniform (Polo Top and Cap) promoting the changes in sponsorship. Our new major Sponsor this year is M TRACK owned by Grant Mackie, also joining the Sponsorship group is Ricciardo Earthmoving co owned by Brandon Ricciardo. Perth Iveco Centre managed by Claude Mattiaccio has continued their sponsorship as well as our founding sponsor Frank Starvaggi of Aust Group.

This year we have played at some of Perth's most prestigious golf courses such as Joondalup Resort, Port Kennedy, Royal Perth, Meadow Springs, Mt Lawley all for a subsidised cost of \$70 per game including a sausage sizzle and drink. No doubt this value being one of the reasons for the growth in attendance to this year's games.

Our Pasta Presentation nights are still proving to be popular not only with the players but also the wives and partners and even the kids and friends and this year being held at the new Club Restaurant 1934 has added a fresh flavour to the event.

This year's team for the Festival City Challenge Cup at the Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast QLD on the 27th -29th October 2018 is already oversubscribed proving how popular this national event has become with our members.

Preparations are on the way with the 2019 Festival City Challenge Cup which is going to be held in Perth 12th to 14th October and we are determine to make it a spectacular and memorable event.

Anyone wanting to join this unique golf club do so by visiting our website www.waitalianclub.com or ringing the office of the WA Italian club on 93284104

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The WA Italian Club, alongside the Italian Chamber of Commerce & Industry In Australia – Perth Inc and the Consulate of Italy, Perth, had the utmost pleasure of hosting a luncheon on the 26th of July 2018 for His Excellency Stefano Gatti - Ambassador of Italy in Australia, Dr Stefano Gatti.

The in-depth and open discussion, "Italy Matters", was a topic both captivating and informative for the 120+ guests in attendance at the WA Italian Club.

Particularly exciting was the topic on bilateral relations between Italy and Australia. With the prospect of the President of the Italian Republic, His Excellency Sergio Mattarella travelling to Australia in October, we are hopeful of receiving him in Perth, to share what is wonderful about Western Australia and the difference those of Italian heritage have made in this State, along with understanding how we can develop more opportunities between our Countries.

A very interesting subject, was Dr Gatti informing those in attendance, of his discussions with the Honourable Mark McGowan MLA, Premier of Western Australia, about direct flights from Perth to Rome. How exciting for Western Australia if this was achieved!



Not only would this be a great boost to the local economy, it would provide better opportunities for trade between Australia and Italy, with Western Australia being advantaged by having this proposed direct flight.

Here at the WA Italian Club, we certainly do believe that "Italy Does Matter" and together with the Italian Chamber of Commerce & Industry In Australia – Perth Inc and the Consulate of Italy, Perth, we will continue our endeavours to bring about well-needed change to both bilateral relations and how we can unify our Italian based Western Australian community groups, to ensure we remain relevant for many years to come.



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Cari Amici dell'Italian Club,

Sono lieto di avere una nuova occasione per rivolgermi a tutti voi.

Sono lieto in particolare di notare la continuazione di un programma di attività variegato, oltre che gli sforzi per conseguire un più efficace collegamento con altre organizzazioni italiane. Un esempio è l'ottima collaborazione istituita con la Camera di Commercio, che dimostra come l'unità possa portare a risultati positivi.

Vi ringrazio per questo e vi stimolo a continuare su tale percorso.

L'auspicio che maggiori connessioni con le diverse realtà italiane possa proseguire nel prossimo futuro deriva dal fatto che la comunità, pur potendo contare su numeri rilevanti (il 5% della popolazione del WA è di origine italiana, primo gruppo etnico dopo gli anglosassoni) non è sempre riuscita a dimostrare quella unità e solidarietà interna che avrebbero potuto costituire premesse di un maggiore peso all'interno della società. In questo senso, ogni collaborazione è centrale e di assoluto valore.

Colgo l'occasione per ringraziare tutti coloro -ed in particolar modo i volontari -che lavorano quotidianamente per far sì che il club prosperi in particolare il Presidente, Joe Radici ed il Board.

