

NEW ITALY MUSEUM INCORPORATED

Annual General Meeting

New Italy Museum Complex
Sunday 13 December 2015

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 11.10am

1. Chairman Dr Brian Pezutti welcomed the attendees and noted that a quorum of members was in attendance.
2. **Attendance:** John Barnes, Ian Tyler, Peter Blackwood, Julie De Nardi, Tony De Nardi, Lester Cooke, Evelyn Read, Paulene Blackwood, Americo Melchior, Kel Walker, Margaret Robinson, Sam Robinson, Ellen Barnes, Joan Smedley, Dorothy Randle, Val Walker, Barry Felicietti, Wanda Thomson, Gail Williams, Gareth Deakin, Brian Pezzutti, Susan Creasey

Apologies: Leonie Lane, Jo Kijas, Peter and Joan Bortolin, Jean Lollback, Donella Kinnish, Bill Nardi, Barry and Carolyn Sommerlad

Proxies: The following proxies were noted – Barry Sommerlad (member) – John Barnes (appointee); Carolyn Sommerlad (member) – John Barnes (appointee); Leonie Lane (member) – Peter Blackwood (appointee)

3. Minutes of the 2014 AGM held on 14 December 2014

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 14 December 2014 and called for a motion that those minutes be approved. Moved: Lester Cooke; Seconded: Americo Melchior; Carried

4. Business Arising from the Previous AGM

The Chairman asked if there was any business arising from the minutes of the previous AGM – noted that the matter concerning Casa Serena will be addressed in the President's Report.

5. Presentation of Reports:

a. Auditor's Report (as required to be submitted to members under s.26(6) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1984)

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 (FY2015) were tabled. In the absence of Mr Bruno Ivan (auditor), Peter Blackwood (Secretary) noted the following in respect of NIMI's financial performance for FY2015:

- Revenue for FY2015 (excluding income from Casa Serena and Casa Vecchia) had increased from \$93,724 (FY2014) to \$106,194. Further, NIMI's expenditures (excluding Casa Serena and Casa Vecchia) had fallen from \$148,557 (FY2014) to \$126,209. Consistent with FY2014, the major item of expenditure in FY2015 was for repairs and maintenance - \$48,542 for FY2015. NIMI's net financial performance for FY2015 (excluding Casa Serena and Casa Vecchia) was a deficit of \$20,015.
- Donations from the visiting public fell from \$25,712 (FY2014) to \$21,074 (FY2015). However, improved leasing arrangements had resulted in an increase in rent income from \$34,013 (FY2014) to \$37,004 (FY2015).
- The Casa Vecchia gift shop's revenues (\$91,420) and profit (\$29,194) were greater than the prior year and Casa Vecchia continues to be a major source of funds for NIMI. Further, Casa Vecchia had contributed \$7,800 in rent to NIMI for FY2015.
- Casa Serena's income from rent and interest increased from \$31,189 (FY2014) to \$33,747 (FY2015) while maintaining its expenditures at a similar level. Casa Serena contributed net income of \$16,144 in FY2015 (\$13,821 in FY2014).

- NIMI sold a very small portion of land to the RMS during FY2015 as part of land acquisition for the Pacific Highway Upgrade – this sale netted NIMI \$54,034.
- NIMI's total financial surplus for FY2015 was \$79,358.

Moved by Kel Walker, and seconded by Sam Robinson that the auditor's report be accepted. Carried

b. President

John Barnes spoke to a written report on NIMI's activities for FY2015 that he tabled at the meeting. Copies of that report were made available to the meeting. A copy of the President's report is attached to these minutes. Moved by Gail Williams, and seconded by Julie De Nardi that the President's report be accepted. Carried

c. Pavilion

Lester Cooke spoke to a written report on the activities of the Pavilion for FY2014 that Leonie Lane had prepared – copies of the report were tabled at the meeting. A copy of the Pavilion report is attached to these minutes.

Moved by Sam Robinson, and seconded by Americo Melchior that the Pavilion report be accepted. Carried

d. Museum Working Group

Lester Cooke spoke to a written report on the activities of the Museum Working Group that he tabled at the meeting. Copies of that report were made available to the meeting. A copy of the Museum Working Group report is attached to these minutes.

