



DALMATINSKO KULTURNO DRUŠTVO (INC.)

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APRIL-MAY-JUNE / TRAVANJ-SVIBANJ-LIPANJ 2026

**SAVE THE DATE
SAČUVAJTE DATUM**

DA&M Friday Open Evening
7.00pm - 9.00pm Friday 24 April 2026

Dalmatian Archive and Museum
Meeting Speaker: David Pickens
2.00 pm Sunday 26 April 2026

Mother's Day Brunch
10.00am Sunday 10 May 2026

Dalmatian Archive and Museum
Meeting Speaker: Milan Borich
7.00 pm Monday 11 May 2026

EuroKlub Night
7.30pm Saturday 16 May 2026

Briskule Tournament Day 1
Sunday 17 May

- 1.00pm Registration
- 2pm Start Tournament.
- Day 2 to be advised

Men's Dinner
7.00pm Saturday 23 May 2026

DA&M Friday Open Evening
Friday 29 May 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Last day 26/27 Membership Payment
Monday 1 June 2026

Ladies Night
Saturday 13 June 2026

DA&M Friday Open Evening
7.00pm - 9.00pm Friday 26 June 2026

Baba and Dida Concert
2pm Sunday 28 June 2026

Dalmatian Archive and Museum
Meeting Speaker: David Tolich
2.00 pm Sunday 5 July 2026

Nominations for Office DKD 26-27
by 5.00pm Sunday 5 July 2026
Nomination Form enclosed.

DA&M Friday Open Evening
7.00pm - 9.00pm Friday 31 July 2026

Annual General Meeting AGM
2.00 pm Sunday 2 August 2026

DALMATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday 10 May 2026
10am - 12pm

Bring the whole
family, enjoy a
delicious brunch and
have some fun.
Bar open from 10am

*Email photos of your mum
to: events@dalmatian.org.nz
and we will show them on
the big screen*

Tickets
\$35 adult, \$15 child

Book online
www.trybooking.com/nz/BCTX

Or at the Club on
Friday nights

Or call/text
Julena 0274 281922

10 New North Rd, Eden Terrace

Important Information for Members

regarding the change of dates for Nomination of Officers for the 2026-2027 year, and also the date change of the Annual General Meeting from our traditional June date to **Sunday 2 August 2026.**



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President's Report

Dear Members

First of all, I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you all enjoyed some time off with family and friends.

The 2026 year has started well at the club and we are now well and truly back into full swing for 2026. It is also that time of year again for membership renewal, so if you haven't already, please be sure to renew your membership as soon as you can.

Following on from my previous Presidents Report, I am very pleased to announce that we have found a new tutor to lead our very talented tamburica orchestra and will be sure to share more on this once our Orchestra has managed to get a few practices in with their new tutor.

The big highlight early in 2026 was Dallies in the Valley (DITV), which was a great day out in Oratia. The attendance was amazing, the folklore performances were immaculate and the food was delicious as always. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, and also thank you to those who came and enjoyed the festivities. Our next big event is our Mother's Day Brunch on 10th May, and I hope many of you will join us there too.

Kind regards,

Marin Tokmadžić



Izvješće Predsjednika

Dragi Članovi

Prije svega, želim vam svima sretan

Uskrs i nadam se da ste lijepo proveli

vrijeme s obitelji i prijateljima. Godina 2026. dobro je krenula za naš klub i sada smo opet u punom pogonu. Također je ponovno došlo vrijeme za obnovu članstva, pa ako to još niste učinili, molimo vas da to riješite što prije.

Nadovezujući se na moje prethodno izvješće, drago mi je podijeliti da smo pronašli novog voditelja za naš talentirani tamburaški orkestar. Više informacija podijelit ćemo uskoro, nakon što orkestar održi nekoliko proba s novim voditeljem. Veliki događaj na početku 2026. bio je Dallies in the Valley (DITV), koji je bio odličan dan u Oratiji. Odaziv je bio sjajan, folklorni nastupi izvrsni, a hrana kao i uvijek božanstvena. Hvala svima koji su sudjelovali u organizaciji, kao i svima koji su došli i uživali. Naš sljedeći veliki događaj je brunch za Majčin dan 10. svibnja i nadam se da se vidimo u što većem broju.