Il club ha dimostrato di poter diventare nuovamente centrale nella vita degli italo-australiani che vivono in questo Stato. Attraverso il lavoro, tutti uniti, è un risultato che negli anni a venire potrà essere nuovamente conseguito.

Il Console
David Balloni

Messaggio Del Console D'Italia In Australia Occidentale



Dear Friends of the Italian Club,

It gives me great pleasure to provide this message to you through this bulletin.

I am delighted to have noted a colourful program of activities which has prompted renewed efforts to reach out and achieve more efficient connections with other Italian organisations in WA. A great example is the collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, which demonstrates how unity can lead to win-win situations and positive outcomes for the community. I thank you for that and invite you to continue on this path.

The reason why I highlight this is because the Italian community can count on some very important statistics (5% of WA's population has an Italian ancestor, making the Italians the first non Anglo-Saxon ethnic group) and yet we have often struggled to demonstrate unity and cohesion, which are the ingredients for a more prominent role as a collective group in this society. Within this framework, every ongoing or new collaboration with any Italian organisation is not only most welcome but also central and invaluable to redefining our collective objectives for a bright future ahead.

I am grateful to all those who daily strive to make the club successful and particularly all the volunteers, the President, Joe Radici and the Board. The Club has demonstrated its willingness to play a new pivotal role in the lives of the Italo-Australians who live in this state.

Through hard work, all together, in the medium-long run this important achievement is possible.

The Consul
David Balloni

Annual General Meeting

5th October 2018 at 6pm – Members Bar

WAIC Business Forum Luncheon

Senator The Hon. Mathias Cormann 12.15pm to 3.00pm
\$110 (inc gst) Lunch, Beer, Wine & Soft Drink

WAIC Elections

Saturday 6th October 10am to 6pm
Sunday 7th October 2pm to 6pm

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 6th November 11am
Champagne on arrival, Sweepstake and Race on
the big Screen in the Members Sports Bar

Ladies Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 28th November 7.00pm
\$50 Members \$55 Non Members
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New Years Eve

Monday 31st December 2018
Entertainment by Vienna
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WAIC Christmas Luncheon

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We are very confident of our application receiving the appropriate approvals and I would like to thank my subcommittee for their work and particularly our Town Planning consultant Mr Frank Arangio and consulting architect Mr Anthony Casella for the perseverance and dedication in getting our application lodged and having reached this point.

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WAIC POOL PLAYERS REPORT

Hello to all WAIC Members & Pool Players.

Almost finished another great year of POOL, with our 5 Winter teams all doing well. Our First Division team and 3 of our 4 Second division teams have all made the finals, with our WAIC 2 team winning the minor premiership by finishing on top of the ladder. Now for the finals, good luck to all teams.

We had another great weekend in Kalgoorlie this year defending our Goldfields Trophy, but unfortunately this year we left the trophy behind. No problems, we will be back next year. Anyone interested in joining us on this great weekend, please let me know, as places are limited and normally by invitation only.

Congratulations to Vic Marcello for again making the State Masters team, let's hope that Vic and his Master's team mates bring home the title this year.

Mr. Billiards – Brayden Discenza, not everyone knows how much you do for our Club maintaining & looking



after our pool tables, but I do. A big THANK YOU. Members if you are looking for a Pool Table Cue, or anything to do with Pool, Brayden is the man to speak to. He will look after you.

And now, a big THANK YOU to our sponsors; Hairloom Unisex Design, Paul Smiroldo Painting, Mark Anthony Design, Cameleon Paint, M & G Stone & Mobile Trailer Fix. We all know that without your support we would not be able to survive. Thank you also to the President Joe Radici, the Committee of the WAIC and all of the bar staff. Your continued support and assistance is much appreciated.

To finish up, I would like to invite all members of the WA Italian Club who are interested in Pool, to join us and become playing members of our Pool Club.

Mario Panaia,

President WAIC Pool Club

WAIC DARTS CLUB REPORT



Thank you to all the WAIC Darts players for your participation throughout 2017/18.