Moved by Paulene Blackwood, and seconded by Ellen Barnes that the Museum Working Group report be accepted. Carried

e. Casa Vecchia

Gail Williams spoke to a written report on the Casa Vecchia gift shop that she tabled at the meeting. Copies of that report were made available to the meeting. A copy of the Casa Vecchia report is attached to these minutes. Chairman Brian Pezzutti noted the continuing success of Casa Vecchia and moved a vote of thanks to Gail Williams for her excellent work. Moved by Evelyn Read, and seconded by Lester Cooke that the Casa Vecchia gift shop report be accepted. Carried.

f. Website

Lester Cooke spoke to a written report on the activities of NIMI's website that he tabled at the meeting. Copies of that report were made available to the meeting. A copy of the Website report is attached to these minutes. Moved by Gail Williams, and seconded by Tony De Nardi that the Website report be accepted. Carried.

Chairman Brian Pezzutti queried whether the website could be used to receive donations, membership fees, etc. Lester explained that this matter had been raised at the 2014 AGM and he had been unable to make the changes during FY2015 – he undertook to continue work to achieve this during the coming year.

g. Membership

Margaret Robinson addressed the meeting and advised that membership of NIMI has been relatively stable compared with previous years, and that membership currently stands at 150 persons.

h. Driver Reviver

Sam Robinson spoke to a written report on the activities of the Driver Reviver organization that he tabled at the meeting. Copies of that report were made available to the meeting. Moved by Dot Randle, and seconded by Gail Williams that the Driver Reviver report be accepted. Carried.

6. Financing Arrangements

The Chairman referred to the resolution relating to NIMI's financing arrangements. Peter Blackwood (Secretary) spoke to the resolution, noting that an Explanatory Memorandum about the resolution had been sent to members with the notice for the AGM. Following discussion about the resolution, the Chairman accepted a motion from Mr Kel Walker that the resolution be amended to remove the arrangements referred to in the original motion as "Product 1" and the "Note". This motion was seconded by Mr John Barnes and the amended motion was then noted as the following:

Resolution

1. NIMI's Committee of Management is authorised to apply to the Westpac Banking Corporation (the lender) for funding arrangements broadly consistent with arrangements as described below – i.e.,: Business Overdraft - Conditional Limit Provided – up to \$50,000; Security – Commercial Property – 8275 Pacific Hwy New Italy 2472 (Westpac will require title deeds to hold as security for Business Lending); Rate – 6.90%; Establishment Fee- \$1300.00; Monthly Service Fee – \$35.00; Commercial Valuation Cost- (Westpac's panel of Valuers to provide a quotation).
2. NIMI's Committee of Management is also authorised to incur the charges imposed by the lender, and to provide the necessary security in the form of title deeds.
3. NIMI's Committee of Management is required to provide a report to the 2016 Annual General Meeting on the outcome of any application made to the lender, the use to which any borrowed funds are put, and the costs associated with the borrowing of the funds.

The Chairman called for a vote on the amended resolution. Carried.

7. Election of Officer Bearers and Members of the Committee of Management

The Chairman declared all office-bearer positions of NIMI vacant and called for nominations for the positions. The following nominations were received in writing within the required period prior to the meeting:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	John Barnes	Peter Blackwood	Gail Williams
Vice-President	Americo Melchoir	Peter Blackwood	Leonie Lane
Vice-President	Lester Cooke	Peter Blackwood	Sam Robinson
Treasurer	Charlie Tyler	Peter Blackwood	John Barnes
Secretary	Peter Blackwood	Leonie Lane	Lester Cooke
Member	Leonie Lane	Gail Williams	Peter Blackwood
Member	Sam Robinson	Leonie Lane	Lester Cooke
Member	Margaret Robinson	Peter Blackwood	Leonie Lane
Member	Gail Williams	Ellen Barnes	Gail Williams
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There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared the forgoing members elected to the positions as noted above.

