

# Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Members Meeting

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 - 4pm**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Members Meeting for the 2019/2020 year will be held at our Society Clubrooms at 4pm. All members are invited to attend.

### Agenda

Apologies  
Minutes of previous quarterly meeting  
Correspondence  
President's report  
Treasurer's report  
Financial Overseer's report  
General Business

## Events Calendar

**Annual Croatian Picnic** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020  
Wenderholm Regional Park

**Sunday Lamb on the Spit** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020  
6pm, CCS Clubrooms

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**Annual Buće Tournament** 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020  
CCS Clubrooms

**Sunday Lamb on the Spit** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020  
6pm, CCS Clubrooms

*Sretan Božić from the CCS Executive Committee!  
Safe and happy holidays to all!*

## CROATIAN PICNIC

THE CROATIAN CULTURAL  
SOCIETY PRESENTS

### THE ANNUAL CROATIAN PICNIC

SUN 26 JAN 2020 ❖ WENDERHOLM  
REGIONAL PARK



CCS CLUBROOMS  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THIS DAY

37 SCHISCHKA ROAD, WAIWERA ❖ PARK ENTRANCE IS  
ON SH1 JUST NORTH OF WAIWERA, SITE 2 ❖ BRING  
PICNIC GEAR, LUNCH/DINNER, SWIMMING TOGS,  
BEACH GAMES ❖ GATE OPENING HOURS 6AM-9PM ❖  
TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

## ANNUAL *Croatian* BUĆE TOURNAMENT

**22 & 23 FEBRUARY  
2020 ⚡ 8AM**

Teams are to consist of 3 players  
Early Registration is discounted to \$200 per  
team  
Entry includes dinners for each player on  
Saturday and Sunday night!  
Team with best uniform will win a bar tab at the  
club!

**BOUNCY CASTLE FOR KIDS  
SUNDAY FAMILY DINNER FROM 5.30PM  
QUERIES TO STEVEN STULICH  
STEVEN@ADRIA.NZ**



CCS Clubrooms - 161 Mcleod Road, Te Atatu

## President's Report – December 2019

Our Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert earlier this month was a wonderful evening of first-class Croatian dance and music, with a full house in attendance. Our KT junior, intermediate and senior groups were joined by 'Hrvatska Zora' from Melbourne, 'The Shades', and members of the Auckland Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. It was a great source of pride for our members to see how big our dance groups have grown and how many children are now participating. Thank you to 'Hrvatska Zora' for their very generous contribution towards next year's Croatia Tour and for making the effort to come over and perform with us. Thank you also to the Henderson Community Celebration Trust for their generous donation towards the KT tour. This support is sincerely appreciated, and I would like to thank Elizabeth Grimmer and the other committee members for their ongoing support.

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank Goran Kacurov for the culture and sense of identity and belonging that he has brought to our youth and our Society in general, which we have witnessed through these Kralj Tomislav performances. All this would not be possible without him and he has truly given us something to be proud of as a community. Thank you Goran and Sanja Kacurov, on behalf of all of us!

We held our annual Ladies Luncheon last month, and this was a great success once again. Thank you to Simon Dallow, for a superb performance as our guest speaker. A huge thank you goes out to Davorka Ozich and Luka Farac, who put in a huge amount of work in the kitchen. Well done. Thank you also to Anka Bulog, Nada Stulich, Katica Katich, Anija Lausev, Tomislav Brzica, Goran Vrdoljak, Stefan Erceg, and all the ladies who helped with baking and cooking.

I would like to make a special mention regarding the recent passing of Marko Stanisich, who was a highly respected member of our Society. He played a key role in the stone work on our gate and arch entrance, which will be one of his lasting legacies. On behalf of our members I would like to extend our condolences to his family. His wake was held at our club and it was a lovely tribute to him. I would like to thank Jelica Arnerich and everybody that helped in the kitchen and Bob Vichelich on the bar.

