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Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo Inc.

Annual General Meeting

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024

Starting at 2.00 pm

To be held in the Society Ballroom at 10 New North Rd, Eden Terrace, Auckland

You must be a paid up member 2024-2025 to attend

More details inside

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CLUB CLOSED FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024

Dalmatian Archive and Museum Open

7pm - 9pm Friday 21 June 2024

7pm - 9pm Friday 26 July 2024

7pm - 9pm Friday 30 August 2024

7pm - 9pm Friday 27 September 2024

7pm - 9pm Friday 25 October 2024

Dalmatian Archive and Museum Meetings

2 pm Sunday 2 June 2024 Speaker: Mara Vitasovich

2 pm Sunday 7 July 2024 Afternoon in the Archive

2 pm Sunday 4 August 2024 Speaker: David Tolich

2 pm Sunday 8 September 2024 TBA

2pm Sunday 10 November End of Year Get-together

Last Day 2024-2025 Membership payment

Extended from Friday 31 May 2024 to Friday 7 June 2024

Baba and Dida Concert

2pm Sunday 9 June 2024

2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

2pm Sunday 16 June 2024

Mid Winters Lunch at Swashbucklers

Sunday 23 June 2024

Fundraiser Westpac Helicopter Trust

Speakers, Performances and Afternoon Tea

2.00pm Sunday 28 July 2024

Mid-Winter Feast at the Club

Saturday 17 August 2024 more details to come.

Open Day

10 am Sunday 22 September 2024

Nelson Buildings Annual Meeting

2 pm Sunday 29 September 2024

DCS Member's Meeting

After the Nelson Buildings Meeting

Sunday 29 September 2024

Annual Briskule Tournament 2024

Day 1 Sunday 6 October Registration at 1.30 pm

Day 2 Sunday 13 October 2.00 pm

ABBA HEAVEN Night

7pm Saturday 19 October 2024

2024 Ladies Luncheon

12.00 pm Saturday 3 November 2024

2024 Folklore and Language Showcase

Sunday 8 December 2024 Time TBA

Dear Members and Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, it fills me with immense pride to share with you the progress and achievements of our beloved Dalmatian Cultural Society NZ. It has been a year of growth, celebration, and community building, and I am thrilled to report on the successes we have achieved together.

One of the most gratifying aspects of this year has been the steady increase in our membership numbers. This is a testament to the vibrant community we have cultivated and the dedication of our members to preserving and celebrating our rich Dalmatian heritage as well as bringing new friends and cultures into the fold. Our focus has been not only on attracting new members but also on ensuring that our existing members feel valued and engaged. It is our collective goal to provide each member with a wonderful experience in our club, and I am pleased to say that we have made significant strides in achieving this.

Our calendar of events has been diverse and inclusive, catering to all ages and interests. From the packed-out Ladies' Lunch to the Ribarska Večer and the glamorous ball, every event has been a resounding success, enjoyed by all who attended. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly our stunning end-of-year folklore showcase, which brought together the talents and traditions of our community in a spectacular display of culture and artistry.

In addition to our events, we have continued to offer a range of activities and gatherings, including the ever-popular men's dinner, baking classes, Open Day, and the beloved Baba and Dida concert. These events have remained well-attended and have served as important opportunities for our community to come together and connect.

I am delighted to announce that this year, we welcomed a new Friday night kolo teacher, Katja, along with her assistant, Angelic. It has been heart-warming to see the children back enjoying themselves on Friday nights, while our doors remain open for our members' night. The Tarara Folklore Ensemble (TFE) has continued to thrive under the expert guidance of Nenad, assisted by Vanya and Marin. Their performance at Slavfest in Wellington was a highlight, earning them well-deserved accolades and showcasing the talent and dedication of our members.

Our other folklore groups have also flourished, offering a variety of classes in music, singing, and language to suit everyone's interests and abilities. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our teachers and volunteers who have worked to keep these traditions alive and thriving.

I am particularly proud to report that our museum team has worked tirelessly to reopen the museum on the last Friday of every month. Their dedication ensures that our history and heritage remain accessible to all, and I encourage everyone to visit and explore the treasures of our past.

Our Friday Members' Nights continue to be a highlight, attracting a diverse mix of people for dinner, drinks, and celebrations. These gatherings embody the spirit of camaraderie and friendship that defines our club, and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to their success.

Behind every successful event and initiative lies the hard work and dedication of our committee and volunteers. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each and every one of them for their tireless efforts in making our club the special place it is.

In closing, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your president and to witness the strength and vitality of our community. As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to cherish and celebrate our heritage, while also embracing the opportunities for growth and connection that lie ahead.

With warm regards,
Julena Nola



Dragi članovi i prijatelji

Osvrt na proteklu godinu ispunjava me neizmjernim ponosom što mogu podijeliti sa vama napredak i dostignuca naseg voljenog Dalmatinskog kulturnog drustva. Bila je to godina rasta, slavlja i izgradnje i s odusevljenjem izvjesujem o uspjesima koje smo postigli zajedno.

Jedan od najvaznijih elemenata protekle godine je kontinuirani porast clanstva naseg kluba. Taj porast je dokaz snazne zajednice koju smo izgradili i posvecenosti clanova ocuvanju i slavljenju nase bogate dalmatinske bastine, kao i dovodjenju novih prijatelja i kultura u okrilje kluba.

