

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo - Newsletter May, 2017 - Volume 50

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 21st May 2017 - 3pm

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st May at 3.00pm at our Society Club rooms.

Agenda

Apologies
Minutes of previous AGM meeting
Matter Arising
Correspondence
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Financial Overseer's Report
General Business

Events Calendar

**HNK Auckland Croatia
Game Day Lamb on Spit**

21st May, 2017

3pm game at CCS followed by Lamb on Spit

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 21st May, 2017

3pm CCS Clubrooms

Dan Državnosti

Saturday 10th June 2017

6pm - Special guest Dr. Damir Kušen
Performances by Kralj Tomislav

Ladies Luncheon

Sunday 12th November, 2017

Membership Fee Notice

This is a friendly reminder that the 2016/2017 membership fees are due. This payment is required before Sunday 22nd of May 2017 in order to attend the AGM. **Note: No membership fees will be accepted on the day of the AGM.**

Please feel free to contact the secretary at ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz to check your membership status if you are unsure what it is.

HNK AUCKLAND CROATIA - Undefeated after 5 games in the Auckland Sunday Football Assoc. Division 1



Presidents Report – May Newsletter

As my three year term comes to an end, I would like to convey my personal thanks and appreciation on behalf of all members for the hard work that has been done by this committee and many other members over the last 12 months. Thank you to Stefan, Katica, Bozenka, Josip, Jelica, Victor, Mate, Bob, Nedjelko, Paul, Milka, Vedran, Goran, Ivan, Antun & Fabian. You have done a wonderful job, and have been instrumental in ensuring that our Society keeps making progress and contributing towards the betterment of our community.

Our Society has made good progress over the last three years, thanks in large part to your hard work and generosity of many of our members. The Society's mortgage as at the 31st of March three years ago was approximately \$270,000 and now it is just over \$39,000 – which is a total reduction in debt of more than \$231,000. This is not including the \$100K we have in the main account. I would like to thank our committee and all of our members who have worked hard and made this outcome possible. What a fabulous result!! I only hope that we can continue on this path.

Thanks to the generosity of The Trusts, we have been able to fund Goran Kacurov's salary over a large part of the last three years, I believe that we have a very good chance of continuing with this funding for the foreseeable future, which benefits our Society and community immensely.

Kralj Tomislav continues to grow – The senior and intermediate kolos are also evolving as new generations are coming through. These younger generations represent our future and on behalf of all members I would like to thank Goran Kacurov for the great contribution that he has made and continues to make to our Society and the safeguarding of our cultural heritage. You are a wonderful asset to our Society and we are lucky to have you.

We have completed the Daycare rent review with Bambinos, and in accordance with the terms of the lease, the new rent value has been agreed at \$42,000 + GST annually – which was effective from the 1st of February this year. The next rent review will be on the 1st of February 2020.

We now have our new chairs in the clubrooms and our playground is ready for the Wetpour Safety Surface, this will hopefully be installed within the next 10 days. After that, all we have is the fencing and finally our children have their playground back.

I would like to thank Fabian Ukić, Nick Farac, Stefan Lausev & Stefan Bebić for getting the boys together and organising a new soccer team. NK Auckland Croatia has been reformed and will play in the Auckland Sunday League as 'HNK Auckland'. After a long absence, we finally have a boys team to send to Australia later this year. As special thank you to the main sponsors Eurodell and Stirling Sports New Lynn & Norwest. Your generous support is truly appreciated. For more information refer to the notice in this newsletter.

Once again I would like to thank everyone on the committee for working so hard and for supporting me. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Although my term as President has come to an end, I am happy to step down and take on the role of Vice President. It has been an honour and a pleasure being your President and I look forward to the year ahead.

Bog I Hrvati
Goran Katich
President

The 'Boys are Back'

After an almost 10 year hiatus from an organised league, NK Auckland Croatia has been reformed and will play in the Auckland Sunday League as 'HNK Auckland'.

After another successful Inter-village Tournament a meeting was called to discuss the possibility of reforming NK Auckland Croatia to re-enter the Australian Croatian Soccer tournament.

Due to a rule change in Australia, all teams that enter the tournament must be an affiliated club.

The first meeting went for almost 4 hours and it was decided that our club had enough talent around to put together a good side where Croatians can play together. So a new sub committee was formed under the Croatian cultural society: Fabian Ukić, Nick Farac, Stefan Lausev and Stefan Bebić.

As soon as word broke that the team was playing again, players committed and supporters reached out with advice and sponsorship.

We especially need to thank the Croatian Cultural Society for being so supportive in getting the team off the ground and helping with the teams administration. They have helped with entering us into the league and are backing the squad fully. The teams major sponsors so far are, **Andrew Marinovich of Stirling Sports New Lynn and Norwest** who donated 8 Match Quality Nike Footballs and **Eurodell** who sponsored the

payment of our new Nike playing strip. Without their kind donations and support we wouldn't be able to get a team onto the park come game day.

So far this season we have played 5 league games and we have won all 5. The games at the Croatian Cultural Society field have been great and the boys are so happy to have such a fabulous facility to play at. We were so happy to see so many people come down for our 3 home games so far to enjoy a nice afternoon of football at our Club.

Some of the boys popped in one Friday night before our first game to clean the sheds top to bottom as a sign of gratitude towards the club.

The support we have seen for this team has been beyond belief. People have been reaching out left right and centre to help. Goran Kacurov has been a big supporter since day one and is currently recording a team song! Some of the Kolo and Football members have had a few late night recording sessions with Goran. Sounds like it is going to be a hit!

