

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY OF NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER REGION

c/o 105 Gosford Rd

Adamstown. NSW

8 June 2022

Polish Association of Newcastle Inc
Members of the Board
Vice President
Mietek Rataj

Dear Mr Rataj,

It is with much pleasure and appreciation receiving your letter on behalf of the Polish Association informing the Ukrainian community of the outcome of the Polish community's successful Annual Easter Festival Exhibition held on 9 April and the following Lunch on 10 April.

First and foremost on behalf of the Ukrainian community we wish to genuinely thank you for your initiative in devoting your Annual Easter Festival to the raising of funds for the humanitarian needs of the people of Ukraine. Additionally, we genuinely appreciate your invitation to the Ukrainian community to participate in the two-day event.

It is very pleasing to learn that the Festival was successful despite facing COVID restrictions and of course some off-putting weather in the morning. Having attracted 250 for the Exhibition and a 150 the following day for Lunch is a testimony to the Polish community's organisational efforts and its community support. We are very pleased to have been able to participate and express our thanks to the hardworking organisers for their planning and follow-through efforts. It was evident that the community members had put much time and work into the various exhibits – a praiseworthy contribution.

That the Festival raised \$4,500 for the humanitarian needs of the people of Ukraine is commendable. Additionally, the Ukrainian community's Exhibit raised a further \$1,108 from the people present. Of this total \$500 was deposited in the charitable Caritas Fund and the remainder in Ukraine in Crisis Fund. What is even also gratifying is the very positive feedback you have received from attendees of the Festival events.

Your efforts here in this region re-affirm the humanitarian bonds and values that reflect compassion and understanding. You have shown by example what fundamentally matters to people – humanity to each other. In this we come together and stand as one against the war and the atrocities being brought upon the people of Ukraine. Unfortunately, the war still continues. And yet, the people of Poland willingly provide refuge, and continue to stand steadfast in assisting the people of Ukraine in whatever way they can – in prayer, spirit and with meaningful deeds.

We believe that with the attitude and support of people like yourselves we all together will prevail, and we will build on the closeness of the relationship a secure and better future for the peoples of Ukraine and Poland.

Once again, thank you sincerely, and we also do look forward to more future activities.

/Wolodymyr Motyka/

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Spokesperson on behalf of the Ukrainian community of the Hunter