



Doina – Community of Romanian Aucklanders Inc.

Annual Report

**For Financial Year ending
31 March 2024**

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Management Committee representation

The Management Committee is pleased to present the Annual Report of Doina – Community of Romanian Aucklanders Inc., along with the Financial Statements for the year ending on March 31, 2024.

Please note that there is no statutory requirement for audited Financial Statements for this year, and as a result, no audit expenditure was incurred. We did not appoint an Auditor, nor was any audit work conducted for the year under review.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

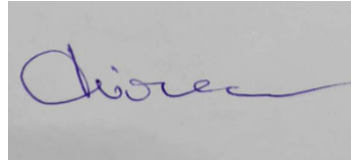
President



Silvia Rosioru

30 August 2024

Treasurer



Ioana Chiorean

30 August 2024

About our Association

Name: Doina – Community of Romanian Aucklanders Inc. (also known among the Romanian community as the Doina Association or Doina Community)

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Our Association is a New Zealand legal entity which has functioned as an incorporated society since September 2000, registration number 1071174.

In June 2010, the Association has been registered as a charity with the Charities Commission, registration number CC44342.

Our Purpose

- To benefit the Romanian community by promoting Romanian history, culture, and language within Auckland and wider New Zealand.
- To promote the Romanian language and cultural and spiritual traditions through education to both members and non-members.
- To foster mutual respect and assistance among members; to support and assist new Romanian immigrants in successfully integrating into New Zealand society.
- To provide key contacts of Auckland-based Romanians to people throughout New Zealand or to organizations within New Zealand or from overseas.
- To enhance the image of Romania and Romanians in New Zealand.
- To strengthen ties between Aucklanders of Romanian origin and the general public through meetings, cultural and artistic activities, sports competitions, and any other suitable activities.

This year 262 members have paid their membership fee. The beneficiaries of the Association activities are much more, approximate 550 within the Romanian Community of approximate 1,500 in Auckland.

Funding

- Our Association acquires financial support from New Zealand in the form of grants.
- The remaining portion of our revenue is generated through the proceeds of our activities, membership fees, and donations.
- Our annual membership fee stands at \$10, while senior members and students over 18 are eligible for a reduced fee of \$5.

Management Committee

The management Committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 7th of May 2023.

President	Silvia Rosioru
Vice-president	Aurel Dumitrascu
Secretary	Calina Tataru
Member	Laura Iugan
Member	Adina Costache
Treasurer	Ioana Chiorean,
Funding Coordinators	Iulia Simtion and Adina Giurgiu

Our people

People Volunteering:

- Management Committee – as per above
- Radio: Lucia Davis, Manuela Hrib, Camelia Petrus, Calin Rosu, Cristi Dumitrache.
- Dancing group: Dana Gascu, Nicoleta Muresan, Andreea Fantaza, Andrea Sava, Bianca Alexoiu, Bianca Sava, Carla Muresan, Diana Alexoiu, Diana Marinescu, Irina Pegler, Jessy Fantaza, Lucia Davis, Mariana Popa, Marilena Iancu, Nicole Johnson, Roberta Gascu, Zara Pegler
- Sports (Football, Futsal, Tennis): Mikki Alexoiu, Florin Cuc, Alin Lapuste, Silvia Rosioru, Gabriel Giurgiu, Alex Giurgiu, Razvan Iugan, Gelu Rosioru, Dan Vlad
- Ethnic clothes sewing : Mihaela Enache, Adina Costache, Maria Bocirnea, Mirela Sandu, Corina Ulmeanu, Sebastian Florea, Simona Iordan, Carmen Stoenciu, Irena Iordan, Călina Tătaru
- Children's club: Laura Axinte, Iulia Simtion, Andreea Fantaza, Cristina Costache, Andie Wood, Irina Calcan, Andreea Serbanescu, Ada Radoslav
- Romanian Library and Social Club: Bianca Sava, Silvia Rosioru, Aurel Dumitrascu
- Seniors Club: Irina Adamovics, Andu Iordache, Cristina Tipteriu, Nina Tecucianu
- Children camp: Adina Giurgiu, Teo Muresan, Carmen Stoenciu, Diana Alexoiu, Mirela Lapuste, Laura Iugan, Dumitru Trifu, Mikki Alexoiu, Silvia Rosioru, Sinziana Ciobanu, Calin Vrabie, Roxana Hossu, Nicu Deac, Camelia Petrus, Gelu Rosioru
- Theatre Group: Delia Giurgiu, Dana Gascu, Mariana Popa, Irina Pegler, Alex Giurgiu, Calina Tataru, Adina Giurgiu, Silvia Rosioru, Laura Iugan, Daniela Trandafir, Eduard Popescu, Cornel Iancu, Diana Dumitrascu, Aurel Dumitrascu, Valentin Necsulescu, Cristian Giurgiu, Claudiu Chiorean.
- Carols singers group: Irina Pegler, Diana Alexoiu, Zara Pegler, Bianca Alexoiu, Nicoleta Muresan, Carla Muresan, Silvia Rosioru, Maya Rosioru, Dana Gascu, Roberta Gascu, Cristi Gascu, Mikki Alexoiu, Carmen Stoenciu, Laura Iugan, Mara Iugan
- Website and IT support: Gelu Rosioru, Silvia Rosioru
- Romanian Folk Costumes Collection: Adina Giurgiu
- Knitting group - Calina Tataru Wise, Simona Iordan, Carmen Stoenciu

We have a volunteer base of over 100 active participants, and numerous other members of the Association contribute voluntarily to various activities. On average, our volunteers collectively dedicate approximately 40 hours of work per week.