8. Next meeting

Peter Blackwood (Secretary) advised that a member had requested that subsequent years' AGMs be held earlier to avoid clashing with Christmas/end-of-year events in December. There was general agreement with this proposal and it was resolved to hold next year's AGM on Sunday 20 November 2016.

Meeting closed at 12.35pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2015

This report gives a summary of yet another year of achievement, hope and yet more plans for the future. With this blend of factors we intend to cater for the future needs of the site and expectations of the public as we comply with ever influential regulations.

1. Grounds and Gardens:

Val & Kel Walker have continued to provide valuable gardening skills and compliments to the sites appearance are testament to this.

Val & Kel your contribution ranks with that of the unsung hero's.

During the year about 15 large pine and gum trees were removed from the Park of Peace and from the front of the complex. This will allow the proper development of planted trees and room for appropriate landscaping in the future. Additionally safety aspects were a consideration.

During the year a log fence was constructed along the Swan Bay Road boundary.

2. Occupational Health & Safety:

Following on from previous improvements a concerted effort is constantly made to maintain a awareness of and address the issues involved.

During the year the Rural Fire Service conducted a fire safety seminar in our hall.

3. Site Maintenance:

This years major item was the spending of over \$25,000 on the sites water collection, storage and drainage system - to cope with increased site patronage and to eliminate boggy smelly areas etc.

Additionally painting of the hall has been completed and the decorative figures refurbished. New chairs and tables are a welcome addition.

4. Casa Vecchia Gift Shop:

This asset continues to be a major source of revenue as its reputation and range of goods grows.

Unfortunately due to a shortage of volunteers it is now only open 5 days I week.

Gails vision and enterprise is commendable.

5. Pavilion:

Following last years extensive redevelopment Leonie Lane has continued with various themed alcove display establishments - such as the WWII internment story. This year a rebuilt early 20th century sulky was added to the exhibition. Thank you Lester Cooke - a man of many talents.

6. Museum:

Last year I mentioned the overdue need to redevelop this asset in line with contemporary museum standards.

Recently we were fortunate in being awarded a \$22,000 N.S.W. Government grant to refurbish this asset. This dollar for dollar "gift" plus the bank loan will enable us to bring forward the redevelopment work and so hopefully s start can be made in the not too distant future.

7. Rental Sites:

Early this year the cafe changed hands and the operator has taken out an extensive lease. During the year the cafe, flat, glass works building and gift shop have all continually paid rent.

8. Donation Boxes:

There has been no significant increase in cash donations into these boxes, though \$16,000 I year is a considerable amount.

9. Driver Reviver:

The Driver Reviver facility has continued to operate on all public holidays when the cafe is now also open. (Since March). This arrangement appears to be working well. The D. R. facility provides a welcome stopping point on a dangerous stretch of road.

10. Carnivale Italiano:

The 2015 Carnivale was yet another financial success. The \$7 entrance was not a deterrent and the rearranged eating facilities worked well. However the decision to locate the entertainers stage on the grass near Swan Bay Road was not a good one. Acoustics and dancing suffered. Therefore for the 2016 C.I. it has been decided to locate the catering in the grassed and covered area and the entertainment in the plaza area (where it was originally). However to cater for the crowds etc it has been decided to build a covered stage at the side of the pavilion - facing the museum I cafe. To do this the existing small stage, the pioneer statue and the statue of David will be relocated. This work will also necessitate some new footpaths.

11. Casa Serena:

The managing agents have secured tenants for all units - except one.

The financial potential of this site is now being realised. The tenants are happy with the new rental management structure and a recent contact revealed that the only issues were two large trees on the eastern side of the property.

12. Communications:

Leonie Lane has produced four Giornale's (newsletters) during the year. These newsy interest sheets are welcomed distractions and updates on N.I.'s affairs. Thank you Leonie.

Lester has continued with his work on the website and in addition organized a new public address system for the hall. Lester is a highly skilled back room activator whose technical and practical skills are much appreciated.

13. Highway Development:

Negotiations with the RMS for compensation for a small area of land bordering the redeveloped highway were completed and settlement reached. However, there are ongoing discussions re final vehicle parking space and facilities disruptions during the construction phase. Also, interest has been shown by potential highway contractors to use some of our land for depot purposes.

