

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter November, 2014 – Volume 33

3rd Quarterly Members Meeting

Sunday 15th February, 2015 – 3pm

The 3rd Quarterly Members meeting for the 2014/2015 year will be held at our Society Club rooms at 3pm. All members and their families can stay on following the meeting as Sunday Dinner will be available.

Agenda

Apologies	Treasurer's report
Minutes of previous quarterly	Financial Overseer's report
Correspondence	incoming/ General business
President's report	

Events Calendar

CCS Kids Playgroup	Friday 28th November, 2014 9.30am at the CCS Clubrooms (Final one for the year)
Consular Weekend	Weekend of 28/29/30th November 2014, 10am – 6pm Consular days for the Croatian Consulate General in Auckland CCS clubrooms
CCS Kids Christmas Party	Sunday 30th November, 2014 2pm, CCS Clubrooms
KT Christmas Concert	Saturday 6th December, 2014 Baradene Auditorium
Annual Croatian Picnic	Sunday 25th January, 2015 See flyer for details

Presidents Report November 2014

We have had a very busy few weeks with Inter-Village, Korcula Vecer and our Annual Ladies Luncheon.

Congratulations to Pupnat - the winning soccer team at this year's Inter-Village soccer tournament, which was another great success. Well done! I would like to sincerely thank Fabian Ukich for organising this annual event again....a large part of the success of this tournament is attributable to him. It was lovely to see so many people come along and enjoy all the benefits that our society has to offer. A very big thank you must go to Ivan Rudez and Len Stulich for helping on the grill and to Bob Vicelich who was in the bar. A tremendous effort from Jelica, Victor and their team of helpers in the kitchen – thank you! Your efforts resulted in a turnover of just over \$19,000.00 from this event. What a great result for the Society. I must also thank our sponsors – Peter Talley from Talley's for donating 8 lambs towards the Sunday dinner and Peter Sain jnr & Michael Kumerich for donating money towards the meat for the cévape. This resulted in a **profit** of over **\$13,000.00**. Once again thank you to everyone who helped.



The raffle proceeds for the day are kindly going towards the kids' Christmas Party fund. They raised **\$743.80**, which is just fantastic!! Thanks to Nada, Fabian and Deanna for organising the raffle and to all those who donated prizes and supported the cause!! Don't forget the kids Christmas party is on Sunday the 30th of November. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter.

Korcula Večer was an extremely successful function for our Society. A sincere thank you goes to Fabian Ukich again for organising this inspiring event. The dinner was absolutely beautiful and I would like to thank the entire kitchen team for doing such a great job. Special mentions must go to Luka Farac, Jackie Tvrdeich and Ivy Salić for all their hard work and leadership. Thank you also to the bar crew and all those that helped to decorate and set up the hall. I would just like to say that we could not host these regional dinners without considerable donations from some of our members. Thank you very much, your efforts are sincerely appreciated. Once again a special thank you goes to Peter Talley for donating 8 lambs for this event. This greatly assisted in boosting our **profit to \$9,774.00** plus bar takings.

These highly successful functions have helped us to achieve a **positive bank account balance** for the first time in many years of **\$4,996** (as at the 17th of November) and a **mortgage balance of \$195,583 remaining to pay off**. Thank you to all members who have worked hard and sacrificed to make this achievement possible.

Our Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble proudly represented our Society in Sydney earlier this month. Folklore Ensemble Vukovar had invited them to attend their 30th Anniversary celebrations, which promised to be the biggest Folklore Ensemble Showcase in 30 years. Goran Kačurov reported that our KT Senior Ensemble were exemplary ambassadors for our Society and that we can all be proud of them.

