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AUCKLAND CROATIA 2010

The 2010 Croatian Soccer Tournament will be held for the very first time in Auckland, New Zealand.

The tournament will be held from **Thursday September 30th** until **Sunday October 3rd 2010**.

A majority of the men's and women's soccer games will be played at Auckland Croatia's home ground, located at **161 McLeod Road, Henderson**.

The prestigious Miss Croatia Australia and New Zealand Gala Ball will be held at **Sky City, cnr Victoria & Federal Streets, Auckland CBD**.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOST CLUB

As the annual Croatian Soccer Tournament draws closer, NK Auckland Croatia and the Croatian Cultural Society of Auckland are ecstatic with the number of teams and Miss Croatia entrants which have registered so far. We kicked off the countdown to the tournament with an enormously successful Miss Croatia New Zealand event held on the 19th of June, which saw nine ladies from around New Zealand vie for the title, complete with glamorous ball gowns, high profile judges and fantastic prizes. Judges Ricardo Simich, Anita Lucas and Tony Milich awarded 18 year old Aucklander Iris Tomas the winner, with Nikita Wist named the runner-up. The judges were so impressed with the calibre of contestants that they also decided to award a Miss Congeniality prize on the night with Danijela Buce taking the award, and an outfit from Tony Milich's Sabatini fashion label.

NK Auckland Croatia is delighted to have Iris represent the club at the Gala Ball and Miss Croatia Australia-NZ pageant in October. Iris is currently in her final year of high school and hopes to continue with a career in fashion and journalism. Iris is also a member of the Society's Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble and says she is looking forward to getting involved during the tournament "and cheering on our boys!"

Croatian Cultural Society President Ivan Pervan was on hand to award Iris with the grand prize, which included a flight package from Auckland travel agency Croatia Times Travel, a custom ball gown from judge Anita Lucas' couture bridal and evening wear label Vinka Design, an outfit from Sabatini, gifts from homeware store Republic, spa vouchers from Isis Day Spa, and skincare from Simunovich Olive Estate's Tebe range. We hope to secure an ongoing relationship with these great businesses and more for the October pageant.

More than 400 guests attended the pageant, with local politicians and council representatives also in attendance. As the formalities drew to a close, our local band played Croatian music into the night and the guests partied up a storm. More importantly, the event served as an excellent precursor to attracting interest in the tournament, with interest and coverage from local media and further afield – our event even featured in the national news paper's social pages as the "party of the week".

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOST CLUB

When we are not busy with glamorous ladies and media interest, the tournament committee is working towards putting on a fantastic tournament. As many of you will know, the tournament itself will be hosted at the Croatian Cultural Society in Auckland, located at 161 McLeod Rd, Te Atatu South, Auckland, with a top grade football field on site and neighbouring fields across the road at McLeod Park. The Society is located in the heart of West Auckland, where there is a thriving Croatian community and many local businesses owned and operated by Croatians, including vineyards, cafes and restaurants, EuroDell delicatessen and importer of Croatian fine foods, and various other retailers and services. Already many of these businesses have come on board to offer their support to this tournament, which is certainly billed as the biggest event the Society has ever held. We have also welcomed the generous support from Auckland City FC and Central United FC, home of NZ soccer greats Ivan Vichelich and former All Whites captain Chris Zoricich.

The glamorous highlight of the tournament is surely the Gala Ball, and this year we have secured the Sky City Grand, an exclusive venue located right next to Auckland's iconic Sky Tower. Major Minor will provide the entertainment for the evening. Major Minor will also be playing live at the Disco which will be held on Friday night in the Clubrooms.

We can now announce that tickets are on sale to the public for AU\$120 each. We also have an allocation of 20 tickets per team for players only, at a reduced rate of AU\$100. To secure tickets, or book an entire table of 10 tickets, please email tournament committee member Mark Pervan mpervan@xtra.co.nz . Alternatively you can call Society president Ivan Pervan on +64 9 625 1950 during the daytime.

The tickets are strictly on a first come, first serve basis, and as we expect this event to be extremely popular, we urge you to get in quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any enquiries relating to this year's tournament in Auckland, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me on tmiocovich@acumenrepublic.co.nz or on my mobile +64 21 842 629. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Tiana Miocevic
Auckland Tournament Secretary

GLEDAJ KOL'KO NAS IMA



We've received a lot of interest in the GLEDAJ KOL'KO NAS IMA t-shirts with people emailing and calling us each week to see if it will be available again. We'll definitely have it again, this year.