On behalf of the WAIC Darts Committee and the players, I would like to thank the WA Italian Club for the opportunity to use the facilities made available to all participants. Many thanks also to the staff for the wonderful service

provided behind the bar!

It was unfortunate that we lost our premier team players early this year, however, we managed to form a new team (at a lower division) which enabled us to maintain our status of two teams in the competition as well as continue to enjoy playing weekly games.

It was great to see the emergence of six young players into our Club, and I hope they will become long-standing players for years to come! The new team on

the block played consistently throughout the year, remaining undefeated in the Association's Doubles Competition – well done!

The year has been a very enjoyable one and it's been wonderful to be part of a very friendly, sociable and relaxed group of players.

Special thanks and appreciation to Ross Stagno for taking up the challenge to be the Treasurer for the year and to Ross Constanzo for doing a sterling job as Secretary and Delegate.

Once again, thank you to the Vasto Darts Club for organising the Summer Darts Competition.

To all Committee members and players – thank you for your continued support and friendship.

The WAIC Darts Club welcomes new members and should anyone be interested in joining the Club, please feel free to contact myself or any of the Committee members for more information. Thank you.

Tony Carlino

Darts Club President

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Earlier in the year, the Club lost another of our long standing members and supporters.

Giuseppe Bertinazzo died in April but his memory and service will be long remembered.

He studied at the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatorium in Milan, and before long had made his professional debut. He

appeared in famous operas in many countries and performed with other famous singers such as Maria Callas, Dame Joan Sutherland, Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo.

Placido Domingo remained a lifelong friend after an accident on a beach in Tel Aviv saw Giuseppe save him and his wife from the surf. Domingo even performed in Perth for Giuseppe. In the 1950s, Giuseppe met and married his future wife in Mauritius where he was performing. The couple returned to Milan where in 1962, performing in an opera with Dame Joan Sutherland, Giuseppe became very interested and intrigued by Australia, and by 1966 the Bertinazzo family had migrated to Australia.

GIUSEPPE BERTINAZZO

It was from this time that his association with the Club begins. While his career was succeeding in Perth as a singer, singing teacher, journalist for Italian/Australian newspapers and broadcasting on radio, he was fundamental in creating the Perth Opera Company which debuted its first opera, Bizet's "Carmen" in 1966. He starred and supervised in this production and the WA Italian Club Choir performed in the chorus. The production was a great hit and he continued to support the Company for many years, becoming its Patron.

The Italian Club also warmly welcomed Giuseppe to many of its functions and Balls and he would rouse the members with many much loved songs which were enthusiastically accompanied! He joined the Committee and was very active in promoting the Club's many sporting and cultural events through his newspaper article and radio programmes. For his service he was awarded Life Member of the Club.

In 1980 he started a group, The Musicantes which gave young singers an opportunity to perform in concerts and they entertained Club members at functions for many years. Giuseppe was a regular at the Club, always willing to engage in active conversations with his friends about his favourite topics, soccer, Inter, Glory and the latest news from Italy. He was interested in the lives of his friends and always spoke with warmth and care. He will be sorely missed.



All Saints College teacher of Italian Rosetta Taranto with students having lunch.



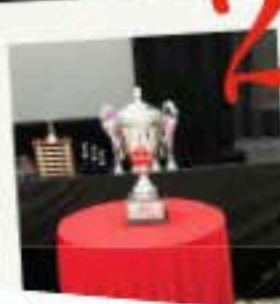
For many years the WA Italian Club has hosted school visits to showcase the club, its members and what is on offer to our members.

For several years, Italian students of All Saints College have come for a tour of the Club and enjoy an Italian lunch. Once again this year they listened to a brief history of our Club and of the times in which it was

created. Many students have said family members were once members. Students also enjoyed interacting with members and asked questions to the members in the card room about the games played and how to play. They then sat down to lunch of pasta and pizza which they all enjoyed. We look forward to seeing more students next year.

