

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter September, 2015 – Volume 39

2nd Quarterly Members Meeting

Sunday 22nd November 2015—4pm

The 2nd Quarterly Members meeting for the 2015/2016 year will be held at our Society Club rooms at 4pm. 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 meeting	Financial Overseer's report
Correspondence incoming/outgoing	General business
President's report	



Events Calendar

Croatian Consular Days June 2015	Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th of September, 2015 10am - 6pm CCS Clubrooms (see inside for details)
CCS Kids Playgroup	Friday 18th September, 2015 9.30am at the CCS clubrooms
Briškola Tournament 2015	Sunday 18th October, 2015 CCS Clubrooms
CCS Annual Ladies Luncheon	Sunday 8th November, 2015 11am, CCS Clubrooms See flyer for details
2nd Quarterly Members Meeting	Sunday 22nd November, 2015 4pm at the CCS Clubrooms
Kids Christmas Party	Sunday 29th November, 2015 2pm, CCS Clubrooms
Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert	Saturday 5th December, 2015 CCS Clubrooms

The Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble in Croatia 2015



Performing at HERCEG Ethno selo Medjugorje



Presidents Report - September

I would like to welcome back all of our members who have returned recently from Croatia. I hope you all had an enjoyable time away and look forward to seeing you at the club again soon.

Katica and I have just returned from Croatia where we caught up with family and friends and enjoyed one of the hottest summers in Croatian history. During our holiday we had the pleasure of attending the Kralj Tomislav, Klapa Samoana and Te Roopu Tarara O Ateatora Concert in Zagreb on the 5th of July at the Kerempuh Theater. They put on a polished and professional performance and it was something to be truly proud of. The concert was attended by the President of Croatia, Zoran Milanovich and many other dignitaries. Congratulations to Goran Kacurov and the entire KT ensemble for a wonderful performance and a truly successful tour of Croatia. The tour was widely reported on in all major Croatian newspapers and was televised on HRT. Well done! A special thank you must go to all the tour sponsors – without them this tour would not be possible.

I would like to thank the management committee for all their hard work while we were away and a special thank you Nada Stulich for stepping in as assistant secretary. Thank you everyone.

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate General in Auckland for the month of September will be held on **Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September 2015**. These dates are advertised on our website.

Our upcoming annual Croatian Cultural Society picnic will be held at Wenderholm Beach on Anniversary weekend 2016. More details will be advertised later in the year.

After a quiet winter we look forward to a full schedule of events for the upcoming summer such as Intervillage, Ladies Lunch, Kralj Tomislav Christmas concert and the kids Christmas party – dates for these events will be advertised in the upcoming newsletters.

Please make an effort to attend as many of these events and support your Society.

Thank you



Croatia 2015 – United in Croatian Song

From the 1st to 17th July 2015 Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble along with Te Roopu Tarara and Klapa Samoana embarked on an amazing tour of Croatia. Scheduled performances in Zagreb, Podgora, Međugorje, Metković, Zagvozd, Blato, Korčula and Pupnat were well received by many locals, tourists and the traveling entourage of supporters from New Zealand.

All the performers did a fantastic job representing New Zealand and their heritage, with over 50 media engagements on radio, TV and websites co-ordinated by Tanja Rau, as well as the live concerts. Each concert had special moments with memorable performances, locations and audiences. The Concerts followed a similar format, like that of our fundraising events. Opening with the traditional song and dance from the Island of Korčula and closing with the whole group performing Pokarekare ana followed by a Haka. Our performances displayed great pride in our culture, telling our story.

Our patron for the tour was the State Office for Croatians out of Croatia and we received the highest level of recognition for the promotion of Croatian Culture from Berislav Šipuš the Minister of Culture.

In Velica Gorica we took part in the international folk festival with separate performances from all three groups over two days. There were many international groups competing, we won 5 categories! Big thanks to the hosts Folklore ensemble FA Turopolje and special thanks to Tomislav Milichevich for our costumes.



The concert in Zagreb at the Kerempuh theatre was the most important of the tour, with the Prime Minister Zoran Milanović and 5 other ministers in attendance. As well as representatives from the State Office for Croatians out of Croatia, City Zagreb and the Tourist Board who were among the many who supported us financially on tour. We entered the theatre and rehearsed under high security, the conditions were set for a great performance with additional musicians joining us for this show. These were some of the best violin, celo and mandolin players in Croatia.

We performed in Podgora at the Spomenik "Galebova krila". This was a "first time" historic performance for the group, many with family heritage from Podgora. We worked around some challenges with lighting and the slippery dance surface, resulting in a very memorable concert and dinner afterwards at the Hotel Primordia.

In Međugorje the concert was held at the "Herceg Etno Selo" in the outdoor amphitheatre. An amazing venue with great natural acoustics.