People employed full or part time:

- Nil

Bankers:

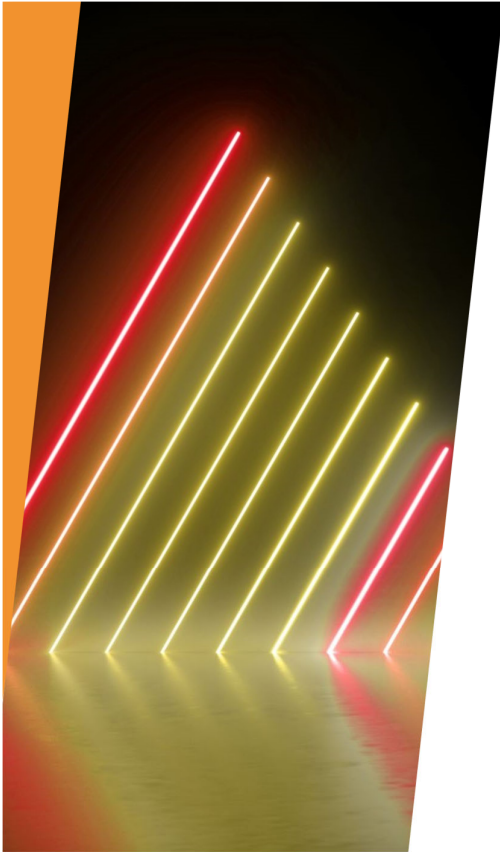
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Auditors

Statutory no auditing is required.

Events and Activities

Ongoing Activities



Permanent
groups and
Ongoing
activities



Radio "România, Plai de Dor"

For more than 22 years, every Friday evening, from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM, the radio team greets the Romanian community in the sweet Romanian language on 104.6FM, during the show "România, Plai de Dor".

Coordinator: Lucia Davis

The radio group has recently relocated to a new home at 875 New North Road. This modern and beautiful space features multiple recording and broadcasting booths, along with hot desk areas where hosts can prepare their shows, create quality recordings and podcasts, and meet with other show hosts

The new facilities also provide an inviting environment for warmly welcoming guests. Visitors are encouraged to stop by, especially on Friday evenings, when the long-running show "Romania, Plai de Dor" is broadcast. This program has been a staple for almost 25 years.

The team lineup includes Camelia Petrus, who hosts on the second Friday of each month, Calin Rosu on the third Friday, Manuela Hrib on the fourth Friday, and Cristi Dumitrache and Lucia Davis on the first Friday of each month. On the rare fifth Fridays, all hosts join together for a live broadcast.

New volunteers are welcomed with enthusiasm and joy; the team provides training and mentoring for those interested in learning about radio, podcasting, and media.

Additionally, the show "Romania, Plai de Dor" is now available on Spotify, expanding its accessibility to a broader audience. The media landscape is rapidly evolving, presenting both significant challenges and fantastic opportunities. Transitioning from traditional FM radio, the group is embracing the new, continually developing world of modern media. As members of PlanetFM, they have the opportunity to diversify their message to the world using contemporary spaces, technologies, and platforms.

The radio team and PlanetFM offer support for any ideas and projects that individuals wish to develop in this new media environment.



Indoor Soccer

The group meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM at 37 Sunrise Avenue, Murrays Bay, Auckland, 0630.

Coordinators: Florin Cucand Alin Lapuste

The group's primary activity is a weekly indoor soccer game held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM at Murrays Bay Intermediate School. This tradition has been ongoing for approximately 20 years. In addition to the weekly matches, the group participates in an annual competition each February on Waiheke Island.

The number of participants remains fairly consistent, typically ranging between 14 and 20 people.

Funding for this activity is as follows:

- The activity is financed by the participants. The annual cost of the hall is \$3000. Eighteen participants contribute through an automatic payment of \$5 per week, while a smaller number pay \$10 per session without automatic payment. Participation is free for younger members who are still in school or are students.
- Two years ago, we received funding from the Doina Association, which covered the hall costs for one year. We hope to receive similar support this year to help maintain the current expenses for participants.



'Doina' - Folk Dance Group

Doina Group consists of a handful of Romanian women eager to preserve the traditions from home. The group meets every Friday evening at the Ponsonby Community Centre for rehearsals and frequently participates in multicultural festivals in Auckland and beyond.

Coordinators: Dana Gascu and Nicoleta Muresan

Approximately 12 years ago, Mihaela Enache attended a multicultural show in Auckland and was fascinated by Bulgarian folk dances. Shortly after, in 2013, the Doina folk dance group was born.

Composed of a handful of Romanian women eager to maintain their homeland's traditions, the group met weekly for rehearsals, supported by the Doina Association. The Doina dancers made it a tradition to participate in multicultural dance festivals, culminating in a trip to Melbourne in 2018. There, they were invited to be part of a show held on the occasion of Romania Day. The girls were a huge success and promised to continue the tradition.

