

## SOME CORRESPONDENCE DURING AUGUST

Thank you for taking my call. Our Club, Redland Sunrise Rotary Club have taken an interest in the Sunflowers for Ukraine article in the Rotary down under magazine. Could you please forward information about this project as we would like to become involved?

Kindest regards Gail Wallace President Redland Sunrise Rotary Club Queensland.

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Hi John wondering if you can send 10 boxes to us. .oh, and the bill for them



Cheers Glenys Cooma Rotary Club

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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, Victoria.

## THE DEMAND & ENQUIRIES CONTINUE

### JOHN HEWKO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL General Secretary

"The 1990's feel like a lifetime ago. Recently, Marga and I were going through photos of our time living in Ukraine. From moments of joy and experiencing history to moments of connection, we wouldn't trade this period of our lives for anything.

Today, and all days, I am proud of my ties to Ukraine, my Ukrainian heritage, and my parents who were forced to flee Ukraine from communist oppression. On this day 31 years ago, 24 August 1991, I had the good fortune of being in the Ukrainian Parliament building to witness Ukraine declare its independence. I remember being in the backroom discussions of the contending parliamentary factions, the raucous debates, the massive crowd outside the Parliament building with its sea of yellow and blue flags; and then the euphoria that filled all of us present when the final vote for independence was taken.

One of the iconic moments of the day was the bringing of an enormous Ukrainian flag into the Parliament hall after the vote, draping the flag on the dias in front of a huge statue of Lenin, followed by a full throated rendition by the MPs of the song Chervona Kalyna (Red Viburnum) which has now become the rallying song for Ukrainians in their current struggle against Russian aggression and atrocities (with countless renditions being played around the world in support of Ukraine).

[READ THE FULL STORY HERE](#)



Above a young John Hewko far left.

**Slava Ukrajini!!!**

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND UKRAINE

One of the areas that will help by providing news and information on an instantaneous basis are the social media outlets such as Facebook, Instagram and so on.

Then we have clubs looking for ideas and how to implement the initiative.

Here are just some of the photos, cartoons and memes that appeared during the past few weeks.



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

We are doing our best to help all of those who need seeds, artwork or display boxes. We still have 350 boxes on hand.

Above all please continue to let us have some pics and stories, of your work, thank you.

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### WAGGA WAGGA ROTARY CLUB.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Volodymyr Shalkivskyi Deputy Head of Mission Ukraine Embassy, Canberra to our Club dinner meeting on:

**Thursday, 15th September 2022  
6.00pm for 6.30pm**

Wagga Wagga Country Club, Plumpton Road Wagga Wagga Mr. Shalkivskyi will speak about the current situation in Ukraine.