We were hosted for both lunch and dinner at this amazing facility. During the day many took the opportunity to visit the church and other religious monuments.

In Metković the theatre was at capacity and conditions were again set for a great concert. During the day we explored the area with a boat trip up the Neretva river and a visit to the Vid and the Roman ruins. Frogs were a specialty on the lunch menu and very delicious.

Zagvozd was again a special concert and our first streamed live on the internet. Special thanks to Vedran Mlikota and Kulturna udruga "Glumci u Zagvozdu" for the venue setup and celebration afterwards which went into the wee small hours of the morning. A fitting celebration for our last concert on the coast.

As we travelled to the Island of Korčula via the peninsula Pelješac we stopped in historic village Nakovana. This is where the first Croatian migrant to New Zealand, Pavao Lupis, came from. Here we were met by his descendants and local historians.

In a cultural exchange songs and prayers were exchanged. A Maori ritual was performed, returning Pavao home in a specially prepared "taiaha" or fighting stick. Once blessed the special "taiaha" was handed over to his descendants to close the look and finally return Pavao's spirit home. We performed three concerts on Korčula with crowds embracing us, surrounding us up to nine deep on all sides. In Blato the performers worked to get through



the mass of people between dances. In Korčula we were guided through the old town before the concert by the Moreska swordsmen and lead into the surrounding crowd for the start of the show. In Pupnat we had a similar procession, led by Kumpanija Pupnat to the church where all performers attended a short service before the concert as per the local tradition. For a village with a normal population of just a few hundred, the numbers swelled enormously with a big street party marked the occasion. We were spoiled as big tables of food remained topped up as the food just kept on coming and the band played into the night.

We closed the tour with a day on the water around Korčula on a number of boats, thanks to Goran Oreb and his family. We spent the day sightseeing and swimming at various spots around the island, everyone said their good-byes and the Tour was closed.

This tour has been described as one of the best to be seen in Croatia in a number of years, a wonderful experience for all involved, which would not be possible without the generous support from our club members, friends, families and key supporters. Special thanks to Mate Jujnovich and Makarska Promet too for our bus and our driver Ante, Tomislav Milichevich for costumes, Vlado Leko, Dragutin Bajilo, Suzana and Kresimir Starcevic, Vedran Mlikota, Tanja Rau, Branimir Penava, Martin Vukovic, Marijan Makar, Louis Dean, Marko Marusic, Goran Oreb and Family. Also big thank you to the musicians from Zagreb Mario Belan, Marijan Mikac, Velimir Kacurov and Jozo and Martin from FA Vukovar Sydney.

The Croatian Cultural Society presents

HELEN MEDLYN

**Mezzo Soprano, dancer, actress,
musical theatre performer.....**

LADIES LUNCHEON

**Sunday
November 8th
11.30am**

TICKETS \$45

Katinka Katich 834 7237 ccssecretary@hotmail.com

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER
CCS CLUBROOMS 2PM

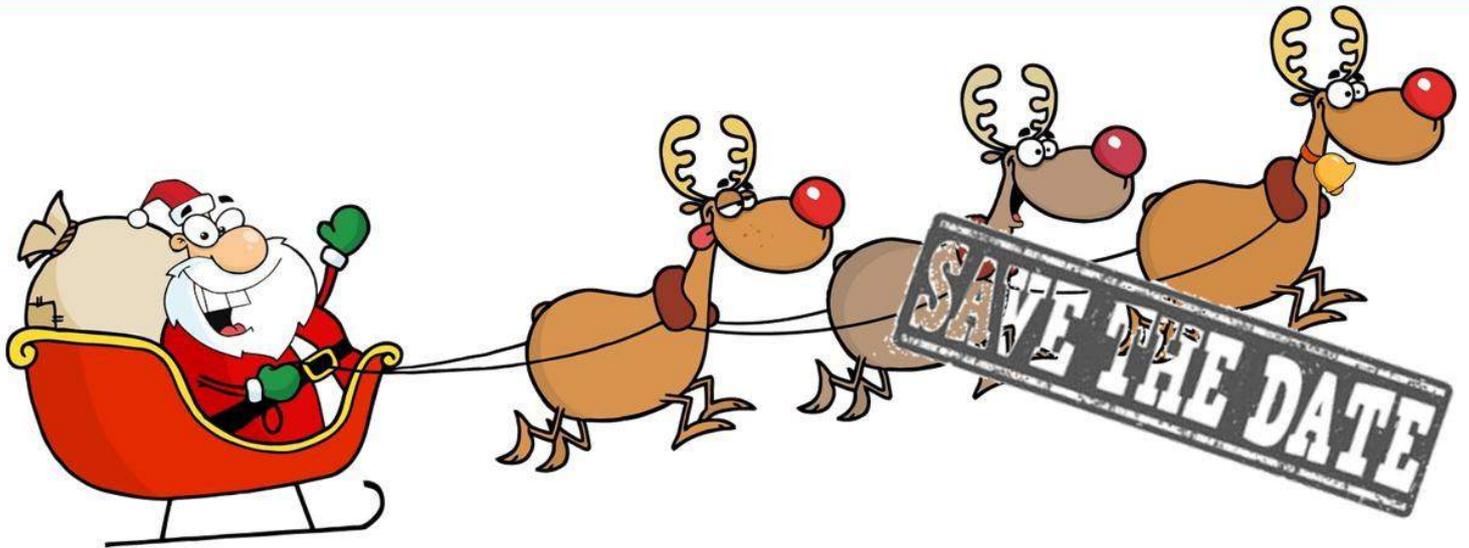
JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY CHEER...

