

Dalmatian Archive and Museum

Debra Gavranich, International Best Selling Author

2.00pm Sunday 10 September 2023

Dalmatian Cultural Society, Villa Dalmacija, 10 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland.

Debra will also be available at our Open Day on Sunday 17 September.



*Ever since I was a little girl I have always been spellbound by the story of my mother's life
Marija Gavranich.*

The Girl Who Left is a story of Marija's life in Croatia (former Yugoslavia) and Australia. Born in 1932 in Blato - a small village on the island of Korcula, Marija was one of many young women and men whose lives were impacted by World War II. Her journey to Australia, to the cane paddocks of Far North Queensland, was one of bravery and hope. I always felt that her story was worth telling and one to pass on to the generations that followed.

Debra Gavranich - Author

Calling everyone from Blato and Korcula.

Calling anyone who whose parents or you yourself went through the 2nd World War anywhere.

This is a story of how a girl in Blato, Korcula ended up making a life in Far North Queensland.