14. Additional Land:

Legalities and registration of the 2 ha of land gifted to N.I.M.I. by Nie Volpato are yet to be completed.

Settlement is expected within the coming months.

This area borders the highway directly to the south of the site.

15. Memorial Board Unveiling:

In honor of the 13 young men of New Italy birth who volunteered for active service in WWI the committee commissioned the making of a Memorial Board. This board was unveiled in full ceremonial circumstances on Saturday 14th November and it is now on display in the museum. Some 100 highly appreciative relatives and local dignitaries attended this memorable function.

Many thanks to our Secretary Peter Blackwood who inspired the project and put so much professionalism in to it. Also to Leonie Lane whose graphic skills produced remarkable results by way of posters and brochures.

This activity was not only a fitting memorial to the young volunteer soldiers but it also served as a highly effective public relations exercise for New Italy.

16. Support:

I would like to thank all committee members for their efforts in achieving another successful year for the New Italy Museum Inc. The diversity of skills blend well to make the organization run well and productively. Our treasurer Charlie Tyler continues to "balance the books" and in spite of increased accounts activity we are still bank positive in all accounts.

Thank You Charlie.

In Conclusion:

In last years report I mentioned the various development possibilities of the site being both challengers and opportunities. At the time I was considering a rather short list of items.

During the past 12 months this list has grown somewhat and now includes the complete redevelopment of the courtyard, the total refit of the museum, landscaping of the entrance, a children's playground, further hall improvements and even the possibility of electric car battery charging facilities. This is in the context of highway upgrading and the considerable opportunities and disruptions, that will last for 4 - 5 years.

Our improved financial position supported by a established income stream will however not be enough to meet all of the above undertakings. For this reason the bank has been approached for a loan and the members advised accordingly. A favorable decision in this regard will facilitate the sites continued development,- so that one day it will reach its full potential

May the peace offered by Christmas be yours and the New Year bring Happiness To All.

Thank You John Barnes.

PAVILION REPORT – 2015

Carnevale Italiano provides a great impetus to create new Pavilion displays each year, enriching and refreshing its possibilities. The Pavilion has become a creative centre at Carnevale, with various activities with its Genealogy table, family photographs space, children's activities and tours. In previous years we have also staged Italian Speaking Corner and cooking demonstrations.

New Displays in 2015

1. The New Italy sulky was renovated and put on display in the Pavilion ready for Carnevale. Lester Cooke managed the rebuilding of the sulky with assistance from his brother. Research collated by Community History student, Kaylee White enabled the collation of information and the development of an interpretive panel. The Evans Head RSL Men's Shed assisted with the construction of plinths and stairs for stability and accessibility. At Carnevale, it became a focus for the collection of genealogies by Lester Cooke while Evelyn Read took photographs of families either seated in the sulky or next to it.
2. The model of the Galileo Galilei passenger liner donated by the Volpato family provided a focus on the experience of 'the voyage': leaving Italy and migrating to Australia. As it happens the real Galileo Galilei brought Flavia Volpato and many others from the region to Australia. The addition of super-8 footage and the famous David Moore photo – both also feature the same ship in Sydney Harbour – gave a little more veracity and a sense of the times.
3. The building of the New Italy Museum Complex display was planned and developed to honour the teams of people who worked with Spencer Spinaze and Floriano Volpato to create what is now this extraordinary place. The inclusion of a DVD by Joe Testa enables a moving account of the extraordinary role and energy that Florian gave to this place. His bust has found a less precarious place to rest. A mud brick found by John Barnes in the nearby pine forest adds substance and focus to the display. Special acknowledgement to the 'Building Memories ...' chapter by Jo Kijas in the book, 'Salami, Shortbread and Parrot Pie' for material developing the timeline and to Peter and Joan Bortolin for the generous loan of photos for the display.
4. The maps of Lismore and the Northern Rivers Italian community developed from the exhibition 'Bananas, Business and Bocce: The Lismore Italians' has been added to the Pavilion.
5. A developing display about the local Italian community experience of WWII. A big thank you to the Pezzutto families who travelled from the Illawarra to lend New Italy their family archives and also to visit us at Carnevale! These displays will be added to over time as extra material is gathered. I have material from the Gardiman family that tells of the Italian prisoner-of-war experience. Again acknowledgement to the SCU Community History unit. Student, Steven Harris contributed material to this outcome.
6. The newest additions to the Pavilion are the New Italy ANZACS banners. These formed the supporting exhibition to the unveiling of the Honour Roll for the Remembrance Day ceremony in the community hall. There are 13 different banners each describing the war experience of each of the 13 young men from New Italy who experienced the battle lines of WWI. In the Pavilion, they accompany a developing display on the Italo-Australian experience of WWII.