Nas je fokus bio ne samo privuci nove clanove, vec i osigurati da se nasi postojeći članovi osjećaju cijenjenima i angaziranima. Zajednicki nam je cilj pružiti svakom članu prekrasno iskustvo u naseg kluba i sa zadovoljstvom mogu reci da smo napravili znacajne korake u postizanju tog cilja. Nas kalendar dogadjanja u klubu bio je raznolik i prilagodjen svim uzrastima i interesima. Pocevsi od super posjecenog Ladies lunch do Ribarske veceri i glamurnog bala, svaki je dogadjaj bio nevjerovatni uspjeh i uzivali su svi prisutni. Vrhunac godine je nedvojbeno bio Završni koncert koji je ujedinio talente i tradicije nase zajednice u spektakularnom prikazu kulture i umjetnosti.

Osim ovih dogadjanja, nastavili smo sa ponudom razlicitih aktivnosti i okupljanja, ukljucujuci uvijek pouzdanu Musku veceru, tecaževne pečena (kruha, peciva, slastica), Dan otvorenih vrata i omiljeni Koncert za babe i dide. Ovi su događaji ostali i dalje dobro posjeceni i posluzili kao vazne prilike za okupljanje i povezivanje nase zajednice.

Drago mi je objaviti da smo ove godine dobili novu uciteljicu folkloru Katju i njezinu asistenticu Angeliku. Dirljivo je vidjeti kako se djeca ponovno zabavljaju petkom navecer, dok se istovremeno odrzavaju Društvene veceri petkom za clanove kluba i njihove prijatelje.

Folklorni ansambl Tarara (TFE) nastavio je napredovati pod strucnim vodstvom Nenada, uz pomoć Vanye i Marina. Vrhunac njihovog rada bio je nastup na Slavfestu u Wellingtonu, gdje su pokazali sav svoj talent i predanost te primili zaslužene pohvale.

Nase ostale grupe takodjer su "procvjetale" u radu, nudeci razne tecaževne u glazbi, pjevanju i jeziku, prema svacijim intersima i sposobnostima. Izrazavam iskrenu zahvalnost svim nasim uciteljima i dobrovoljcima na njihovom radu na ocuvanju nasih tradicija i kulturne bastine.

Sa posebnim ponosom zelim vas izvjestiti da je nas muzejski tim neumorno radio na ponovnom otvaranju muzeja, svakog posljednjeg petka u mjesecu. Njihova predanost osigurava da nasa povijest i naslijedje ostanu dostupni svima, i poticem svakoga od vas da posjeti muzej i istrazi blaga nase proslosti.

Društvene veceri petkom i nadalje su vrhunac zajednistva i privlace raznoliku mjesavinu ljudi na proslave, veceru i pice. Ova okupljanja utjelovljuju duh zajednistva i prijateljstva koji definira nas klub, i vrlo sam zahvalna svima koji su doprinijeli njihovom uspjehu.

Iza svakog uspjesnog dogadjaja i inicijative lezi tezak rad i predanost naseg odbora i volontera. Zelim izraziti iskrenu zahvalnost svakome od njih na neumornom trudu da nas klub ucini posebnim, sto on doista i jest.

Na kraju zelim istaci kako sam neizmerno zahvalna za priliku da budem vas predsjednik i svjedocim snazi i vitalnosti nase zajednice. Dok gledamo naprijed u buducnost, nastavimo cijeniti i slaviti nase naslijedje, istovremeno prihvacajuci prilike za rast i povezivanje koje su pred nama.

Topli pozdravi

Julena Nola
Predsjednik
Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo

Dalmatian Cultural Society
Let's do
LUNCH
AT
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23 WESTHAVEN DRIVE, WESTHAVEN
12PM
SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024
Bookings call Mara 021 362 872
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Julena 0214 281 922
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2.00PM SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024
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Folklore Performances
Guest performers
Guest Speakers from
Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust
Special grateful accounts of being rescued
Followed by Afternoon Tea
(bring a plate, please)

**Auckland Rescue
Helicopter Trust**




Westpac Rescue - Auckland

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It was a special day yesterday when the Murray family popped in to be reunited with Intensive Care Paramedic Josh and Prehospital and Retrieval Medicine (PHRM) Dr. Scott. Young Portia had a nasty accident on her pushbike a few weeks back. We are glad to see her smiling and on the mend! Thank you Angelic for the awesome baking too. You have to be as fast as the Cookie Monster to enjoy such delicious food at base!



In the October 2017 school holidays a member **Portia Murray** (Seputich) had her accident she was 7 years old. Two weeks before she had just danced at the Open Day.

On average **Westpac Rescue** perform over 1000 rescue missions per year. The shortfall we fundraise for amounts to approximately \$5k to \$6k per mission. This is just to cover our operating budget. We then also need to fundraise to purchase new equipment. Thank you for this fundraising opportunity.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024 GODIŠNJE IZVJESTAJ TAJNIKA

Thank you, Members, for your trust in me as the Secretary for yet another year. It has been so much better working with a willing Management Committee without the disruptions of the previous Covid-troubled years. All of us are willing to roll up our sleeves and chip in when duty calls. We are ably led by our capable and enthusiastic President, Julena Nola, and we have embraced every challenge. I could not ask for better than working with both Julena and Nicolette Palinich, our treasurer. Thank goodness for modern-day technology and the speed of communication, we are able to plan, assess, and implement ideas efficiently. We have even embraced and encouraged attendance by Zoom to Management Committee meetings.

