

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



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President's Report – 8th June 2020

Recent events have disrupted our plans and the normal activities of our club, so we are all looking forward to some more settled times ahead and more club activities.

Due to events beyond our control, we have had to postpone our annual AGM from its usual May timing, which is a first. Our AGM will now be held on Sunday the 26th of July at 4pm and I would recommend that as many of our members attend this meeting as possible and to help fill vacant positions on our Executive Committee. While we are facing very trying times ahead, I believe it is more important than ever that we preserve our club and work together for our younger members in particular. With growing levels of isolation, anger and depression being brought on by so-called "social media" and the sheep-like behaviour that it seems to generate, we run the risk of seeing our younger generations lost to a miserable existence staring endlessly at inane commentary and other pointless "feeds" of various descriptions.

It is critically important that we work together to provide a meeting place for our younger members to come together and socialise and we must work harder on this. To those members, young and old, who expect more from our club, then you must step up and make things happen yourself. Don't expect someone else to do everything for you and be a slave to your ambitions. I've yet to meet a single person who is happy and fulfilled after spending their life waiting for the government, a club or any other organisation, to deliver for them. So, to paraphrase John F. Kennedy, "ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club."

I would like to thank our current committee for all the hard work they have done to keep our club going. It has been a pleasure and an honour working with you over the last 3 years. In particular, I would like to thank Goran and Katica Katich, who have worked selflessly on the committee for the last 9 years and are not seeking re-election. Our club is indebted to you both for the sacrifices and time that you have made for all of us – thank you. Thank you to Davorka Ozich and Luka Farac for their amazing work in the kitchen and the huge contribution they have both made to our club – well done and thank you! Thank you to Stefan Erceg for conducting himself with integrity and diligence as our Treasurer. Thank you to Milka Selak for her hard work and loyal support of our club over so many years. Thank you to Bozenka Mrkusich for her hard work and time in organising the Croatian Consulate staff and consultations and organisational duties. Thank you also to Matthew Botica, Nedo Klinac, Olivia Panzic, Vedran Skokandic, Paul Sumich, Anton Tolich, Fabian Ukich, Goran Vrdoljak and Ivan Zonich, for their valuable contributions as committee members. Thank you to Bob Vicelich and Frank Vujnovich as our Financial Overseers, and also Bob as our caretaker and club guardian. Due to the diligent oversight of all of these people and our members, we have no debt and more than \$160,000 in our bank account, which we should be proud of. It is important that we continue with this financial prudence into the future to preserve this club for future generations.

I am pleased to announce that our football field lighting upgrade has been completed and the results are amazing. This will enable much greater use of the field for more night games and trainings. This would not have been possible without significant financial contributions from Trillian Trust and Auckland City F.C. On behalf of our members, I would like to thank both organisations for their generous support.

I believe that we have many exciting times ahead for our members if we all work constructively together. Try and make the time to get your families more involved in the club and if you have any ideas or suggestions then please feel free to get in touch with the committee and let us know.

Thank you, Len Stulich

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 26th July

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th July at 4pm. This will be followed by our **Lamb On the Spit Dinner at 6pm**

Agenda

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

LANGUAGE AND KOLO LESSONS

Language Lessons resumed on **Sunday 14th June**
Juniors @ 3pm and Adult Classes @ 4pm
Please email nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz to enrol. A reminder that you must be a financial member of the Society to be eligible for the language lessons which are FREE to Financial Members of the Society.

Kolo Lessons have started on **Wednesday 10th June**
Senior Classes Monday and Wednesday @ 7.30pm
Junior Classes Friday @ 6.30pm
Intermediate Classes Friday @ 7.30pm
To enrol you must be a Financial Member of the Society.
Please contact the secretary ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz to check your membership status.

NEWSLETTERS NOTICE

It has come to our attention that with the Covid19 Lockdown, NZ Post has become increasingly unreliable and the newsletter is taking in some cases up to two weeks to reach members from date of posting.

This has made communication difficult with members and has prompted discussions that we look into communication via a digital platform. The incoming committee will be exploring options for the delivery of the newsletter via email going forward.

If we have any members that could volunteer their expertise in this area please contact the secretary ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz as your help would be gratefully received.

Voting at the Annual General Meeting

The Treasurer is deemed to be elected as there is the exact number nominated for the position available. The Committee members nominated are deemed to be elected as we have fewer nominees as required for the positions. The positions for Vice Presidents will be voted upon at the AGM. Nominations are now closed.

However, to form a committee we require a President, Secretary and one more committee member which will now be elected off the floor at the AGM. Your attendance is important. Please note that membership payments are required before the AGM in order to attend. **Note: No membership fees will be accepted on the day of the AGM.**

Croatian Cultural Society Executive Management Committee Nominations Received for 2020/2021

Positions	Nominations
President (1)	<i>No nomination</i>
Vice President (2)	Len Stulich* Bozenka Mrkusich* Vedran Skokandić*
Treasurer (1)	Stefan Erceg*
Secretary (1)	<i>No nomination</i>
Committee (12)	Matthew Botica* Luka Farac* Mladan Klinac Zvonko Knežević Davorka Ozich* Olivia Panzic* Paul Sumich* Antun Tolich* Eugen Trombitas Fabian Ukich* Goran Vrdoljak* <i>No nomination</i>

Names marked with a "*" indicate members from the 2019/20 committee.

Membership Fee Notice

This is a friendly reminder that the 2020/2021 membership fees are due. This payment is required before the AGM 2020 in order to attend the AGM. **Note: No membership**

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