Fundraising for the Pavilion development

Donations to the Pavilion via the Da Vinci car, the Pavilion donations box as well as the sale of prints from 'Bananas, Business and Bocce: the Lismore Italians' exhibition and Florian Volpato Italian regional landscape gift cards have funded some of these new displays.

Heritage Office visit

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! ---

Connections with community

The Evans Head RSL Men's Shed members have been providing assistance building plinths and structures for new displays.

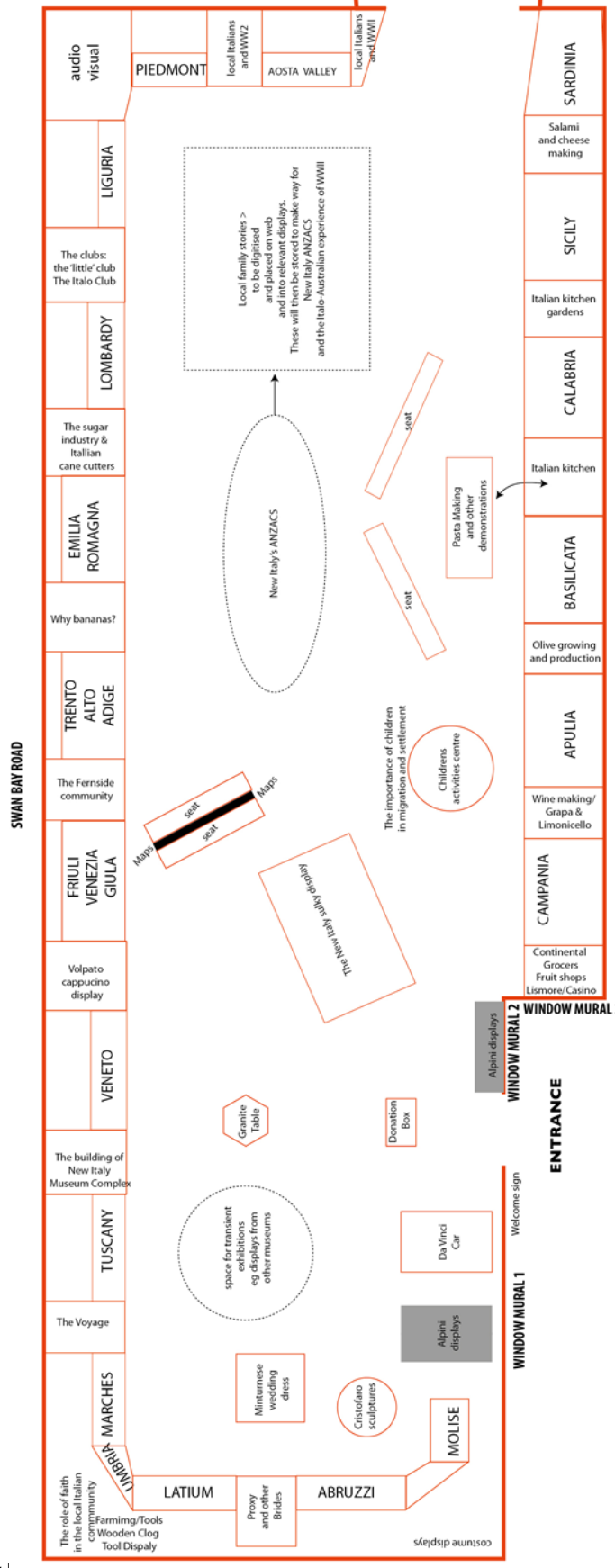
Proposed new displays for 2016

Additional displays are being planned around Italian food - growing it, preparing it and enjoying it. We are currently gathering material about local Italian food and drink production for displays along the internal southern wall of the Pavilion.