Our annual Ladies Luncheon was held on Sunday the 9th of November, and it boasted an excellent turnout of ladies across many age groups. The men managed to execute a well-timed lunch serving, with all hands on deck in the kitchen. Well done to all those who helped in the kitchen and bar, and of course to the women who made the event a resounding success through their hard work and determination. I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to Botica Timber Services Ltd, the official sponsor of our Ladies Luncheon for 2014. Matthew, thank you for the very generous donation you gave our society, which in turn helped make this another successful function, giving us a profit of **\$10,579.00** (excluding bar takings) for our Society. Congratulations to the organisers!

I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing grant funding to the value of \$50,000.00 - this going towards covering Goran Kacurov's salary. This is a great outcome for our Society and will enable us to continue supporting and

developing our music and cultural groups within Kralj Tomislav and our community. We were also successful in securing funding from The Trillion Trust for an AED Defibrillator for our clubrooms, for the amount of \$2,950.00. We intend to also apply for additional grants in the coming months to assist us in funding Goran Kacurov's salary.

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate General in Auckland will be held from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November 2014. Please refer to the notice in this newsletter.

Some key functions coming up are:-

The CCS Kids' Christmas Party – to be held on Sunday 30th November.

The Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert – to be held at Baradene Auditorium, Saturday 6th of December.

Annual Croatian Picnic – Anniversary Weekend, Sunday 25th January 2015 - Coyle Park, Pt. Chevalier.

The clubrooms will not be open for New Year's Eve; this is largely due to the poor attendance over the past few years as most people are away with family and friends.

On behalf of all members I would also like to take this opportunity to convey our thanks and gratitude to Matthew Botica for the cleaning, restoring and refinishing of our wooden deck. Many of our members have commented on how good the workmanship is and I am sure it will enhance any future outdoor activities.

As this will be the last newsletter before Christmas I would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Happy New Year. On behalf of our Executive Management Committee I would like to thank all of those who have worked hard over recent months to keep our club going. To everyone who has worked in the kitchen, bar and on general club maintenance and administration, thank you very much! Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Bog I Hrvati

Goran Katich

Ladies Luncheon 2014

On the 9th of November the Croatian Cultural Society held their Annual Ladies Luncheon, featuring guest speaker, Leah Light – Celebrity Nail Stylist and Industry Educator. The clubrooms were beautifully decorated in a lovely light pink and white theme, which gave it a soft and delicate ambiance to the well-attended Luncheon. This was due to the lovely styling of Nada Stulich our in house decorator.

Our ladies were greeted with a complimentary glass of punch and welcomed by the MC for the day, our very own Tiana Lyes. Our Kralj Tomislav Junior Folklore Ensemble, who did not disappoint, opened the 2014 Luncheon. There were proud mothers, Babas and Tetas in the room and judging by the wonderful performance of our young ambassadors, the future of our Society is in very good hands. This is largely due to the wonderful guidance, and tutorship from Goran and Sanja Kačurov.



One could not escape the delectable aroma drifting from the kitchen, once again the kitchen was running like clockwork under the very capable leadership of Victor Mrkusich who was guiding his team towards another spectacular lunch. A huge thank you needs to go to Vinka Sain, who single-handedly cooked, prepared & donated 30kgs of prawns for the tasty and scrumptious prawn salad enjoyed by one and all.

Tiana then introduced the very talented guest speaker Leah Light, who has been in the beauty industry her whole life. Leah talked about her passion for nails and beauty and how that passion allowed her the opportunity to work with, and be requested by, some of the biggest celebrities in the world. Katy Perry, Taylor Swift and Rihanna to name but a few. Leah's work has graced the covers of magazines and music videos across the globe.

Barry Stulich and Leo Panzic displayed their selling talents and sold an extraordinary amount of raffle tickets. The raffle prize table was laden with an immense array of prizes – all donated by members and once again our raffle table did not disappoint.

We sincerely thank Matthew Botica of Botica Timber Services Ltd for his generosity in sponsoring this event with his \$1,000 donation – Thank you Matthew.