The group has also participated in most of the fundraisers organized by the association over the years. The Romanian women still meet almost weekly at the Ponsonby Community Centre during school terms.

The group mainly consists of mothers and daughters, and they recently received brand -new traditional costumes from Romania with the support of the Doina Association.

Children eager to join can do so from the age of 5. Recently, two 7-year-old girls, along with their mothers, have started attending rehearsals. The group strives to include a dance from each region of Romania.



"Ia La Antipozi" - Romanian Folk Blouses Sewing Group

The "Ia la Antipozi" group meets every two weeks at the Ponsonby Community Centre. In this group, members study and work on Romanian blouses or shirts.

Coordinators: Adina Costache and Mihaela Enache

"Ia La Antipozi" is a group born from the meeting of two traditional Romanian blouses: a heritage blouse from Argeş, part of Mihaela Enache's PhD project, and Adina Costache's blouse, inherited from her mother.

The group's passion for Romanian traditional attire is shared by all members. They study and create traditional Romanian blouses and shirts, noting that not all traditional shirts are "ii"; only those gathered at the neck are called "ii".

"The "ia cu altită" blouse was recently recognized by UNESCO as a cultural treasure. This garment is a symbol of Romanian village values and creativity.

The group draws inspiration from books, old shirts, sewing techniques on YouTube, and exhibitions in Romania. They also follow Romanian groups dedicated to this art, like "Semne Cusute," "Ia Răurată Românește," and "Măiestria."

Currently, the group has 11 active members and welcomes new ones who want to sew their own shirts. They use old patterns, notably from the album of Elisa I. Brătianu. The traditional Romanian "ia" has regained attention from researchers and the public, partly due to its popularity with fashion houses like Yves Saint Laurent and Tom Ford. The focus is on traditional blouses made in villages before the communist era, not mass -produced ones from India or China.



"La povești în Limba Română (Telling Stories in Romanian)" - Children's Play Group

The group meets on the second Sunday of each month at Takapuna Playcentre, 4/8 Auburn Street, Auburn Reserve, Takapuna, Auckland.

Coordinators: Laura Iugan, Calina Tataru, Andie Wood

At the end of 2017, our community formed a group for families with young children called "La povești în Limba Română (Telling Stories in Romanian)".

It began on the Doina Association's Facebook page, where we discussed helping our children learn Romanian amidst an English-speaking environment. We concluded that children learn best from other children through play, songs, and stories in Romanian. So, we decided to meet regularly.

Initially, around 40 members joined (now we are 125), and we found the perfect location at Takapuna Playcentre. We decided to meet monthly on the second Sunday.

Over these six years, we've had many wonderful meetings filled with games and stories. Some children have grown up and left, and some families have moved away, but new families constantly join us, and we enjoy every meeting.

Notable events include Martisor, Dragobete, Easter, Children's Day, and meeting Santa Claus. Occasionally, we have guests like the senior group, young Romanian women like Bianca (who teaches jewelry making), Calina (who teaches sewing), and Irina (who teaches dance). Sometimes, we go on trips to places like the Zoo, Goat Island, or the Winter Garden in Auckland Domain.



Romanian Library and "Cafeneaua Literara" (Literary Café)

The Romanian Library is open on the third Sunday of each month from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Ponsonby Community Centre.

Coordinators: Bianca Sava, Silvia Rosioru, Aurel Dumitrascu

The Romanian Library and Literary Café is open on the third Sunday of each month from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Ponsonby Community Centre.

This event is designed to be more than a library for borrowing and returning Romanian books; it serves as a monthly social gathering for community members to meet, socialize, and form friendships.

Tea, coffee, and snacks are provided, encouraging attendees to bring good cheer and engage in pleasant conversations. Bringing a snack or dessert to share is optional.

There is an opportunity for participants to set up small stands to sell handmade products, with prior arrangement.

This initiative aims to foster community connections and enrich the cultural fabric of the community.



Doina - The Seniors Group

The group organizes 3 -4 trips annually, where members share memories, jokes, music, and traditional Romanian dishes.

Coordinators: Andu Iordache, Irina Adamovics and Cristina Lapusan

Over 11 years ago, Andu Iordache and Edi Popescu founded the Seniors' Club to connect Romanian seniors in New Zealand. The club's main goal is to help elderly members interact and explore various places together. Studies suggest that an active lifestyle can delay dementia and Alzheimer's. This includes regular exercise, social activities, mental stimulation, and a balanced diet.

Each year, the Club organizes trips with new destinations, where seniors share memories, jokes, music, and traditional Romanian dishes. Before COVID-19, the Club held an annual party for the Romanian community, raising funds for future activities. The Doina Association and community members have generously supported these events over the years.



Magura - Theatre Group

The Magura Group gathers each year to select, rehearse, and perform a play, delighting audiences from September to November.

Coordinator: Delia Giurgiu

In 2013, Adina Giurgiu invited renowned Romanian actor Claudiu Bleont and writer George Smarandache to Auckland to stage the play Măgura. Bleont directed, designed, and acted in the play, involving local Romanians who worked evenings after their jobs. Initially, two performances were planned, but due to high demand, a third was added. After Bleont's departure, the participants wanted to continue their theater journey.

