

# Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



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## Annual General Meeting

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 —3pm**

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.00pm at our Society Club rooms.

### Agenda

Apologies  
Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting  
Matters Arising  
Correspondence—incoming/outgoing  
President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Financial Overseers Report  
Election of Scrutineers  
Election and Appointment of Officers

## Events Calendar

<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2016</b> 3pm CCS Clubrooms
<b>KT Quiz Night</b>	<b>POSTPONED—WATCH THIS SPACE</b>
<b>Croatian Consular Days June 2016</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2016</b> Refer to flyer CCS Clubrooms
<b>Dan Državnosti</b>	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016</b> 6.30pm at the CCS Clubrooms

**Membership Fees for 2015/2016** Please be aware that your CCS membership subscriptions must be paid for the 2015/2016 financial year. This payment is required **before** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016 in order to attend the AGM. **Note: No membership fees will be accepted on the day of the AGM.**

The Croatian Cultural Society presents

## Croatian National Day Dinner 'Dan Državnosti'

**Dinner**  
**Entry \$30**

**With special guest**  
**His Excellency the Croatian**  
**Ambassador**  
**Dr Damir Kusen**

Performances from Kralj Tomislav

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - 6.30pm**

**Croatian Cultural Society, 161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu**



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## Presidents Report – May Meeting 2016

As my second 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. I would like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere appreciation to Vuksich & Borich for the support that they have given to our Society. The donation of 2 truck and trailers of Hoggins from the Waikato, the use of your digger and roller along with two of your finest staff was a truly generous gesture. Our Annual Buće Tournament would not be possible without your help. The Society relies on the generosity of donors like yourself and is grateful for your support.

### A quick recap of events for the 2015/16 year -

The **Intervillage tournament** turned over more than **\$19,000** which was an outstanding result. Thank you to Fabian for again organising this year's event and everyone who contributed and helped in the kitchen and the bar as well as the grill. We had a record number of children's teams – 12 in total – which created a great atmosphere and the larger crowd. I would also like to congratulate team Vrgorac, the winners of this year's tournament.

The **Ladies Luncheon** turned over more than **\$9,000** and it was well received by all the ladies in attendance. Thank you to Bozenka, Angela and Nada for helping to organise this great day. Also, thank you to Victor Mrkusich and his team of helpers for a fantastic job on the catering front – they made it look easy.

This year's **Briskula Tournament** winners were – Ivan Slavich, Boro Barbarich & Stipe Nuich. A Special mention must go to our ladies that achieved second place – Anka Antunovich, Vesna Stulich & Dragica Tisot. The Briskula tournament was a success, with a lot of card players and spectators enjoying the action. Thank you to Tonči Antunovich for his great organisation of this event once again.

The annual **Buće tournament** was a real highlight of 2015, and it proved to be a great social event for young and old. The club made a **net profit of \$13,000.00** (excluding bar takings) from the tournament and that doesn't happen by mistake. . Congratulations to team 'Stari', once again Vedran Skokandic, Goran Vrdoljak and Tomislav Busljeta showed us how it is done. Congratulations to the second place team, team 'Sjor' - Tomislav Markotic, Nedo Klinac and Mladan Radonic played an extremely good game. 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 organising this event and the small team of people who donated generously to this tournament. Without their help this would not be possible. Once again a special mention must go to Vuksich & Borich for making this facility possible and for their generosity. A sincere thanks to everyone involved.

**Vrgorac Night**, the first of our regional dinners, was a very successful evening. Nenad Vetma was our guest performer and he did not disappoint. Thank you to everyone involved for making Vrgorac Night the success that it was. The evening resulted in a **profit of over \$12,000** (excluding bar takings), and was another great result for our Society. Thank you to everyone that came along!

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.

The **Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert** was held at the club on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Joining us this year was Hrvatska Zora from Melbourne and Sydney Vukovar from Sydney. Our special guest was, His Excellency Dr. Damir Kusen, Croatian Ambassador to New Zealand. He formally announced and officially presented Sir Peter Talley and Leo Panzić as our new Honorary Consuls for Croatia. Everyone enjoyed the evening and once again, a first class programme was produced. Thank you to Goran & Sanja Kačurov, all the performers and all the organisers for making the night a great success.

