

## Czech and Slovak Club Queenstown Inc

## About us

The Czech and Slovak Club Queenstown Inc was established in 2016 by the Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in the South Island. Czech Republic doesn't have an embassy or consulate in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Club's purpose is to:

- Organise cultural, social and sporting events for both the Czech and Slovakian community and the wider community.
- Neep traditions alive and to inform and educate the public about Czech and Slovakian culture, language and heritage.
- Act as a support group to help and connect the community.

## Our Queenstown Lakes community

About 600 members follow our Facebook page. The club mainly covers the Queenstown and Wānaka communities. However, there are also many Czech and Slovakian people living in and around Christchurch, Nelson and the North Island.

## Our events and activities

- We screen Czech films with subtitles at Dorothy Browns which are open to everyone to attend.
- We hold classical music concerts with Czech musicians.
- Every July we hold an "Upside-down Christmas" event.
- We organise traditional activities for families and children at Easter and Christmas. Every year on 5 of December, we hold a St Nicholas event that is celebrated with three characters: St Nicholas, the Angel and the Devil.
- )) We organise and participate in squash tournaments.
- We support the Dunedin Dog Rescue Charitable Trust by raising money.
- We hold regular Czech quiz nights at Morrison's Irish Pub in Queenstown.
- We volunteered with the Heather Jock Hut restoration near Glenorchy.
- We held two fundraising events for Ukraine in 2022; the Czech Quiz Night raised almost \$2,000, and the pop-up clothes sale raised more than \$4,000.









