



A YEAR IN REVIEW JULY 2019 – JULY 2020

The Australia Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO) the peak body for Ukrainians in Australia held its Annual Statutory General Meeting on July 22, 2020 via Zoom

The AFUO has 22 constituted peak member organisations www.ozeuke.com/members

The meeting reported on the AFUO activity for 2019-2020 period and presented the financials for review.

The financial report was sent to members prior to the meeting was presented and the audit committee reported on its audit and endorsed the AFUO Committee and financial reports activity. This was supported and voted on in a forma motion for reports to be sent to Consumer Affairs for lodgement

The committee meets monthly and held 11 meetings over the reporting period

List of actions – in the reporting period. There were many highlights over the past 12 months. these were reflected in a PowerPoint Presentation – (can be found on www.ozeukes.com)

ACHIEVEMENTS AREAS OF ACTIVITY LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY

- Reforming of the Australia-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Advocating for managing Sanctions against Russia
- Promoting Concept of introducing Australian System for Tariff Preferences
- Meetings with Government agencies – Dept of Home Affairs, DFAT and others

CALLS TO ACTION

- The AFUO repeatedly called on the community to participate in Calls to action
- ABC – Protest Use of Hammer and Sickle – The Australian Story
- Ukraine United Flash mob
- Canberra Times – Protested the Paid advertisement by the Russian Ambassador spruiking Russian Propaganda

COMMUNICATION

- The executive keeps all members and the community abreast of issues and coordinates activity through its newsletters, through Facebook and its website regular meeting with Members,
- Held a National meeting in Hobart in January 2020,

COVID 19

- Formed the AFUO COVID19 National Task Force which has held weekly meetings

EMBASSIES UKRAINE AND AUSTRALIA

- Regular contacts and planning and coordinating of events and strategies with the Embassy of Ukraine in Canberra
- Regular contact with the Ambassador of Australia in Ukraine, Participating in events in Kyiv

FORMING NEW SUPPORT STRUCTURES

- In cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine in Canberra exploring the possibility of forming the Australia Ukraine Business Council
- To support public affairs the possibility of forming the Australian Institute of Ukrainian Affairs

MAINSTREAM MEDIA

- The AFUO position on issues has been published in mainstream media The Australian, The Canberra Times to present Ukraine's position in challenging and taking on the Russian Propaganda Machine

MEDIA UKRAINE

- In Ukraine the AFUO also presented its position on issues -Some of which were :
 - The Ukrainian Language legislation
 - Red lines for the Ukrainian Government in negotiations with Russia

NATIONAL SURVEY

- Prepared the online survey on the Australian Ukrainian community and -Its strengths and challengers in The Way Forward Paper
- Seeking wide community opinion

HOLODOMOR

- The AFUO Holodomor committee staged a moving Holodomor Photographic Exhibition in November 2019, and later another States
- Exhibition then hung in the Kyiv Holodomor Memorial Museum and now being travelled around Ukraine
- The AFUO assisted the with the Polish Film Festival committee to screen Mr Jones in Melbourne and Sydney screened The Mr Jones Film about Gareth Jones and the Holodomor

HUMANITARIAN AID INITIATIVES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020

TOTAL raised \$316,000 **2015** - \$70k | **2018** - \$128k | **2019 / 20** - \$118k

- The AFUO, Curtin University, Shevchenko Foundation (FUSA) and Ukrainian Catholic University in L'viv – signed a Memorandum of Understanding to deliver the Occupation Therapy Training Course to be conducted by Kirrily Maddison – Curtin University signed Memorandum of Understanding
- AFUO Bushfire Campaign – Kolyada for the Bushfire – Over \$70,000 presented to the Red Cross
- The AFUO, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Caritas Ukraine to deliver a Veteran Rehabilitation Program and work closely with them in monitoring its success.
- Checkout the full report on the work undertaken
<https://www.ozeukes.com/community/ukraine-crisis-appeal-report-2/>

PUBLICATION UKRAINE OWN UNDER

- A new publication reflecting our community in a coffee book format
- 78 national community organisation entries

- 219 pages of coloured photos and information about our life over 70 years

UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS

- Weekly meetings with members of the UWC
- Participating in UWC activity
- Participating and supporting UWC calls to action

VISA FREE REGIME – TRAVEL TO UKRAINE

- The AFUO was instrumental in negotiations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ukraine in advocating for a visa Free regime.
- Over the negotiating period also held regular talks with the Embassy of Ukraine in Canberra, the Embassy of Australia in Kyiv, and Ministry of Foreign affairs in Canberra

YOUTH

- The Youth Portfolio supported the organisation of a national film festival and throughout COVID 19 period facilitated the Virtual Films Festival.
- It has met a forum to plan ongoing activities

CONCLUSION

The AFUO Committee thanked all those who have worked to promote strong Australia Ukraine relations and those who work tirelessly to keep the Australian Ukrainian community active, representative, and alive



UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

The Ukraine Crisis Appeal is a collaboration between Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWS), Caritas Ukraine and the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO) to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

ukrainecrisisappeal.org

KAPITAC UKRAINI
CARITAS UKRAINE

The banner features logos for Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWS), Caritas Ukraine, and the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO). It also includes a graphic of two hands holding a heart with the Ukrainian flag colors (blue and yellow) inside it.

УКРАЇНЦІ АВСТРАЛІЇ В ЗАХИСТУ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ МОВИ - ПРОТЕСТ ЛИСТ
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Media Release: NO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT UKRAINE WITHOUT UKRAINE President Zelensky must not agree to Russian demands

October 3, 2019 by CYOA



Currently there are too many mixed messages from the President and those in his administration. This causes unnecessary tension in civil society. International partners and stakeholders are also calling for answers. The Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations, (the peak body for Ukrainians in Australia) joins with the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) in ... [\[Read more...\]](#)

Successful launch of the Holodomor Exhibition in Kyiv [Photos]



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22.08.2019 12:00

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HOLODOMOR
genocide by famine

Ukraine remembers - the world acknowledges!
the story of the millions who died
and those who survived
to make their lives in Australia



EXHIBITION
SpACE@Collins
Level 1, 270 Collins Street
Melbourne, Australia


8-17 November 2018
Opening event
Thursday 8 November 6-8pm

Gallery hours:
Monday to Friday
11am-5pm
Saturday
11am-4pm

For more information: www.ore.ukes.com/holodomor/

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**Про встановлення безвізового режиму для громадян
Австралії, Нової Зеландії, Королівства Бахрейн, Держави Кувейт,
Султанату Оман, Королівства Саудівська Аравія**

З метою розвитку і практичної реалізації принципів партнерства між Україною та Австралією, Новою Зеландією, Королівством Бахрейн, Державою Кувейт, Султанатом Оман, Королівством Саудівська Аравія постановляю:

1. Установити з 1 серпня 2020 року безвізовий режим в'їзду в Україну та транзитного проїзду через територію України для громадян Австралії, Нової Зеландії, Королівства Бахрейн, Держави Кувейт, Султанату Оман, Королівства Саудівська Аравія, якщо термін їх перебування в Україні не перевищує 90 днів протягом 180 днів.
2. Кабінету Міністрів України вжити заходів, що впливають із цього Указу.
3. Цей Указ набирає чинності з дня його опублікування.

 Президент України

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