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**SAVE THE DATE  
SAČUVAJTE DATUM**

**Dalmatian Archive and Museum Meeting**

2pm Sunday 2 November 2025

**Taste of Dalmatia Dinner**

6.30pm Friday 7 November 2025

**Taste of Dalmatia Dinner**

6.30pm Friday 14 November 2025

**Ladies Lunch**

12.30pm Sunday 9 November 2025

**Special General Meeting**

4pm Sunday 23 November 2025

**Visit and Talk By Visiting  
Croatian Professors & Scientists**

2pm Saturday 29 November 2025

**End of Year Folklore Showcase**

1pm Sunday 30 November 2025

**Children's Christmas Party**

11am Sunday 7 December 2025

**Last Social Friday**

Friday 12 December 2025

**New Year's Eve Party**

6.30pm Wed 31 December 2025

**Summer Picnic @ Long Bay**

Sunday 25 January 2026

**Club Opens, Folklore Enrolments**

6.30pm Friday 13 February 2026

**Dalmatian Bowls Tournament 2026**

Sunday 15 February 2026

**1st DKD Members' Meeting 2026**

4pm Sunday 22 February 2026

DALMATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

# FOLKLORE

## SHOWCASE 2025

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**1PM**

**\$20**

**AFTERNOON TEA &  
CONCERT**

**GREEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL**

**145 GODLEY ROAD, AUCKLAND**



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# President's Report



Dear Members

It is that time of year again, as we work towards the end of the calendar year. Since my last update we have had a few key events take place including the **Nelson Buildings AGM** which saw the re-election of NB Directors Marin Matulovic & Tony Unkovich to the Nelson Building Board. Congratulations to you both, and thank you to the other candidates, Steven Šulenta and John Nola, for putting yourselves forward for the positions. These last couple of months have also been quite busy with social events, including our annual **Open Day**, held in mid-September, allowing our members to showcase our club, our history and also our members' talents to potential new audiences as we once again opened our doors to the public. It was a great day all around, with lots of different generations of members and new guests mingling and enjoying everything on offer. We then had our very talented **Youth Committee** host a **Quiz Night**, a very fun and competitive evening, where the fun of the night took over more than the competitive spirits between teams battling for the top spot. If you have not attended one of these before, I would highly recommend attending should the Youth Committee choose to host another one next year. Lastly and most recently, we hosted our **95th Anniversary Ball** celebration, at which we had the pleasure of enjoying an amazing buffet dinner, dancing to live music well into the wee-hours of the morning, and all while being dressed up and looking like royalty. Thank you to everyone who has attended these and many of our other recent social events.

Looking forward, we are very nearly upon our annual **Ladies Lunch**. Ladies, I hope to see you all there, and gentlemen, if you would like to assist we are always looking for volunteers to help give the ladies an amazing day where they can socialise and enjoy themselves while we roll our sleeves up. Speaking of **volunteers**, the club is based on the hard work and efforts of our members and as such we are always open for new volunteers who wish to help out. If you ever find yourself wanting to help, please feel free to reach out to the Secretary and let us know how you would like to help, it is always very welcome.

Lastly, as many of you are aware, our next big event is the **End of Year Showcase** for 2025. I know that our folklore groups are all very eager to present all of their hard work from the past year, so I hope that you all have marked **30th November** in your calendars and that I will see you there.

Thank you,  
Marin Tokmadzic  
President

Dragi članovi,

Evo opet privodimo kraju još jednu kalendarsku godinu. Od mojeg zadnjeg javljanja dogodilo se nekoliko važnih stvari, među kojima i godišna sjednica Nelson Buildingsa, na kojoj su ponovno u Upravni odbor izabrani Marin Matulović i Tony Unkovich. Čestitke obojici i hvala John-u Nola i Steven-u Šulenta za kandidature koju su prijavili i time izrazili želju da doprinesu radu kluba.

Posljednjih par mjeseci bilo je vrlo živo, pogotovo kad je riječ o društvenim događanjima. U rujnu smo održali kao i svake godine Dan otvorenih vrata kluba. Bila je to prilika da pokažemo tko smo, čime se ponosimo i što sve naši članovi znaju i umiju. Bilo je odlično vidjeti kako se druže članovi različitih generacija, ali i mnogi novi gosti koji su došli upoznati naš klub. Nedugo nakon toga, naš Odbor mladih organizirao je večer kviza — jako zabavnu i veselu večer, gdje je natjecateljski duh brzo ustupio mjesto dobroj zabavi i smijehu. Ako još niste bili na jednom od tih događaja, stvarno preporučujem da dodjete bude li Odbor mladih ponovno organizirao iduće godine! I na kraju, nedavno smo održali bal povodom proslave 95. obljetnice kluba - večer punu dobre hrane, glazbe i plesa do ranih jutarnjih sati, sve uz sjajnu atmosferu i uzvanike koji su izgledali kao da su došli na kraljevsku svečanost! Hvala svima koji su došli i sudjelovali u ovom i drugim nedavnim događanjima.

