



# President's report

## AGM 2023

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.

Thank you all for giving your precious time, it was valued more than ever! Thank you, our committee and volunteers Jana, Klara, Kamila, Martina, Linda, Jana, Aja, Alenka and Petr. Without your support the club would not exist.

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 helping the club for 10 minutes is a huge difference for the team.

All together the club's organising team has put together or supported seventeen events in the financial year end 2023 while still having regular school and playgroup groups as well as individual lessons.

Here are our events in financial year end 2023:

- Carodejnice - Burning Witches
- AGM
- 2x Rocktopia
- Oropi Hot Pools
- 2x Wine and Clay evening
- Pub Quiz
- 2x Movies (Posledni zavod, Il Boemo)
- Bonfire on the beach
- Ples a ceskoslovenska zabava
- Mikulas
- Waimarino Water and adventure park
- Family weekend in Redwood valley farm
- Sipkovana v Puketoki Reserve
- Stall with baking and potato salad - Multicultural Festival

It is amazing what we accomplished, thank you again, team! What fun we all had and thank you so much for all your time you put in the club. I appreciate your hard work and dedication!



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Our Organising Team currently consists of:

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

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

Technical Support: Petr Faitl

Librarian: Aja Hansen

Support for Individual Teaching Aids/books: Alena Slovackova

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

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: 10th May 2023

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