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President's report

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.

First of all I would like to begin with a few numbers. Ninety-five, thirty, ten, six, five, one.

Ninety five. Stands for the number of registered members in the club including the children in our school. Most of our members come from the area of Bay of Plenty and Waikato. However, with the increasing appeal of our events and activities we do have members from further afield in NZ. There are no restrictions on who can join the club, as long as you find our efforts entertaining, educational and they enhance the value our community provides to you or your family, feel free to come along and join us.

Thirty. Is a number of events that our club organised or co-produced in FY 2017/2018. Every single one of these required a degree of involvement from members of our Organising Team and at times from other members of the club. Big thanks goes to those who helped out.

Year 2017 was quite a special year in the history of the club. It marked the **five** year anniversary since the inception of our Czech School, which gave the rise to the club itself. We marked this anniversary with dinner for the founding members and General Consul Hana Flanderova a guest from MZV Sydney. The festive spirit continued to school celebrations, where our school children performed a dance routine and everyone joined in a song called "Holky, kluci přidejte se!", written specially for the anniversary. Even the obligatory cake, in the shape of a school bag, see pics on Facebook, was enjoyed by all.

The proof that life in the club is far from boring is illustrated in the children book "Annie and Johnny's diary: A year in New Zealand". This unique project and certainly a club first, came about as an idea at the Czech school conference held in Tauranga in May 2017. On the one hand, it was our desire to create a legacy for our school /club activities for years to come and on the other to spread enthusiasm amongst our existing members and new immigrants to join in our community.

This project will continue in the second quarter of FY 2018/19, when the book should be physically available to buy. More at <https://www.csclubtauranga.nz/kniha2018/>.

In July 2017 we welcomed a visiting czech teacher PhDr. Jiri Kostecka PhD to join us for a week



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of intensive classes aimed at the children of our school. This took place in a home location and was attended by about ten children. This fantastic opportunity was a result of our cooperation with DZS (Dům Zahraniční Spolupráce) in Prague. Mr Kostecka is a professor of bilingual education and a top educator in the area. The classes were so highly praised by children and adults alike that we have agreed to repeat it in 2018. This time we decided to extend it to a much larger audience and attendees from across New Zealand. The Czech and Slovak language camp took place in April 2018.

In 2018 we passed on the batten to our friends in Dunedin to organise the mainstay of our event calendar, the Czech and Slovak Summer Camp. Whilst helping with the initial administrative setup the main onus was on Martin Dvoracek and his team, who did a great job with the organisation. Well done and thank you! Summer Camp 2019 will once again return to the North Island and will be a shared event between teams in Tauranga and Czech School Auckland.

Last event I would like to highlight is the Multicultural Festival. I am proud to say that it was again better than ever. We loved watching our little and adult performers on the stage. There was a wonderful dancing couple who performed the Polka to the cheering crowd. We even got the audience to join in singing "Hlava, ramena" that we sung in slovakian language. I was particularly emotional listening to five-year old Nina Smith's perfect rendition of "Dělání, dělání". Next year, it will be 20th anniversary of Multicultural festival and I know that our teachers and club members have something special in store. If you would like to join our emerging dance club, let me know, I'll get you in touch with the organiser.

As you can imagine, event organising is a gargantuan task if attempted by just a handful of people. But as the saying goes: "*Many hands make light work*", I would like to encourage you to step up and offer a hand in getting things off the ground. I know that our event managers will appreciate any kind of help you can offer. This needs not be a huge role. It can be as simple as ticking off a list of registered attendees. Or if you are handy with graphics, we'd love you to help us with our event marketing and promotion efforts. Let us know and we will find a role that suits you. The only prerequisite we ask for is enthusiasm!