1. A focus for one display on wine, grappa and limonicello production will be an Italian wine bottle corker that has generously been loaned to New Italy Museum Complex by the Fraccaro family from Koonorigan.
2. Salami making – the Vecchiet family have provided information about salami making through Community History student Nicole Robinson. (They have also provided a wonderful overview of the Friuli region.) The Colautti family have also donated their recipe.
3. Cheese making – looking to find artefacts and information about cheese making.
4. SCU Community History student, Natalie Sellin is working with SCU academic/librarian Anna du Chesne and Community History lecturer Jo Kijas with the New Italy Italian Pavilion to put together a display about Italian kitchen gardens. This has been inspired by Anna's MA research into the Plant Science properties of Northern Rivers Italian Kitchen Gardens.
5. An Italian kitchen designed to be like one circa 1950/1960 from Lismore region to be portable and used as a base for cooking demonstrations during events like Carnevale.
6. Build a faux Lismore fruit shop in the corner behind the Pagotto shop window mural.

If you feel inspired to help bring any of these plans about, your help would be greatly appreciated. Your assistance could be through your stories, recipes or the donation of relevant objects. Of course hands on maintenance of the Pavilion on Museum Mondays (second Monday every month: 10-4) would also be very welcome.

front facing highway



WHERE POSSIBLE ALL MAJOR INFORMATION ON DISPLAYS TO BE BILINGUAL - ENGLISH AND ITALIAN

garden courtyard

MUSEUM WORKING GROUP REPORT - 2015

The museums working group is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the Museum and the Pavilion.

Completed Projects:

- New Italy's Anzacs honour roll board.

Thanks to Peter Blackwood for his extensive research, and his organisation of the event, an honour roll board, dedicated to those descendants of New Italy settlers who served in World War One was unveiled at a ceremony on 14th November.

The board, crafted by Jim Muldoon, is now on display in the museum.

Leone Lane designed and produced a full sized banner for each of the 13 soldiers.

These banners are on display in the pavilion.

A4 sized print-outs of these banners were available on the day for descendants and relatives of the soldiers.

Ongoing Projects:

- Acquisitions room.

The room to the right rear of the stage in the hall is the acquisitions work area.

The "Collections Mosaic" data base program is being used to catalogue the entire collection.

A filing system, containing museum procedures for acquiring, recording, displaying and storing museum items is being established.

- Museum refurbishment.

At the 2014 AGM a plan was proposed for the refurbishment of the museum.

Leonie Lane applied for a "Community Building Partnerships" grant and succeeded in getting funding to \$22,000 for this project. NIMI will need to match this \$ for \$.

The order of priority is ceiling, lighting, floor, walls, and the rearrangement of the displays to tell the story from voyage to migration and settlement, as you walk through the museum.

- Piazza

The area between the cafe and the pavilion is being reinvented to provide an open space for entertainment. The rotunda will be removed to the park of peace.

The statues of David, Venere and the Pioneer will be relocated.

A permanent stage will be set up to the right of the pavilion entrance.

The old post and rail fence will be removed for safety reasons.

All this is to be done in compliance with the Richmond Valley Council and State Heritage regulations.

Other Activities:

I represented our museum at the Museums Australia Far North Coast Chapter meeting, held at the Lawrence Historical society on 4th September 2015

The New Italy Museum group will host the Museums Australia Far North Coast Chapter meeting in March 2016

"The Story of New Italy" with accompanying slide show was presented to CWA groups in Maclean and Woolgoolgah, and to a "Family Group" bus tour to New Italy.

Submitted by: Lester Cooke Museums Group Coordinator.

CASA VECCHIA REPORT - 2015

We have been operating now for nearly six years and with annual sales tallying around \$92,000 all I can think is "What a great asset we have in the Casa Vecchia Gift Shop"!