Srdačan pozdrav,

Marin Tokmadžić

Predsjednik

BABE I DIDE CONCERT

Sunday 28 June 2026 at 2pm

Join us for a warm and joyful
afternoon honouring the special
people who shaped
our community and carry our
culture in their hearts.

Enjoy an afternoon of,
Dalmatian Choir Singing
Traditional folklore dancing
A delicious afternoon tea



Entry \$10 and bring a plate



Villa Dalmacija 10 New North Road

Upcoming Events - Nadolazeći događaji

Annual Men's Dinner

Saturday 23 May 2026

Join us for a great night of food, entertainment, and good company at the Dalmatian Cultural Society's Annual Men's Dinner.

Enjoy an excellent buffet, take part in a fun quiz, try your luck in the raffle, special performances, and settle in for a night of entertainment.

We're also proud to welcome our special guest speaker,

Detective Inspector Scott Beard, who brings over 42 years of experience in the New Zealand Police. Scott has been involved in some remarkable moments in New Zealand's history - from the Springbok Tour, to protecting Queen Elizabeth II, through to working on high-profile cases such as Grace Millane. His stories and insights promise to make for a truly memorable evening.

BOOKING DETAILS

www.dalmatian.org.nz/events-list/

MEN'S DINNER 2026

7PM - SATURDAY 23 MAY

\$60 - INCLUDES 2 FREE DRINKS

**GUEST SPEAKER
DETECTIVE INSPECTOR SCOTT BEARD**



QUIZ- BUFFET - ENTERTAINMENT



VILLA DALMACIJA - 10 NEW NORTH ROAD EDEN TERRACE

BRIŠKULA TOURNAMENT

Members' Lounge
Dalmatian Cultural Society Inc.



First Day: Sunday 17 May

Registration: 1:00 PM

Games start shortly after

— Second Day: To be confirmed —

Entry Fee: \$20 per player

All ages welcome – men and women — encouraged to join

Form a team of three
or come along and we'll place you in a team

Contact: Mara Vitasovich – 021 362 872

Dinner available each night of the tournament

Ladies Night

SADDLE UP FOR A NIGHT OF

DIRTY BOOTS & GOOD MOVES

*A little bit country.
A whole lot of
HOT.*

SPECIAL GUESTS

MEN OF STEEL

Line Dancing

Live DJ

Quiz

DINNER

BOOTS ON. HEELS OFF. LETS DANCE

**Saturday
13th June
7pm - late**

**Villa Dalmacija
10 New North Rd
Eden Terrace**

**Tickets
\$60**

1 free cocktail

Buy Tickets www.trybooking.com/nz/BDFN



Tarara Folklore Ensemble



Balkan Bowls

The Tarara Folklore Ensemble would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated towards the Tarara Folklore Ensemble Balkan Bowls event on 28 February 2026.

Your support truly means so much to us and played a big part in making the event possible. Because of your contributions, we were able to bring our community together and create a memorable experience for all involved. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and ongoing support.

Big thanks for these people who made wonderful donations towards our Balkan Bowls event: Julia Matich; Nick Bartulovich; John Nola; Karolina Sulenta; TriStar Building Contractors; Best Tax; Pacific Heating & Cooling Tech Ltd; Hunter Gatherer Gourmet.

Nadia Sebenik, Dalmatian Youth



DALMATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY
YOUTH COMMITTEE

JOIN OUR TEAM!

**We have an opening for
our Youth Committee!**

We'll soon be opening
applications for those
wanting to get more involved
in our events and engage
with our youth community!

Keep an eye out for
upcoming posts and more
details ☺

DALMATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY YOUTH COMMITTEE

EUROklub NIGHT

16TH \$25 16+ 7:30
MAY ENTRY PM

\$4 HOT CHIPS AVAILABLE

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY, VILLA DALMACIJA
TRANSFORMS INTO EUROKLUB!

