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As we approach Svyato Mykhayila on 2nd. November, there has been a poor response to working bee's on the ploscha. Again, it comes down to a handful of a few dedicated and committed individuals, who are prepared to sacrifice their own time for the benefit of the majority. We still have a great deal of work to be done in preparation of the ploscha to accept the vast interest which the Uprava expects from curious visitors. We have one more weekend left before the great Svyato, 14 – 15 November to address some of the cleaning and tidying up issues that remain. I urge ALL members to lend a hand and present themselves for one day or the weekend. I must point out, if the Oseredok is not able to source volunteer help from its members on the Oselya, then the Uprava will need to look at contracting out the maintenance work where the cost may flow onto it's members. The Oselya is a costly asset to maintain and the Uprava urges assistance.

I am happy to announce that we now have water to our building ie: toilet block.



After some clever engineering and assistance from the CFA (Wally Rava) from Geelong, we have been able to fill our water tank and now have gravity fed water to the toilets. Although we have water, the showers do not function as yet due to lack of water pressure and gas supply.



As you can see the water tank is being filled to a level of 13000 lt. of water.



The electrical side of things are moving along nicely and if everything goes to plan and we get enough hands on deck to assist, we should have

power to the main switchboard by Svyato Mykhayila.



Unfortunately there has been a need to undertake some repair works to electrical pits and water pipes after the clean-up by the contractors. Cable trenches have been filled, cable pits damaged and water pipers disturbed or damaged by the heavy machinery. Nevertheless these works had to be completed and well done by the crews of a few.



A great effort by Claude Di Stefano and his boys Matt and Nick, to undertake these repairs in the hot sun.



Other works have been completed to ensure we have a great Svyato Muhayila on the 22 November including the repairs to the sewer tanks and system. Kon Paraskevakis and Peter Bakay undertook the works so as we can all be confident that there will be no surprises when we use the conveniences.



In general the ploscha is starting to look good. Every time we visit the Oselya, there is more and more greenery to be seen. In some places the grass is nearly a meter high and new patches of greenery are spreading everywhere as grass seed spread. To add to the further greening of the Oselya. The Sikora family Peter and Shanya, have donated a substantial amount of native grass seed to assist in the revegetation of the grounds, which has been spread over the barren soil and with some rain, germination will take place shortly.



Fencing has been completed around the boundary of the Oselya, providing us some security and restricting access onto the property. Shortly we will be locking the gate and the site will need to be booked and key obtained to access the Oselya.



Some pictures of the new fencing on the Oselya. This one is from the front gate looking towards Buxton.



Along the Maroondah Highway towards Buxton.



At Tarasivka looking to the Maroondah Highway.

PLEASE NOTE:

The next working bee is scheduled for the 14–15 November.

We need hands to assist in the following;

- Cleaning up of the toilets.
- Cleaning the laundry.
- Finish repairs to electrical trenches.
- Prepare area for shading tarps.
- Spraying blackberries (bring a sprayer with you)

Please contact **Andrew Lech 0417 131 991** to advise if you are available to donate some of your time this weekend.

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