Delia initiated the formation of the amateur acting troupe "Măgura" in Auckland. Over the years, new members joined, and they delighted the community annually with Romanian plays, gaining recognition through radio and TV interviews.

The troupe's activities are supported by the Doina Association and the Romanian community. Ticket sales partially cover expenses, with the rest funded by grants. All members volunteer without payment, rewarded by audience applause and support.

The Măgura troupe welcomes anyone interested in joining as actors, directors, or helpers.



"Tabara Romaneasca" - The Romanian Camp

The Romanian Camp is one of the oldest and most cherished traditions. With 16 successful camps, it stands as one of the largest and most logistically impressive projects, filled with enthusiasm and dedication year after year.

Coordinators: Adina Giurgiu, Diana Alexoiu, Mirela Lapuste, Silvia Rosioru

The "Romanian Camp" project, conceived and executed by Adina Giurgiu, was supported by her family, volunteers, and parents of participating children. The idea was born in 2007 and first materialized in January 2008. The camp is a heartfelt project, requiring love, dedication, and sincerity to work with children.

As far as we know, this project is unique, with no other Romanian community in the diaspora having a similar initiative. We aimed to create a camp for Romanian children in Auckland, where they could speak Romanian, sing Romanian songs, listen to Romanian stories and legends, watch children's movies in Romanian in the evenings, play traditional Romanian games, and eat traditional Romanian food.

Parents and grandparents gladly participated as volunteer instructors, each taking care of a certain number of children according to their ages. Over the years, we have successfully organized 16 camps.



"Am plecat să colindăm" - Carols Singing Group

Each year, a dedicated group of 15-20 carolers spends 34 days traveling across Auckland, joyfully bringing Romanian songs and traditions to community members.

Coordinators: Irina Pegler, Diana Alexoiu

The caroling group "Am plecat să colindăm" was formed in 2013 by Irina Pegler. Irina and the Doina folk dance group surprised her parents with carols to ease their homesickness and bring a piece of Romanian Christmas traditions. This special evening turned into an annual tradition, and they have been caroling from house to house ever since, depending on requests and available voices.

Each year, they rely on 1520 carolers and spend 3-4 days covering all parts of Auckland, sometimes even reaching Tauranga. New members and vocal talents are always welcome. Equipped with guitars, a ukulele, drums, jingle bells, and lots of cheer, they bring the joy of Christmas to Romanian homes.

The effort is significant, especially given how busy the roads in Auckland are during the week leading up to Christmas, but the satisfaction is immense.

For the first time this year, the Doina association also organized a carol singing event at Ponsonby Community Centre, where people brought food and sang together with the group. We intend to make this a permanent event in our yearly calendar.



The "Păturici pentru cei mici" project focuses on donating handmade items created by our community members to hospitals, maternity units, charitable organizations, and other places in need of a little help.

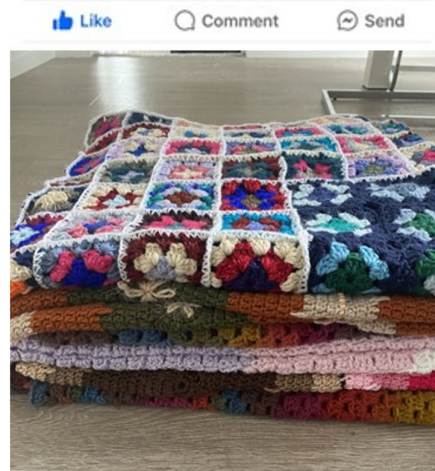
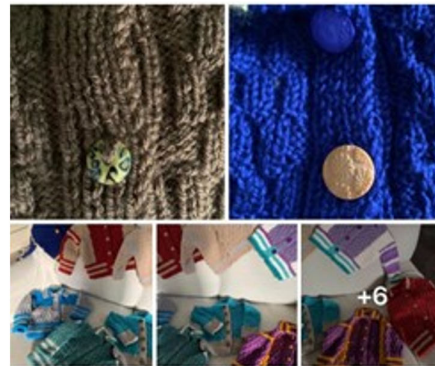
Coordinator: Calina Wise

The "Păturici pentru cei mici" project began in 2019, aiming to donate handmade items from our community members to hospitals, maternity units, and charities.

Project Highlights

- Origins:** Started in response to Middlemore Hospital's call for clothes for premature and newborn babies.
- Growth:** Over 30 volunteers have contributed, donating over 100 blankets and approximately 300 clothing items.
- Sustainable Efforts:** Since 2020, we've donated cloth bags for Nurturing Families to distribute toiletries.
- Beneficiaries:** Donations have been made to Middlemore Hospital, Waitakere Hospital, Beanies for Babies, Nurturing Families, and Care 4 Kidz.
- Community:** Our meetings foster friendships, exchange patterns, and teach new knitting and crocheting techniques.

The project continues to provide warmth and comfort to those in need while strengthening our community.



Doina Association Folk Costumes Rental

These beautiful costumes are available for any cultural event, ensuring the preservation and celebration of Romanian traditions within our community.

Coordinator: Adina Giurgiu

In the early 2000s, Doina Association, under the leadership of then-president Constantin Roşu (Pucu), received a small donation of national costumes for children and adults from the 'Muzeul Țăranului Român' (The National Museum of the Romanian Peasant).