Newsletters are now emailed out, along with reminders of administration, events, and functions. When I first began my role as Secretary, we were mailing out over 430 newsletters. With the growing cost of postage in New Zealand, this has reduced significantly to 180, thereby achieving a major saving. All newsletters will be emailed out, and should a member want a hard copy, you are welcome to come and ask me in the Society's office any Friday night. Members without emails will continue to receive newsletters by post.

All events and functions have been successes, being well-organized, well-catered, well-programmed, and most important of all: well-attended.

Friday Social nights with dinners are increasing in popularity. Our Society relies heavily on its volunteers, especially on a Friday night and also at functions. From time to time, we do a volunteer drive where you will be called upon to assist a few times a year.

You will have noticed the increased range of drinks (something for everyone) available to you, and I thank our Bar Manager, Daniel Kovacevic, under the watchful eye of our Overseers.

Unbelievably, for the second year running, we have had to cancel the Summer Picnic due to the heavy rains. But we'll be back next year!

Our Folklore and Language tutors, Nenad Rajic, Damir Coklo, Nick Cebalo, and Baki Matarugic, continue with the programs we have on offer. Ana Maria de Vos Sanchez completed the year 2023 when a new tutor, Katja Mihajlov, stepped in to take over the Friday night Junior and Intermediate Kolo classes. The Tarara Folklore Ensemble has a record-breaking 40+ members at Sunday night practices. They were rewarded with a trip to the Slav Fest in Wellington in April 2024 to perform several impressive choreographies to an admiring audience.

In 2023, we had our first Dalmatian Cultural Society \$3,000 Tertiary and Trade Study Scholarship on offer. This had a great deal of interest, with many school leavers submitting their entries. This will become an annual competition along with the George Mihaljevich Writing Competition for Junior and Senior Writers.

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 has been progressing with a very capable working group and has regularly updated the Management Committee. Special Members' meetings will be held when we get closer to our goal of registering again as an Incorporated Society. You will get an update at the AGM.

Thanks to the enthusiastic Management Committee team, our Kitchen Team, our subcommittees: the Dalmatian Archive and Museum, the Ladies Group, and the Youth Group, who all have interesting events planned. There is always something for everyone.

Thanks also to the Nelson Buildings Board for their input this past year in keeping an eye on the building, upgrading, and repairing as needed. Most importantly, they have removed an asbestos roof and replaced it.

On a personal level, I would like to throw out a challenge to a special member who would like to consider taking over the role of Secretary next year. I will be continuing my role as Secretary this year. There are challenges along the way—some bumpy, some smooth, and occasionally enjoyable. See you at the Club at the AGM when you have an opportunity to have your say.

Best regards

Mara Vitasovich
Secretary



Hvala svim članovima kluba na ukazanom povjerenju za obavljanje dužnosti tajnika još jednu godinu.

Bilo je puno bolje surađivati sa Upravnim odborom kluba ove godine, za razliku od prethodnih godina, koje nam je Covid uvelike iskomplicirao. Svi smo mi voljni zasukati rukave i uključiti se kada dužnost zove. Mi smo vjesto vodjeni nasom sposobnom i entuzijastičnom predsjednicom Julenom Nola prihvatili svaki izazov. Nisam mogla poželjeti bolje nego raditi sa njih obje, Julenom i Nicolette Palinich, nasom blagajnicom. Zahvaljujući suvremenoj tehnologiji i brzini komunikacije u mogućnosti smo planirati, procijeniti i učinkovito implementirati naše ideje. Čak smo prihvatili i podsticali prisustvo sastancima Upravnog odbora putem Zoom-a.

Novosti se sada salju e-postom kao i administrativni podsjetnici i obavijesti o nadolazećim događanjima u klubu. Kad sam prvi put započela ulogu tajnika slali smo preko 430 Novosti postom. Uz sve veće troškove postarane na Novom Zelandu taj je broj reducirao na 180 i time smo postigli značajnu uštedu. Sve Novosti slati će se e-postom, a ako netko želi tiskani primjerak, slobodno dodajte do mene u ured Društva petkom navečer da se dogovorimo. Članovi koji nemaju e-postu i nadalje će dobivati Novosti postom.

Svi događaji u klubu bili su vrlo uspješni, dobro organizirani, dobro opremljeni, dobro programirani i što je najvažnije: dobro posjećeni.

Društvene večeri petkom sa večerom sve su popularnije. Naše udruženje se uvelike oslanja na rad svojih dobrovoljaca narocito petkom navečer te pri odražavanju raznih događaja i proslava.

Povremeno pozivamo članove da nam uskoče i pomognu, pa možete očekivati da ćemo vas zamoliti za pomoć nekoliko puta godišnje.

Zasigurno ste primjetili povećani asortiman pica na našem baru (za svakoga ponesto). Zahvaljujem upravitelju bara Danielu Kovacevicu koji obavlja sjajan posao pod budnim okom naših nadzornika.

Nevjerovatno, već drugu godinu zaredom morali smo otkazati ljetni piknik zbog jake kise. Ali vraćamo se sljedeće godine!

Naši učitelji folklor i jezika, Nenad Rajic, Damir Coklo, Nick Cebalo i Baki Matarugic nastavljaju sa programima koje imamo u ponudi. Ana Maria de Vos Sanchez završila je 2023 godinu kada je došla nova učiteljica Katja Mihajlov i preuzela vođenje Junior i Intermediate

folklornih grupa petkom navečer. Folklorni ansambl Tarara ima rekordnih 40+ članova na programu nedjeljom navečer. Nagradjeni su izletom na Slavonski festival u Wellingtonu u travnju ove godine gdje su izveli nekoliko koreografija na opće odusevljenje publike.

