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Yilpinji exhibition in Varazdin

The exhibition Yilpinji: Love, Magic and Ceremony was shown in Varazdin from 14 – 30 November at the Zlati Ajngel Gallery.



From left to right: Dijana Grahovac, Ambassador Susan Cox, Deputy Mayor of Varazdin, Mr Vjeran Radelic and owner of Gallery Zlati Ajngel, Mr Darko Sacic.



Ambassador Cox pointing out to guests where Adelaide is located on the Aboriginal languages map of Australia, the city in which the curator of the exhibition, Dr Nicholls lives and works in. The two language groups the Yilpinji exhibition artists are from, the Kukatja and Warlpiri people, is highlighted on the map.

The Gastro Advent Festival Split

The 5th Gastro Advent Festival in Split, was organised by the City of Split and the Split Tourist Board, and the author of the event was nutritionist Olja Martinic. The lighting of the second Advent candle was held on Sunday 7 December at the restaurant *Brasserie on 7*, which is owned by Australian-Croatian business women. The Ambassador sponsored the event with Australian cuisine that was featured at the lunch.



Ambassador Cox holding a traditional Australian carrot cake.



Maria Mustapic, Australian-Croatian, owner of the restaurant, Ambassador Cox and Tania Blazevic, President of the Croatian Australian Society and Friends Split



Ambassador Cox, the Mayor of Split, Mr Baldasar and representatives of Croatian media light the second Advent candle.



Croatian Australian Society and Friends Split

Australian Ambassador Susan Cox met with representatives of the *Croatian Australian Society and Friends Split* to mark one year of the Society's existence and to discuss future cooperation and events to promote Australia in the Split region. The group has been active within the community including reading Australian stories to children and tutoring English on a regular basis.



Consul, Jeremy Hawson completion of posting

Jeremy Hawson, our Consul, left Croatia on 13 December at the end of his 3 year posting. Jeremy said, "We are sad to leave. My family and I loved our time in Croatia where we met some wonderful people and saw some wonderful places. We wish all our Croatian friends a very Merry Christmas – or Sretan Bozic! I'm sure my colleague John Read and his family will enjoy their time here."