

invites you to a special members event

VERONA AND THE VENETO





Business Council member Nina Fiorenza invites all Council members and friends to join us for an exclusive cultural and networking weekend in the beautiful Veneto region of Italy, where she lives.

The event is in support of the Fondazione Biblioteca Capitolare in Verona, the oldest continuous library in the world.

The weekend includes an exclusive guided tour of the Fondazione Biblioteca Capitolare, lunch at a historic 16th century Villa, a wine tasting at a 4th generation family owned winery, an informal networking dinner at a restaurant that is a cultural institution in Verona, a visit to two prominent local businesses, Bauli of Panettone fame and Cartiere Saci, an innovative business that manufactures recycled paper and of course a guided tour of the beautiful, romantic city of Verona. Join us for a weekend of resplendent history and culture!



Event Details

Date: May 9 – 11, 2025 Itinerary start time: Friday 9th May Transfers: Mini bus organised for tours Cost: € 180,00 per person Note: travel and accommodation are at own cost and not included in the 180 EUR

How to attend

The full itinerary and guide to hotels can be found when you follow the register link on our website.

> <u>Register via our</u> <u>website here</u>

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Limited number of spaces available.

Please contact info@gabc.eu should you have any questions with the registration process.







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Trilateral Australian – Italian – German Cultural and Networking Weekend in the Veneto Region of Italy

9 - 11 May 2025

An invitation to all members and friends of the German Australian Business Council

All friends are welcome to join us.

Itinerary

Friday May 9 (16 – 18:30)

Arrival. Transfer by minibus.

A specially guided tour of Bauli Group – artisanal tradition and innovation https://www.bauligroup.com/

Bauli Group is a family business founded in 1922 when an artisan bakery was established in Verona by Ruggero Bauli. The Group's products have expanded beyond the Christmas specialities of Pandoro and Panettone into many other festive desserts and treats, both sweet and savoury, sold in over 70 countries worldwide.

A unique tour of Cartiere Saci – manufacturers of recycled paper since 1959 Cartiere Saci – Lavorazione Carta

Saci is a European leader in the production of packaging paper starting from 100% recycled raw material. Saci's technological advancements and continuous investments to procure cutting-edge machinery enables them to provide quality and outstanding service to the customer while always respecting the environment – their primary asset.

An **informal networking dinner** will take place at Trattoria Pompiere This dinner will be a "pay as you go event" and not included in the cost. <u>Ristorante al Pompiere – Trattoria storica e di classe a Verona, cucina</u> <u>tradizionale</u>

Saturday May 10

10:30 am Official visit to the Fondazione Biblioteca Capitolare (FBC)

The oldest library in the world | Biblioteca Capitolare di Verona The Biblioteca Capitolare is the oldest continuously surviving Biblioteca in the world – more than 1500 years. It houses an extraordinary collection of manuscripts and treasures important to the history of humanity in all aspects ranging from law, religion, languages, medicine etc.

The visit will be guided by the President of FBC and Canon of Verona Cathedral, Monsignor Bruno Fasani, a man with enormous passion and knowledge of the treasures of which he is custodian. His team will also include the Director Timothy Leonardi and Valeria Nicolis, Museum Operator.

Participants will get an extensive and detailed narrative of the **Capitolare**, as well as viewing incredible treasures not on display to the public. A moving story forever binding Germany to the **Capitolare** will be revealed during the course of our visit.

There will be a special presentation of two priceless, antique globes crafted by Johann Gabriel Doppelmayr (1677- 1750), a German astronomer, cartographer, physicist and mathematician.

The globes are dated 1728, 50 years before Captain Cook embarked on his voyage. They offer an insightful view of how European astronomers and scientists perceived Terra Australis during this period of history after Dutchman Willem Janzoon first sighted and landed on the coast of Australia in 1606.

The globes are in need of restauration, at an estimated cost of \notin 9000 and our raffle and auction at the official lunch will go to supporting the restauration.

12:30 – Transfer by Minibus for lunch

13:15 - 15:15 LUNCH

A true taste of authentic and traditional Vento cuisine will be offered in all its seasonal glory in a resplendent and historical 17th century Villa in the Veneto countryside. The menu has been carefully selected for our members and friends by Nina. <u>www.lecedrare.it/en</u>

Saturday May 10 - Lunch time continued...

A raffle and auction will take place to support the restoration of the globes that will have been presented to the group at the Biblioteca Capitolare.

The lunch, in its glorious surrounds, both in the villa and the garden, will provide both an ample opportunity and beautiful backdrop for networking, catch ups and discussion.

15:30 – 17:30 Winery Pieropan <u>www.pieropan.it/en</u>

Winery tour and wine tasting at the historic Pieropan Winery, a 4th generation family business located in the beautiful medieval wine village of Soave - the heart of the Veneto Region wine growing area.

18:00 Visit to historic villa and beautiful home of Nina Fiorenza

Guests are invited into the beautiful, al frescoed home of Business Council member Nina Fiorenza, who has graciously extended a warm invitation to all Council members, friends and guests. A rare opportunity to see another Villa built in late 1600's in the traditional Palladio style of the Veneto and to network or chat informally in elegant surroundings.

Saturday Evening: An informal and light dinner and networking opportunity for those who wish to continue socializing at a venue tbc.

Participants may also like to take some free time or go to a restaurant of their choice, as many may still feel very full from lunch and the wine tasting. The cost of Saturday evening is not included in the \in 180.

Sunday 11 May

10:00 am – 12:00 pm A guided walking tour of the historic city of Verona For those who do not have to depart early, a detailed walking tour of Verona through the city's resplendent *città antica* will be offered by a respected and official city guide.

For a duration of 2 hours, participants will learn the story of Verona, a city where the Romans bult an amphitheatre 30 years before the construction of the Colosseum in Rome.

Participants will hear the story of the city's strong connection with Dante Alighieri and see the tombs of the powerful Della Scala family, who were a medieval powerhouse in Veneto and learn why the city's name is synonymous with Romeo and Juliette as well as hearing many more interesting facts and seeing things of great beauty.

An informal lunch will take place for those who wish to linger a little longer in the city of Dante and Romeo and Juliette. (Restaurant TBC, depending on interest and numbers. It will be informal and friends and guests will pay as they go)