Uskoro nas čeka i naš godišnji Ručak za dame. Dame, nadam se da ću vas sve vidjeti tamo, a gospodo – ako želite pomoći, uvijek tražimo volontere koji će pomoći da taj dan za naše dame bude poseban i opušten.

Kad smo već kod volontera – naš klub ovisi o trudu i angažmanu svojih članova, pa ako ikad poželite pomoći, slobodno se javite tajniku i recite kako biste voljeli doprinijeti. Svaka pomoć je itekako dobrodošla!

Na kraju, kao što već mnogi znate, naš sljedeći veliki događaj je Godišnja završna priredba 2025. Naši članovi iz svih folklornih grupa jedva čekaju pokazati sve što su radili kroz godinu, pa se nadam da ste 30. studenoga već upisali u svoje kalendare – vidimo se tamo!

Hvala vam svima,  
Marin Tokmadžić  
Predsjednik



Dalmatian Cultural Society  
**Ladies Lunch**  
Sunday 9 November – 12.30pm

Featuring  
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## Taste of Dalmatia at 'Uptown Bites' Food Fest

**Fridays 7 & 14 November, 6.30pm**

Come enjoy a true Taste of Dalmatia and say 'dobro došli' to our neighbours as part of the Uptown Bites Food Festival.

Choose from our buffet of traditional favourites like octopus salad, sarma, ligna (calamari), pasta, and more, plus sweets such as pršule and palačinke.

*Note, usual Friday menu won't be available.*

**Members \$40 | Children \$20**

The Dalmatian Archive & Museum will also be open from 7–9pm.

For more details, please see our website event [www.dalmatian.org.nz/event/taste-of-dalmatian/](http://www.dalmatian.org.nz/event/taste-of-dalmatian/)

or call Julena on 0274281922

or email [events@dalmatian.org.nz](mailto:events@dalmatian.org.nz)





# DALMATIAN ARCHIVE AND MUSEUM

Open Archive 2025 Friday Evenings 7pm to 9pm

31 October and 28 November 2025



If you have visitors who would like to see the Dalmatian Archive & Museum please contact the following to arrange a special visit.

Chairperson: Steven Šulenta 636 7788; Secretary: Slavenka Misa 623 3288 or 02102750659;

Treasurer: Linda Tolich 629 2353

Committee: Glenda Lucich; Catherine Pivac; Pam Roderick; Sylvia Sokolich

## Hello Members

Our last event was a talk given as part of the Auckland Heritage Festival by our friend and expert on the history of NZ wrestling, Steve Ogilvie. His talk covered the Dalmatians who participated in professional and semi-professional wrestling 1930 to 1980. He captivated his audience, and a good time was had by all.

After the talk most of the audience (31 people) came down to the Archive which was also much enjoyed by the visitors and the hosts.

## Looking after your photographs and negatives

### Handling -

Hold photographs and negatives by their edges and be careful not to touch the surface. Dirt and oil from fingertips can cause long-term damage.

### Storing -

Store photographs in a dark place with a stable temperature (10 -18deg is ideal) and humidity level (40 - 60%). Photographs are very sensitive to environmental conditions.

Ideally store photographs in Mylar sleeves or acid free paper (acid free polypropylene is also acceptable). Negatives should be kept in acid free paper enclosures. Remember that negatives are the source of the best copies, treasure them.

### Labelling -

To label the back of a photograph, use a soft 2B pencil (ink can seep through).



## National Services Te Papa Workshop Report

Two of our committee attended a workshop, *Policy to Practice: Strengthening Collection Care*.

It was a valuable experience. It revealed major deficits in our knowledge and practice. Upskilling is desperately needed. Fortunately, National Services provides support to small museums in NZ via workshops/seminars, training modules and printed guidelines. All we need is committed people to take on the responsibility. Unfortunately, such people are in short supply.

