



President's report

7th AGM 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to report on the working of the Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga and to give you an overview of our club activities over the past 12 months.

Another busy social year is behind us. The year 2018 was particularly important, as it marked 100 year anniversary of establishing the Czech and Slovak Republic. Even in Tauranga we organised events surrounding this milestone. We celebrated it with a Movie night and an Exhibition of CSR between 1915 - 1968.

Whilst our area of operation is Bay of Plenty and Waikato, we regularly welcome participants to our events from further afield. Nowhere it was more apparent than during our camps. In 2018/19 the club organised three camps for children and adults of Czech or Slovak descent and their families. In April we hosted the internationally attended "Holky, kluci přidejte se - škola v přírodě", in September our annual winter camp and in January "Letní tábor Bílá hora". Putting all three events together we welcomed 158 children and adults from across NZ, not forgetting our international guest teacher PhDr. Kostecka. I am very proud of the fact that our organisation has such a popular reach and without a shadow of a doubt it contributes towards greater friendship, language development and the sense of belonging amongst all participants. Of course this is not just our achievement but our thanks go to all who have helped to organise and run these events and all those who have travelled sometimes across several days to take part.

All together the club's organising team has organised or supported fourteen events in financial year 2019.

In July 2018 we brought out the self-published children book "Annie and Johnny's diary: A year in New Zealand". The popularity has taken us by surprise and I'm happy to report that vast majority of our allocated copies have now been sold. There are some left, so if you still don't have your copy or would like to give a unique present to your friends or family, please visit our online shop on the club's website at <https://www.csclubtauranga.nz/kniha2018/>.

Last event I would like to mention is the Multicultural Festival. I have mixed emotions about this year's proceedings.

Our new Creative director Ivona Kopecka had done an amazing work with new routines and dances. The kids have practiced at every opportunity. Many parents and helpers have baked delicious cakes and we were ready to celebrate 20th anniversary in style...

Unfortunately, the day before unfolded something unheard of in New Zealand that will stay with us forever. Those were the barbaric events in Christchurch. With great sadness and disbelief I watched the unfolding news. We should never forget the perspective of the atrocity. This wasn't just an attack against the Muslim community but against immigrants as a whole. Please bear in mind that every single one of us is an immigrant or a descendant of an immigrant. New Zealand opened their arms to us and accepted within. Hopefully with this



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perspective it should be easier to adjust our attitudes towards immigration be it here or in our home lands.

Events April 2018 - March 2019

Apr2	Velikonoce/ Easter 2018 Mon 10:30 - 36 children attended	Matua Community Hall Tauranga
Apr15	Holky, kluci, přidejte se! Škola v přírodě s výukou jazyka. 15 Apr 2018–20 Apr 2018 - 52 participants	Okataina Camp Track, Lake Okataina 3074, New Zealand
May9	AGM/Valná Hromada 2018 Wed 18:30	Nautilus Buffet Restaurant & Bar Tauranga
May11	Noc s Andersenem 11 May 2018–12 May 2018 - 9 children attended	Schools Out Tauranga Tauranga
Jun29	Matariki Disco Fri 17:00	179 Ohauti Rd, Hairini, Tauranga 3112, New Zealand
Sep9	Lýžák 2018 9 Sep 2018–12 Sep 2018 · 31 participants	Whakapapa skifield
Oct2	Pub Quiz Night Tue 18:30	The Matua Tauranga
Oct6	Sausage Sizzle Sat 09:00	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga Tauranga
Oct27	Filmový večer s připomínkou 100. výročí vzniku ČSR Sat 19:00 - 37 participants	Historic Village, Tauranga Tauranga
Nov24	Podzim na Jaře aneb Opékání Čuníka 24 Nov 2018–25 Nov 2018 - 90 participants	Mclaren Falls Park Tauranga
Dec1	Sausage Sizzle Sat 09:00	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga Tauranga
Dec9	Mikulášská párty Sun 14:00 - 34 children attended	Papamoa Sports & Recreation Centre, 80 Alice Way, Papamoa Beach, Tauranga 3187
Jan18	Letní dětský tábor Bílá hora 2019 18 Jan–25 Jan - 75 participants	Eltham Presbyterian Camp
Mar16	Multikulturní Festival - Multicultural Festival Sat 10:00	cancelled

This report is a report of two halves. On the one hand we have all these wonderful events that we had organised, we met new friends and shared experiences. On the other hand, if I look at who stood behind all we have done I see shrinking team of people. The same handful of



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volunteers from our club put their time and effort to bring you all these events.

Unfortunately, we have now lost another two great people who had to step out due to their family or work commitments. I'd like to thank Lucie Brooks and Eva Frith for all their help during their tenure and all the best of luck with their new projects.

However, that's leaving us woefully short of help and in very difficult situation. We desperately require a new Financial Officer to join our team. Therefore, **I appeal to all of you** to come forward and help us out. Vacant positions are listed below. You may join at any time, though the best time is **right now!**

Our Organising Team currently consists of:

President: Petr Faitl

General Secretary: Aja Hansen

Financial Officer: vacant

Events Coordinator: vacant

Team members: Klara Luxford-Rulisek, Kamila Lyons, Katerina Flekova

I would like to thank everyone for their time and their effort in running the club and for their support in organising club projects.

Our club is here for everyone of you. It exists to support you, should you need it. Speak to me directly or any other team member if you are dealing with a difficult situation. Whilst we cannot promise that we will resolve it, we will assist you in finding the right organisation that can help. We also have an excellent working relationship with the MZV in Sydney, should you require consular services.

Thank you for your support!

Petr Faitl

President

Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga Inc.

Dated: 7/5/2019