

# Dalmatian Archive and Museum

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Dear members,

At our end of year meeting a happy audience enjoyed **Louise Maich's** enthralling presentation about her uncle, Frank Erceg, and the intriguing story of the research for her book, **Finding Frank**. This was followed by a very sociable afternoon tea.

Also in November, our visiting professors from Zagreb University, Ivana Hebrang Grgić and Ana Barbarić gave a presentation at our Club about the Glagolitic alphabet. We are hoping to access some copies of their excellent, just published book, **Their Faraway Home – The story of Croats in NZ through publications**, to sell to interested members. Ivana and Ana are now back at work in Zagreb but continue to gather information about publications by the Croatian diaspora in New Zealand.



L-r Ivana Hebrang Grgić, Ana Barbarić, Slavenka Misa, Sylvia Sokolich and Linda Tolich with Glagolitic Posters

Ivana is hoping that a copy of **Glas Istine** (the Voice of Truth), a newspaper printed in Dargaville about 1908-9, comes to light. It is mentioned in other newspapers but no copies seem to have survived. Do you or any of your friends or family have any copies of very old NZ-Croatian newspapers? Is **Glas Istine** among them? It would be wonderful to photograph the pages for inclusion in NZ and international digital archives.

The Whangarei Dalmatian Society have given the **Inter-Club Bowling Tournament** trophy shield to our museum.



Teams from the Kaitia, Whangarei, & Dargaville Dalmatian Clubs and the Oratia Bowling Club played for the shield at tournaments from 1989 To 2016.

If you have any stories or photos about the competition, please contact one of our committee members. Phone numbers are at bottom of page.

**Next Meeting – First meeting for 2024,**

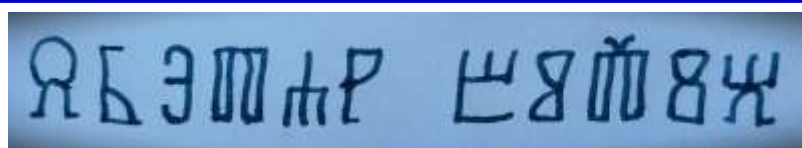
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March,**

**2pm in the Members' Lounge**

**Speaker – Hazel Petrie (historian and author)**



Hazel will first talk about the methods she used to do the genealogical research that led her to Stari Grad's (Hvar) 15<sup>th</sup> century records. Then, she will tell us about her husband's grandfather, Ante Petrić, who led a very interesting life. More will be revealed in our next newsletter.



Wishing you a happy Christmas and New Year.

Sretan Božić I Čestitu Novu Godinu.

Sretan Božić in Glagolitic Script on left.

The Archive and Museum is closed until Friday 23 February 2024

To arrange a special visit during the summer holidays

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