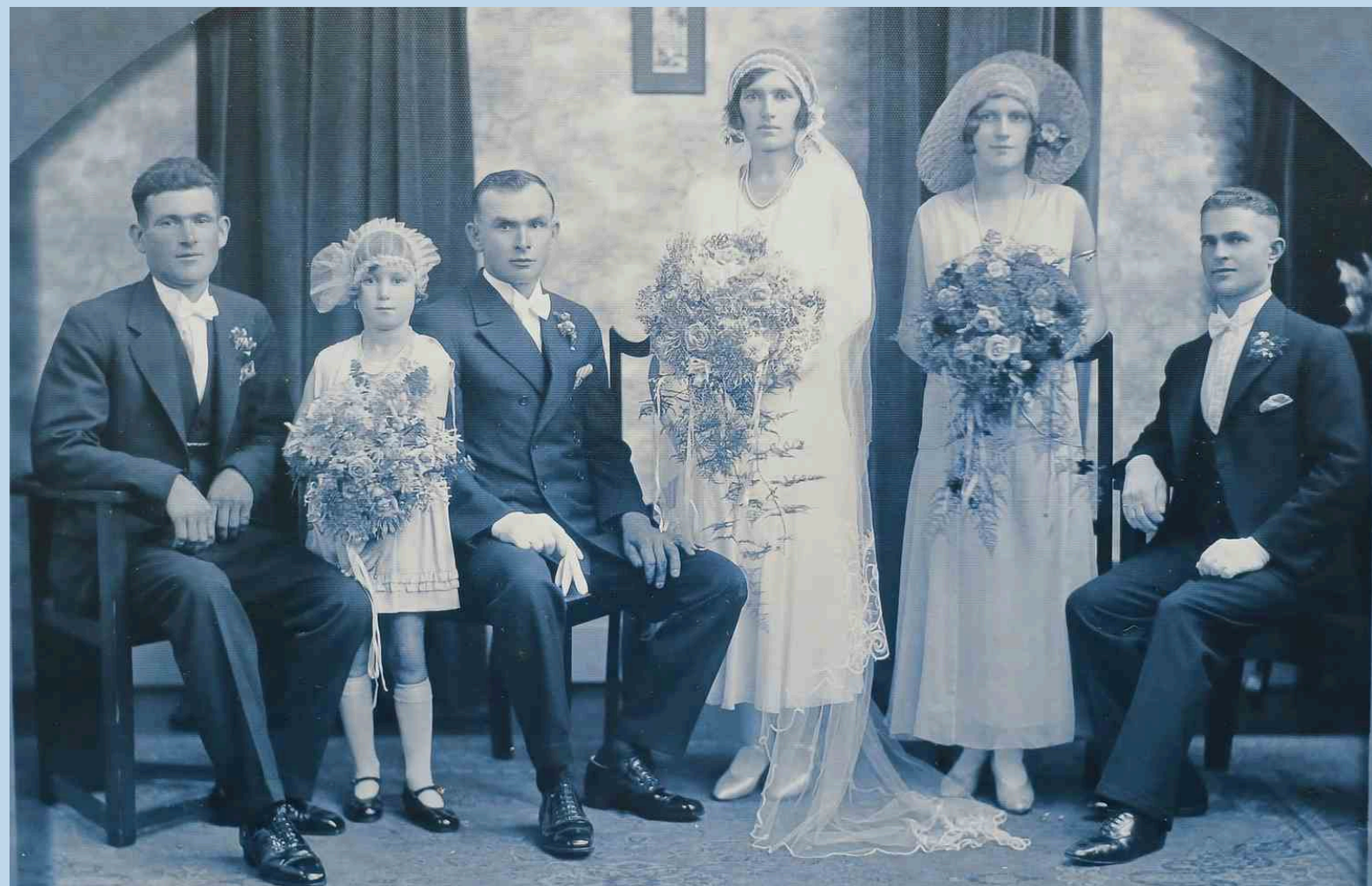
### Is this You?

- Recently retired or have some free time
- Looking for meaningful, fascinating activity/work
- Maybe you have a background handling documentation
- Have good fine motor skills (perhaps as used in art and craft practice)
- Have an interest in history (general or family)

We are also looking for people able and willing to help with data entry into our eHive database. This would also involve handling objects and doing some research.

# DALMATIAN ARCHIVE AND MUSEUM

The Secretary, Dalmatian Archive and Museum  
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End of Year 2025



## Mystery Photo

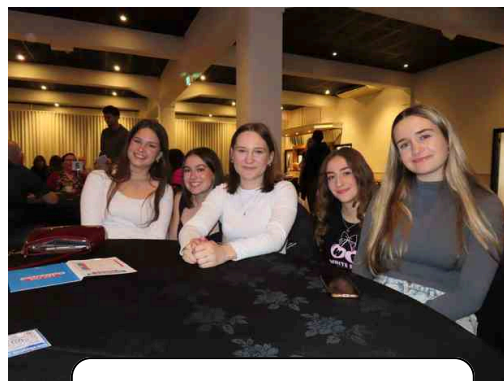
This wedding is probably late 1920s or early 1930s. Photo is by Crown Studios, Auckland. The man seated on the far right is Mate Sumich (son of Luka). The bride is Miss Pivac. She could be Milka, Šimica, Zorica or Milica. Can you help us identify these lovely people?

