

in this issue >>>

Recent Social Events
Upcoming events
Club Library
News
Membership
Radio Access
Pool Table
Links
Stay in touch



Croatian Cultural Society
Wellington (Inc)
HRVATSKI DOM

July 2023 Newsletter

Recent Social Events

Cooking Demonstration

The recent cooking demonstration was well attended and, over the couple of hours, there was a lot of laughter and fun had by all. Ester, our club President, professionally demonstrated how to prepare the mixture for super soft and thin Palačinke crepes. Very helpful tips were given on how to season the frying pan and how to avoid them sticking to the pan. Turns were taken to pour and spread the mixture into the pans. Judging when the crepes were ready to be flipped was learnt. The session ended with savouring the taste of the filled Palačinke.



Upcoming Events

- Youth Meet-up Friday 4 August at 5.30 pm**
An opportunity for the young, or young at heart, who are Croatian, or of Croatian descent, to come along and mix and mingle. Cash and bank transfer bar. Nibbles including pizza. Non-members are welcome - donacija (donation) at door and sign the visitors' book.
- Language Café Saturday 26 August 3.00-5.00pm**
- Movie screening Sunday 27 August- Our clubrooms will open at 1.30pm for a 2 pm screening of the movie Murina: Rating: M.** In Croatian and English with English subtitles. Winner of the Caméra d'Or award at Cannes in 2021 for Best First Feature Film.

Murina is a psychological drama and a coming of age tale of a young woman's struggle for independence. On the surface, 16-year-old Julija's life looks like paradise, but a deeper dive shows she and her mother Nela must carefully navigate the oppressive rule of controlling father and husband Ante. Tensions rise when a charismatic and wealthy family friend arrives at their Croatian island home. For Ante he offers the chance for a life-changing deal. For Nela he's a reminder of a different life she could have had. For Julija he's a getaway plan.



The movie will be followed by a documentary entitled

Countryman by Peter Pecotić, an Australian film maker of Croatian descent. While retracing his late father's footsteps across parts of Australia Peter meets up with Yugi an indigenous Croatian Australian artist from the desert. Together they discover a shared ancestry, values and explore relationships to country.

The documentary premiered during the Croatian Film Festival 2021 and was financially supported by the Central State Office for Croats Abroad.

Club Library

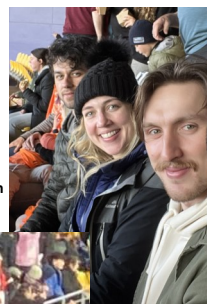
Our Library has received a valuable donation from Dr. Luka Budak, an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Croatian Studies Centre, Macquarie University Australia and the editor of Croatian Studies Review.

Dr. Budak donated a collection of Croatian historian and writer Vjekoslav Klaić's monumental work History of the Croats. He expressed interest in supporting the development of the Club's library by donating more books from his personal collection. There will be a total of 30-40 books, many of which are rare and valuable. Dr. Budak, najljepša Vam hvala!

News

FIFA Women's World Cup tickets

Daniella Emer-Barbalich and friends



Kresimir Vlastic, a tour operator near Montreal, very generously donated our Club tickets, that were surplus to his requirements, to games in Wellington on 25th and 27th July. There were 26 adult tickets (valued at \$A30 each), split over 12 groups of varying sizes. We were able to report back to him that, even

though it was a tight time frame, we managed to distribute 18 of these to some of our members. One group reported back that their seats were 'amazing, basically on the pitch and right in the action'. Kresimir jokingly asked that we 'fly the Croatian flag for the world to see'. Well, we are not sure if it was flown by one of us but

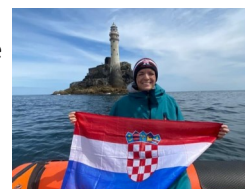
the photograph is definitely ours.

Another success



Congratulations to Dina Levačić. After swimming the Cook Strait earlier this year to create history by becoming the first Croatian and the youngest woman to complete the Ocean Sevens Swim Challenge, Dina has just completed the Irish Triple

Crown of open water swimming. This includes the 21km Fastnet Swim, the 13km Galway Bay Swim, and the 35km North Channel crossing. **FASTNET ROCK 5:29:29, women's record.**



Radio Access



Members are reminded to send via email to secretary@croatianculturalsocietywgtm.co.nz details of any important events coming up that they would like announced on our Sunday broadcast - birthdays, anniversaries, births, achievements etc. and any special requests for music that could possibly be sourced.

Membership

Subscriptions: There are still a number of members who have not yet paid their 2023/2024 subscriptions. A gentle reminder of our new Rule 16 d. ii. - *Any member who has not paid the current subscription within four calendar months of it becoming payable (1st May each year), will be automatically suspended from membership of the Club on the 1st September in that year.*

Membership Applications: Applications for Membership have been received from Rebecca Hunt and Graeme Hunt who are connected to the Zderic family.

Pool Table

The offer made in June's newsletter to uplift our pool table free of charge has not been taken up. The Committee are still hopeful that there is someone out there who feels they could repair it and put it to good use. Please contact via email to secretary@croatianculturalsocietywgtm.co.nz.



Links— to watch, copy & paste the links into your browser

A trailer for MURINA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fC2sUO6xhOA>

Listen to the two Croatian songs recently recorded in Zagreb by the New Zealand brothers—Samoana

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adhUE6vgv4k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JP-9Mtngqk>

Stay in touch...

You can find us on [Facebook@CroClubWgtm](https://www.facebook.com/CroClubWgtm)

Tune into **106.1FM** and listen to *From Croatia with Love* every Sunday, 12.30-1.00pm

Or email us on croclubwgtm@gmail.com