10 NEW NORTH ROAD, EDEN TERRACE

Fundraiser For Blood Cancer NZ - Sunday 19 April 2026



A wonderful afternoon was held at the Society, with a generous crowd coming together to raise funds for Blood Cancer New Zealand. Guest speaker Jaidan Mason (pictured speaking, bottom pic) provided an insightful overview of the three main types of blood cancer - leukaemia, lymphoma, and myeloma - highlighting that there are more than 200 forms in total.

Club members Vanya Piacun and Milan Jurasovic (pictured top left) and his mum, Marica Jurasovic, courageously shared their personal journeys and experiences of surviving blood cancer, offering inspiration to all in attendance. The day was further enriched with kolo and choir performances, raffles, and a delightful afternoon tea.

Thanks to the incredible support of the community, over \$3,500 was raised to help fund vital research and treatment advances. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this meaningful event.

It is not too late for those of you who missed our wonderful afternoon and would like to donate to this worthy cause. Just click on the link below

<https://lbc-community-fundraising.raiselysite.com/dalmatianculturealsociety>



Vinka Barbarich Life Member

The Dalmatinsko Kulturno Drustvo is saddened to hear of the passing of a much respected and loved Life Member.

Vinka gave so much to the Club, with a special love for the social gatherings and outings that brought people together.

For a number of years she was a Management Committee member, and also a member of the original Ladies Group subcommittee. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of working alongside her.

Pictured below with her late husband Tony (TK) Barbarich at Open Day 2012.

Remembered always with warmth and fondness.

Sincere condolences to her family.

Počivala u miru Božjem



Dallies in the Valley — A Triumphant Return to Oratia

After six years away, Dallies in the Valley came home — back to Oratia, where so many of us grew up, went to school, and where the event first took place.

It was a weekend that reminded us exactly why we do this.

The work began on Saturday, with the kitchen team in full swing preparing food for sale, Nick and Julena out collecting lambs & loading up tables and chairs — generously loaned by John Garelja and transported in a truck kindly provided by Mark Zaknic, with storage courtesy of Roy Sunde. By the time Sunday dawned bright and clear, the prep was set.

At 7am on the day, the spit-roasting team was already assembled at Oratia School, fire-ready and focused. Damien Stanisich, Daniel Franich, Nick Kumarich and Steve Sulenta — a seasoned crew who know their way around a spit — got the flames underway with tea tree delivered by tractor from Roy Sunde. The smell alone was enough to set the day's tone.

From there, the site came alive. Trucks, loos, and bins were unloaded, John G arrived with the cooler trailer and a car packed with kitchen equipment. Dan rolled in with a generator large enough to power the whole operation without a blown fuse in sight — a marked improvement on previous years! Bouncy castles were inflated, gazebos from Vuksich and Borich and Scott Penk went up, and Rob and Neda Oliver from Click for Hire supplied fryers, grills and extra tables. Marin, Dina-Sara, Dunja, Mara, Johnny and Julena worked to transform the space into a warm, welcoming place for people to sit, eat, and soak up the music and dancing.

In the kitchen, Tom, Vojna, Ann, Julia, Radmila, Tere, Biserka, Helene, Zora, Tanja B, Felicity and the rest of the team worked hard to have food service running smoothly, with salads and cakes prepped and plated. At the beverage tent, Dan, Sasha, Marica and their crew had everything ready to go — and a special thank you to David from Babich Wines for their generous sponsorship. Mara, Lucija, Marko & Danika had the information table set up with food vouchers at the ready, while Maria Sunde — (who, along with husband Rex is part of the very origins of Dallies in the Valley) and Courtney Yukich did a stellar job selling vouchers throughout the afternoon.



The event was also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our history and heritage. Steve, Slavenka, Linda, Pam and Sylvia from the Dalmatian Archive and Museum had a stand showcasing the incredible collection they so lovingly maintain. Nina Nola, Louise Maich and Kaye Dragicevich were on hand selling their books — a treat for anyone wanting to take a piece of Dalmatian history home with them. The West Auckland Historical Society also had a presence on the day, a lovely reminder of the deep roots our community has put down in this part of Auckland over generations.

