

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter May, 2015 – Volume 37

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 17th May 2015—2pm

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 17th May at 2.00pm at our Society Club rooms.

Agenda

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Correspondence—incoming/outgoing
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
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Election and Appointment of Officers
Election and Appointment of Financial Overseers
Member Fees Recommendation

General Business

Membership Fees for 2014/2015

Please be aware that your CCS membership subscriptions must be paid for the 2014/2015 financial year. This payment is required **before** Sunday 17th of May 2015 in order to attend the AGM.

Events Calendar

CCS Kids Playgroup	Friday 15th May, 2015 When: 10:00am-11:00am Where: Dialled Trampoline Park, 19 Fernhill Drive <u>Cost</u> : \$8 per child
Annual General Meeting	Sunday 17th May, 2015 CCS Clubrooms
KT Gala Dinner & Concert	Saturday 6th June, 2015 7pm, CCS Clubrooms See flyer for details



'Quick fire raffle time' at the KT Quiz Night Fundraiser

Presidents Report

As my first year as President draws to a close, I would like to reflect on the selfless efforts of those who keep our Society moving forward. They include members of our Committee and also non-committee members who toil away at functions and in the kitchen and bar every Sunday, so that we can cover our bills and pay down our debt – which we have been doing successfully thanks to all of these people. Without this small but hard working group of volunteers and contributors, our Society would undoubtedly be in decline. So, I personally would like to thank all of you for all your hard work and sacrifice and you should be proud in the fact that the great legacy that we have been entrusted with will continue thriving – hopefully for many future generations to come.

I would like to convey our Society's heartfelt thanks to The Trusts Charitable Foundation and their support of our cultural and community development over this past year. Without their support, the Society and our wider community would be poorer in many ways, so on behalf of all of our members I thank you wholeheartedly.

A quick recap of events for the 2014/15 year -

Korcula Vecer was an extremely successful function for our Society. A sincere thank you goes to Fabian Ukich for organizing this event. The dinner was absolutely beautiful and I would like to thank the entire kitchen team for doing such a great job. Thank you; your efforts are sincerely appreciated. The club made a net **profit of \$9,774.00** plus bar takings.

This year's Inter village soccer tournament was another great success and I would like to, once again, thank Fabian for organizing this annual event again. 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 also must go to everyone who helped on the grill and in the kitchen and also in the bar. Your efforts resulted in a **turnover** of just over **\$19,000.00** from this event. What a great result for the Society.

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, with all hands on deck in the kitchen. This successful function gave us a profit of **\$10,579.00** (excluding bar takings) for our Society. Congratulations to the organisers!

The annual Buće tournament was a real highlight of 2015, and it proved to be a great social event for young and old. This was the biggest tournament yet and it only looks like it will grow again next year. The club made a **net profit of \$19,000.00** from the tournament and that doesn't happen by mistake. The kitchen team (as always) needs the biggest thanks along with the bar staff and all others who helped. I would like to thank Steven Stulich for organizing this event and the small team of people

who donated generously to this tournament. Without their help this would not be possible. A sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Vrgorac Night was held on Saturday the 28th of March and it was a very successful dinner and dance, which was enjoyed by all. Over 250 people attended, with a large number of our younger members coming along with their parents to enjoy the night's festivities. Our own 'Prva Liga' band played a great medley of songs and the dancing went on into the small hours. Thank you Ivan, Goran and Aniela for putting on such a great performance. The evening resulted in a **profit of \$13,000** (excluding bar takings), and was another great result for our Society. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this important function. These regional dinner and dance functions are an important part of our heritage in New Zealand and we believe that we must strive to preserve them for our younger generations to enjoy, so that they can hopefully continue with this great tradition.

Our Kralj Tomislav Ensemble will be departing in June for their tour of Croatia, and I know that they will do us proud. On behalf of all members, I would like to wish them all the very best, and we look forward to the photos, videos and stories upon their return. To Goran and Sanja Kacurov, thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Many of our Society's events would not be as successful without your extensive preparation in many of the Kralj Tomislav performances. Time and time again you deliver outstanding programmes!

All of the hard work by our members has made a large and positive impact on the Society's financial position. The Society's mortgage as at **31/3/15 was \$166,553.40** and the main account in the **positive** to the amount of **\$25,456.53**. The Kralj Tomislav subaccount has **\$21,745.00** (\$11,000 of this is fundraised money).

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank the Executive Committee for all their hard work and dedication to the Society over this last year. You have been a pleasure to work with, and I humbly thank you for your support in all of our endeavours. I have decided to stand for the next term and look forward to working with my new management committee as we prepare for a busy year ahead.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has supported the committee and our Society over the past year. Your loyalty and dedication has been an inspiration to me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bog i Hrvati

Goran Katich

Croatian Cultural Society Executive Management Committee

Nominations Received For 2015/16

President (1)

Goran Katich*

Vice Presidents (2)

Bozenka Mrkusich*

Josip Matkovic*

Treasurer (1)

Stefan Erceg*

Secretary (1)

Katica Katich*

Committee (12)

Jelica Arnerich*

Matthew Botica

Tui Kennar*

Nediljko Klinac*

Stipe Laus*

Victor Mrkusich*

Paul Sumich*

Anton Tolich*

Fabian Ukich*

Bob Vicelich*

Ljuba Vrdoljak*

Ivan Zonich*

Names marked with a (*) indicate members from the 2014/15 committee.

Voting at the Annual General Meeting

The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary are deemed to be elected as there are the exact numbers nominated as are positions available.

The committee members nominated are deemed to be elected as we have enough for the positions required to form a committee.