2023 godine Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo po prvi put je raspisalo natjecaj za stipendiju \$3,000 za tercijarno obrazovanje. Natjecaj je izazvao veliki interes i prijavilo se mnogo maturanata. Ovo će postati godišnje natjecanje zajedno sa George Mihaljevich Writing Competition for Junior and Senior Writers.

Rad na Zakonu o inkorporiranim društvima iz 2022 godine dobro napreduje i vrlo sposobna radna grupa koja radi na tome, redovito izvješćuje Upravni odbor. Izvanredni sastanak Članstva kluba održat će se kad budemo blizu ostvarenju cilja, našoj ponovnoj registraciji kao Inkorporirano Društvo.

Detaljnije o tome na Godišnjoj sjednici.

Zahvaljujem se entuzijastičnom Upravnom odboru, našem timu u kuhinji te našim pododborima: Arhivu i muzeju, Ženskoj grupi i Grupi mladih, svi su oni isplanirali zanimljiva događanja u našem klubu.

Uvijek, za svakoga ponesto.

Također zahvaljujem Nelson Buildings Boardu na njihovom doprinosu prošle godine u održavanju, popravcima i unapređivanju zgrade. Što je najvažnije, uklonili su azbestni krov i zamijenili ga.

Na osobnoj razini, ja nastavljam sa ulogom tajnika ove godine, ali bih željela uputiti izazov i ponaci posebnog člana koji bi se prihvatio uloge tajnika sljedeće godine.

Postoje izazovi na tom putu – neki neravni, neki glatki i povremeno ugodni.

Vidimo se u Klubu na Godišnjoj sjednici gdje ćete imati priliku reći svoje misljenje.

Lijepi pozdrav
Mara Vitasovich
Tajnik

Kaitaia Dalmatian Cultural Club



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YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY
14th SEPTEMBER 2024
at Te Ahu Centre
cnr Matthews Ave & South Road, Kaitaia
DOORS OPEN AT 6.00PM

featuring Kaitaia Kolo Group
Kaitaia Tamburica Band
Auckland Reunion Kolo Group

special guests Samoana - Christian & Austin 

2-Course Dinner
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The Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo Management Committee has decided to invite members to advertise their businesses in our Newsletter "Novosti". This opportunity has arisen following expressions of interest from many members with businesses.

Your advertisement will appear as part of a montage on the back page of "Novosti" for one year, then another round of opportunities will be offered for the following year. To date these are what we have. Contact the Secretary at dalmatiancultural@gmail.com for details.

Dalmatian Archive and Museum

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Newsletter June/July 2024



Recent meetings

Thank you to our recent speakers, **Mike Langhorne** (April) and **Hazel Petrie** (May) for their entertaining and informative presentations. We very much appreciate the time and work put into their talks. Hazel has also given us a list of useful information for family researchers (websites etc.).

We have printed copies available in the Archive.

Open Day Theme

Dalmatian Market Gardens

We have received one photo so far. If your family were growers please pull out those photo boxes and albums and have a search for some garden shots (especially people at work) or examples of labels etc. It will be wonderful for us to show off this aspect of Dally entrepreneurship. Please tell us who is in the photos, what they were doing (if it's not obvious), when and where. More information is very welcome. It helps the pictures sing.



Mrs Marinovich holding baby son Peter with daughter Vinka in tomato plot, Oratia. c.1928. Vinka later gained degrees from the University of Auckland and played an important role in music education in NZ.

Grateful thanks

to all the generous Club members who added a donation to the Archive & Museum to their DCS membership dues payment. These funds will enable our plan to bring Information Technology into our displays in the next year or two. This interactive equipment will appeal to the younger generations who need to learn about their origins.

June 2024 Meeting Speaker

Mara Vitasovich

**Green fingered Dallies
in Henderson Valley**

**2pm Sunday 2 June 2024
in the Members' Lounge**

Mara Vitasovich will be talking about her family heritage, a lifetime of growing crops in Henderson Valley (strawberries, grapes, garlic, tomatoes, capsicums and more) with her husband, Jure. Since retiring from Teaching she has been growing and propagating dahlias, and of course devoting time to the club.



July 2024 Meeting

An afternoon in the Archive

Sunday 7 July at 2pm

This will be a chance to see some of our new acquisitions and observe some internet research on **Papers Past**,
Archives NZ
Nga Taonga -Sound and Vision.

We will link a laptop to our portable 36inch screen to enable easier viewing. There is a huge amount of fascinating material available to us via the internet.

To arrange a special visit to the Archive and Museum
phone Slavenka Misa 021 02750659, Linda Tolich 629 2353 or Steven Sulenta 636 7788

Open Archive Evenings

We are opening the doors between 7-9pm on the last Friday of each month, except for June when we will open on 2nd to last Friday, 21 June, as Matariki holiday occurs on the last weekend.

Do remember that the Archive is accessible most Monday mornings (10am onwards) when our volunteer team is at work. It is advisable to phone us to be sure.

Open Archive evenings are once a month on a Friday 7 to 9 pm

21 June

26 July

30 August

27 September

25 October

Otherwise, to arrange a special visit please phone:

Slavenka Misa 021 02750659,

Linda Tolich 629 2353 or

Steven Sulenta 636 7788



Recent acquisition

a collection of photographs from Ivan Maich, son of Mark Maich the wrestler and cooper. Mark Maich, champion wrestler, supporting one of his friends at a club picnic (early 1930s).