Dallies in the Valley - A Triumphant Return to Oratia

The Tarara Folklore Ensemble were everywhere you looked — serving and plating meals after orders came in, grilling the čevapi, and then taking to the stage (or the playground) for kolo dancing. The Society Choir sang beautifully, as always. Radmila and Mihael had costumes and changing areas organised for the performers, and Vanya kept the afternoon flowing as MC.



It was also a wonderfully family-friendly day. Children ran free all afternoon — bouncing on the bouncy castles, playing on the school playground, and tearing around the field while their parents caught up with old friends over a plate of lamb and a glass of wine. It was exactly the kind of easy, relaxed atmosphere that makes Dallies in the Valley so special — a day where the kids are happy, the grown-ups can actually relax, and three generations can all be together in one place enjoying the same afternoon.

When our band from Croatia was unfortunately unable to make it, a last-minute replacement Whiskey & Strings, stepped up and delivered — we are so grateful to them for saving the day and keeping the music going. The gelato and coffee trucks were a welcome treat, and the good weather held all day. The food was, simply put, a triumph. The lamb on the spit drew praise from everyone who tasted it. The čevapi, calamari and prawns were delicious, and the fresh pršule created a line that didn't let up all afternoon.



A massive weekend of work goes into an event like this, and none of it happens without an extraordinary group of people giving their time, energy and resources. And of course, once the last lamb bone was picked clean and the final kolo was danced, the work wasn't over — everything had to be packed down, loaded up, and returned: tables and chairs back to Kumeu, equipment back to the club, borrowed gear back to wherever it came from. The same hands that set it all up were the ones who saw it home. **To every volunteer, donor, sponsor and supporter — thank you.** Dallies in the Valley is back, and it was absolutely worth every moment.

Julena Nola - Events Manager

DALMATIAN ARCHIVE AND MUSEUM

Open Archive, last Friday of the month, 7.00pm-9.00pm from February to November 2026

If you have visitors who would like to see the Dalmatian Archive & Museum
please contact one of 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



Mystery Photo

This snap of kolo dancers performing outdoors were taken some time in the 1990s.
That is all we know. Please can you help us find out where and when exactly it was, what was
the event and who are the dancers.

Dalmatian Archive & Museum Subcommittee 2026 – 2027

Annual applications are invited for the coming year from DCS Members (of at least 3 years standing) for
selection to the DA&M subcommittee.

The following positions are available:

**Chairperson; Vice-Chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer
& up to 6 Committee positions**

Applications should be submitted to the DCS Secretary in writing no later than **Friday 29th May 2026**.

Name

Contact details – phone/mob.....

Email

Position of interest (e.g., Chairperson etc.)

Signature of applicant

Date

Please consider being part of the team at the Archive. It is extremely enjoyable and satisfying.

DALMATIAN ARCHIVE AND MUSEUM

The Secretary, Dalmatian Archive and Museum
PO Box 8479, Newmarket 1149 Auckland. Ph. +64 9 3030366
Email: dalmatianmuseum@gmail.com

May and June 2026



Dear friends,

We thank Allan Sumich for his talk about growing up in Oratia. It was a delightful evening enjoyed by all who attended. We'd love more members to come and tell us their stories too. June is yet to be confirmed.

Sunday 26 April 2026 at 2pm

In the members' lounge

David Pickens

expert on Kauri Gum

Will speak about the **history of kauri gum**; what it is, where it was found, who used it, who dug for it, how it was extracted, and its uses. This golden resin gave our early settlers a chance to establish themselves in NZ and help family back home. It is marvellous stuff. It smells good too.

Here is a link kindly shared by David Pickens for an online photographic exhibition of art photographs of polished kauri gum.

DA&M Meeting

7.00pm Monday 11 May 2026

Milan Borich



Speaking on family, his time in the band Pluto and Martial Arts

A Future highlight

Sunday 5 July 2026, 2pm.