Over the years, additional blouses (ii) and various clothing items have been added, resulting in a collection of costumes available for rent at very affordable prices.

The costumes are now managed by Adina Giurgiu. The rental and storage of these costumes are volunteer activities, with all proceeds used to organize various community activities.

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Calendar of Events



1 April 2023 - Volunteers Celebration
"Toamna se numără bobocii"
Coordinator: Silvia Rosioru



We started the financial year with a party organized as a token of appreciation for the exceptional efforts of the volunteers in organizing the activities of the Doina Association. Forty-six of our volunteers (42 adults and 4 children) attended the event. The funding for this activity came from the revenue generated by ticket sales (72 participants), supplemented by a contribution from the Doina Association.



11 June 2023 -Children's Day
Activity organized by the group "La Povești în limba română(Let's tell stories in Romanian) " and the Doina Association
Coordinators: Laura Iugan, Iulia Simtion, Silvia Rosioru

The weather was favorable, and we enjoyed an exceptional activity! We had a magician who spoke to us in Romanian, delicious pizza, cotton candy, and face painting. 🥰🥰🥰



24 June 2023 - Universal Day of the Romanian Folk Blouse
Activity organized by the group "la la Antipozi"
Coordinators: Adina Costache and Mihaela Enache

A special event organized by the members of the "la la Antipozi" group, where we festively celebrated the Universal Day of the Romanian Folk Blouse. We dedicated this occasion to the beauty and depth of this traditional garment, paying tribute to our rich cultural heritage.



9 July 2023 - Ice Cream Making
Activity organized by the group "La
Povești în limba română"
Coordinator: Laura Iugan

Laura and Mara Iugan gave us an exciting lesson on how to make homemade ice cream using just a plastic bag, some salt, and no refrigerator at all. They guided us through the fun and simple process, showing us how to create delicious ice cream in a bag using these basic ingredients and techniques.



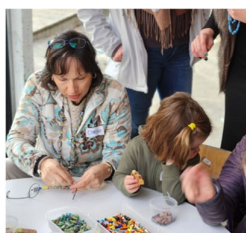


29 July 2023 - Trip to Takapuna
Activity organized by the Seniors' Group
Coordinators: Andu Iordache, Irina Adamovics, Cristina Lapusan, and Nina Tecucianu

The Seniors' Club spent a wonderful day in Takapuna and Little Shoal Bay, exploring beautiful landscapes, enjoying a traditional picnic, and having lunch at a local restaurant.



13 August 2023 and 20 August 2023 - Paper Beads
Activities organized by the groups "La Povești în limba română" and "Cafeneaua Literară"
Coordinator: Calina Tataru Wise



At the August events organized by "La Povești în limba română" and "Cafeneaua Literară," Calina Tataru Wise taught us how to make paper beads. These were two exceptionally popular activities within the community, attracting a large number of participants. The materials for this activity were provided by the company Handmade Jewelries by Nicole Design.





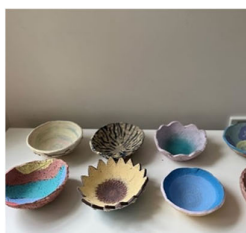
10 September 2023 - Father's Day
Activity organized by the group
"La Povești în limba română"
Coordinator: Ada Radoslav

We all enjoyed the beautiful weather and the enthusiasm of our children. They were very excited to paint together and create their own versions of paintings. They were incredibly creative and collaborated wonderfully, sharing materials and discussing their artistic plans in Romanian.

17 September 2023 - Pottery Lesson
Activity organized by "Cafeneaua Literară"
Coordinator: Iulia Simtion



The Pottery Lesson with Iulia was very pleasant. First, the younger children got to play. They transformed a ball of clay into the wonderful birds you see below. During the modeling part, the concentration was maximum, and we were delighted to see them so captivated by what they were doing.



Then it was the turn of the teenagers who had the task of making bowls. Using some doilies, cones, and shells, they created some fantastic textures, each unique. Then we used plaster molds to shape the bowls, and each bowl was painted in a variety of colors.

6 October 2023 - Opening of
the Doina Festival
Radio show "România, plai de
dor"
Presenter: Lucia Davis"



On October 6, the radio show 'România, plai de dor' had the honor of opening the cultural festival 'Doina.' Lucia Davis, the host of the show, provided a special moment for the listeners, featuring guests Adina Giurgiu, the producer of the festival, and two exceptional artists from the world of Romanian classical music: violinist Diana Jipa and pianist Stefan Doniga.

7 October 2023 - Piano and violin concert by Diana Jipa and Stefan Doniga



► The recital was an unforgettable experience, with Diana on the violin and Ștefan on the piano, both bringing music to life in a way that moved us all. The artists managed to bring a touch of Romanian culture to everyone's hearts, regardless of origin. We hope this concert will be the first in a series of collaborations between the Romanian community in Auckland and Diana and Ștefan, and we hope to have them with us at future festivals.

