

Meeting with the Ambassador Designate

Ms Elizabeth Petrovic has recently been appointed as Australia's next Ambassador to Croatia.

She is in Melbourne today and tomorrow for pre-posting consultations and has requested to meet with Australian Croatian Community Services.

Two COM members, Miro, Boris and I had one hour meeting with Ms Petrovic today at the DFAT, Victoria State Office. It was pleasant and constructive conversation. The Ambassador Designate is taking on her post in January next year and she seemed genuinely interested in the way Croatian community lives here, and asked us to brief her about the work we do and services we provide. We also touched on the ageing population in Australia and the issues our community members have if they travel to Croatia for holidays or decide to move to Croatia permanently.

Ms Petrovic was also given few tips from us on driving speed in Croatia, skiing opportunities and, of course, famous Café culture. We were invited to pay her a visit, when in Zagreb next.

This was an excellent opportunity to promote ACCS and the reasons for its existence! I am taking this opportunity to thank Miro and Boris for their support.