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

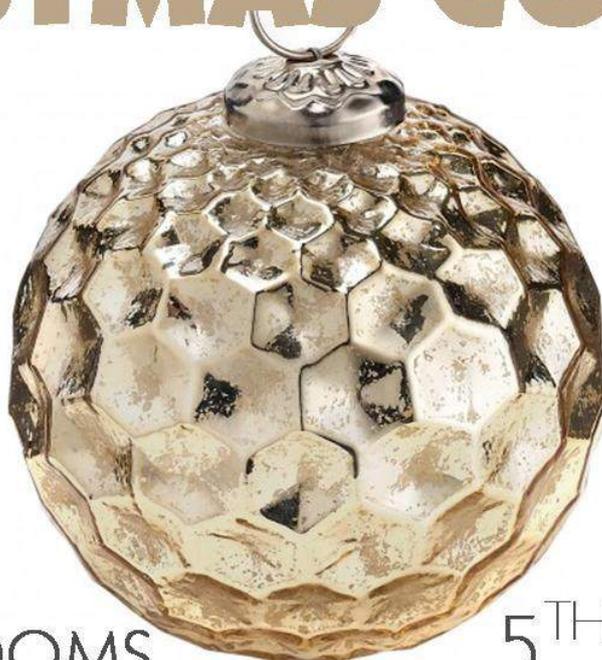
Bring a wrapped, named gift (no more than \$10 in value)

A plate for afternoon tea appreciated

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015



KRALJ TOMISLAV CHRISTMAS CONCERT



CCS CLUBROOMS
TICKETS ON SALE SOON

5TH DECEMBER
SAVE THE DATE

Katica Katich 834 7237 ccssecretary@hotmail.com

Most Beautiful Croatian in National Folk Costume 2015

On the 28th June, Claudia Baturic represented The Croatian Cultural Society at the Most Beautiful Croatian in National Folk Costume Pageant. We are extremely proud to announce that Claudia was 1st runner up in the pageant and would like to congratulate her on behalf of our members for a wonderful achievement!

The pageant saw 27 Croatian girls from 21 countries gather in Tomislavgrad, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The aim of the pageant is to connect Croatians throughout the world and to promote traditional culture.

Congratulations Claudia!



BRIŠKULA TOURNAMENT 2015

STARTING SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
CCS CLUBROOMS

Round-robin Tournament

Teams to be registered by Sunday 11th October

Entry Fee - \$30/team

Time and Tournament rules to be confirmed next newsletter



Further details contact Tonci Antunovich 412 7814

CROATIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AUCKLAND: JUNE 2015 CONSULAR DAYS

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate General in Auckland will be held on **Saturday 12th September** and **Sunday 13th September** 2015, with the following schedule:

Saturday 12th September from 10am to 6pm

Sunday 13th September 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

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:

Milich, Ratko Roy. Nominated by Baldo Vichelich, seconded by Bozenka Mrkusich.

Kovac, James, Sarah and family. Nominated by Bozenka Mrkusich, seconded by Victor Mrkusich.

Curin, Anton. Nominated by Goran Katich, seconded by Matthew Botica.

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 September 18th**. 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

Croatian Cultural Society of NZ Inc.
161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South,
PO Box 83 139 Edmonton,
Waitakere 0652

www.croatianclub.org

Phone / Fax: 09-836-6550

Key Contacts

President	Goran Katich: 021 968 936
Vice Presidents	Boženka Mrkusich Josip Matkovic
Treasurer	Stefan Erceg
Secretary	Katica Katich: ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz
Committee	Jelica Arnerich Tui Kennar Nediljko Klinac Stipe Laus Victor Mrkusich Ivan Salic Paul Sumich Anton Tolich Fabian Ukich Bob Vicelich Ljuba Vrdoljak Ivan Zonich
Financial Overseers	Frank Kumerich Frank Vujnovich
Newsletter	Katica Katich: ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz
Hall Hire & Function Bookings	Rosana Vuksich: 027 478 2740
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

