



Život

Attention! Membership fees are now due!

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OVERVIEW OF CLUB'S PROGRAM 2026

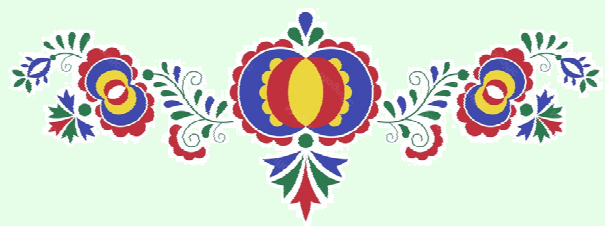
Bar and kitchen are open every Friday from 6PM. Excellent home style food, Czech beer and yummy cakes. Booking essential.

- 8.5. Friday - Mothers Day
- 15.5. Friday - Tasting Australia
- 29.5. - 31.5. - Children's Day - Organized by the Czech School
- 14.6. Sunday - Ancestral Calling

- 1.8. Saturday - Travelling to Czech Republic
- 4.9. Friday - Fathers Day.
- 26.9. Saturday - AFL Final
- 9.10. Friday - Club Closed
- 9.10. - 11.10.- Weekend picnic in Mt Crawford Forest
- 25.10. Sunday - National Day Celebrations
- 15.11. Sunday - AGM
- 6.12. Sunday - St Nicholas

- 20.12. Sunday - Christmas Lunch and Carolls
- 31.12. Thursday- New Years Eve
- 21.12. 2026 - 28.1.2027 Club closed

Visit a new club webpage
<https://czechoslovakclub.com.au>
 Old issues of Život can also be found there.

New Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in Adelaide

We are pleased to announce that as of 18 March 2026, Ms. **Kateřina Taylor** has assumed the office of Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in Adelaide. She succeeds Ms. Věra Holt, who served in South Australia since 2018.

The new consulate is located at:
334 Glen Osmond Road, Myrtle Bank SA 5064

The consulate will continue to serve as a key point of contact for assisting Czech citizens and supporting the compatriot community in our state. We wish the new Consul much success in her role!

- **E-mail:** adelaide.honorary@mzv.gov.cz
- **Telephone:** 0410 994 986

Do you want to be informed about club events as quickly as possible?

Simply send us your email address by email, and optionally your mobile number to which we can send SMS messages.

Please send all inquiries, requests, and messages to this email:
czechoslovakclubsa@gmail.com
or call the club mobile number: **0481 047 492**

Committee meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.
14/5, 11/6, 9/7, 13/8, 10/9, 8/10, 12/11, 10/12.

Mother's Day

Come and enjoy a pleasant evening on **Friday, May 8 from 6:00 PM** in a friendly club atmosphere.

You can look forward to an open kitchen and bar, as well as a delicious dinner – **chicken a la duck** with red cabbage and dumplings. Every mother will receive a small gift from the club and a beautiful handmade present from children of the Czech school.

The pleasant mood of the evening will be complemented by live keyboard music in the background.



Dear friends and members of the club,

I would like to share some wonderful news with you. We have received a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support and promote various activities within our club.

As part of this grant, we already held a successful complimentary lunch on 15 March, which included a presentation on cyber security. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this event.

One of our upcoming events will be “Ancestral Calling – Lunch with My Great-Grandmother”, which we would love to establish as a traditional gathering for all members—both current and future. We warmly invite families, younger generations, and also those who may no longer speak Czech but still feel connected to their Czech roots. I would like to invite you all to this special gathering on 14 June.

With your membership, you will not only receive complimentary refreshments, but also enjoy a meaningful time together—sharing memories and discussing future club activities, such as volunteering in the kitchen or helping with the general running of the club, as is common in non-profit organisations.

Another part of this project will be “Travel to the Czech Republic”, taking place on a Saturday afternoon into the evening. This event will showcase castles, landmarks, and interesting places to visit in the Czech Republic. It will be presented in English and designed not only for members, but also for the wider community—especially Australians interested in travelling to Europe. We may even include a fun quiz.

We have also received a smaller grant to support the Czech school. We are very happy to welcome a new teacher who joined us in February.

In addition, funding has been allocated to support our newsletter and online media. You may have noticed that we have introduced an English version of the newspaper - many thanks to Zdenka Rosecka and Zdenek Jiránek for their ongoing dedication and work.

I would also like to thank Jirka Pekhart for creating our website, which is still being actively developed. It now includes an online booking system for meals. While it is currently in a trial phase, we hope it will soon become a smooth and fully integrated part of our operations. As you can see, we are working towards improving and modernising the club, bringing everything to a new level of organisation and automation. Of course, this is a gradual process and comes with its challenges.