Although Cyclone Vaianu prevented us from holding a meeting on 12 April, we are pleased to advise that **David Tolich** will be giving his talk about

John Totich (Yugoslav Consul 1927 to 1944).

Totich served his community all his adult life and was influential politically.

TARARA = DALMACIJA

(a theory on the origin of the name
'Tarara' by Slavenka Misa)

The Far North was an isolated place when the first groups of Dalmatian men went to dig Kauri Gum. Small communities were separated by rugged, roadless country. Many local Maori spoke only Te Reo.

There is no fanciful origin for the name Tarara. This is a direct pronunciation of Dalmacija by monolingual speakers of the Maori language. The Maori language, Te Reo, has the same vowels as Croatian but is lacking many of the consonants and does not use consonant clusters at all.

Thus, without a "D" the nearest sound is "T" which is formed in the same location in the mouth but without using the voice.

"L", absent in Maori, becomes "R" which is the nearest sound, and the 'M' is dropped as it wasn't registered by the native Maori hearer, being the quiet end of a consonant cluster. 'CIJA' is often run together when spoken, sounding like "tsya". The "a" is clear but the "tsy" sound has no partner in Maori. There is no "s" in Maori and coupling it with the semi-vowel sound "y" makes it very strange. Obviously, a consonant was required. The "s" sound is often replaced by "h" so this could have been pronounced as "Taraha", but I suspect it was easier to say "Tarara" when talking fast. Also, there was already another meaning for the word 'taraha'. It referred to the noose of a bird trap.

D ALM A CIJA T AR A RA

Examples of other names translated into Te Reo: Auckland = Akarana, Italy = Itari, January = Hanuere, Chile = Hiri.

Slavenka Misa's theory is built on basic linguistic facts. Here are a couple of references you can read:

Maori Made Easy, Scotty Morrison, 2015, ISBN 978-0-143-57091-2, pages 10-11

The Reed Dictionary of Modern Maori 1995, ISBN 0 7900 0389 9, page 16 shows examples of many names of countries pronounced the Maori way.

Conflicts of Interest — Member Notification

Under sections 63 and 65 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Officers are required to disclose conflicts of interest to the Committee. In accordance with our obligations under the Act and our Constitution, the Society is notifying members of two interests that were not disclosed at the relevant time.

- Veronica Shale holds a personal interest in a trademark application for Dallies in the Alley, filed under her company Zero Waste Ltd on 16 September 2025, which directly relates to matters considered by the Committee.
- Tamara Ujdur holds a personal interest in a trademark application for Dalmatian Folklore Ensemble, filed under her personal name on 29 September 2025, which directly relates to matters considered by the Committee.

Both interests have now been entered into the Interests Register. The Committee is currently reviewing whether any decisions made during this period require revisiting in light of these undisclosed interests.

Help Us Secure Funding for Our Club

We're looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to help our cultural society research and apply for funding opportunities.

Experience is ideal but not necessary — just a willingness to learn, good written communication skills, and a passion for supporting your community.

We'll support you along the way. If you're keen to make a real difference to our club, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact us at dalmatianculture@gmail.com

Folklore and Language Classes 2026

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 Language Ljiljana Jovicic Friday 6.00pm

Adult Beginner Croatian Language Friday 7.00pm

Junior Kolo & Intermediate Kolo

Mariann Batinica Friday 6.30pm & 7.15pm

Tamburica Group Friday 7.00pm

Dalmatian Cultural Society Choir

Damir Coklo Friday 8.00pm

Tarara Folklore Ensemble 16 years +

Nenad Rajic Sunday 6.00pm

Vez Group Nenad Rajic Tuesday 7.00pm

Reunion Group

Robert Blucher Wednesday 7.30pm

Please note that you must be a member of the Society to participate in our folklore activities. For children, your parents, grandparents, or guardians can be members.

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/>

2026-2027

Membership Renewal

Last day Monday 1 June 2026

Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo Inc.

Membership Invoices for 2026-2027 have been posted and payment is now due.