More about volunteering at <https://www.csclubtauranga.nz/cs/doporucujeme/dobrovolnictvi/>

Apr.17	Velikonoce/ Easter 2017 Mon 10:00	Matua Community Hall Tauranga
Apr.29	Burning of witches + Lucie Dobrovodska & PAKA concert Sat 14:00	Redwood Valley Farm, Roydon Downs - was Brann's Farm
Apr.30	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Sun 9:00	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga Tauranga
May13	2. Konference českých škol na Novém Zélandě v Tauranze 13 May 2017-14 May 2017	Tauranga Boys' College Tauranga

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May20	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser : Lyžák 2017 Sat 9:00	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga Tauranga
May22	AGM 2017 Mon 19:00	The Rising Tide Mount Maunganui
May28	Setkání se Slovenskou spisovatelkou Petrou v Tauranze Sun 10:30	Tauranga Boys' College Tauranga
May28	BBQ Kulim Park Tauranga Sun 12:30	Kulim Park Tauranga
Jun.12	Hospo Monday Spich Mon 18:00	The Rising Tide Mount Maunganui
Jul.17	Zimní prázdninový program s panem učitelem Kostečkou 17 July 2017–21 July 2017	Tauranga, New Zealand Tauranga
Jul.20	Přednáška o Bilingvistu Thurs 18:00	39 River Oaks Dr, Tauriko, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand
Aug.26	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser : Lyžák 2017 Sat 9:00	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga Tauranga
Sep.2	Kmotra Linda a Malé Popelky Sat 17:30	Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga Tauranga
Sep.10	Lyžák 2017 10 September 2017–13 September 2017	Whakapapa skifield
Sep.25	Pub Quiz Night Mon 18:30	Matua Pub, Warrington St, Matua
Sep.28	Performance at Radius Matua Thurs 17:00	Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga Tauranga
Oct.28	Podzim na Jaře aneb Opékání Čuníka 28 October 2017–29 October 2017	Mclaren Falls Park
Nov.11	Posezení s přáteli k oslavám výročí školy Sat 19:00	Volare Tauranga
Nov.12	5. výročí české školy v Tauranze Sun 10:00	Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga Tauranga
Dec.10	Mikulášská párty Sun 14:00	Papamoa Sports & Recreation Centre, 80 Alice Way, Papamoa Beach, Tauranga 3187
Dec.21	Vánoční večírek - Christmas party Thurs 19:00	Cornerstone Pub Tauranga
Dec.26	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser : Dětská Čítanka Tues 8:00	Bunnings Warehouse Mount Maunganui
Jan.13	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser : Dětská Čítanka	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga



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	Sat 9:00	Tauranga
Jan.14	Letní dětský tábor Omaru 2018 14 January–26 January	Camp Iona Herbert Oamaru
Feb.18	Neformální BBQ Sun 12:30	Kulim Park Tauranga
Feb.23	Semifinále Česko - Rusko Fri 20:30	The Matua Tauranga
Mar.10	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser: Lyžák Sat 9:00	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga Tauranga
Mar.24	Multikulturní Festival - Multicultural Festival Sat 10:00	Wharepai Domain, Tauranga, Cameron Road
Apr.2	Velikonoce/ Easter 2018 Mon 10:30	Matua Community Hall Tauranga

Ten. There are currently ten serving members of the Organising Team.

President: Petr Faitl

General Secretary: Aja Hansen

Financial Officer: Lucie Brooks

Events Coordinator: Eva Frith

Special Events Manager: Dana Dunford

Librarian: Lenka Hejdukova

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

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

You can join us anytime, either as a member of the Organising Team or in a non-executive role. Contact me or speak to any of our team members.

The club is now in the **sixth** year of its existence and going stronger than ever. Our events are popular and school numbers are very healthy. We will be repeating most of our popular events and bringing some new ones in 2018-19, so come along!

One. One stands for many things. It is the length of time since I have been entrusted with the role of the President of the club. It has been a great privilege and tremendous experience to work with other people within the club and represent the club externally.

One, as in, 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.



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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.

My last one, is any**one**. Any one of you can make a contribution. Be it a help in the club, school, with a financial contribution or your participation at our events.

So, I hope that I will see everyone I know and many new faces at our future events.

Thank you for your support!

Petr Faitl

President
Czech and Slovak Club Tauranga Inc.

Dated: 9/5/2018