Finally, we have received a grant of \$40,000 for roof repairs, as there are currently leaks in the building. If anyone has relevant experience or would like to get involved, we would be very happy to hear from you. We have approximately a year and a half to complete these repairs.

If you have ideas for events you would like to organise at the club, please don't hesitate to contact me. Most of you know me personally, or you can reach me at 0421 777 118.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Thank you **Bety (Alzbeta Tichonova)** .First Vice President

Invitation

FOR

ANCESTRAL CALLING-

Lunch with my Greatgrandmother



An event supporting new year membership for

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who are from

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of Czech or Slovak.

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- HANDS ON EXPERIENCE
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AND DESSERT
IN PRICE
- 3 BOARD PRESENTATION
AND GUESTS



PRICE:

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	SENIORS	\$35
	SENIORS COUPLE	\$50

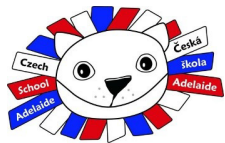
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AND COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH**

ON **SUNDAY 14.6.** FROM 1 PM



Honoring our roots. Connecting generations. Celebrating heritage.

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Dear parents and members of the Czech community,

Lessons with our new teacher, Lucie Svitilová, are going very well. The children are actively participating in classes and various creative activities, making wonderful progress.

Before Easter, we shared an amazing Friday full of traditional activities. The children tried their hand at weaving *pomlázky* (Easter whips), painting eggs, and making various decorations. There were also tastings of Easter lamb cake, gingerbread, and *mazanec* (sweet Easter bread). The atmosphere was joyful, and both children and parents truly enjoyed the day.

We have a **Mother's Day** celebration coming up soon on **Friday, May 8th**. Our teacher and the children are diligently preparing a little surprise for all the mums. You are cordially invited.

This will be followed by our **Children's Day** celebration, which will once again take the form of a weekend camping trip in the forest. The event will take place from **May 29th–31st** at the **YHA in Mount Crawford**. The main program will be on Saturday, filled with games, competitions, and traditional roasting of *špekáčky* (sausages). For information regarding camping, please contact Šárka P. or myself. Families who do not wish to or cannot camp are welcome to join us just for the Saturday program.

We look forward to a beautiful and fun weekend together.

Lucie Handrick



Páteční výuka:

Skupinka Kuřátka v 17.15h- 17.45h

Třída menších dětí v 18h-18.45h

Třída starších dětí v 19h-20h



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— FROM CLUB MATTERS —

Attention! Change in membership fees for 2026-2027.

You can begin paying membership fees for 2026-2027 from 1. July 2026.

Please pay your membership fees

2026 – 2027 (from 1.7.2026)

Working individual - \$45
Working family - \$70
Pensioner family - \$50
Pensioner - \$35

Please pay your membership fees

2025 - 2026

Working individual – \$35
Working family – \$50
Pensioner family – \$40
Pensioner – \$25

Thank you to everyone who decides to support the club fund and sends their contribution to the bank account:

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BSB: 633 000
Account No.: 148 346 810

Please do not forget to write your name and reason for payment.
You can also send cheques to:

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Brompton SA 5007

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- ◆ Kremžská hořčice
- ◆ Plnotučná hořčice



TASTING AUSTRALIA



The Czech beer culture has become a world-renowned phenomenon. It has its charm, but also its secrets. Let us invite you on a journey behind the scenes of Czech brewing. From an Australian perspective, we will explore how history, traditions, and even the political and social environment in communism contributed to define Czech beer as we know it today. An integral part of Czech beer culture is the Czech pouring ritual. Think of baristas in beer! Become a Master of traditional Czech pour, and remember, what you pour, is what you drink! And of course, what would beer be without good food?. Tasting of traditional Czech beer snacks included in the price. Save your spot in our 2026 Tasting Australia program, register here: <https://tastingaustralia.com.au/products/events/2026/lager-master-class-hands-on-czech-beer-experience>

We can't wait to welcome you to the Czechoslovak Club in Brompton, and pour some beers together!



On March 22nd, Mr. [Ladislav Cienciala](#) passed away at the age of 97.

He was a pillar of our community - a man who brought people together, created, spread joy, and lived life with perspective, skill, and humour. Many club members attended his funeral to bid him a final farewell.

Lad'a was among those who stood at the very beginning of our club's history. He wasn't just a member; he was a part of its soul. Through his dedication, hard work, and friendship, he helped build a place that became a second home for many of us. It is no surprise that he was granted lifetime honorary membership as an expression of respect and gratitude for everything he did for the community.

The club was truly close to Lad'a's heart. He celebrated many important milestones here, including his Golden Wedding anniversary. He was a regular at club events, where he wasn't just a spectator, but an active participant and a creator of the atmosphere we all loved so much.

Many of us remember him as a musician. He played guitar and sang in the club band, Šumařinka. His strong voice was unmistakable – it could fill the hall and unite people in both joy and nostalgia.