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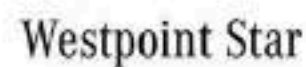
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Now, in 2018, 50 years after this event, the Club is facing another milestone in its proud history. President and Committee must face the future in order to sustain the Club for its members for a further 50 years. They have

been working hard to determine the best way for the Club to continue to be relevant in the coming years. Changes are already being implemented and continue. The Club has always been the heart of the Italian community and this will be more so in coming years. To this end, exciting and ground breaking plans are being formulated so that the WA Italian Club can continue to be relevant in the future, for its members and the wider Western Australian community. We urge all members to take part in the Club's future; frequent the Club and be interested in what is going to occur.

2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the present Club buildings. It was a culmination and result of the large increase of members due to migration from Italy in the years after World War Two. Clearly the previous Club building which was expanded in 1954 was not large enough to provide a venue in which all its members could meet and socialise. From as early as 1962, the then Committee began to plan for further expansion. Further lots of land were acquired and plans were underway for a new and bigger Club.

This was to include a Main Bar, Members Lounge, Billiards, Darts and Card Playing areas, Restaurant, Gymnasium, Sauna, Conference Room, Library and the upstairs Main Hall and Lesser Hall.

Under the presidency of G.G. Merizzi from 1965-1969, the Club with its ever growing membership acquired its present architectural shape. In May 1967, the contract was signed for commencement of works. Architects Johnson and Cristal were appointed to submit plans and the firm of Fairweather and Son appointed as builders for the project. Sub-contractors, many of which were Club members were also employed. The finance was provided by the R&I Bank of Western Australia, as well as donations from the Italian Government, Flotta Lauro, Lloyd Triestino and Alitalia and others for their donations of decorative features. Local artist Dan Mazzotti was commissioned to create an appropriate symbol and feature for the façade of the building. The Licensing Court provided consideration to the special requirements for the Club. The cost of the building was \$400,000. On the 14th September 1968 the official opening was held on Club premises.

President Merizzi's welcome message reads: "In the history of the Italian Community of Western Australia, the 14th September 1968 will always be an historical date of outstanding importance and significance. It symbolises the achievement of a goal- the completion of a magnificent structure erected on the foundations so well laid by a small group of Italian migrants more than 30 years ago. It will now be possible under first class conditions, in this our new home, to conduct social and other activities which will enable people of Italian origin

and others in the community, to develop understanding and integration in order that, together, we can live and work in complete harmony, in the very best interests of Australia. To all those who have at any time have played a part, large or small, in bringing our dreams to realisation, a sincere "Thank you".