August 2024 Meeting

David Tolich

**2.00pm Sunday 4 August 2024
in the Members' Lounge**

Speaker **David Tolich** will make an illustrated presentation on the subject of early Croatian / Maori relationships.

Erina (nee Kaka) and Andrija Kleskovich c. 1893 below



Many of the early Dalmatians settled, some with mail-order brides, others with Maori women - and a unique community was born.

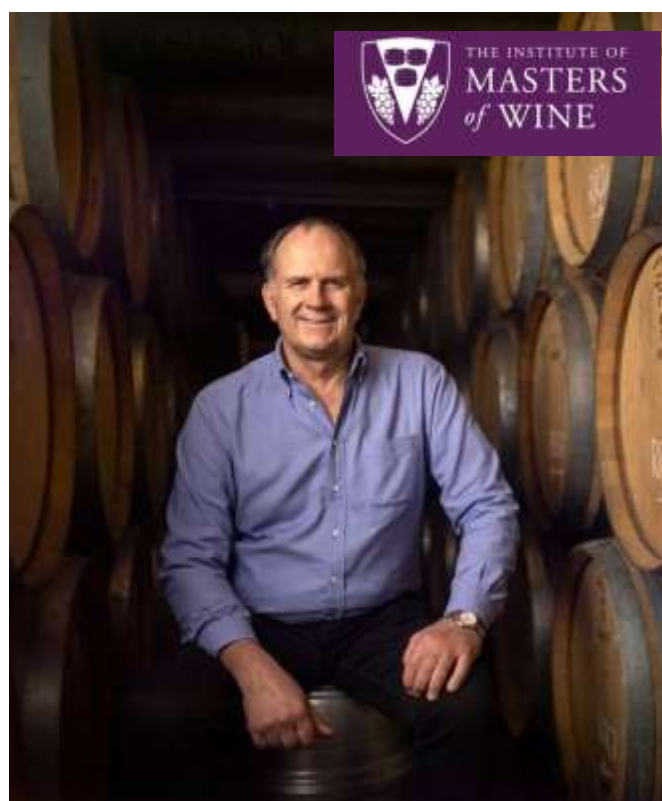
Congratulations Michael Brajkovich

Our member Michael Brajkovich has been honoured as the 2024 Winemakers' Winemaker, at a ceremony during the ProWein Trade Fair in Düsseldorf, Germany.

Presented by the Institute of Masters of Wine and the drinks business since 2011, the award recognises outstanding achievement in wine-making. Masters of Wine winemakers and the previous award recipients voted Brajkovich as this year's winner. As many of you know Michael was New Zealand's very first Master of Wine. Michael Brajkovich MW, who accepted the award by video link, said "I am absolutely delighted and deeply honoured to be recognised by my peers of the Institute... it's a real honour to be included in the list of people who have won this award in the past and even more so because it is a recognition from members of the Institute and particularly winemaker members of the Institute".

He emphasised that winemaking is a team effort and credited his family who are actively involved at Kumeu River.

With reference to his family Michael said, "My brother Milan looks after the vineyards, sales and marketing is taken care of by my sister Marijana and brother Paul. The company was started by my late father Maté Brajkovich and continued by his wife (my mother) Melba Brajkovich. And I'd also like to mention Nigel Tibbits who who's been with the family business for 50 years and continues to help us make great wine."





Our Friday Night Dinners

You are most welcome to come along and enjoy dinner at the club on a Friday night with your family and friends. Just remember that you must have non-members sign the visitors book on entry.

Order your meal at the Bar counter (along with your drinks). You will be assigned a number for your table.

Our Volunteers are wonderful members of our Society. They cook your dinner. They will bring you your meal as soon as it is cooked. Be patient as most Friday nights are very busy. Do help and respect our hard working volunteers by returning your plates to the designated table by the wall by the bar. Thank you.

Dalmatian Radio on Planet FM104.6

every Tuesday night from 7.20 until 7.50 where you are informed about upcoming events from the Dalmatian Cultural Society and hear the latest and greatest music from the various regions of former Yugoslavia. You can also log onto Planet FM website

www.planetaudio.org.nz/dalmatianradio

where you can hear our radio programme, anytime, from anywhere in the world, and also download it.

Nick Bartulovich Producer, Recording Engineer & Presenter.

Parking your car at the club

When parking your car behind another at the club, please write your name and numberplate on the board in the Members' Lounge for ease of locating the owner.

Dalmatinski Kulturno Društvo Inc. 2024-2025

Membership Renewal

Last day for payment is Friday 7 June 2024

Methods of payment:

Ø For on-line payments

o BNZ 02-0144-0070761-00

o Bank **Particulars:** Surname

Code: Membership No 2024-2025

Reference: Invoice number

Ø Paying by cash or Eftpos Friday nights.

Important Information:

If any details of your membership has changed, ie address, or no longer living in a family home for membership, please note the change on your invoice, and hand into office, scan or post to the secretary at:

Email: dalmatiancultural@gmail.com

Post: PO Box 8479 Newmarket, Auckland 1149

We are moving to new permanent plastic membership cards. These are delayed somewhat at the moment. We apologise for the inconvenience. However, the Secretary, Mara, and the Treasurer, Nicolette, have a copy of the membership numbers which you will keep for the future. Once we have the cards it will be easier to distribute at the club on a Friday night. You will be kept updated.