But Lad'a was also an artist. His talent and craftsmanship are immortalised in the large hammered relief of Prague that still hangs in our club hall, as well as in his other works above the bar. These pieces will forever remind us of him – a man who could create beauty with his own hands.

He was a true "Renaissance man." Besides music and art, he had another gift: the ability to delight others with his culinary skills. His sausages, blood sausages, white puddings, and traditional butcher's soup were legendary. We still remember them with a smile and gratitude. It is remarkable what he was able to create in his small kitchen—with love, care, and joy for others.

And those who knew Lad'a well know that fishing was another of his great passions. Even there, his inventiveness and sense of humour shone through.

He was also very fortunate in his personal life. By his side stood a wife who understood his many activities, supported him, and was his pillar of strength.

Honour to his memory.

In Memoriam: Vlasta Krejčíř

On April 4, 2026, Vlasta Krejčíř, the son of our long-standing and esteemed member Aleš Krejčíř, tragically passed away at the age of 48.

The fatal accident occurred while fishing in Port Elliot, Australia, where Vlasta had lived with his family for a long time. The scale of this tragedy was such that it was even covered by television news. Vlasta was immensely popular in Port Elliot and the surrounding area for his friendly nature and unwavering optimism.

The final farewell in Port Elliot confirmed the deep impact he left on people—an incredible 500 mourners from among his family, friends, and neighbours gathered to honour his memory.

On behalf of the entire club and all its members, we express our sincere and deepest condolences to Mr. Aleš Krejčíř and the entire bereaved family. May his memory be honoured.



TIPS FOR TRIPS

Discover the most beautiful places in the Czech Republic

We have selected tips for the most beautiful trips across Czechia for you – nature, monuments, and places for families.



Nature and Hiking

Pravčická brána (Bohemian Switzerland): The largest natural sandstone arch in Europe.

Prachov Rocks (Bohemian Paradise): A famous "rock city" ideal for hiking.

Ascent of Sněžka (Krkonoše Mountains): The highest mountain in the Czech Republic.

Riegrova Trail (Jizera Mountains): A picturesque hiking route.

Pustevny - Radhošť (Beskydy Mountains): A ridge hike with beautiful views.

Boubín Primeval Forest (Šumava): Remnants of an original ancient forest.



Castles and Chateaux

Červená Lhota Chateau (South Bohemia): A romantic water chateau.

Český Krumlov (South Bohemia): A historic town protected by UNESCO.

Charles Bridge and Prague (Prague Capital City): A classic that never disappoints.

Hluboká Chateau (South Bohemia): The filming location of the famous Czech fairy tale "The Proud Princess."



Points of Interest and Monuments

Amerika Quarries (near Mořina): The "Czech Grand Canyon."

Zubrnice Open-Air Museum (North Bohemia): An exhibition of folk architecture.

Terežín Memorial (Ústí nad Labem Region): A site of history and remembrance.



Tips for Families

Ostrava Zoo (Ostrava Stromovka): With an area of 100 hectares, it is the second largest in the country.

Rožnov pod Radhoštěm Open-Air Museum (Beskydy Mountains): The Wallachian Open-Air Museum.

Kozmické Bird Meadows (near Opava): A nature observation point.



Baťa house in Otrokovice opens to the public

Otrokovice, in the Zlín region, will open a "Baťa-style" house to the public at the intersection of Mánesova Street and Odboje Avenue. Visitors will be able to tour it for the first time on 13 April, marking the 150th anniversary of Tomáš Baťa's birth. The opening will be temporary, lasting until roughly October, before the city converts the building into a coworking space. The house will offer an authentic look at living conditions during the Baťa era, though it will not be a traditional museum or an exact reconstruction.

The ground floor will feature thematic panels about Baťa-era housing and a screening area, while the upper floor will showcase a stylised interior with period items. Visitors can walk through both floors of this unusually horizontally divided house. The goal is to provide a glimpse into the daily lives of previous generations and create a foundation for a future permanent exhibition.

Otrokovice grew significantly thanks to the Baťa factories in the 1930s, during which time the industrial site, housing colonies, and a functionalist district were established.



Czechs consistently rank among the world's highest alcohol consumers, according to long-term statistics. Over a million people in the country are classified as "at-risk" drinkers, and this high consumption impacts not only public health but also public budgets. Consequently, the government's anti-drug coordinator, Pavel Bém, has stated that it is finally time to address the risky drinking habits of Czech citizens.

According to Bém, a starting point could be restricting alcohol sales in the evening (after 9:00 PM) at certain selected locations. The Ministry of Health, led by Adam Vojtěch (for ANO), is already working on a set of measures designed to reduce alcohol consumption. The Minister finds Bém's proposal appealing; however, opinions within the governing coalition vary.

