

What's New at the Oselya Karpaty

Another working bee was held on the 16th. May and again the weather was not the best. It was raining and Friday night and the boys went out to the Buxton Pub for dinner. It is comforting to see that the locals now recognise us at the Uki guy's and treat us as one of the locals. Annie the pub owner has a laugh with us and is pleased to see us in her pub.



A very big thankyou to George Lech, who through his contacts at Orica, organised a number of water containers at no cost to us. There will be more to come as we start building our inventory for the maintenance and upkeep of our new Oselya. Thankyou George for your help.

Some great news on the architectural side. We have received another confirmation this week that Melbourne University is definitely undertaking architecture studies on our Ploshcha. This creates an opportunity for the building department to rethink the way the Ploshcha should be best utilised by our Oseredok and how it could be made more attractive to be a hireable multifunction facility. I'm sure Steve Jury and his team will be hard at work thinking of all the options.

We have also received good news from DSE (Department of Sustainability and Environment) on the safety needs to have the river frontage cleaned up. Nicky Ckuj has been doing some great lobbying at this department to have the river cleaned up at no cost to CYM. Well done Nicky and keep up the pressure on DSE.



Another very big thankyou goes to Kalyna Ski Club for their kind donation of kitchen equipment from their lodge. A dishwasher, microwaves, small freezers, double door fridges, zip hot water unit and two gas cook tops. These items will assist us immensely as we move forward in the rebuild project. A very BIG thankyou to Kalyna.



Preparation has been made near the new toilet block, to place and position the donated accommodation shed. The burnt oak trees had to be cut and removed as they will not recover from

the fire. Some pine trees nearby, too, had to be cut down and removed as the burnt trees will not recover and are unsafe.

Some excellent results achieved by Andrea Ckuj's fundraising department and the effort made for the Lunch at Buxton Fundraiser. All seats were sold very quickly, as many are supporting the event and are looking forward in having a look at the Oselya, most for the first time after the fires. I'm sure it will be an experience that most will not forget.



It is a pity that these pines had to come down and the timber could not be used.



Good to see non Ukrainians like Ian Hermence putting in a great effort in helping out. It would be nice to see others offering their time like Ian.



The container was cleaned out and sorted by Daniel Kohut with some help by myself. At least now you can walk into the container, where surprisingly there was very little damage inside considering the heat by the fire.



Daniel didn't know where to begin when he opened the doors to the container. It was like in the cartoons where everything just falls out when the door is opened. Good work Daniel.



Unfortunately 'Stara Korova' is destined for recycling, she is burnt beyond repair and needs to be scrapped. We only have memories of her during her time as she worked all over the Ploshcha. Good By 'Stara Korova'.



'Staruy Buk' is in no better shape. The intensity of the fire had burnt him beyond repair and he too is destined for the recycling heap. Unfortunately 'Staruy Buk' did not work as hard as 'Stara Korova' nevertheless they will both be together.



One of those 'Had To Be There' moments. Two grown men cutting down a tree which would not come down. The pine had caught itself in the fork of the gum tree and got stuck. How do you drop the pine? Well, the Uki engineers put their heads together and decided to attach a rope to the tree and pull it down. After two or three attempts, the tree finally came down. Both Daniel and Jason I think can now join The Peter Romanyk Tree Felling Club.....it provided some great entertainment for those present. I would like to see your votes, email your vote to melbourne-executive@cym.org and register your thoughts. I will publish the results from this fun poll in the next Oselya Update.



The tree that got stuck, being dragged down by Daniel Kohut's four wheel drive. Maybe this will be the substitute for 'Stara Korova'.

The next working bee is likely to be on the weekend of the 13 -14 June. Unfortunately there are no free weekends in between and we will need to wait until then.

Some of the work that will be undertaken will be the installation of a water tank on the water tower, trenching for electrical cables to the toilet block and installation of electrical cables, more cutting of timber and burning and general site cleaning.

We need all the hands we can get as St. Michaels Day is quickly approaching and we need to have the basics operational. Please make yourself available for that weekend, we will have the site accommodation functioning and there will be somewhere dry to stay. Please contact Nicky Ckuj on his mobile 0438 308 752 and leave a message that you are coming.

If you are not prepared to assist or have other reasons for not helping out, then put your hand in your pocket and donate \$50 or more and clear your conscience.

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To finish off, there has been steady progress on the rebuild at the Oselya and many other activities which contribute to the overall project. There is still much work to be done. Put your hand up and assist in any way you can, either in fundraising, working bees or you may have access to something we may need. Please contact me directly on 0417 131 991 or email me on lech@ccoos.com I would love to hear from you.

Until the next update.

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