Our Inter-Village tournament was held on a beautiful weekend last month, with many age groups participating over the three day event. I would like to thank Fabian Ukich and the Inter-Village sub-committee for their amazing efforts in organising this tournament.

Congratulations to the winners of the Senior Intervillage tournament, Zagreb, for a well-earned victory, and Pupnat on their great sportsmanship and progression to the final, well done. The Sunday was made even livelier by the Kids Christmas Party, which was a hit. Thank you Iva for organising this. Thank you also to Luka and Davorka and all of the helpers in the kitchen and on the grill, who kept everyone well fed!

Finally, I would like to wish all of our members a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year! All the best to you and your families.

Pozdrav

Len Stulich

## CCS Playgroup

That's a wrap for CCS Playgroup this year! It has been great to welcome new families and watch new friendships grow during our monthly sessions at the club. The children have loved playing together, exploring the playground and toy room as well as showing us their musical talents on our very own stage! We have also enjoyed several outings to various locations in West Auckland throughout the year and especially enjoyed celebrating holidays, with our Easter and Halloween parties. We look forward to many new adventures next year! If you would like to be added to the email database for more information, please contact Iva Stulich at [ivastulich@gmail.com](mailto:ivastulich@gmail.com).



*KT performing at the Multi Ethnic Festival 2019 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2019*





## SOCIETY INFORMATION

### BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

To all members and families who have lost loved ones, we offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies.

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### 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 HNK 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)

John Vujnovich 021 922 044

### OUR KITCHEN

LAMB ON THE SPIT DINNER 6PM  
Dinners will take place on the last Sunday of each month. The next dinner will be on **26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**. Dinner tickets are \$25 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)

Classes take place on Sundays.

### 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

### AUSCRO GOLF CONTACTS

Mladen Goricki: 027 454 5074 or  
Nick Suvalko: 027 481 0586

### 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

### FOLKLORE

We have groups for all ages from 4 years of age to adults. Visit the CCS Website for a registration form or contact:

Goran Kačurov:

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### CCS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

The CCS Playgroup meets monthly on the last Monday of every month 9:00am-11:00am 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 Iva Stulich: [ivastulich@gmail.com](mailto:ivastulich@gmail.com)

### 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.

### 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.



### Club Holiday Hours

Bar - Closed on Sunday the 22nd December 2019, Sunday 29th December 2019 & Sunday 5th January 2020. The bar will reopen on Sunday 12th of January 2020.

Kitchen - Closed until Sunday 23rd of February 2020 – First Sunday dinner of 2020.

The Croatian Annual Picnic is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - The clubrooms will be closed that day.

### Price Change for Sunday Night Dinners

Please note that our Sunday night dinner tickets will be increasing to \$25 per meal for adults and \$15 per meal for 12 years and under from the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

Thank you.

### Croatian Catholic Mission

#### Christmas Eve Mass

will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday night at 9pm at St Anne's Church, Cole Place, Te Atatu South

The next Croatian Mass, after Christmas, will be held at 10.30am on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**. There will be a respite over the summer holidays in January.

Croatian Mass will continue to be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**Note:** This was wrongly advertised as returning on 9<sup>th</sup> February – unfortunately the priests at the Holy Cross Church are not available until end of February. The Holy Cross Church may also have its big opening in February - so watch for updates. Any enquiries contact Suzanne Pincevic 021 024 59908

## ANNUAL CROATIAN PICNIC HAMILTON

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020

Venue: 2449 Kakaramaea Road, Whatawhata, Hamilton

Ray and Nevenka have generously extended their hospitality to host our annual picnic. Scrumptious spit-roasted lamb and pork provided. BYO-salads, drinks and swimwear.

Prices for the lamb/spit will be as follows:

Members (adult) \$10.00ea/ Members (12-16yrs) \$5.00ea/ Non Members \$20ea/ U12yrs Free. All welcome!

## KEY CONTACTS

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