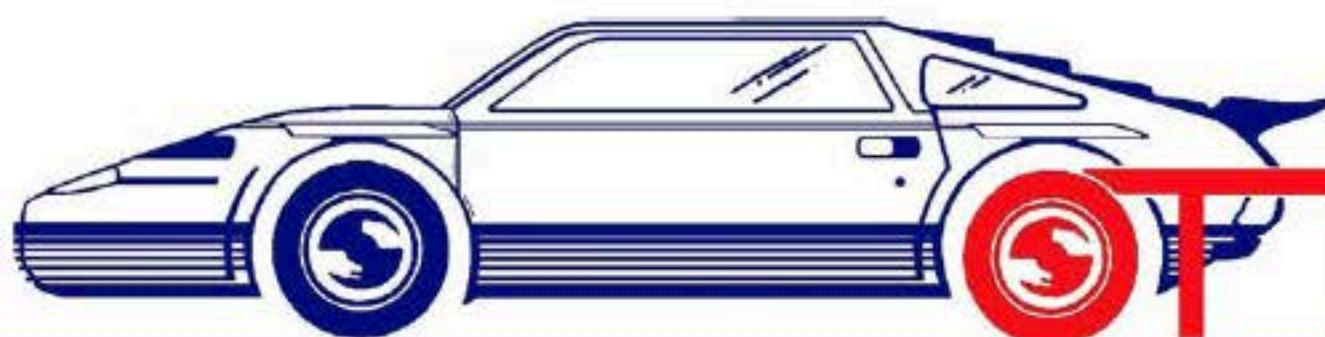




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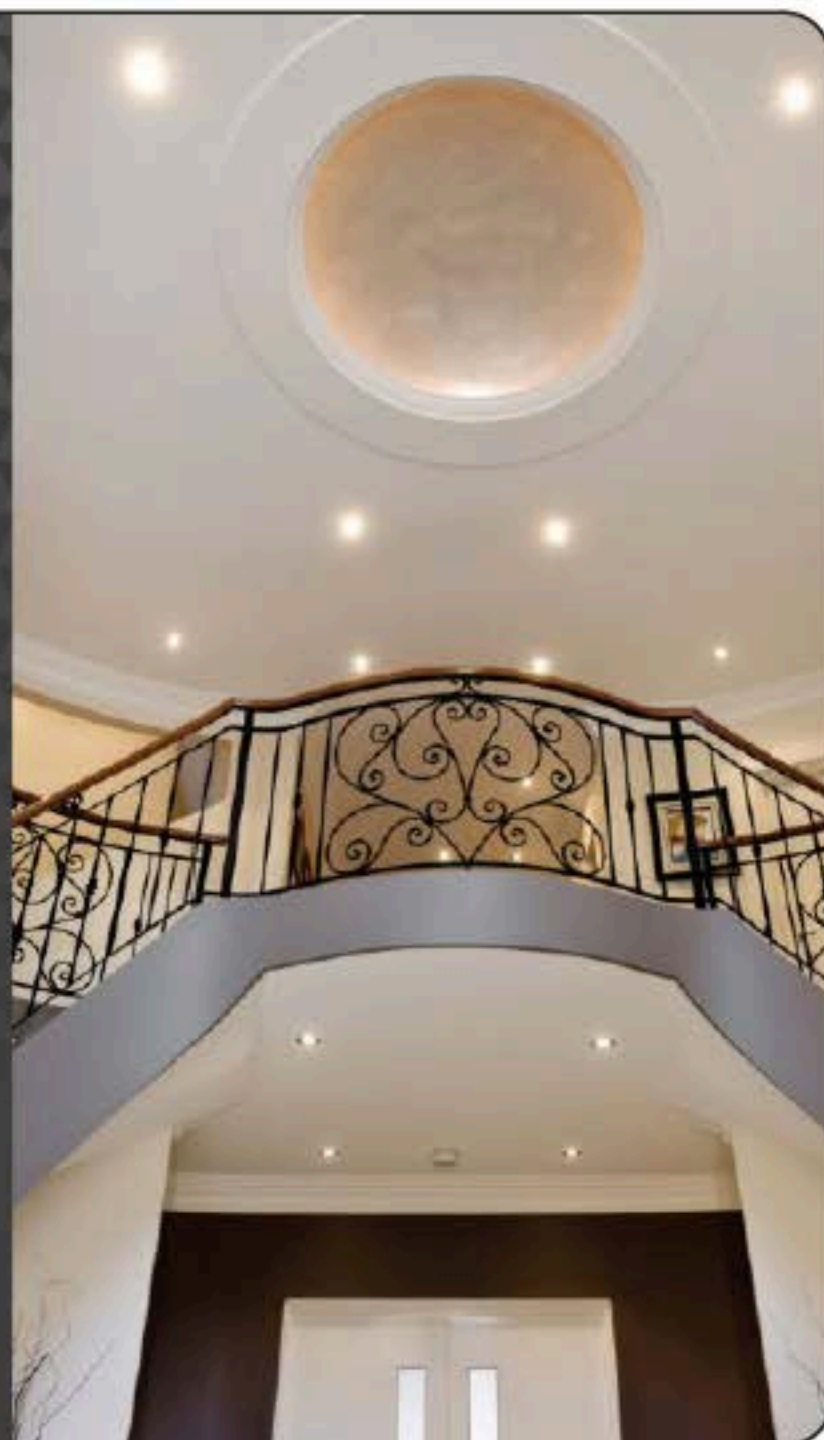
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Ingredients

4 large fresh plump artichokes
1 cup frozen peas
150gr pancetta or bacon diced
½ cup white wine
1 medium onion
3 cloves garlic
½ cup flat leaf parsley
3 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to your taste



Method

Prepare artichokes by peeling of all outer leaves until the white is seen. Cut the first third off the top, trim the stem and remove any "choke" in the centre. Cut lengthways through the centre, then into three, making sure they are still in wedges. Place in a bowl of lemon and water to prevent discolouration.

