

# Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo - Newsletter September, 2017 - Volume 52

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Members Meeting

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - 4pm**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Members meeting for the 2017/2018 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  
Minutes of previous quarterly meeting  
Correspondence  
President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Financial Overseer's Report  
General Business

## Events Calendar

**CCS Preschool Playgroup Reunion Dinner 1999-2005**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**  
6pm CCS Clubrooms  
Details included in this newsletter

**HNK Fundraising Dinner and Raffle Drawing**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**  
6pm CCS Clubrooms  
Refer to flyer for details

**Consular Days in September**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017**  
10am-6pm CCS Clubrooms  
Details included in this newsletter

**Celebration of Croatian Independence Day**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**  
6.30pm, CCS Clubrooms

**Ladies Luncheon**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**  
4pm CCS Clubrooms

**Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**



**OFFICIAL VISIT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CROATIA HER EXCELLENCY  
KOLINDA GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ, 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017**



## President's Report – September 2017

The Society had the great honour of hosting the President of Croatia, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, and her delegation on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. We had a great turnout, with well over 380 people attending the event. Goran Kačurov and our 'Kralj Tomislav' folklore ensemble put on an exceptional programme, and the President and her delegation were very impressed. Some members of the delegation stated that it was the best Croatian folklore performance that they had witnessed outside of Croatia. This is a great tribute to Goran Kačurov and all of the performers in 'Kralj Tomislav' – you did us proud and well done! You all put in a huge amount of effort and many practices over a short period of time, which made the final event even more remarkable.

President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović also presented Goran Kačurov with a Croatian Presidential medal, which was in recognition for his services to Croatian culture. This was well deserved and a great honour – congratulations and well done Goran!

As well as the President's delegation and our Ambassador Dr Damir Kušen, we were also privileged to have a number of special guests attending. These included National Minister of Parliament Alfred Ngaro, Sir Peter Talley, Rose Ballinger (Delegat), Sir George Fistonich, and our Olympic champion, Mahe Drysdale. It was great to see some new faces at our Society and they all thoroughly enjoyed the evening with us.

I would like to personally thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event the success that it was. It was not easy and on behalf of all members, a big thank you for your selfless contributions, we appreciate you all! As at the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, the Society only had a mortgage of \$17,500 – which is likely to be completely paid off within the next 2 months. Without our hard working volunteers and generous members, this result would not be possible, so again, well done! This is truly a great milestone in the Society's history, that we should all be proud of.

Please remember to book your tickets and come along to support our soccer boys at the HNK Fundraising Dinner and "End of Season Fešta" on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September (see the enclosed flyer for details). It will be a great evening, and you'll be helping to support them in their quest for glory at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Croatian Soccer Tournament in Canberra on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Let's all get behind them and give them our support and a great send off!

We will also be holding a function on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October to celebrate Croatian Independence Day. We will have the following distinguished guests attending this function from Croatia - Mr. Zvonko Milas (Head of the State Office for Croats Abroad), Mr. Ivan Penava (Mayor of Vukovar), Mrs. Croatiana Orešković, Mr. Dario Magdić, Mr. Damir Plavšić and Mr. Damir Markuš. This will be another great, must-attend function, so please put this date in your diary.

Bog i Hrvati

Len Stulich

## HNK Auckland End of Year Summary

After a 5-year absence, its time to reflect on our first season back as NK Auckland Croatia.

First, we must start by thanking the Committee, Fabian Ukich, Nick Farac, Stefan Lausev and Stefan Bebic. Without their hard work this season the team would not have been able to achieve all that it has. They should be proud of what they have achieved in this short time.

The committee was reformed in February after another great Inter village tournament run at the Croatian Club. Yet again, great talent was spotted, and it was time to form a team to that would compete in our local competition and in the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Australia New Zealand Croatian football tournament that was to be held in Canberra this year.

In the league HNK went undefeated winning the league and securing promotion for next year. Some highlights from the season, was HNK Auckland beating Auckland wanderers who were placed second, 6-0 to secure first place. Another achievement was Oliver Sardelic, Zoran Kacic Bartulovic and Greg Uhlmann who were placed in the top three for the golden boot within the league. Congratulations to Oliver who won first place with scoring 19 goals. Another great achievement was HNK having the best defensive record out of all the leagues.

A special mention must also go to the Croatian Cultural Society committee, who has supported HNK Auckland from day one. They have helped us out where needed and provided us with a fantastic facility. A big thank you goes to the kitchen team who prepared two delicious dinners during the season. We had a great turn out both times, and it was great to see some new faces at our society.

Lastly, on behalf of the HNK committee and team, our sincere gratitude must go out to our supporters. The support that has been shown game after game is more than we ever could have imagined. No matter what the weather forecast was, our loyal fans were there every weekend without fail. Your support makes it all worthwhile!

Where to now for the team? We will now be working hard to get the team ready for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Australia New Zealand Croatian football tournament which will be held in Canberra this year. The tournament will be held from the 28<sup>th</sup> of September to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

We have been lucky to secure some major sponsors that have made it possible to travel and compete in the tournament. Big thanks must go to Lufthansa, Eurodell, Fly Adriatic, Promet Makarska, Eco-lightech, Botica Timber Ltd, Steve Nuic and Stirling Sports New Lyn & Northwest. We look forward to wearing your company's logo with pride in Canberra.

A reminder to all, we will be holding the HNK Festa on the 16<sup>th</sup> September, where we will celebrate our achievements, say thank you to all the sponsors and supporters. This is sure to be a fun evening for all. We hope you can make it.





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# Fešta

- ★ THE HNK AWARDS (2017 season)
- ★ 25 year reunion (special guests 'squad of 92')
- ★ LIVE RAFFLE DRAW
- ★ FULL DINNER
- ★ LIVE BAND

THE GRAND PRIZE

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**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 16**

**Fešta starts 6pm!**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW:**

**\$30/EACH** (Children Under 13 FREE)

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT**

**KATICA KATICH** [ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz)  
or phone 09 834 7237 or 021 543 911











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## SOCIETY NOTICES

### Consulate Dates

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate in Auckland will be held on  
**16 and 17 September 2017** with the following schedule:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am to 6.00pm  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 or online. We are unable to accept Eftpos or cash.

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

### Sunday Night Dinners from 10<sup>th</sup> September

The kitchen will be open for Sunday night dinners from the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. **Dinner tickets are \$20** for a delicious hot dinner.

### CCS Preschool Playgroup Reunion Dinner - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September Croatian Cultural Society

All those who were part of the inaugural playgroup at the Society ( approximately 1999/2000 - 2004/2005 ) are invited for a reunion and get together dinner at the club. It would be great to see as many as possible attend.

Please register your interest including name of those attending to: [snuich@xtra.co.nz](mailto:snuich@xtra.co.nz)

## 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 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](http://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](mailto: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

### AUSCRO GOLF CONTACTS

Mladen Goricki: 027 454 5074 or

Nick Suvalko: 027 481 0586

### 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](mailto:kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz)

Nada Stulich:

[nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Family Borić** - Tomislav, Angela, Sophia & Dominic. Nominated by - Goran Katich/Seconder Katica Katich

**Family Covic** - John, Katica, Kristian & Petra. Nominated by - Katica Katich/Seconder 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](mailto: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



## KEY CONTACTS

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