As always with our functions, there are many people to thank for their dedication, generosity and hard work to make it all possible. Along with our hard working kitchen staff, special thanks goes to the people that donated their time or goods to the luncheon: Matthew Botica of Botica Timber Services Ltd, Eurodell, Donna Simunovich, Katica Covic, Ivo Arnerich, Ray Petricevich, Tui Kennar, Anton Tolich, Stone Oven, Anielia Edmond, Kolachi, Vinka Sain, Garelja Brothers, Bozenka & Victor Mrkusich, Ljubica Radonich, Len & Nada Stulich, Barry & Vesna Stulich, Iva Stulich, Anna-Marie Arnerich, Angela Coddington, Soljans Estate Winery, Eleanor Ozich, Olga Vulinovich, Natasha McLeod, Denizen Magazine, Goran & Katica Katich and all the ladies that came along with a plate full of delicious baking. Your continued support of our Society is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you all again next year!!



Photo Gallery October/November 2014





The Croatian Cultural Society are proud to present



FA KRALJ TOMISLAV *Christmas Concert*

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 6PM BARADENE COLLEGE

237 Victoria Avenue, Remuera

ADULTS \$30 16 & UNDER \$15 CONTACT: nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz
[Katica Katich ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:Katica.Katich_ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz) 834 7237

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2PM
CCS CLUBROOMS

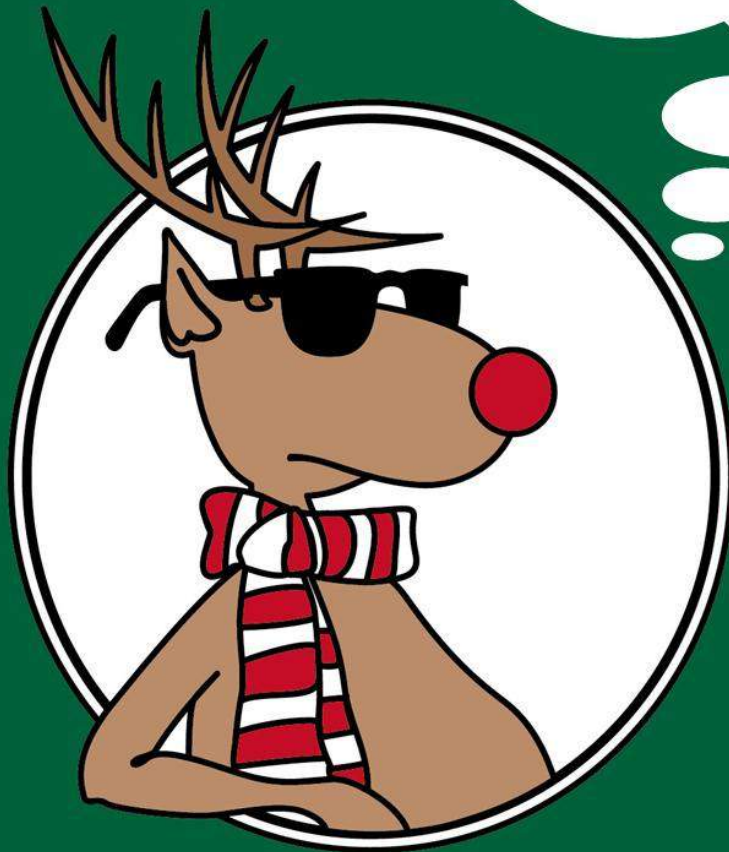
JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY CHEER....

Christmas arts/crafts, face painting, games and afternoon tea!

Bring a wrapped, named gift (no more than \$10 in value)

A plate for afternoon tea appreciated

CCS Kids
Christmas
Party.....be there!





The Croatian Cultural Society presents

THE ANNUAL CROATIAN PICNIC

at Coyle Park, Point Chevalier
SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2015



Turn from Great North Road onto Point Chevalier Road and
follow this road to the end to reach Coyle Park.