This year our **Annual Croatian Picnic** was held at Wenderholm Regional Park and sharing our grounds was the Dalmatian Cultural Society. We held the children's running/novelty races and games together and a great time was had by one and all. There was a record turnout of club members and friends of the society and we were extremely lucky the weather stayed fine for most of the day. The first joint picnic was a great success and hopefully even more people will attend the picnic next year.

The Society's mortgage as of last statement - as at **31/3/16** was **\$99,989.26** and the main account in the **positive** to the amount of **\$98,677.76**. 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 & final 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 2016/17

### 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

Nediljko Klinac\*

Victor Mrkusich\*

Milka Selak

Vedran Skokandich

Paul Sumich\*

Anton Tolich\*

Fabian Ukich\*

Bob Vicelich\*

Goran Vrdoljak

Ivan Zonich\*

*Names marked with a (\*) indicate members from the 2015/16 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 2016/17 AGM.

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

# SON OF A GUMDIGGER

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Josip: Ph 0274 776 557 or  
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## JOSIP PIVAC - ART EXHIBITION



## MEET THE ARTIST

**One night only - Sat 11 June**

**Sun 12 June 12 - 4 pm**

During the Dan Drzavnosti celebrations at The Croatian Cultural Society, 161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South

The Intermediate Group along with the First Ensemble will be performing at Croatian National Day Dinner on the 11th of June—don't miss their inspiring performances on this special night!



*Folklore dancers, singers and players, please check that you have registered and paid for your tuition this year.*

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> December

**OUR GROUPS** Junior (4-10yrs) Middle (10-16yrs) Senior (16 yrs & over) Orchestra



**CONTACTS**

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**KRALJ TOMISLAV  
REGISTRATION 2016**



## CONSULATE DATES

Croatian Consulate Auckland: Consular days for June 2016

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate in Auckland will be held on:  
11 to 12 June 2016 with the following schedule:

**Saturday 11 June from 9am to 2pm by appointment only (email [crocons.auckland@mvep.hr](mailto:crocons.auckland@mvep.hr) to schedule an appointment)**

**Sunday 12 June from 10am to 6pm on a first served basis**

**Please note that to be seen on Saturday now requires an appointment.**

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 or online. We are unable to accept Eftpos or cash.

For all enquiries please email [crocons.auckland@mvep.hr](mailto:crocons.auckland@mvep.hr)



Kralj Tomislav are hosting their legendary Quiz Night evening on

Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May

at the Croatian Cultural Society Clubrooms! Put this date in your diaries and get  
your star Quiz Night team together for a quizzical, fun night out!

Details to follow in next newsletter.



## 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 Bozenka Mrkusich on 021 341 634

### 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.newzealandcroatiacricket.weebly.com](http://www.newzealandcroatiacricket.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:

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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

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.

The Following applications for full membership have been received:

### CCS Children's Playgroup

The **CCS Children's Playgroup** is meeting fortnightly on Friday mornings, from 9:30am-12:00pm as suits. Playgroup will resume in 2016 in line with school term dates. 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](mailto: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](mailto:ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz)



## Key Contacts

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Treasurer	Stefan Erceg
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Committee	Jelica Arnerich Tui Kennar Nediljko Klinac Stipe Laus Victor Mrkusich Matthew Botica Paul Sumich Anton Tolich Fabian Ukich Bob Vicelich Ljuba Vrdoljak Ivan Zonich
Financial Overseers	Frank Kumerich Frank Vujnovich
Newsletter	Katica Katich: <a href="mailto:ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz">ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz</a>
Hall Hire & Function Bookings	Bozenka Mrkusich: 021 341 634
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: <a href="mailto:dvuksich@hotmail.com">dvuksich@hotmail.com</a>
Women's League	Zdenka Batistich Dianne Yelash