FOLKLORE 2024

Please be prepared to complete Folklore and Language Enrolment form and pay the fee as soon as you join a class (or two)

The Enrolment Fee payable by all participants :

One applicant	\$70
Two Applicants in one family	\$110
Three or more applicants in one family	\$140

Classes with tutors are on the following days:

Junior Croatian Language Class Beginner	Baki Matarugić	Fridays	6.00pm
Adult Beginner Croatian Language classes	Baki Matarugić	Friday	7.00pm
Junior Kolo	Katja Mihajlov	Friday	6.30pm
Intermediate Kolo	Katja Mihajlov	Friday	7.15 pm
Tamburica Group	Nick Cebalo	Friday	7.00 pm
Dalmatian Cultural Society Choir	Damir Coklo	Friday	8.00 pm
Croatian/Hrvatski Language Classes Intermediate	Baki Matarugić	Friday	7.00 pm
"Tarara Folklore Ensemble" Youth Kolo 16 years +	Nenad Rajic	Sunday	6.00 pm
Reunion Group	Jakov Sale and Robert Blucher	Wednesday	7.30pm

Please note that you (parents, grandparents, or guardians) or your children must be members of the Society to participate in our folklore activities. If you're not a member, it's easy to apply. Either pick up a Membership Application form from the Secretary's office downstairs, or at the Bar in the Members Lounge on a Friday night or download from our website:

<https://www.dalmatian.org.nz/>



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2023-2024 UPRAVNI ODBOR

PRESIDENT: Julena Nola
VICE PRESIDENTS: Daniel Kovacevic
Marin Tokmadžić

SECRETARY: Mara Vitasovich
Assistant Ann Stanishich

TREASURER: Nicolette Palinich
Assistant Roland Sokcevic

COMMITTEE: Nick Bartulovich
Annette Ciprian
Radmila Lupis
Julia Matich
Slavenka Misa
Marina Nola
Vojna Pavlovich
Veronica Shale
Zan Stoev
Peter Sumich
Tamara Ujdur
Dina-Sara Vajsakovic

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John Garelja
Julena Nola (President)
Tony Unkovich
Victor Yukich

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John Garelja
Branko Ciprian
Helen Marinovich (Assistant)

DALMATIAN ARCHIVE AND MUSEUM
Steven Šulenta (Chairperson)
Slavenka Misa (Secretary)
Linda Tolich (Treasurer)

BAR MANAGER Daniel Kovačević

EVENTS Julena Nola

FOLKLORE AND LANGUAGE
Marin Tokmadžić

HEALTH AND SAFETY Annette Ciprian

TECH SUPPORT Daniel Kovačević

KITCHEN MANAGER Vojna Pavlovich

LADIES GROUP Mara Vitasovich
Vojna Pavlovich

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM
Annette Ciprian
Veronica Shale

TRANSLATOR Suzana Tokmadzic

COSTUME MANAGER Radmila Lupis

YOUTH GROUP Monika Palinich (Chair)
Nadija Palinich (Secretary)

VENUE BOOKINGS dalmatiancultural@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS / NOVI ČLANOVI

We would like to welcome the following new members:

**Sanja Marin, Mila and Sienna Woodhead, Ivan and Zrinka Marin
Michael Farrelly**

and wish them many happy years of association with our Society.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP / MOLBE ZA UČLANJENJE

The following have applied for membership in our Society:

Jessica Druskovich

Nominator: Vanya Ujdur, seconder: Neven Sulenta

Nicholas, Milan and Luka Tolich

Nominator: Ivo Tolich, seconder: Linda Tolich

George Hladilo

Nominator: Diana Letica, Seconder: Mara Vitasovich

Nina Stanimirovic

Nominator: Vanya Ujdur, Seconder: Matthew Unkovich

Anyone wishing to object can do so in writing within 14 days receipt of this newsletter in accordance with Society rules.

BEREAVEMENTS

OSMRTNICE

Our condolences are extended to those members who have recently lost loved ones, both here and overseas.

Počivali u miru

Get well wishes

Dobre želje

We wish all who are recovering from an operation or illness a speedy recovery. Our best wishes to you all for health and happiness.

Change of Address

Promjena adrese

Please let us know of your change of address if you have recently moved homes at any time. We have had mail returned to us recently.

Library

Knjižnica

The Library is crammed full of your reading needs.
Just see Ljiljana in the Library every Friday night till 8pm.

Emailed newsletter: "Novosti"

**All newsletters will be emailed to known email addresses
from this issue onwards**

If you wish to have a paper copy please see the secretary in the office on a Friday night.

If you haven't received this newsletter in email form please send your email address to the Secretary at dalmatiancultural@gmail.com

Mara Vitasovich, Secretary 021 362 872

HAVING A PARTY?

Hire our venue for Weddings, Birthdays,
Anniversaries, Corporate Functions

We have lots of great options for your event.

Fantastic food, drinks, music and entertainment are on offer.