Our goals for the season are to win the league (we are currently playing in Auckland Sunday Football Assoc. Div 1), and to send the boys to Australia to win Div 2 of the Croatian tournament. Long term we would like to travel to the North America Croatia football tournament and Croatian world games which is held in Zagreb every 3 years. We would also like an opportunity to host the annual Australia New Zealand soccer tournament again in New Zealand.

Lastly the team would like to thank the 40 or so supporters who drove more than 100km to Hamilton for the clubs first ever Chatham Cup game. The game was tough and we played with pride going down 5-2 after playing most of the game with 10 men due to a red card.

Zoran Bartulović scored both our goals.

2017 league results so far:

HNK Auckland vs University Reserves 3-0 win
HNK Auckland vs Auck. Wanderers Reserves 4-1 win
HNK Auckland vs Nixon Park FC 3-1 win
HNK Auckland vs Dalian FC 3-1 win
HNK Auckland vs AUT FC 9 -1 win

Thanks for your support and we will see you down at our games.

Stefan Bebić,
HNK Auckland/ NK Auckland Croatia

Croatian Cultural Society Executive Management Committee Nominations Received for 2017/18

President (1)

Len Stulich

Vice Presidents (2)

Bozenka Mrkusich*

Goran Katich*

Treasurer (1)

Stefan Erceg*

Secretary (1)

Katica Katich*

Committee (12)

Jelica Arnerich*

Matthew Botica*

Nedijlko Klinac*

Victor Mrkusich*

Milka Selak*

Vedran Skokandić*

Paul Sumich*

Anton Tolich*

Fabian Ukich*

Bob Vicelich*

Goran Vrdoljak*

Ivan Zonich*

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 2017/18 AGM.

After the meeting dinner will be available for \$20



ASFA CONFERENCE CUP ROUND 1

HNK Auckland Croatia v U-Strikers

Croatian Cultural Society

161 McLeod Rd, Te Atatu South, Auckland

**3:00PM SUNDAY
MAY 21st, 2017**

**- FAMILY DAY -
ENJOY THE FOOTBALL**

Come down and support the club with the whole family, young & old!
New playground now open!

+ SPIT-ROASTED LAMB DINNER!

**Dinner
Special**

\$20p.p

Dinner Served: 5:30pm

Be in quick, limited tickets for sale!

Pre-book tickets with Fabian Ukich 021 987 250
or purchase on the day (if still available).



NK AUCKLAND
CROATIA

Get down and support the Boys!



NEW ZEALAND
FOOTBALL

PHOTO GALLERY *To view more photos please visit our Facebook page*

HNK Auckland Croatia game day photos



Dalmatino concert held last month



Happy Mother's Day !

**“MOTHERS HOLD THEIR CHILDREN’S
HANDS FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE,
AND THEIR HEARTS FOREVER.”**

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*Wishing all of the wonderful Mother’s in
our Society a special Mother’s Day from
the Executive Committee*



THE CROATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



FREE ENTRY ♦ SUPPER INCLUDED

Dan Državnosti

WITH SPECIAL GUEST HIS EXCELLENCY DR. DAMIR KUŠEN

The Croatian Ambassador

AND PERFORMANCES FROM KRALJ TOMISLAV FIRST ENSEMBLE

Saturday 10th June, 6.30pm, 2017

CROATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY - 161 MCLEOD ROAD, TE ATATU

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT KATICA KATICH CCSSECRETARY.CO.NZ/8347237

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 bookings, options and more information please contact:

Bozenka Mrkusich 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

For further information please contact:

John Vujnovich 021 922 044

OUR KITCHEN

SUNDAY DINNERS 6PM

Call 836 6550 between 3pm - 5pm to pre-book your dinner or come long and place your order. **Dinner tickets are \$20** for a delicious hot dinner provided by the Sunday evening kitchen crew.

CROATIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS

For information about learning the Croatian language please contact the club secretary on:

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

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

Michal Nola 021 051 1139

FOLKLORE

Anyone interested in joining the Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble please visit the CCS Website for a registration form or contact:

Goran Kačurov:

kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz

Nada Stulich:

nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz

Our groups include:

Senior Group: 16 years and over

Intermediate Group: 10-15 years

Junior Group: 4-9 years

Orchestra

NEW MEMBERS INVITED

If you have friends and family that are eligible to join, encourage them to enjoy the privilege of being members of our Society.

We offer our members a place where they can uphold their Croatian identity and enjoy the services on offer which includes sports, kolo, choir, card playing, bowls, library services and Consular visits, 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 or email the secretary, Katica Katich for an update. We remind you that only financial members are eligible to attend the Members Meetings.

Katica Katich

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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

Šarić, Dragan - Nominator Josip Matkovich and Secunder Rosana Vuksich

Milich, Joseph Stephan, Virgil Mate, & Boyle, Elizabeth Mary - Nominator Davorin Ozich and Secunder Goran Katich

CCS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

The CCS Playgroup meets fortnightly on Friday mornings from 9.30am-12.00pm as suits. All are welcome for a coffee and kids playtime. If you have any questions or would like to join the email database, please contact Katica Katich at:

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

Playgroup is currently on a break. If you are interested in being the contact person for this group, please email Katica Katich.

TAMBURICA & INSTRUMENT TUITION

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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	Frank Kumerich
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Bar Manager	Goran Katich
Kitchen Manager	Jelica Arnerich
Kolo Tutor/Folklore Director	Goran Kačurov
Catholic Church	Suzanne Pincevic: 021 024 59908
CCS Kids Playgroup	Katica Katich: ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz
Women's League	Zdenka Batistich/Diane Yelash

