

**WHAT'S HAPPENNING at KARPATY August 2009**

After a recent visit to the Oselya KARPATY and check on the progress of dead and dangerous tree removal, I was astounded by the amount of cleaning that had taken place. The appointed contractor had been working 10 hour days to meet the deadlines which were set, had made a real difference on the ploshcha. The work had been hampered by rain and there is a great deal of mud throughout the tabir.



The heavy machinery had done work that could not have been done on a voluntary basis. The removal of trees with their roots in one lift and placed on a pile to be burnt, would have taken many working bees and many hands to complete the same amount of work.



On entry to the Oselya, it is quickly obvious the magnitude of work that has been completed and the new and exposed land that has not been visible for many decades due to overgrowth. On the left of the entry gate, a handsome gully has been exposed with a little creek running in it. My immediate thoughts were, how can this pretty gully be rejuvenated into a miniature rainforest with its own eco system, tree ferns and tall tree canopies?



At the Tarasivka where there were over 150 pine trees which perished in the fires, now all have been removed with their stumps and burnt. The whole Tarasivka will shortly be ready for revegetation and a new lease of life for greater camping with green grass and level land.

As you move in through the main gates you can see the amount of dangerous trees which have had to be removed after the fires. The landscape is cleared from the deadwood and the ground is now clear of any hazards.



As the debris from the Black Saturday Fires are being removed, another great little site has been uncovered for future camping or just a picnic. Behind the old hall and down towards the river, the burnt out debris have been cleared and the area is to be prepared for a level camping come picnic ground along the river. The contractor will remove as much of the fallen trees from the river as he can reach providing a magnificent swimming area and an island in the middle of the river as a play area for the yunatsvo. The potential campsite picnic ground backs onto the sports oval and the lake. Once cleaned, levelled out and green grass covers the area, it will be a magnificent place to sit by the river or picnic, do some fishing or just enjoy the sounds of the running water and the natural bush.



There is much work that needs to be done. Around the lake needs to be cleared of hazards, the lake needs to be drained and sludge moved out. And a windrow be created along the old highway to reduce the risk of burnt-out trees falling and create a noise barrier plus provide privacy from the road.



Work has begun on repairing the fence line on the highway frontage. The old fencing wire has been removed and stacked for collection by the recycling fellow. The boundary has been marked out and volunteer services will install the new wire

fence. We must thank Nick Solo for supplying the fencing wire through his contacts. Thanks Nick.



As the fires burn on the Oselya from all the debris and the slowly we come to the completion of the works, the real work is about to begin. Svyato Mychayila which is to be held at KARPATY is about thirteen weeks away. There will be a great deal of work in little jobs to be done to make the Oselya ready for the premier event o CYM's calendar. I call to ALL members to be ready for working bee's when they are called. E-bulletins will go out to all members advising of the working bee's. There is accommodation on site if anyone wishes to sleep on a bunkbed; otherwise you can use your own accommodation if you are not comfortable with the night's orchestra of sleeping men.



The Oselya is ***Rising From The Ashes*** as was promised, we now ALL need to get behind the Uprava and surge together to finish the project for our children, grandchildren and CYM's future.

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