GAMES & RACES FROM 3PM

Please note that the Society Clubrooms will be closed on this day.
For further details contact the secretary ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz



KITCHEN CHRISTMAS HOURS

Holiday closing times for the CCS:

Bar

The bar will be closed on Sunday 28th of December, 2014 and Sunday 4th of January 2015. The bar will reopen on Sunday 11th of January 2015.

Kitchen

The kitchen will be closed from Sunday 28th of December 2014 until Sunday 25th of January, 2015. The kitchen will reopen on Sunday 1st of February 2015.

CROATIAN CATHOLIC MISSION NEWS

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

Croatian Mass will be held at the Croatian Centre, 161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu, on 24th December, starting at 11pm.

The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Sateki Raass.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER PRICE CHANGE

To keep in line with increases in costs as of 1st February 2015 Sunday dinners will be \$20.00.

CROATIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AUCKLAND: NOVEMBER CONSULAR DAYS

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate General in Auckland will be held from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November 2014, with the following schedule:

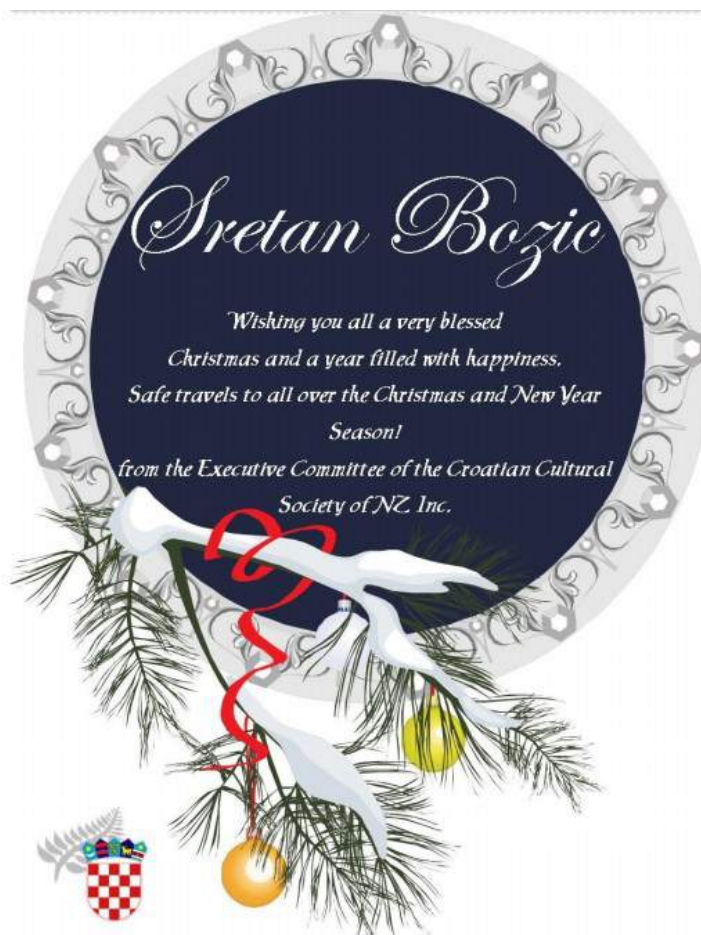
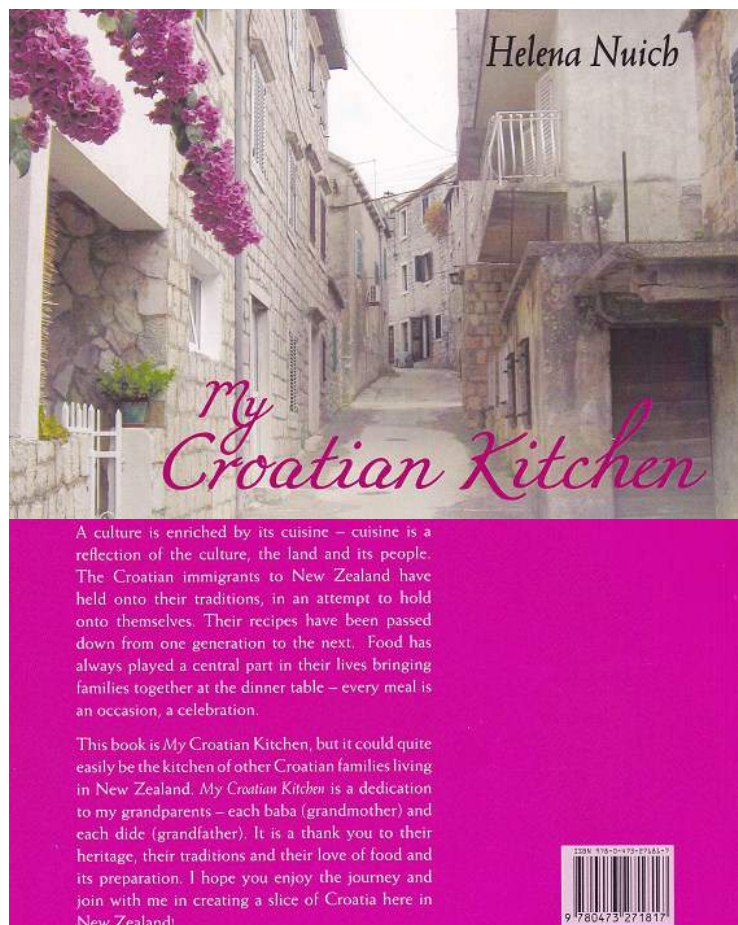
Friday 28th from 10am to 6pm