Methods of payment:

* For on-line payments

BNZ 02-0144-0070761-00

Bank Particulars: Surname

Code: Invoice No 2026-2027

Reference: Membership

* Paying by cash or Eftpos: Pay at the Till at the Bar on Friday nights.

If any details of your membership have changed, please note the change on your invoice, and hand into office, scan and email, or post to the Secretary at:
Email: dalmatiancultural@gmail.com

Post: PO Box 8479 Newmarket, Auckland 1149

**Last day for payment is
Monday 1 June 2026**

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 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

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 areas for
- Disability Parking
- 3 designated Conservation Carparks (Towaway fees will apply)

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.

Volunteers needed Potrebni volonteri

Training given for members to work in a friendly happy environment. Chat to Julena 027 428 1922 or Email: events@dalmatian.org.nz

Memberships 2026-2027

Invoices for 2026-2027 Membership have been sent to all members. These are due on 1 April 2026. Last day of payment is Monday 1 June.

This is an opportunity for you to update your address, and check that family not living at home is disclosed.

For those who have children who were under 18 when they became members under the Family membership, they will need to reapply once they are 18 years of age. Ask the Secretary if unsure of your membership status.

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

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

Get well wishes Dobro 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.

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Dalmatian Bowling Fraternity Tournament

On Sunday 15th February at Royal Oak Bowling Club we had another fine edition of the Dalmatian Bowling Fraternity annual tournament. The day was warm and cloudy played under the roof which meant conditions were ideal for all players who were there to compete for the 55th edition of this famous tournament.

As we could only play on one green this year due to chemical burn on the grass maintained green we had to cap the tournament to 19 teams. All going well we will be able to have both greens available in 2027.

Thank you to everyone associated with the day, it is always very important to have the support of our long standing teams as well as newer teams who have played in the annual event in recent times.

This years **winning team** was

Ron Botica (Skip), Barry Green, James Jelichich & Jakov Sale.

Above right presentation with Sonja Antunovic

2nd Vidak Botica team with Tony Matich, Scott MacAmish, Mario Arnerich

3rd Bozo Franich team with Jordana Franich, Dragica Nicolayev, Ivan Sumich

Congratulations to all prize winners and to everyone who competed on the day, see you in 2027!

Michael Gugich, Organiser



Waiheke Football Tournament

was such a special day for our community, bringing everyone together for a mix of fun, competition, and really nice moments in between. With the beautiful Waiheke Island as our backdrop, it felt like more than just a tournament, it was a chance to connect, support each other, and enjoy being together. There were plenty of exciting games, but also lots of laughs, chats, and memories made off the field too. It was one of those days that just felt good from start to finish, and we're so grateful to everyone who came along, got involved, and helped make it what it was.

Our team was placed 4th in the Tournament.

Nadia Sebenik, Dalmatian Youth

**DALMATINSKO KULTURNO
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Assistant: Peter Sumich

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Victor Yukich

OVERSEERS

John Garelja
Anna McNabb (Pavlovich)
Tanja Nola Schipper

DALMATIAN ARCHIVE AND MUSEUM

Steven Šulenta (Chairperson)
Slavenka Misa (Secretary)
Linda Tolich (Treasurer)

BAR MANAGER - Daniel Kovačević

EVENTS - Julena Nola

FOLKLORE AND LANGUAGE

Vanya Piacun & Marica Jurasović

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Peter Sumich & Julia Matich

TECH SUPPORT - Daniel Kovačević

KITCHEN MANAGER - Vojna Pavlovich

LADIES GROUP

Mara Vitasovich & Vojna Pavlovich

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Veronica Shale, Roland Šokčević, Vanya Piacun

TRANSLATOR - Suzana Tokmadžić

COSTUME MANAGER - Radmila Lupis

YOUTH GROUP

Anna Jurasović (Chair)

NEW MEMBERS

NOVI ČLANOVI

We would like to warmly welcome our new members

**Marko Milanovic; Penetaui Kleskovic; Shane Jones;
Rerekohu August (Knezovich)**

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:

Selena (Daisy) Butler (*grandparents Grbic /Markotic*)