Nearly two-thirds of Czechs support stricter alcohol regulation, according to a new survey by the "Minister of

Health" think tank, conducted by the Behavio agency. Over 70 percent of the public would welcome restrictions on alcohol advertising—such as banning promotion at youth events, broadcasting TV and radio spots only at night, or implementing tougher rules for digital and outdoor advertising. A majority also supports banning ads at sporting and cultural events, restricting sales at petrol stations, vending machines, or near schools, requiring mandatory warning labels, and abolishing tax exemptions for still wines and ciders.

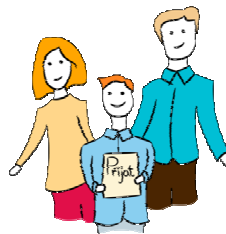
Survey: How Czechs view alcohol and possible measures to limit its availability



High School Admissions: How It Works in the Czech Republic

Ninth-graders in the Czech Republic have just entrance exams. These exams are standardised and student can apply to up to three schools and Mathematics.

The exams take place over two dates, with the addition to the tests, primary school grades or depending on the rules of the specific school. The admitted—a system that is now more transparent thanks to electronic applications.



completed a major milestone—high school prepared by the CERMAT organisation. Each typically takes tests in Czech and

better score being the one that counts. In extracurricular activities also play a role, results then determine where the student is

Interesting Facts about the CR

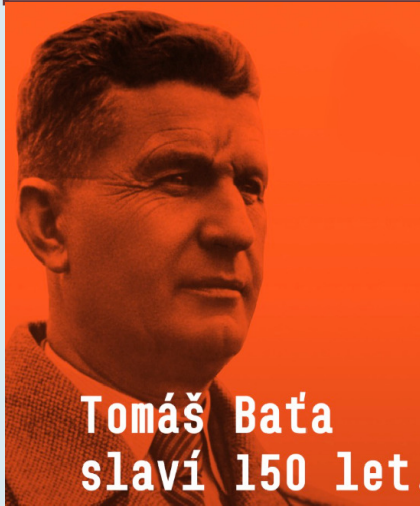


Safety: The Czech Republic is consistently ranked among the safest countries in the world thanks to its low crime rate and the absence of serious conflicts.

Relationship with Faith: We are among the least religiously oriented nations—more than 78% of the population identifies as atheist or has no religious affiliation.

Czech Humour: According to some international surveys, Czechs are considered the funniest nation, with humour being perceived as a key tool for managing difficult situations.

Significant Anniversaries



150 Years of Baťa: Honoring a Visionary and Iconic Shoemaker

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of a man who changed not only Czech industry but the way business is done worldwide. Tomáš Baťa was more than just a "shoemaker"—he was a visionary who combined entrepreneurship, social responsibility, and modern management in a way that continues to inspire today.

The Town That Grew with the Company

Baťa transformed the small Moravian town of Zlín into a unique industrial centre. It wasn't just about factories; he built an entire city, including housing for employees, schools, a hospital, and cultural facilities. His approach was revolutionary for its time: a satisfied employee equals a successful company.

A School for Life, Not Just Work

Interestingly, Tomáš Baťa placed great emphasis on education. In Zlín, he founded his own "School of Work," training future managers and experts through direct practice. Young people gained not only theoretical knowledge but, more importantly, work habits, discipline, and a sense of responsibility.

The Power of Branding and Simple Ideas

Baťa was also among the first entrepreneurs to systematically use advertising and brand building. His simple but effective slogans and focus on quality helped turn the Bata company into a symbol of reliability that endures to this day.

Unexpectedly Modern Thinking

It might surprise you that Baťa used principles we now call "startup culture" or "modern management":

- Dividing the company into small, autonomous units.
- Emphasis on individual responsibility.
- Transparent, performance-based pay.
- Continuous innovation and improvement

Crisis as an Opportunity

During the economic crisis of the 1930s, Baťa didn't close his factories—on the contrary. He cut shoe prices in half while simultaneously adjusting wages and the cost of goods in company stores. This risky move was a huge success and saved thousands of jobs.

Baťa in the World

The Bata brand quickly expanded globally—from Europe and Asia to the Americas. Baťa factories were built following the same model as Zlín, including housing and infrastructure for employees.

A Story That Has Not Ended

Tomáš Baťa's life ended tragically in 1932 in a plane crash, but his ideas live on. The Baťa management system, the emphasis on business ethics, and responsibility toward people and society remain an inspiration 150 years later.

"The customer is king."



The wreckage of the plane in which Tomáš Baťa and pilot Jindřich Brouček perished."

Perhaps that is why Baťa is remembered not just as an entrepreneur, but as a man who believed that business could improve the world. That is a legacy worth remembering.

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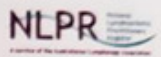
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