Email [dalmatianmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:dalmatianmuseum@gmail.com) or contact one of our committee members (see top of newsletter).

We are sorry to announce that there will not be a November end of year function this year. Our committee members are nearly all over committed and unable to prepare for this event.

We hope that 2026 brings us more luck.





DCS YC Quiz Night



90th Anniversary Ball



## Open Day Concert Performers

Our President **Marin Tokmadzic** and Treasurer **Roland Sokcevic** photographed with some of the Kolo dancers. Here at the Dalmatinkso Kulturno Drustvo we have opportunities for enthusiastic dancers of all ages to learn the Kolo. Marin and Roland began as youngsters now they are in positions of responsibility. Who amongst these might one day become a club leader?





SMOOLYANKA DANCE GROUP  
& ARTISTRY DANCE SCHOOL PRESENT:

## A WINTER TALE & CELEBRATION OF CULTURES.

17:30, NOV. 02 2025,  
BRUCE MASON THEATRE,  
TAKAPUNA.



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# Folklore Showcase 2025

Sunday 30 November, 1pm

Green Bay High School  
143-161 Godley Road, Green Bay

Celebrate the rich music, dance, and traditions of our homelands at the Dalmatian Cultural Society's annual Folklore Showcase 2025!

This much-loved concert is a vibrant display of the dances, music and song that our folklore groups have been learning throughout the year - a joyful mix of tradition, talent, and community spirit.

Come and experience the colour, rhythm, and passion of our cultural heritage as performed by dancers, singers and musicians of all ages.

**Tickets \$20. Includes afternoon tea.**

The Society's Tarara Folklore Ensemble will be performing as part of this fabulous multicultural event. The show is in two parts - the first will feature ballet performances and a children's Slavic folk fairytale, Morozko. Part two will be a vibrant multicultural showcase, presenting traditional dances and performances from various communities, including Russian, Maori, Chinese, Cossack, Greek, Georgian, Italian and French, as well as nations of our Society.

It promises to be a wonderful event - see you there.

### New Year's Eve at the Dalmatian Cultural Society NZ 🎉

Ring in 2026 with great company, incredible music, and a feast to remember!

Join us for a night of celebration as we welcome

#### **Dobre Vibracije,**

the fantastic live band flying in from Sydney to get the dance floor pumping with all your favourite *naši* hits.

Enjoy a delicious Dalmatian buffet dinner, great music, laughter, and the best of our community spirit as we count down to midnight together.

#### ★ Event Details:

Tuesday, 31 December 2025

Dalmatian Cultural Society, 10 New North Road,  
Eden Terrace, Auckland

Live Band: Dobre Vibracije (from Sydney)

Dalmatian Buffet Dinner

Tickets: \$85 per person

\$55 Students \$25 Child 5-15

Don't miss out on one of the biggest nights of the year —

bring your friends and family, dress to impress, and let's make it a New Year's Eve to remember!

Tickets available now — book early to secure your spot!

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NEW YEARS EVE  
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WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER 2025  
6.30PM

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# PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS ON CROATIAN HERITAGE, CULTURE, SCIENCE, ECONOMY AND LANGUAGE

**2pm Saturday 29 November 2025**

Members' Lounge, Villa Dalmacija  
10 New North Road  
Eden Terrace, Auckland

We invite you to this meeting, presentation and workshop as part of the project

## **"Science, Culture and Economy - Links between Croatian Communities in the World and the Homeland"**

Presentations and lectures on Croatian heritage, culture, literary and scientific heritage will be given by the project leader, **Prof. Luka Budak** and associates: **Dr. Marijana Borić**, who we welcome back, having previously come to our society in March 2023, and they will be joined by **Prof. Tomislava Majić**, and **Prof. Ana Bruning**

In addition to presentation the exhibition "Marco Antonio de Dominis: A Visionary's Perspective" (authored by Dr. Marijana Borić, exhibition organizers: The National and University Library in Zagreb and Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts) and an interesting and educational workshop for children and young people "Faust Vrančić - Croatian Leonardo da Vinci" will be presented.