► Thank you to those who made this project possible: Calina Tataru Wise, Marian Ioan, Aurel Dumitrascu, Adina Giurgiu, Olga Neculescu



8 October 2023 - Halloween Party Activity organized by the group 'La Povești în limba română' Coordinator: Andy Wood

Our children enjoyed a wonderful Sunday at 'La Povești în Limba Română' with a Halloween theme. It was a meeting full of creativity and joy! Face painting was one of the children's favorite activities. Maya, Carla, and Emma brought flowers, butterflies, superheroes, and even vampires to life on their faces with the help of bright colors and magical brushes. In addition to the creative activities, they also enjoyed delicious treats, such as cotton candy and pizza. All the children had a great time, socializing and laughing.

14 October 2023 - Clay Modeling
Coordinator: Adina Giurgiu

As part of the Doina Festival, children aged 5 to 16 participated in a clay modeling session. They built a cute figurine by following the instructions step by step.



15 October 2023 - 'Six, six! Super Backgammon Tournament' Coordinators: Silvia and Gelu Rosioru"



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An absolutely delightful afternoon, with fun, smiles, good vibes, and dear people. We look forward to seeing you at the next editions. Winners of edition

Dan Vlad - 1st place

Didi Tabolcea - 2nd place

Dan Vlad - Golden Martian.



28 October 2023 - 'Lights, camera, party!' - The 10th anniversary of the Romanian Theatre Group "Măgura"

Organizers: Delia Giurgiu, IoanaChiorean, Laura Iugan, Olga Necsulescu and Silvia Rosioru

Thanks for the help: Adina and Cristian Giurgiu, Alexandru Giurgiu, Claudiu Chiorean, Erika Cuc, Gelu Rosioru, GeorgianaCălugăr, Gigi Iugan, Irina Pegler, and MihaelaMihalache



"Măgura" Theatre Group, the hosts of the party, celebrated 10 years of delighting us with plays performed in Romanian language. We are grateful for their contribution. Our actors extend their thanks to all the spectators, without whom no play would have meaning.

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4 November 2023 - Wenderholm Park
Activity organized by the Seniors' Group
Coordinators: Andu Iordache, Irina Adamovics, and Cristina Lapusan"

After so much rain and fog, the sun shines again.... The weather was on our side, and the members of the Romanian Seniors' Group from Auckland spent a wonderful day at Wenderholm Park. Among other things, the seniors enjoyed dancing, good food, and games.



12 November 2023 - Sending Letters to Santa!
Activity organized by the group 'LaPovești în limba română'
Coordinator: Cristina Costache



It was another beautiful meeting at 'La Povești' where the children wrote their wishes to Santa with enthusiasm and skill. We all felt that Christmas is approaching and enjoyed, as always, seeing the little ones playing together, singing, and dancing



19 November 2023 - We created Traditional Christmas Ornaments

We created Christmas ornaments from pine cones, skillfully guided by Andreea Fantaza.

We decorated cookies alongside Simona Amza, Maya Roşioru, and Carla Mureşan.

We painted clay ornaments with Laura Iugan and Silvia Roşioru.

We made sweet little Christmas trees (which they also ate) with Mirela and Emma Lapuşte.

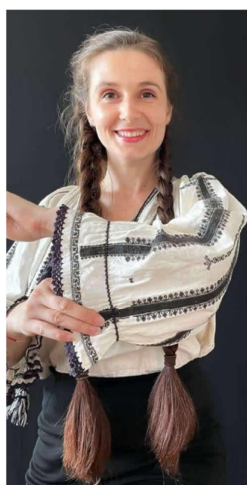
We enjoyed making paper beads organized by Călina Tătaru.

It was a pleasant and energetic afternoon. We were delighted to see how many people participated in the event and how wonderful it was.

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25 November 2023 - "Ii călătoare (Traveling Folk Blouses)"
 Activity organized by the group "Ia la Antipozi"
 Coordinators: Adina Costache and Mihaela Enache



The group "Ia la Antipozi" engaged in a virtual dialogue with Daniela Strîmbei about her passion for Romanian traditions and her collection of traditional Romanian folk costumes titled "Ii călătoare (Traveling Folk Blouses)".



1 December 2023 - We celebrated Romania's National Day and concluded the Doina Festival.

We celebrated Romania's National Day and concluded the Doina Festival at Okahu Bay/Orakei Domain, warmly hosted by our friends Lucia and Tama Davis and Ngati Whatua Orakei. The event featured numerous stalls with traditional Romanian foods such as mici, pastries, cozonaci, and other delights. The Doina dance group enchanted us as usual. The Hungerball arena was greatly enjoyed by both adults and children.

10 December 2023 - Christmas Celebration
Activity organized by the group "La povești în Limba Română (Telling Stories in Romanian)"
Coordinator: Andreea Fantaza



The group "La povești în Limba Română" invited the Romanian community in Auckland to joyfully join the Christmas Celebration on December 10. Under the guidance of Andreea Fantaza, the children from the community staged an unforgettable event that brought smiles and laughter to the faces of all participants.

17 December 2023 - Carols singing event
Activity organized in collaboration with the Group
“Am venit să colindăm (We Came to Carol)”
Coordinator: Silvia Rosioru



The enthusiastic members of the group “Am Venit să Colindăm” honored us with their presence, bringing traditional carols from all corners of Romania and beyond.

We all joined together in song, keeping the caroling tradition alive, and our memories of snow and childhood came to life in this special moment.