Have a chat with our Events Team:

Email: events.dallyclub@gmail.com



Instagram



2024-2025 Management Committee Candidates

Name	Position	Introduction
Julena Nola	President	Club member since 1983 Kolo dancer to Senior Group; was secretary Youth Committee; Management Committee member for 6 years 2 of which as Vice President; President past 2 years.
Mara Vitasovich	Secretary	Past President 2009-2012; Management Committee since 20; Catalogued the Society's Library books; Ladies group; Events; et al Secretary since 2017. An eye for detail, timely, trustworthy with an "Open Door" policy every Friday night.
Nicolette Palinich	Treasurer	Treasurer since 2019; Made improvements to accounts, via EXCEL and MYOB. Helped make improvements to other systems-eg EFTPOS, Pos Systems, Membership Cards; Reliable, trustworthy, timely with communications and treasurer duties.
Daniel Kovacevic	Vice Pres	With 20 years as a club member, serving on the Management Committee, and as Vice President and Bar Manager of the society, I draw on my experience as a sound technician, IT manager, electronics technician, and builder to create seamless and enjoyable experiences. My diverse skills help keep everything running smoothly and ensure we stay innovative and connected.
Marin Tokmadzic	Vice Pres	Many years on the Management Committee and Licensed Bar Manager, also Folklore manager and Vice President for the past two years. Leader of the Tarara Folklore Ensemble and dancer at our club for nearly 28 years.
Tamara Ujdur	Vice Pres	Lifelong DCS member. Former Kolo Dancer and Intermediate Kolo Tutor. Current management and Event subcommittee member. Have great organizational skills and 30+ years of management experience, this includes 7 years on the Board of Trustees at Henderson High School, the last 2 years as Board Chair. I have many connections with local and overseas artists and have been involved in the planning of many successful events at the society. Current member of the Friday night bar staff in the Member lounge. I believe my varied skill set can add value to the role of Vice President.
Nick Bartulovich	Committee	I am currently on the Management Committee offering myself for re-election as I still have much more I wish to contribute to our Society and its future from the experience and knowledge that I have accumulated from my involvement in our club as Secretary for 18 years, Vice president for 5 years, committee for 16 year Folklore for 21 years and producer and presenter of our weekly Dalmatian Radio Programme on Planet FM for the last 20 years, continuing to this day. My dedication and years of service, I was made a Life member of which I am very proud of.
Annette Ciprian	Committee	3 year Management Committee Member; Health and Safety; Food Control plan; Incorporated Societies working group; helper in Kitchen and Bar.
Radmila Lupis	Committee	Folklore Wardrobe Manager; Member of Management Committee for several years; Works in Kitchen.
Julia Matich	Committee	I believe in the Dalmatian Cultural Society's constitution in being inclusive, not exclusive. I'm particularly interested in our young people, they are our future. My loyalty is 100% in our club.
Slavenka Misa	Committee	Secretary Dalmatian Archive and Museum, involved since 2000; Tamburica band since 2008; A member since 1973 Yugoslav Benevolent Society; Management Committee member.
Vojna Pavlovich	Committee	Long time Kitchen Manager and Management Committee Member; Great organiser; In her words "part of the Club furniture"
Veronica Shale	Committee	I'm keen to build on ensuring we have a thriving Club for members that honours its culture and legacy. Current role on the committee has included: governance oversight; strategic development; starting to formalise/standardise policies and operational processes; looking at member retention and growth; advocating reviews, succession planning, forward financial planning and robust reporting; volunteering kitchen/bar/events, and developing marketing comms e.g for members, grants/scholarships, event run-sheets/budgets, external hirers.
Roland Sokcevic	Committee	Assistant Treasurer Management Committee; developing a more reliable financial reporting and financial control for the club; TFE 9years
Ann Stanisich	Committee	One year on Management Committee; Assistant Secretary; Kitchen Assistant; Organiser of Scholarships and Writing Competition.
Zan Stoev	Committee	Management Committee Member; Helper in the Bar and kitchen
Dina-Sara Vajsakovic	Committee	Serving on the Committee for the past two years has allowed me to play an active role in the Club's significant changes and enhancements. It has been a rewarding experience and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue with the work and build on the progress we've achieved together so far.

Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024

Starting at 2.00 pm

To be held in the Society Ballroom at 10 New North Rd, Eden Terrace, Auckland

It is important that members attend and take part in the meeting.

Agenda will include:

Minutes of AGM 2023, President's Annual Report, Secretary's Annual Report, Correspondence, Treasurer's Annual Report, Introduction of Scrutineers, Election, Financial Overseers' Report, Nelson Buildings Report, Dalmatian Archive and Museum Report, Folklore and Language Report, Events Report, Planning and Development Report, Health and Safety Report, Kitchen Report, IT and Technical Support, Youth Sub-Committee Report; Setting of Annual Dues; General Business.

Nominations for the Management Committee 2024-2025

President: Julena Nola*

Vice Presidents (2): Daniel Kovacevic*

Marin Tokmadzic*

Tamara Ujdur

Secretary: Mara Vitasovich*

Treasurer: Nicolette Palinich*

Committee (15):

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|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Nick Bartulovich* | 2 Annette Ciprian* | 3 Radmila Lupis* | 4 Julia Matich* |
| 5 Slavenka Misa* | 6 Vojna Pavlovich* | 7 Veronica Shale* | 8 Roland Sokcevic* |
| 9 Ann Stanisich* | 10 Zan Stoev* | 11 Dina-Sara Vajsakovic* | |

* Denotes current members of committee seeking re-election.

There will be **no elections** at this year's AGM for **President, Secretary and Treasurer** as all these positions have the correct number of nominations for the positions offered.

There will be an election for the Two (2) positions of **Vice President** as three (3) nominations have been received.

Eleven (11) people have offered themselves for the **fifteen (15) Committee** positions. Therefore we are short of four (4) people. These positions will be available to be filled from the floor at the AGM after the announcement of the two successful Vice Presidents.

Please note

that to attend the Annual General Meeting you must be a full financial member of the Society as at

Friday 7 June 2024.

After the Meeting, free Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided to all members attending.

Mara Vitasovich

Secretary

Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo (Inc.)