Saturday 29th from 10am to 6pm

Sunday 30th from 10am to 6pm

The Consular days will be held at the Croatian Cultural Society clubrooms 161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South. Payments for consular services need to be in the form of a cheque. We are unable to accept Eftpos or cash.

For all enquiries please email crocons.auckland@mvep.hr



Journal type cookbook written from the perspective of preserving the immigrant identity through cuisine, through a collaboration of recipes, writing, photography and artwork. \$20 - email snuich@xtra.co.nz or contact Helena or Sofia 8347424 or 0212037731 for orders.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS

To two very special ladies in our Women's League Committee:-

Ljubica Radonich and Suzanne Pincevic BOTH recently have been acknowledged overseas for their works in the Arts and in Writing. Ljubica for her etching selected for the International Mini Prints 2014 Exhibition in Barcelona. Suzanne with her Croatian publication of *Britanija i Bleiburzka Tragedija* reviewed by Damir Borovcak.

LJUBICA RADONICH'S PAINTING EXHIBITED IN SPAIN

Ljubica was surprised and delighted to be told that her painting - an etching - had been selected for the International Mini Prints 2014 Exhibition in Barcelona. It was one of more than 700 entries selected from all over the world. The event happened at a very opportune time because a few days before she heard the good news Ljubica had booked a ticket to Barcelona - so this was an added bonus. The opening of the Exhibition was shortly after she and Des arrived in Barcelona and they were able to enjoy this unique experience. After Barcelona the Exhibition travels to London and France.

Whilst in Barcelona Ljubica and Des toured the galleries of Picasso, Goya and Dali - and of course visited the amazing Gaudi buildings, including the Sagrada Familia Basilica.

This was the first time Ljubica had entered an overseas exhibition - and she was surprised to be accepted. Ljubica was encouraged to enter by a lady she met at the Lake House Art Centre in Takapuna, who had entered it previously. Ljubica has been painting seriously for some 15 years and doing etchings for the last 7 years. She belongs to the Mairangi Art Centre and is currently Vice-President of The NZ Fellowship of Artists at Mt Eden.

REVIEW OF SUZANNE PINCEVIC'S BOOKS

Most of you will already know that in 1998 Suzanne published a book in English, analyzing the past century in Croatia - covering the two world wars and the aggression against Croatia in the 1990s.

