

SUNFLOWER SEEDS FOR UKRAINE NEWS JULY 2022

INITIATIVE OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF COOLAMON D9705

July has been a very busy month for the Sunflower Seeds project. We have sent out plenty of seeds and now display/donation boxes. The 1,000 boxes arrived and are now being distributed to various clubs. Thanks go to PP Hank Doll from the Young RC for delivering many of these boxes to the Canberra Rotary clubs.

The distribution of seeds has almost completely depleted our stock and we are now going to Plan B to get seeds. We have found another way and that is to buy seeds from Woolworths who stock a sunflower seed for birds. These are in 1.5kg bags and will yield around 320 small packets of seeds. (Approx.. 40 seeds to a packet).

We will always be indebted to Doug Bruckner for his initial very generous donation of his seeds after harvest. The seeds from Woolies cost around \$5.50 per bag and it costs a lot more for us to send you seeds via AusPost.



We still have around 350 display/donation boxes on hand so let me know if you are still interested in getting some. We feel it is a great way to get donation from a passive or active display of the boxes with the packets of seeds inside.



All of you who have received seeds and now some of the boxes have asked me for invoices for the postage and for the seeds and boxes sent.

Our Coolamon Treasurer and I will prepare these invoices when Mary Potts gets back from the Larapinta Trek in Central Australia. Mary along with two other Coolamon Rotarians and one non-Rotarian are currently on the Larapinta Trek raising funds for ShelterBox.

So my apologies for not doing this sooner I have personally been extremely busy with work.

STORIES FROM CLUBS WHO ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR UKRAINE

From the Rotary Club of Kerang in Victoria.

"Hi John thanks for your email & sharing the logistics of the Sunflower's for Ukraine project with our Club.

The display boxes have arrived but as yet I have not received an invoice for them unless I missed it somewhere.

We had a very successful working bee this afternoon & managed to bag up quite a lot of seeds ready to promote the project at our meeting on Thursday night where we will discuss & get ideas from Members on how we will market these.

We have added a post to our Facebook page - Rotary Club of Kerang.

Once again thanks for your help.

Regards,
Gwen Mannix"

SUNFLOWERS FOR UKRAINE
Sow a seed for the people of Ukraine.
Thank you for your donation.



The Sunflower seed is the national flower of Ukraine
An initiative of the Rotary Club of Coolamon.
All proceeds go to the
Rotary Australia World Community Service Project for
The Ukraine Crisis Appeal.



Tuggeranong Girl Guides Canberra ACT

Senior Guides have a service project that we are currently undertaking in collaboration with Tuggeranong Rotary Sunflowers for Ukraine all donations will go towards humanitarian projects to assist Ukrainians...for more information please ask your unit leader or message the page



The Rotary Club of Parkes in Central NSW

Parkes are going to support the initiative and have taken delivery of 14 boxes which are going to be strategically placed in high traffic areas of Parkes.



Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga in the Riverina of NSW.

Wagga Wagga Rotary Club is 100% behind the initiative and have just taken delivery of seeds and boxes.

Below some photos from their first swap meeting raising money for their charity projects in Wagga Wagga. Well done Wagga Wagga Rotary Club and thankyou PP Gordon Sagers.

PDG Gary Roberts has organised a guest speaker for our Club from the Ukraine Embassy on Thursday 15 September at the Wagga Wagga RC.



From the RC of Tumbarumba (Snowy Mountains NSW).

Hi John

Just letting you know the seeds and boxes have arrived today. I also ordered the bags and they have turned up too. The cards are also printed and my partner is picking them up tomorrow. Plans are to make them all up at Rotary on Monday night and get them out in to the community. George our Ukrainian Rotarian has agreed to have his photo taken with them for the paper, Facebook etc. I will send you a copy.

Thanks for your help. Cheers Julie Giddings.

Some of the latest supporters:

John,

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk is keen to be involved with the Sunflower Project. Can you advise the procedure to obtain seeds, packaging, promotional material available or other avenues of support,

PP John P Jones PHF
Secretary,
Rotary Club of Eaglehawk

Hi John

I'm the International Committee chair for the **Rotary Club of Blackwood in SA** and I plan to present your fundraiser to my committee tonight. Two questions:

I see from the RDU magazine how you're selling the Plastic bags for seeds, and display boxes: what's the arrangement for the seeds themselves.

Where would we deposit the proceeds? We did give to the RI fund for Ukraine last year - would it be that fund again?

Thanks & Warm Regards John Lewis

ROTARY DOWN UNDER AUGUST 2022 EDITION

PDG Bok Aitken AM Lower Blue Mountains RC and past editor of RDU has written an article which appear on page 10 this month. Our thanks to Bob for having this article published. There is also another story on the work being done by the Rotary Club of Essendon in Melbourne. They are assisting the city of Moonee Valley which has a large Ukrainian population and they are working to identify immediate and future needs of displaced persons from Ukraine in Victoria.

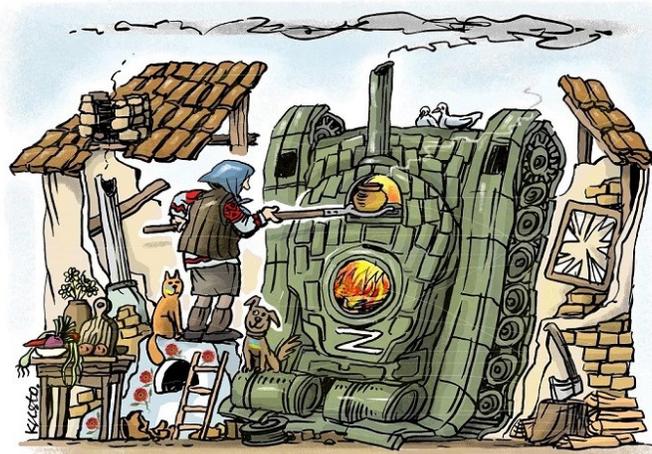
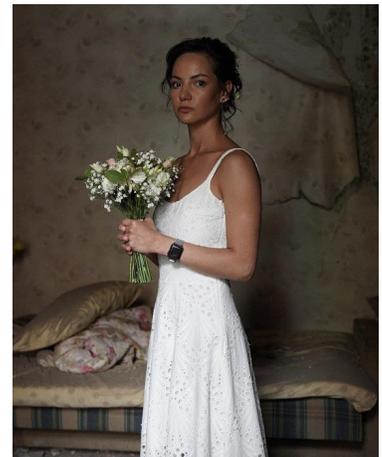
In this edition there are a further three stories on what Rotarians are doing in New Zealand and Australia in supporting Ukraine. In particular on the work being done by the Rotary Clubs of Sydney Cove and Holroyd. It is this project being managed by RAWCS and Project Manager Guy Glennly that we are supporting with the seeds project. This project is in partnership with the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Associations and Caritas Ukraine.

Latest News can be found here; <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/83-2014-15>

These photos below are better than any staged wedding photos. Tragedy and joy captured in each photo. We wish them both safety and happiness and a future in a free Ukraine.

A day before Daria's wedding, a Russian rocket hit 100 meters from her house. The bride and groom wanted to cancel the wedding but decided to get married anyway. There was a different idea for their wedding photo shoot, but the couple decided to capture the moment since this is the reality of living in #Ukraine now.

Photos: @demianiv/Instagram



Thank you all for your support for the seeds project. I am confident that the initiative will take on a life of its own.

We are doing our best to help all of those who need seeds, artwork or display boxes.

Above all please let us have some pics and stories please.

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