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# Tours at a Glance

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Have you ever wondered what happens on our tours? Well, hopefully in this newsletter you can get an idea of the places we go, the people we meet along the way and the great food we taste.

During the first half of this year we have gone to some amazing places and together with some great people, we have experienced some memorable moments. This is the essence of what we are all about.

Our very first trip was to Melbourne in February to see the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. What a spectacular show with over 1200 performers, 5 shows, 70,000 people per show – all under the roof of Ethiad Stadium in Melbourne city.



Our next trip was to Pangallo Estate for our annual BBQ lunch with over 100 people attending. Our hosts Mick and Lyn are so generous in allowing us to use their facilities and thanks to everyone who also supported them by purchasing wine, olives and olive oil.

What would March be like without the annual pilgrimage to Griffith for grape picking and the Gnocchi Festival?

Our friends at Codemo's always put on a scrumptious and plentiful BBQ lunch. Many thanks to Gary, Steve, Robert and Rita for always allowing us to use their facilities.

The Gnocchi Festa, this year, was held at the Yoogali Catholic Club with over 300 people attending, that's about 70 people more than expected!! We always like to attend this event, as funds raised go to support the local Griffith community.

Mark Bonetti always ensures that everyone has a great time and makes all the Sydneysiders feel right at home...and we do!

All the gnocchi are made by the local chef 'a la Veronese' style, plus all the sweets are hand made by the ladies of the committee.



## Gnocchi Festa - March 2016

A fantastic lunch at the Codemo Salami Factory with Steve, Gary and Rita as our excellent caterers. Looks like everyone is having a great time!



## Gnocchi Festa - March 2016

Over 300 people attended the Gnocchi Festa this year. A great event catered for by the Veronese of Griffith – yummy gnocchi for everyone.



## Grand Italy Tour

7 - 28 May 2016

### ITALY HERE WE COME....

Well what can I say about Italy? Always a pleasure to visit and discover new and exciting places.

Our 21 day trip started at Sydney International airport on Saturday 7 May. We were a small group (only 8 of us) but we had such a good time!

Our tour started in Sorrento, visiting Positano, Amalfi and Ravello. We then had guided tours of Capri and Pompeii with Giorgio. As a special treat, we visited Naples and had a famous sfogliatella (with a cappuccino of course) at Galleria Principe Umberto.

Our tour then took us to Lake Trasimeno in Umbria where we spent 6 nights. We visited Maggiore Island; Assisi, Santa Maria Degli Angeli; Cortona, Arezzo (where La Vita é Bella is filmed), Perugia and the Baci factory.

We then headed off to Tuscany for another 5 nights, visiting San Gimignano, Volterra, Siena and the Chianti region. We also did some wine tasting at Castello Monte Vibiano where the Contessa Bologna personally served us the wine from her vineyards.

Another highlight was the day trip to the Rapolano Terme (baths), where everyone enjoyed a 'chill out' day in the hot thermal

baths of Antica Querciolaia in Rapolano (near Siena).

Our final stay was in Castel Gandolfo in the Castelli Romani region, where we visited Frascati, Nemi (famous for the wild berries and porchetta), Castel Gandolfo (the summer residence of the Pope) and Ariccia.

We also travelled to the south of Rome in the Latina region and visited the seaside resorts of Sperlonga and Terracina, having a seafood feast for lunch down by the wharf!

As the saying goes, "all roads lead to Rome" and for our final days in Italy we did guided tours of the eternal city and the Vatican with our fantastic guide Romina.

*Quant'è bella l'Italia! (Italy is so beautiful!)*

### OUR GROUP

There were 10 of us in the group including our Italian tour leader Fausto and our personal driver Armando. Thanks to everyone in the group for making this a great 'tick' tour (whenever we liked a place it got a big tick ✓) B1, B2, Lyn, Joan, Lina, Nick & Anna and me of course!



Look out for our new brochure for all 2016 and 2017 tours. **For any information or brochures, please contact us:**

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