

Croatian Cultural Society Wellington Newsletter

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SAT 31 AUG – CAFÉ, WINE & A TOAST

The much-loved **Language Café** will take place at 3-5pm on Saturday 31 August in the club rooms.

- 3:00pm - 4:00pm - Learning activities for the children (in the back room this month)
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Language class for adults.

After 5pm we will **toast our new life members** (Milivoy Hrstich and Joan Barbalich), and the bar will be open for a chat and a drink.

Please feel free to bring some food to share for the Language Café or the toast.

Finally, attendees will be able to **taste and order the Fistonich wines** (both Čuvar & Oblaix ranges). When we did our tasting in June, we couldn't organise the purchasing option in time. The order form has been sent out with this newsletter.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who came to the Special General Meeting in July and voted to support the minor constitutional changes requested by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. The changes were accepted by the Registrar, and will be uploaded on our club website shortly. That's the end of a big project involving many people to update our constitution.



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COOKING

Food is one of the best ways to get people together and we'd like to have more cooking sessions at the club. We have an event pencilled in for cooking on Sat 14 Sep at the club. More details will come soon, but we're likely to focus on items that could be brought to the Xmas dinner.

We didn't get any interest from last month's request, but the door remains open to ANYONE who wants to run a session to share your favourite recipe, or suggest a dish to cook. Contact Dave Guerin at 021 404 334 or dave@ed.co.nz.

EXEC CHANGE

Emilia Hrstich has resigned as Vice President. The Executive accepted the resignation with regret, and acknowledged her major contributions to the Committee over the years. Nick Barbalich was appointed as Acting Vice President.

PHOTOS AT THE CLUB

Salient, the student newspaper at Victoria University, asked to come to the club in July to take some photos for a migrant-focused edition. The two photos below from the Language Café were used in the paper (they didn't do any interviews).



determination and support, or bonds we share with our families are unbreakable, and are the strength and perseverance.

NZ EVENTS

- The Australian and New Zealand [Croatian Women in Leadership Summit](#) is being held from 6-8 Sep in Auckland.
- The Croatian Cultural Society in Auckland is [hosting the Makarska Riviera Večer dinner and dance](#) on 2 Nov.



NEWS FROM CROATIA

Croatia had a positive Olympic games, [reaching 12th on the medals per capita table](#) (a measure which NZers love too, coming in 4th). *Editor: our family enjoyed watching Croatia's water polo final, but Serbia won the gold. Hope you had some special moments too.*

Rank	Country	Medals	Population	Population per Medal
1	Grenada	2	112,579	56,289
2	Dominica	1	67,408	67,408
3	Saint Lucia	2	184,100	92,050
4	New Zealand	20	5,338,900	266,945
5	Bahrain	4	1,701,575	425,393
6	Jamaica	6	2,825,544	470,924
7	Cape Verde	1	491,233	491,233
8	Hungary	19	9,584,627	504,454
9	Australia	53	27,364,621	516,313
10	Georgia	7	3,694,600	527,800
11	Netherlands	34	17,977,676	528,755
12	Croatia	7	3,855,641	550,805

Often we look at tourism stories about Croatia, but a recent story looked at the [number and complexity of products exported by Croatia](#), with Croatia [ranking 31st in the world](#) (NZ was 52nd).

CroatiaWeek recently looked at [how prices in Croatia compared to the rest of the EU](#) – inflation has been a big issue for locals and visitors in recent years.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Membership applications must be notified to members one month before being decided by the Executive. We are going to start adding a bit more detail about new members, to help build a stronger community. The Executive has received a membership application from:

- Toby Barach - Toby is planning his first trip to Croatia, visiting family in Trpanj, on the Pelješac peninsula.

Nicholas Busalacchi, Tom Croskery, Rebecca Elmslie, Andrew Henderson, Jade Johnston, Rose Moke and Anna Shaw have been approved for membership, after their applications were advertised last month.

KEEP IN TOUCH

1. Follow our [Facebook page](#)
2. Listen to *From Croatia with Love* every Sunday from 12.30pm–1pm at FM106.1, or access episodes at the [Access Radio website](#).