We have updated the style of t-shirt to reflect our footballing community and we believe you'll like what you see. We're just finalising the date of when we are going to receive the t-shirts which should be in the next couple of weeks and when that occurs we'll release a note to allow people to pre-order.

We'd love to see the airports on departure day, taking off from the Aussie shores with plane loads of players and supporters wearing the t-shirt proudly, it would certainly make for a great group photo. Stay tuned for an update via www.auscrosoccer.com.au or visit our facebook site, just type in Croatian Soccer federation of Australia and New Zealand to find us.

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AUSSIE CROATS BRING HOME GOLD!

Several Australian Croatians recently brought home medals after successfully competing in an international sporting competition known as the Zadar Games. Beautiful Zadar hosts these Games every four years. This year, which was the second Zadar Games, around 750 athletes of Croatian heritage from 24 different countries came to compete in their respective sporting disciplines.

Australia successfully finished 8th on the Gold Medal Tally but 3rd on the Overall Medal Tally winning 14 medals; 2 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze, that is 11 more medals than at the last Games.

Fifty-five Aussie Croat athletes took part in the Games and it was the first time Australia brought home gold. Gold was achieved by Roseta Kuscevic in the Women's Bocce and by the Women's 7-A-Side Soccer Team. Sarah Sestanovic achieved the 7 silver medals in swimming events and Ankica Kovacevic achieved a bronze medal in the Women's Bocce and our Veteran's Mens 7-A-Side Soccer Team, Men's Handball Team, Men's Doubles Table Tennis and Men's Doubles Tennis also achieved a bronze medal.

The Australian Croatian Women's Soccer Team scored 26 goals and had 4 scored against during the course of the 2010 Zadar Games. Athletes and supporters were impressed with the girls' good sportsmanship, professionalism and talent.

Katarina Kovacevic
Coach

Pictured from L to R (top row): Lili Iovrinov (manager), Evelyn Rusev, Katarina Visic, Chantel Romanik, Angelina Lovrinov

Pictured from L to R (front row): Antonia Jukic, Marijana Rajcic (VC), Katarina Kovacevic (coach), Katarina Jukic (C), Marianna Tabain





PARTICIPATING TEAMS & MISS CROATIA ENTRANTS 2010

MALE TEAMS

Auckland Croatia	Croatia Deakin	Dalmacija Sydney	Pupnat
Gold Coast Croatia	Gwelup Croatia	Melbourne Knights	Dandenong City
King Tomislav	St Albans Dinamo	Gospic Bears	Werrington Croatia
Wednesday Knights	O'Connor Knights	Tornado Zadar	Mostar
Hurstville Zagreb	Adelaide Croatia	Adelaide Croatia Old Boys	
Vukovar	Melbourne Croatia Old Boys		

FEMALE TEAMS

Auckland Croatia	Croatia Deakin	Dalmacija Sydney
Edensor Park	Melbourne Knights	North Geelong
O'Connor Knights	Dandenong City	

MISS CROATIA AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND ENTRANTS

Miss Croatia Adelaide – Monica Maric	Miss North Geelong
Miss Auckland - Iris Tomas	Miss Brisbane Croaita
Miss Gwelup Garda - Maja Pecirep	Miss St Albans Dinamo
Miss Gold Coast - Katarina Zeko	Miss Zagreb Hurstville Sydney
Miss Gospic - Danielle Koscak	Miss King Tomislav
Miss Dandenong City Aleksandra Milusic	Miss Canberra Croatia
Miss Mostar – Antonija Stipic	

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Miss North Geelong

Saturday 21 August
Australian Croatian Hall
Separation St
North Geelong

Miss King Tom

Saturday 28 August
King Tomislav Club
223-227 Edensor Road
Edensor Park

Miss Zagreb

Saturday August 21
Croatian Club Punchbowl

Miss Brisbane

Saturday September 11
Croatian Community
Centre
164 Dunn Road Rocklea

Seafood Nights

Dandenong City Soccer
Club & Melbourne
Croatia Social Club
Every Friday night
Entertainment Provided

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