Do bring along a plate to share for Afternoon Tea

Prof. Luka Budak (former Head of Croatian Studies, Macquarie University)



Dr. Marijana Borić, Scientific Advisor (Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts - CASA)



Prof. Tomislava Majić, Senior Lecturer (University North and Krapina University of Applied Sciences)



Prof. Ana Bruning (former lecturer at Croatian Studies, Macquarie University and Croatian language Teacher)



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# Members Noticeboard

## Dalmatian Radio on Planet FM104.6

every Tuesday night from 7.20pm until 7.50pm 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](http://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*

## Volunteers needed Potrebni volonteri

Training given for members to work in a friendly happy environment. Includes: Bar work; Kitchen work; Functions; Special Events; Private functions.

Email: [events@dalmatian.org.nz](mailto:events@dalmatian.org.nz) or phone Julena 027 428 1922

## Library / Knjiznica

The library is crammed with all your reading needs with some new titles. See Ljiljana in the Library on Friday nights until 8pm.

A space below could be yours in every Novosti for \$100 per year  
Contact the Secretary at [dalmatiancultural@gmail.com](mailto:dalmatiancultural@gmail.com)  
ph 021 362 872 for further information

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## Duty Manager for Functions Required

We are looking for someone to join our Bar Team for club functions and private hires. No experience required, just a good work ethic. Please contact Dan 021 355 889

## Parking your car at the club

Friday nights and Event nights are busy. When parking your car behind another in our club carpark, **please write your name and number plate on the board in the Members' Lounge for ease of locating the owner.** Please be respectful of the designated Disability Parking areas.

## All newsletters will be emailed out where possible

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Nadija Palinich (Secretary)

**NEW MEMBERS**

**NOVI ČLANOVI**

We would like to warmly welcome our new members

*The following have applied for membership in our Society:*

**Bilic, Jure, Zeljana, Tomislav, Masa and Danilo; Curach, Glen; Mijatovic, Adrijana; Qaaan, Biljana; Rudelj, Anthony Louis; Szelyes, Blanka**

*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:*

**Edita and Petar Andrijasevic**

*Nominator: Marin Tokmadzic, Secondar: Dina-Sara Vajsakovic*

**Robert and Ines Blaj**

*Nominator: Marin Tokmadzic, Secondar: Roland Sokcevic*

**Milica and Miladin Bojic**

*Nominator: Dina-Sara Vajsakovic, Secondar: Dusan Vajsakovic*

**Milos Blucher and Mariam Parwaiz**

*Nominator Robert Blucher, Secondar Carleen Blucher*

**Dusan Milos Lizarnaga Bradanovich**

*Nominator: Mary Marinovich, Secondar: Mara Vitasovich*

**Olivia Cebalo**

*Nominator: Nic Cebalo, Secondar: Cheryl Segedin*

**Andras and Svetlana Deli**

*Nominator: Dusan Vajsakovic, Secondar: Mladen Tokmadzic*

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*Nominator: Helena Coklo, Secondar: Mladen Tokmadzic*

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*Nominator: Maria Loverich, Annette Ciprian*

**Michael Loverich**

*Nominator: Maria Loverich, Secondar: Annette Ciprian*

**Snezana and Dejan Markovic**

*Nominator: Dina-Sara Vajsakovic, Secondar: Dusan Vajsakovic*

**Zlatko and Natasa Poznanovic**

*Nominator: Marin Tokmadzic, Secondar: Julena Nola*

**Brett Ravelich**

*Nominator: Anthony Segedin, Secondar: Cheryl Segedin*

**Snjezana Sajevec**

*Nominator: Dusan Vajsakovic, Secondar: Mladen Tokmadzic*

**Brenda Segedin**

*Nominator: Cheryl Segedin Secondar: Anthony Segedin*

**Tanya Unkovich and Grant Anderson**

*Nominator: Julena Nola, Secondar: Mara Vitasovich*

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

**2025-2026 Membership Renewal**

A reminder that 2025-2026 Membership subscriptions are now overdue for those who haven't yet paid.

**BEREAVEMENTS**

**OSMRNICE**

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

**Margaret Jurasovich  
Wally Yovich  
Pocivali 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.



**Croatian Consular Days  
in Auckland  
Friday 12 - Sunday 14 December 2025**

in the premises of the Croatian Cultural Society,  
161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South.

For more detailed information on procedures and documentation required,  
please refer to

<https://mvep.gov.hr/au> -  
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For any further explanation please contact the Embassy  
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or by phone: + 61 6286 6988  
not later than Tuesday 9 December 2025.