

# Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo - Newsletter January, 2022 - Volume 74

## Events Calendar

Croatian Picnic 2022	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022, Shakespear Regional Park
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Members Meeting	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022, 4pm, CCS Clubrooms
Sunday Lamb on the Spit	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022, 6pm, CCS Clubrooms
Sunday Lamb on the Spit	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022, 6pm, CCS Clubrooms

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
- 4pm

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Members Meeting for the 2021/2022 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

### MEMBERSHIP FEE REMINDER

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 treasurer, Stefan Erceg for an update. We remind you that only financial members are eligible to attend the Members Meetings.

Treasurer - Stefan Erceg  
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# CROATIAN PICNIC

THE CROATIAN CULTURAL  
SOCIETY PRESENTS

## THE ANNUAL CROATIAN PICNIC

SUN 30 JAN 2022 ❖ SHAKESPEAR  
REGIONAL PARK



CCS CLUBROOMS  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THIS DAY

SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK, 1501 WHANGAPARAOA  
ROAD, ARMY BAY ❖ BRING PICNIC GEAR,  
LUNCH/DINNER, SWIMMING TOGS, BEACH GAMES ❖  
GATE OPENING HOURS 6AM-9PM ❖ TAKE YOUR  
RUBBISH HOME

## Presidents Report – January 2022

Happy New Year to all our members and let's hope it is less complicated than 2021. I hope you have all had a happy and safe Christmas and enjoyed all the blessings the holiday season brings. Last year certainly didn't go as planned and even though we were shut down between August and November, the Society still managed to have a couple of successful dinners and events and made quite a bit of progress in other areas as well.

To recap our previous year – From January to May of last year, our members and friends of the Society were very active in raising funds towards helping our fellow Croatians that were affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Croatia on 29 December at 12:19 local time. Significant damages had been recorded in a wide region, including again the capital Zagreb and the epicenter was 5 km South West of the town of Petrinja in Central Croatia. Thousands of people had been affected and hundreds taken to temporary shelters. COVID-19 and other hospital patients from the area had to be transported to other regions of Croatia. Due to the kindness and generosity of many members and friends of the society, we raised \$38,000.00 for this heart shattering cause. In the village of Sibić a symbol of a cross for Croatians from New Zealand was set up as a sign of humanity and thanks for the help provided after the earthquake. Thank you to everyone involved in this project. We are all eternally grateful and I applaud you for your kindness and generosity.

At the end of January (Anniversary Weekend) we celebrated our Annual Picnic at Wenderholm Regional Park. There was a great turn out, the weather was perfect and a great time was had by all.

Mid February we held our Annual Buće Tournament. Once again, I would like to congratulate last years winners, and for the third time winning this tournament – Vedran Skokandić, Goran Vrdoljak and Mladen Gorički. Congratulations and well done! Thank you to Victor & Bozenka for all your hard work in the kitchen along with all your helpers. Thank you to Bob, Zvonko and Stefan for working on the bar. I special thank you needs to go to Steven Stulich for once again doing an excellent job in organising this years tournament. On behalf of all members, thank you for your time and effort.

On Saturday 12th June, we celebrated our Statehood day, it was lovely to see the club rooms so full. I had a lot of positive feedback from our special guests and members attending. A lot of work went on behind the scenes –Thank you to Victor & Bozenka for all the running around and shopping as well as preparing and cooking along with Luka, Frano Nola and Darko Jelavich who also helped us during Kolinda's visit in 2017. Thank you to Mate Miocevic and Allan Sumich for their help with cutting up the lambs and also thank you to the ladies helping with all the preparations in the kitchen - Milka Selak, Tracy Sumich, Anka Bulog and Patricia Jerkovich. Thank you to the youngsters clearing tables, the mothers who helped with the children's dinner and all

the ladies who contributed baking. Nada, Sanja and Katica did a great job in setting up and decorating the hall. Thank you to Antony and Len for spending most of the night working behind the bar. If I have left someone out, I apologise but please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for your help on the night. As per usual Goran and Sanja Kacurov did not disappoint and delivered along with Kralj Tomislav, The Shades and our Orchestra a wonderful programme. As I have said so many times before, Goran Kacurov is a jewel in the Society's crown. He has brought so many of our cultural treasures to life through our young people and he has helped to unify both our young and old through culture and music. This has ultimately enriched all of us and our wider community. He continues to impress us with his video footage and is systematically archiving our history for us.

On Saturday 31st July we hosted the Shades Concert here at the club, and I think we can all agree that it was a fantastic night. The club was bursting at the seams; I know Katica had trouble finding chairs for people and that is not a problem we often have. The boys showcased their talent and the audience absolutely loved it. Our Kralj Tomislav folklore ensemble performed Lindjo and as per usual they did not disappoint. Thank you to Milka Selak, Anka Bulog, Tracy Sumich, Dragica Katich for their assistance in platter preparation. Thank you to Victor and Bozenka Mrkusich for all the running around and organising the food and helpers. Thank you to Len Stulich and Antony Arnerich for their help on the bar. Also thank you to Goran Kacurov for helping Katica with setting and dressing the tables. A big thank you to you all!! Little did we know what was coming next!

Nevertheless, we still managed to complete the outside commercial area and now have all three sites tenanted along with the day care centre. A special acknowledgment must go to Antony Arnerich, Niksha Farac for all their help and advice during this process and also thank you to Len Stulich for coordinating everything between the clients and the lawyers. Thank you!! We successfully secured a grant application for funding towards Goran Kačurov's salary to the amount of \$45,000. A massive gratitude to the Trusts Community Foundation for their unwavering support. We also managed to get the framework for the rear buće area up and hopefully this will be completed soon.

We will be having a Members Meeting on Sunday 27th February 2022. All members attending will require to produce a vaccine pass or a negative covid test (no more than 72 hours old), to comply with Government protocol. This is an important meeting as an item on the agenda will be for members to vote whether all members coming to the club attending Buće, playing cards or any other future events/activities will require a vaccine pass or whether a negative covid test will be adequate. This is a difficult time and uncharted territory so please keep in mind that we must always respect each others choices.

Thank you,  
Goran Katich,  
President

## 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 **27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**. 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:  
[secretary.ccsnz@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ccsnz@gmail.com)  
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:  
[kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz)  
Nada Stulich:  
[nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz)

### 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:  
Diana Vezich  
[dianavezich@gmail.com](mailto:dianavezich@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.



### SUBSCRIPTIONS

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FEBRUARY 27TH 2022

# SUNDAY LAMB ON THE SPIT

BUČE/BRIŠKULA/KIDS PLAYGROUND

DINNER @ 6PM  
ADULT \$25  
U10 \$15

CLUB OPEN FROM 1PM

2nd QUARTERLY MEMBERS MEETING  
27th FEBRUARY 2022  
4pm at the CCS Clubrooms

Club Membership required for entry. Please attend with either your Vaccine Passport or a Negative Covid Test (no longer than 72 hours old)

# SPIT

SUNDAY NIGHT LAMB ON THE

MARCH 27

OPEN FROM 1PM

161 MCLEOD ROAD  
TE ATATU

DINNER @ 6PM

Buče/Briškula/Kids playground

\$25/u10 \$15

## KEY CONTACTS

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	Goran Vrdoljak
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