With laughter and smiles, we sang the most beloved carols together, creating beautiful and warm memories.



14 January – 19 January 2024 –
Romanian Camp

Children's Camp

Organizer: Adina Giurgiu

Coordinators: Diana Alexoiu, Mirela Lapuște, Silvia Roșioru

The Romanian Camp of 2024, held at Moirs Point Mangawhai, was the 16th Romanian camp and the 12th camp organized by Adina Giurgiu.

This edition stood out by welcoming new volunteers and children from the new generation. It would be wonderful if we could continue this beautiful tradition of the Romanian camp.



**19 January – 21 January 2024 –
Romanian Camp - Families Camp**

Location: Moirs Point
Mangawhai

Organizer: Adina Giurgiu

3 February 2024 - Trip to Long Bay Activity organized by the Senior Group Coordinators: Andu Iordache, Irina Adamovics, and Cristina Lapusan

The trip organized by the Senior Group to Long Bay on February 3, 2024, was an unforgettable experience for all who joined. Departing from New Lynn at 9:30 AM with an optional stop at Britomart at 10 AM for those who wanted to join, we began the day full of enthusiasm and anticipation.



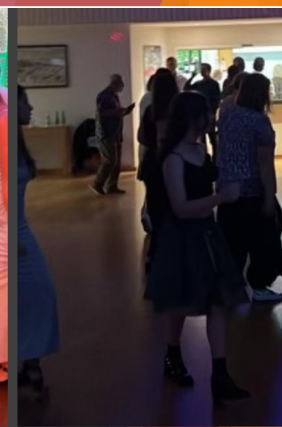
10 March 2024 - We made Mărțișoare (traditional spring ornaments)
 Activity organized by the group "La povești în limba română
 (Telling Stories in Romanian)"
 Coordinator: Iulia Simtion



Under the careful guidance of Iulia Simtion, the group "La povești în limba română (Telling Stories in Romanian)" organized a creative session where they made some of the most unique "Mărțișoare" from clay.

The children had a fantastic time and even created an amusement park out of the soft shapes.

It was an amazing experience!



16 martie 2024 - Pizza Groove and Disco Lights
 Coordonator: Silvia Rosioru

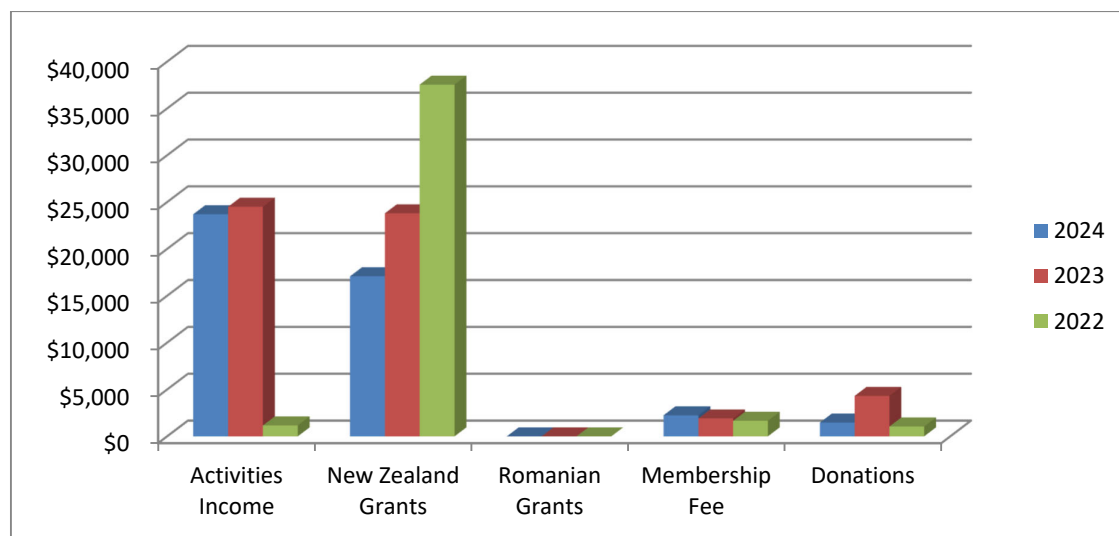
We ended the year just as beautifully as we started it: with a great party!! It was a wonderful evening where we had fun and danced to the extraordinary music of Gelu Rosioru, under the lights and lasers of Calin Vrabie.

Financial Overview

This section provides a concise overview of our financial performance for the year ending on March 31, 2024

Income Sources Comparison

	2022	2023	2024
Activities Income	\$1,165	\$24,503	\$23,705
New Zealand Grants	\$37,550	\$23,800	\$17,078
Romanian Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Membership Fee	\$1,660	\$1,915	\$2,250
Donations	\$1,051	\$4,320	\$1,475



This Financial Year Grants

Date	Description	AMOUNT
Grants		
26 Jul 2023	Department of Internal Affairs - 	 230252 COGS Papakura / Franklin 19/7/2023	250.00
28 Jul 2023	Department of Internal Affairs - WAITAKERE - AUCKLAND CITY - 12RMGCMS2807	4,000.00
31 Jul 2023	Department of Internal Affairs - North Shore 12RMGCMS3107	500.00
01 Aug 2023	Department of Internal Affairs - Manukau - 12RMGCMS0108	2,348.00
27 Mar 2024	Department of Internal Affairs - R-LC-2023-221823 Lottery Auckland Community 31/03/2023	9,980.00
Total Grants		17,078.00
Total		17,078.00

Profit and Loss

Doina - Community of Romanian Aucklanders Inc.