We have continued to provide a steady income stream to NIMI while both keeping a healthy float in our account for purchases and accumulating money to match a Heritage grant received through the year to underpin the foundations at the North West corner of the building. There had been subsidence there for many years with a lot of movement and cracking of the mud brick walls. Work was completed a few months ago.

Now, this movement and cracking should be a thing of the past.

Our product range in the shop continues to expand and grow in both recognition and value.

Presently we are only open 71% of the time, being closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is difficult getting new volunteers so we are now advertising on our local community radio station 88.9. We are hoping to attract more "New Start" volunteers by letting them know we are a Centrelink approved work place.

Once again sincere thanks go to our long standing volunteers Ellen, Jenny, Paulene, Carmen, Kerri and Susan. Our fearless male volunteer Tony retired at the beginning of the year due to health reasons.

Luckily we have three new volunteers in training at the moment so next year we should be able to return to a six day week.

New Italy's retail journey continues to be an interesting one.

It is true what they say - from little things big things grow!

If anyone is interested in becoming a gift shop volunteer then please contact us on 6682-2310

Gail Williams
Gift Shop Coordinator

WEBSITE REPORT 2015

- Downtime

For the period 11 December 2014 to the 11 December 2015 the website was not available for a total 11 hours 38 minutes due to a hacker attack on 20th August 2015

- Maintenance

The site is backed up every month to a laptop computer and external hard drive.
The word-press content management system is regularly upgraded.

- Annual Statistics for newitaly.com.au (details attached)

Year	Pages Visited (monthly average)	Number of Visitors (monthly average)
2013	2094	504
2014	2345	620
2015	2398	778

This year continues the steady growth trend in the pages visited and the number of visitors.
The Carnevale Italiano promotional posts caused a peak of interest in April.
About 75% of our visitors are Australian. The Americas accounts for another 8%.
Italy heads up the Europeans at 1.65%
Almost 80% visitors are new. The other 20% are regular visitors.
About 25% of these visitors arrive via the home page.

- Annual Expenses Website

Month	Item	\$ Amount
Dec 2014	Annual domain hosting fee for newitaly.com.au	359.40
Mar 2015	Two years registration of domain name newitaly.net.au	34.95
Mar 2015	Scanner software (Leonie donated the scanner)	38.49
Mar 2015	MyHeritage.com genealogy site hosting	136.02
Jul 2015	Akismet spam mail blocker	24.00
Aug 2015	Woothemes website enhancement	55.57
Total		\$648.43

- Content

A site map and a site search facility was added.
Carnevale Italiano 2015 promotional material was published
The genealogy page was increased to 58 families and 7318 descendants.
The Giornale winter and spring editions were published and distributed via email.
A volunteer's day flyer was published.
The AGM notification was mailed out.
The New Italy Anzacs honour roll board ceremony notification was mailed out.

- Facebook

The facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NewItaly> has been maintained with regular posts by Leonie Lane, Aliison Kelly and interested others.

Submitted by: Lester Cooke 13 December 2015

DRIVER REVIVER REPORT 2015

(Prepared and read by Sam Robinson)

The Driver Reviver (DR) facility has had another year of smooth operation thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

Approximately 80 people have enabled us to have the facility open for all shifts – 7am-10am and 4pm-6pm, or later if busy. On public holidays the facility is open all day.

The passing of three of our long-term volunteers (Jean Shephard, Diane Mackie and Peter Payne) is a sad loss, and their work over many years is acknowledged and appreciated.

The Christmas/New Year week and Easter holidays are the busiest times and volunteers enjoy meeting people from all over the world. Foreign visitors tell us how wonderful this service is. Apparently, Australia is the only country in the world with Driver Revivers.

Donations of \$1,000 each were made to NIMI, Woodburn SES and Helicopter Rescue, the latter 2 because of the valuable accident response role they play.

All volunteers recommend the café for meals when opened.

TOTAL SERVED 2014-15		TOTAL SERVED 2013-14
Dec/Jan	3277	3631
Easter	812	1894
June/July	475	1023
Aug/Sep	573	624
Totals	5137	7172