In a pan on moderate heat, add the oil, garlic, onions and pancetta. Fry together but do not burn. When cooked add the pat-dried artichokes and stir in the oil. When they have become warm, add white wine, parsley and season well with salt and pepper to your taste. Cover with lid for 10-15 minutes always on moderate heat. Add frozen peas and allow to cook through. Add water if sauce is drying. Serve as soon as the peas are cooked.

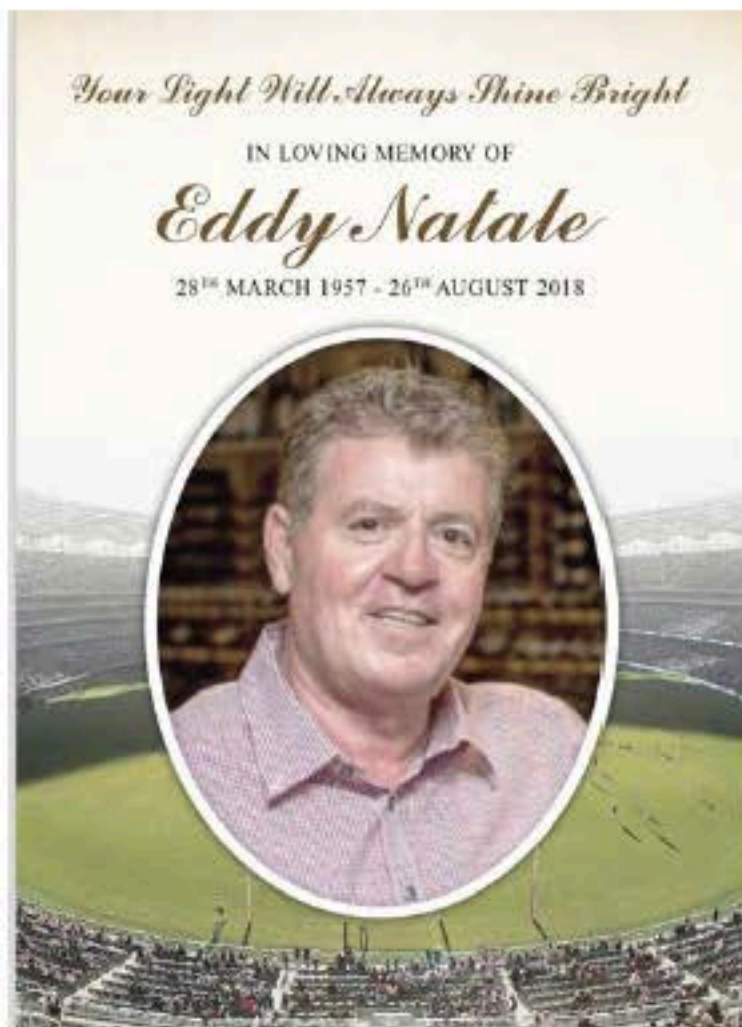


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We are sad to announce the sad loss of a long standing sponsor and sub-committee Member, Mr Edward Natale.

Eddy contributed so much over the many years of his involvement with the WA Italian Club and will be sadly missed by all.

The Board of Management would like to extend its sincerest condolences to the family for the loss of Eddy.

He will be missed by many for both his enormous contribution and vivacious personality.

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Superior quality and delivering on time ensures Australia's largest hot dip galvanising facility, Fero Galv, has the leading edge when servicing projects of any size. The impressive new WA facility opened in 2017 provides even greater capacity to improve your next steel project.



ABRASIVE BLASTING AND COATINGS

Fero Blast is recognised as a leading provider of abrasive blasting and protective coating services and boasts one of the largest blasting chambers in Western Australia.

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