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	2024
Trading Income	
Activities Income	23,705
SHORT TERM RENTAL	99
Total Trading Income	23,804
Cost of Sales	
Activity and/or programme costs	15,302
Catering/Food	8,505
Domestic travel costs/Travel/Mileage	6,633
Equipment hire	2,596
Resources/materials (long term use)	25
Venue Hire	8,181
Total Cost of Sales	41,241
Gross Profit	(17,437)
Other Income	
Donations Cash Received	1,475
Grants	17,078
Interest Income	355
Membership Fee	2,240
Proceeds from sales	2,534
Total Other Income	23,682
Operating Expenses	
Consumable- for Activities	1,742
General Expenses, fees	51
Gifts, Committee meetings, indirect activ. catering	31
Health & Safety	128
Repairs and Maintenance	60
Subscriptions	859
Total Operating Expenses	2,871
Net Profit	3,374

Balance Sheet

Doina - Community of Romanian Aucklanders Inc.

As 31 March 2024

Account	31 Mar 2024
Assets	
Bank	
Dance Group-50	504
House-52	282
Saver and School-51	9,924
Society Cheque-00	12,337
Total Bank	23,047
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	(385)
Total Current Assets	(385)
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	2,099
Total Fixed Assets	2,099
Total Assets	24,762
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	595
Total Current Liabilities	595
Total Liabilities	595
Net Assets	24,166
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	3,374
Retained Earnings	14,922
Retained Earnings prior to migrating to Xero	5,871
Total Equity	24,166

Notes to the Financial Statements

Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Reporting entity

- Doina – Community of Romanian Aucklanders Inc. is a charitable organisation, based in Auckland.
- It is a New Zealand legal entity which has functioned as an incorporated society since September 2000, registration number 1071174.
- In June 2010, the Association has been registered as a charity with the Charities Commission, registration number CC44342.

(b) Date of authorisation

- The Activity Report and summary of the Income Statement and Balance Sheet Report has been presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on 19 May 2024.
- The Annual Return will be authorised for issue by the Management Committee.

(c) Statement of compliance and basis of operation

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP). They comply with New Zealand equivalents to IFRSs (NZ IFRSs) and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for public benefit entities that qualify for, and apply, differential reporting concessions.
- The Association is a public benefit entity. The Association qualifies for differential reporting concessions as it does not have public accountability and it is not large.
- The financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars (NZD) rounded to the nearest dollar.
- The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

(d) Goods and services tax

- The Association is not GST registered and all items of the Income Statement and Balance Sheet are inclusive of GST.

(e) Volunteer services and other donated goods and services

- No value has been placed on the time provided by volunteers.

(f) Income tax

- Being a charitable organisation registered with the Charities Commission the Association is exempted from paying Income tax.

(g) Audit

- These financial statements have not been audited.
- There is no statutory requirement for audited financial statements.

(h) Revenue recognition

- The membership fee is collected for the year ending March and coincides with the financial year of the Association.
- The grants are recognised in full as revenue in the financial year they are actually paid to the Association.
- Historically the New Zealand grants have been received in March - April and August - September, in advance for activities spanning in the following year.

Note 1 – Membership fee

The current annual fee is set at \$10 with a discounted fee of \$5 for senior members and students over

18 years old. This year 219 members have paid their membership fee.

The beneficiaries of the Association activities are much more, approximate 550 within the Romanian Community of approximate 1,500 in Auckland.

Note 2 – Grants from New Zealand

Grants received from New Zealand Government departments include NZ Lottery, Auckland local Community Organisation Grants Schemes (COGS), Ethnic Communities, North Foundation and Creative Communities grants.

Note 3 – Grants from Romania

Currently we don't receive grants from Romania

Note 4 – Activities income

Most of the Association activities are subject to an entry/attendance fee with the purpose of partially covering the cost of the activity and fund raising for future activities.

Note 5- Donations

The Association is a Donee organisation, and the donors can claim a tax credit for donations of money of \$5 or more.

Note 6 – Volunteers expenses

Volunteer costs relate to gift vouchers (food) and petrol reimbursement.

Note 7 – Administration expenses

Administration expenses relate to guests, committee and members meetings, venues hire, subscription for the accounting package, software licences, storage, postage, other fees.

Note 8 – Cash

Cash comprises cash balances and savings deposits immediately available.

Note 9 – Debtors, prepayments.

Trade and other receivables are recognised at fair value.

Note 10 – Accounts Receivable

These are membership fees paid in advance. This was changed from last year's Prepayments Received Account.

Note 11 – Fixed Assets

The Fixed Assets are recognised at cost and the election is not to depreciate them unless they have been permanently impaired, in which case they are completely written off and a relevant depreciation expense is acknowledged.

Note 12 - Suppliers

Trade and other payables are recognised at fair value.

Note 13 – Prepayments received.

Prepayments relate to membership fees paid in advance for year ended March 2024.