



President's report

AGM 2022

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.

Even though the year started in a negative space, followed by worldwide circumstances unmanageable by the club, I believe by the end it was a productive year which led to a return to family-focused events and the club complying once again with all the legislation.

This year was a tricky one. Running events and the Czech school/social meetings while juggling a personal life and family is under normal circumstances very stressful and hard enough. But while trying to juggle all of that with a combination of forever changing government rules about covid, that is another level of stress. Thank you all for giving your precious time, it was valued more than ever! Thank you, our committee and volunteers Jana, Linda, Klara, Kamila, Martina, Jana, Aja and Petr. Without your support the club would not exist.

We know it is hard work, but it is worth it! Our work is about our heritage, our culture, values, traditions and the Czech and Slovak language! And as much as I would love my own kids to be fluent and able to read in Czech, I am happy with every little progress they make. And I am so glad that I can see the progress happening again! They're driven to learn more, to meet other Czech and Slovak kids and to enjoy all the special events! How exciting it is talking about Mikulas or Burning Witches in the school! And how exciting it is to have some Czech and Slovak events without kids too!

Volunteering is fulfilling. It is worth it and we would like to invite anybody who would like to step up and help, even to help out with some events with organising, booking or helping on site. No help is too little! Even help for 10 minutes is a huge difference for the team. If you have family, there are events for that. If you are single or without children, we would like to hear from you too. At this stage we have some adult-only events, but we have some more ideas of what we would like to do, but without volunteers it is impossible to add more to our stress. Ideas like Paintball, Blow carts, Go Carts would be great. Charter fishing would be fun, lets hire a boat and catch a nice fish! More bonfires on the beach or any other ideas!? So please do not hesitate to contact us and lets work as a team, lets all have some fun.

All together the club's organising team has put together or supported sixteen events in the financial year end 2022. One was cancelled due to regulations and some did not even make it to the publishing stage and had to be cancelled. But it was amazing what we accomplished and how many events could still go ahead! Thank you again team!

Our Organising Team currently consists of:

President: Lucie Brooks
General Secretary: Jana Bennett
Financial Officer: Martina Balasova
Events Coordinator: vacant



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Team members: Klara Luxford-Rulisek, Kamila Lyons, Linda Foukalova, Jana Benfell

Technical Support: Petr Faitl

Events April 2021 - March 2022

Apr30	Burning Witches / Pálení Čarodejnic - was done as privately organised event by Kamila Lyons
May22	Special General Meeting
Jun20	AGM/Valná Hromada 2021
May9	Roller Blading
Jul4	Grand Re-Opening of school and carnival
Jul27	Pub Quiz Night
Sep29	Pomazankovy kost - Spread tasting (cancelled due to Covid-19 regulations)
Oct4	Rocktopia
Oct11	Oropi Hot Pools
Oct14	Rocktopia
Oct21	Clay evening
Nov14	Movie Zatopek
Nov19	Bonfire on the beach
Nov21	Movie A Boy called Christmas
Nov22	Movie Zatopek
Dec5	Mikulas
Jan13	Waimarino Water and adventure park
Feb13	Family weekend in Redwood valley farm

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



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Our club is here for everyone. It exists to support you, should you need it. Please speak to me directly or to 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!

Lucie Brooks

President
Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga Inc.

Dated: 11th May 2022

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