Nominator Julena Nola. Secondar Milijoje Jovanovic

Willow Dearnly (*grandparents Antunovich*)

Nominator Mara Vitasovich; Secondar John Nola

Deanna Didovich

Nominator Nick Didovich; Secondar Cheryl Segedin

**Fleur Fitzmaurice-Ford, Roger, Amanda, Giselle and
Christopher Ford** (*grandfather Nola*)

Nominator: Anthony Segedin, secondar Mara Vitasovich

Joleen Millward (*grandfather Curin*)

Nominator Julena Nola, Secondar: Vanya Piacun

Elizabeth Nola

Nominator Julena Nola, Secondar Franka Nola

Cyrus Ritete (*mother Nola*)

Nominator Tanja Nola Schipper, secondar John Schipper

Adrian and Sharmila Rose (*maiden name Babin*)

Nominator Julena Nola, Secondar Mary Rose Borich

Roland (Snr) and Snjezana Sokcevic

Nominator: Dina-Sara Vajsakovic,

Secondar:Katarina Petrovic

Lynn Catherine Talaic

Nominator: Berta Borich, Secondar Mara Vitasovich

**Ana Vujnovich, Stella Vujnovich-Jensen and Eva
Vujnovich-Paewhenua**

Nominator Peter Sumich, Secondar Milivoje Jovanovic

Stephen Karl Vuksich

Nominator Anthony Segedin; Secondar: Mladen Tokmadzic

Christine Williams (*grandparents Antunovich*)

Nominator Mara Vitasovich; Pam Roderick

Associate member

Jack Burt

Nominator Vanya Ujdur, Secondar, Sonja Antunovic

*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.*

Joyce Milina Life Member. A member since childhood. Wife
of the late President Nikola Milina.

Vinka Barbarich Life Member and for many years a member
of the Management Committee.

Nikola Didovich A member since he came to Auckland from
Zrnovo in 1961.

George Mrkusich A long time member of the Society.

Ian (Ivica) Radich A long time member of the Society
Počivali u miru

DALMATINSKO KULTURNO DRUSTVO (INC)

Officer Nomination Form 2026-2027

to be elected at the

Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 2.00pm on Sunday 2 August 2026.

Both the nominee and nominator must be current financial members for the **2026–2027** year at the time of signing. This nomination form and the accompanying biography must be completed and forwarded by email, post or in person to the

Secretary of the Dalmatinsko Kulturno Drustvo
by 5.00pm, Sunday 5 July 2026

Nomination

I wish to nominate: _____

For the position of (circle one):

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

One of 12 Ordinary Members

Nominator Details

Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominee Details

I _____ accept being nominated to the position of

Nominee's declaration: I consent to be an officer of the above society and certify that I am not disqualified from being appointed or holding office as an officer by this Constitution or the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Signature _____ Membership Number: _____

BIOGRAPHY

Please let members know the reasons you would like to be considered for the Governing Body, noting your skills and contribution to the Society. (Rule 6.3c)

DALMATINSKO KULTURNO DRUSTVO INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

2.00PM • SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026

First AGM since registering under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SOCIETY OFFICERS 2026/2027

The Officers play an important role in guiding the Society, supporting its activities, caring for its assets, and helping ensure it continues to thrive for current and future generations. Members who stand carry responsibilities under the DKD Constitution and the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, including acting in the Society's best interests, taking care in decision-making, and helping manage its operations.

We are looking for a mix of skills and experience across areas such as governance, strategic planning, legal and financial knowledge, leadership of staff and volunteers, community engagement, marketing, cultural and heritage program delivery, archives and museum stewardship, events and hospitality, technology, and fundraising. No one is expected to have all skills, but a balanced mix across the Committee is important. Members interested in learning more are encouraged to contact the Secretary.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5.00pm SUNDAY 5 July 2026

Nominations must comply with the DKD Constitution

[Incorporated Societies Act 2022 Section 47 Qualification of Officers](#)

[Dalmatinsko Kulturno Drustvo Constitution attached here Rule 6.1; 6.2; 6.3; 6.4](#)