Therefore neither voting at the AGM or Proxy Voting will be required at the 2015/16 AGM.

After the meeting dinner will be available for \$20.

IMPORTANT KITCHEN NOTICE

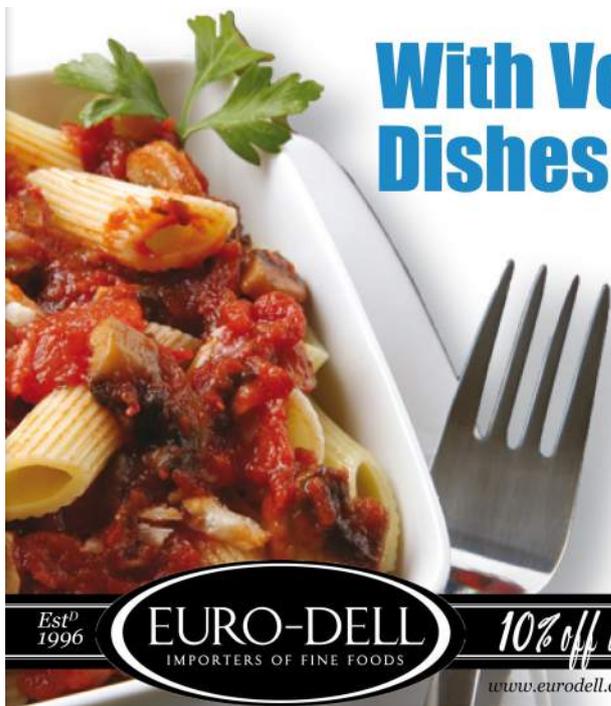
The kitchen will be closed during the months of July/ August whilst many of our members travel to Croatia.

The kitchen will resume on:

Sunday the 6th of September, 2015.



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KT Quiz Night Fundraiser

On behalf of the Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble we would like to thank everyone that attended our Quiz Night. It was a very successful event enjoyed by all in attendance.

The night would not have been a success without the hard work and generosity of many people. A sincere thank you to you all.

Thank you once again to all who attended and supported the event in helping us represent our club in Croatia, we hope to make you all very proud.

Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble



KRALJ TOMISLAV REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW DUE

Anyone interested in joining The Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble please print off a registration form from our the CCS website or email the contacts below, and send with payment to the CCS.

Please note that you must be a financial member of the Croatian Cultural Society to join.

Individual Registration	\$150 pa
Second Family Member	\$75 pa
Family Registration (3 or more)	\$250pa

Kolo registration is from 1 January till the 31st December

OUR GROUPS Junior (4-12yrs) Middle (13-16yrs) Senior (16 yrs & over) Orchestra



CONTACTS

GORAN KACUROV kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz

NADA STULICH nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz

KRALJ TOMISLAV REGISTRATION 2015



CCS KIDS PLAYGROUP

Our next session on May 15 will be held at **Dialled Trampoline Park Westgate!!** This is a brand new indoor trampoline park (where the old Mitre 10 used to be) and the kids will love the freedom of running and bouncing around!

Check out the website for details at www.dialled.co.nz. They have coffee and drinks to purchase there but you are welcome to bring morning tea/snacks for your kids. It is best if they have socks on and of course lots of water as they work up a sweat! It will be for an hour session. If you could please let me know if you are coming, that would be great just to get a sense of numbers. No worries if something comes up but hopefully we will have a good turnout and the kids can enjoy something different!

When: Friday May 15 from 10:00am-11:00am

Where: Dialled Trampoline Park, 19 Fernhill Drive

Cost: \$8 per child

Let me know if you have any questions. Contact: Iva Stulich - ivastulich@gmail.com



THE CROATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



Kralj Tomislav
FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE AOTEAROA



KRALJ TOMISLAV FUNDRAISING GALA 2015



SATURDAY 6TH JUNE AT 7PM

PERFORMANCES BY KRALJ TOMISLAV, KLAPA SAMOANA,
& TE ROOPU TARARA AOTEAROA

THREE COURSE DINNER + LIVE DJ ENTERTAINMENT

AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES AND AUCTION

TICKETS ADULTS \$50 / 18 AND UNDER \$40

FOR TICKETS CONTACT DEANNA DIDOVICH 021864377, OR ANY KT MEMBER

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

New Zealand Croatia Cricket

New Zealand Croatia Cricket exists to provide a home for New Zealanders with Croatian ancestry to come together through their mutual love of cricket to connect, share and celebrate their Croatian heritage and culture. Check us out at:

www.nwezealandcroatiacricket.weebly.com

For further information 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 \$20 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:

Goran Kačurov:

kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz

Nada Stulich:

nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz

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:

Mitchell - Adam, nominated by Goran Katic and seconded by Joze Mihaljevic

Filipchich - Zlato, Michelle, Danella & Nicholas nominated by Goran Katic and seconded by Katica Katich

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 next playgroup for 2015 is **Friday May 15th**. (see calendar on front page). 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

Croatian Language Lessons

For information about learning the Croatian language please contact the club secretary on: ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz.



Key Contacts

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Financial Overseers	Frank Kumerich Frank Vujnovich
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Sports Field Hire	Goran Katich: 021 968 936
Bar Manager	Goran Katich
Kitchen Manager	Jelica Arnerich
Kolo Tutor / Folklore Director	Goran Kačurov
Catholic Church	Suzanne Pincevic: 021 024 59908
Mothers Coffee Group	Deanna Vuksich Tarawa: dvuksich@hotmail.com
Women's League	Zdenka Batistich Suzanne Pinčević