Some of you will also know that ten years later she was asked by the Domobran Officers Club in Zagreb to give her permission for the book to be translated into Croatian. Three Croatian organizations: The Domobran Officers Club in Zagreb, The Victimology Society in Zagreb, and the Croatian Intercommittee Council of NSW in Sydney, came together to publish the book in 2009. Following that the books were reviewed by a couple of well-known Croatians in literary circles - Damir Borovcak who is a radio host in Zagreb, as well as a columnist and author of several non-fiction Croatian books - the other reviewer is Fabijan Lovric who is a Professor of Croatian language, an author, poet and art critic. Their Reviews have now been translated into

and sent to Suzanne much to her delight. She is honoured by such good reviews.



Auckland ASB Classic & Heineken Open 2015

I am very pleased to inform you that in January Ana Konjuh is coming back for the ASB Classic Tennis Tournament!

Also, for the Heineken Open young star Borna Coric is taking part for the first time (fresh from his biggest win over Rafael Nadal).

The ASB Tournament is starting on the 5th of January 2015, while, the Heineken Open will be starting on the 12th.

Ana is arriving on the 28th of December 2014 and there will be opportunities to meet her then.

There may be more Croatian players competing - will keep you informed as we find out.



EURODELL SPECIAL OFFER TO CCS MEMBERS

10% Discount

Eurodell are offering 10% discount to all CCS Members upon presentation of your current membership card.



Back by popular demand, Mister Dibley is proud to announce

2CELLOS: On The Road Australia and New Zealand tour dates January 2015

Following their critically acclaimed and sold out 2014 Australian tour, 2CELLOS, music's most electric and dynamic instrumental duo, will return to Australia and New Zealand in January 2015. The duo will land in Perth for their first show on the 6th January before continuing on to Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Auckland.

Young Croatian cellists Luka Sulic and Stjepan Hauser, together known as 2CELLOS, came to international fame in 2011 when their cello version of Michael Jackson's SMOOTH CRIMINAL went viral. It has since reached over 20 million youtube views. Their playing style has broken down the boundaries between different genres of music, from classical and film music to pop and rock. 2CELLOS have no limits when it comes to performing live and are equally as impressive when playing Bach and Vivaldi as they are when rocking out, as evidenced in the mind-blowing clip of their version of the AC/DC track Thunderstruck (now at over 25 million views) - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT3SBzmDxGk>

Since 2011, 2CELLOS have released 2 albums through Sony Masterworks – their self-titled debut album and **In2ition**, released in 2013. Aside from their huge online following where they continue to amaze with new YouTube hits, 2CELLOS main focus has always been playing live. Performing with Sir Elton John on his tour, they have travelled around the globe several times, opening the shows to rapturous acclaim. 2CELLOS toured Australia as part of Elton John's band on his 2011 and 2012 Australian tours.

In addition to touring with Sir Elton, 2CELLOS have collaborated with the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Queens of the Stone Age and George Michael. They have also worked on various projects with winning producers T-Bone Burnett and Humberto Gatica and with the legendary film composer James Newton Howard.

Sulic and Hauser have played the cello since childhood; Sulic graduated from the acclaimed Royal Academy of Music in London, and Hauser from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, both in 2011. Sulic has won a series of top prizes at numerous prestigious international music competitions including First and Special Prize at the VII Lutoslawski International Cello Competition in Warsaw (2009), First Prize at the European Broadcasting Union "New Talent" Competition (2006) and First Prize at the Royal Academy of Music Patron's Award in Wigmore Hall (2011) among others. Hauser has worked with acclaimed classical artists such as Mstislav Rostropovich, Bernard Greenhouse, Mennahem Pressler and Ivry Gitlis, to mention a few. He has collected no less than twenty-one first prizes at national and international music competitions.

2CELLOS released their second album **In2ition** in January 2013. The album was produced by the legendary Bob Ezrin (Pink Floyd, Alice Cooper, Kiss, Deep Purple) and features an eclectic group of vocal and instrumental guests including Elton John, Steve Vai, Lang Lang, Naya Rivera and Zucchero.

2CELLOS new album will be released in January 2015 through Sony Masterworks.

MISTER DIBLEY PRESENTS

2CELLOS: ON THE ROAD
Australian and New Zealand 2015 tour

Tickets on sale from Tuesday, 7th October

Jan 6 th	Perth Concert Hall, Perth	Ticketek (www.ticketek.com.au)
Jan 8 th	Lewellyn Centre, Canberra	Ticketek (www.ticketek.com.au)
Jan 10 th	The Star, Sydney	Ticketek (www.ticketek.com.au)
Jan 14 th	The Plaza Room, Brisbane	Ticketek (www.ticketek.com.au)
Jan 15 th	The Palais, Melbourne	Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com.au)
Jan 17 th	ASB Theatre, Auckland	Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.co.nz)

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Society Information

Bereavement Notice

To all members and families who have lost loved ones, we offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies.

Počivali u Miru Božjem

CCS Hall Hire

Hall and kitchen available for events and functions. For booking, options and more information please contact Rosana Vuksich on 027 478 2740

CCS Soccer NK Auckland Croatia

If you are interested in registering for soccer with our Society, contact Fabian Ukich for more information about joining NK Auckland Croatia.

Fabian Ukich: 021 987 250

Croatia Cricket

If you have an interest in cricket in Croatia or would like any further information on Croatian Cricket in general (including the possibility of representing the Croatian National Team), please contact:

John Vujnovich 021-922-044

Croatian Library

The Society's library is currently under construction. Thank you for your patience.

Our Kitchen

Sunday Dinners 6pm

Call 836-6550 between 3pm and 5pm to pre-book your dinner or come along and place your order.
As of 1st February 2015 Sunday dinners will be \$20.00.



Cost \$15 for a delicious hot dinner provided by the Sunday evening kitchen crew.

Croatian Rugby Reps – NZ

If you are interested in being associated or playing rugby in Croatia (with the possibility of playing for the Croatian National Team), contact the New Zealand Representatives for Croatian Rugby:

Michael Borich: 021-717-303

Michael Nola: 021-051-1139

Folklore

Senior Group: 16yrs and over

Middle Group: 11yrs – 15yrs,

Junior Group: 4yrs – 10yrs

KT Registrations:

Anyone interested in joining The Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble please visit the CCS Website for a registration form.

Contacts:

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New Members – Invited

If you have friends and family that are eligible to join, encourage them to enjoy the privilege of being a member of our Society. We offer our members a place where they can uphold their Croatian identity and enjoy the services on offer – including sports, kolo, choir, card playing, bowls, library services and film nights, various social functions and more. Your nomination and their membership will be mutually rewarding to us all.

Subscriptions

A friendly reminder to those members who have overlooked their membership. If you are unsure of the status of your membership please call the Secretary for an update. We remind you that only

financial members are eligible to attend the Members Meetings.

New Member Applications

The following applications for full membership have been received:

Ujdur, Joe & Tamara & family - nominated by Goran Katich and seconded by Barry Stulich

According to the rules of our Society, any objection to any membership application notification must be lodged in writing to the Secretary within 14 days of notification.

CCS Children's Playgroup

The **CCS Children's Playgroup** is meeting fortnightly on Friday mornings, from 9:30am-12:00pm as suits. The last playgroup for 2014 is **Friday November 28th**. Playgroup will resume in 2015. All are welcome for a coffee and kids play time. If you have any questions or would like to join the email database, please contact Deanna Vuksich Tarawa at dvuksich@hotmail.com.



Tamburica & Instrumental Tuition Lessons

If you or any person you know of are interested in learning the tamburica or another musical instrument, contact:

Goran Kačurov: 021-877-247

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