2025 Trade and Tertiary Scholarship

\$3000

This scholarship is open to Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo (Inc) (referred to as DCS) members who are 18 to 25 years of age and are students in tertiary or trade studies.

This scholarship is set up by DCS to promote further education for the benefit of members of the Society and is funded by DCS.

The recipient of this award will assist the student with materials and course expenses.

CRITERIA

Applicants for the scholarship must:

Have a good academic record.

Be a member of DCS.

Be enrolled into Tertiary education or Trade study.

Complete this application by due date.

Students are to complete an essay of 1500 words

Titled:

**My Career Choice, Aspirations and Hopes
and Dreams**

More information in the insert in this newsletter

George Mihaljevich

Writing Competition 2024

Senior Prize \$ 500

Junior Prize \$150

As a Life Member and Past President, George Mihaljevich has played a significant role in the Dalmatian Cultural Society's growth and development.

His passion for the society and its members demonstrated his strong commitment to preserving and promoting the richness of Dalmatian culture.

George has an ongoing love of writing and wrote numerous short stories and plays over the years, some of which were published. Many of these centred around his recollections of growing up amongst the Dalmatian community in inner city Auckland during the 1940s and 1950s. He also has a strong interest in history, evident in other pieces of his writing and a non-fiction book about the history of Dalmatians in New Zealand.

This writing competition, organised by the Dalmatian Cultural Society, celebrates George's contributions to the club and is a platform to encourage all members to share their own personal stories and creativity.

More information in the insert in this newsletter

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Postal Ballot Instructions

In the absence of Membership Cards, the Secretary will supply your Membership Number on collection of the Postal ballot

A member may cast their vote at the **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 16 June 2022** for elections to the Management Committee by Postal Ballot, where the member is sick or otherwise disabled or unable to attend the meeting and where the member has sought and obtained special leave of the Management Committee to cast a Postal Ballot.

The Management Committee requires that any such request must be made in writing (letter or email) and **signed** by the Member.

The member needs to state his/her current home address, telephone number for the year 2024-2025. A member **cannot** make a request for a Postal Ballot on behalf of another person, **nor** can he/she pick up Postal Ballot papers on behalf of another member unless the person requesting the postal ballot gives written approval.

Any member seeking ballot papers shall clearly advise the Secretary to where the Ballot papers are to be posted or personally picked up the ballot papers from the Secretary.

When you do your voting, you will need to place your marked Ballot Papers into a tamperproof plastic envelope which will be provided to you by the Secretary.

On the front you will need to write: **SCRUTINEERS** and on the back, you will need to write your

FULL NAME, and your SIGNATURE.

You then seal this plastic envelope and place it in another envelope, which is addressed to:

**The Secretary, Dalmatian Cultural Society Inc.,
PO Box 8479, Symonds St. Auckland 1150, New Zealand.**

You can also personally deliver your postal ballot to the Secretary.

Your unopened postal ballots will be handed to the Scrutineers, who will place them into the ballot box in the Ballroom on the day of the Annual General meeting, Sunday 16 June 2024.

Postal Ballot papers need to be **in the hands of the Secretary** no later than

2pm, Saturday 15th June 2024

Mara Vitasovich
Secretary

dalmatiancultural@gmail.com

Mara mob 021 362 872

GEORGE MIHALJEVICH WRITING COMPETITION 2024



What we're looking for

We are looking for originality and variety. Excite us. Everyone has a story inside them waiting to be released. Choose your words carefully and submit an as yet unpublished short story of your choice.

Entry Conditions

- The competition is open to **Dalmatian Cultural Society Members** only.
- **Categories:** Junior: up to 15 years
Senior: 16 years and over
- **Word Count:** Junior: Up to 1,500 words
Senior: 1,500–2,000 words
- **Formatting:** 1.5 spacing. Preferred font is Arial or Times New Roman
- The competition is open 1 July 2024 – 31 October 2024

How to Enter

- Attach your story as a Word Document in an email sent to the Secretary of the Dalmatian Cultural Society (Inc.) at dalmatiancultural@gmail.com
 - Please use the title of the story as the subject of the email submission and your contact details (Full name and phone number in the body of the email.
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- Judge's decision will be final.
 - Decision announcements will be made at the 2024 Folklore and Language Showcase, Sunday 8 December 2024

PRIZEPOOL

\$500 (Senior)
\$150 (Junior)

Contact Us
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- Students are to complete an essay of 1500 words titled:

My Career Choice

Aspirations and Hopes and Dreams

Value: \$3000

Duration: 1 year

Applications Open: 1 July 2024

Closing Date: 31 October 2024

The application process is online to:

"The Secretary"

dalmatiancultural@gmail.com

Judge's decision will be final.

Decision announcements will be made at the

2024 Folklore and Language Showcase, Sunday 8 December 2024

The winner will give a verbal presentation of approx. 2 minutes to the audience.

Apply Online for a DCS Scholarship

- Confirm your eligibility.

- Complete and submit your essay entitled "Aspirations and Hopes and Dreams".

- Submit to The Secretary DCS by closing date.

- Judge's decision will be final. In the case of the winner not being accepted into Tertiary or

- Trade education then the award will be granted to the Judge's decision on the next place getter. Students will be judged on content, explanations and descriptions.

- Scholarship winner will liaise with DCS on how the award will be spent and confirmation of this with receipts (eg the award can be put towards fees, computer, stationery etc.)

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Application for Scholarship 2025

Name:

Membership Number:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Eligibility:

Course enrolled for 2025: