



ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIANS IN TASMANIA

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Welcome to the final news Bulletin of 2016! This newsletter is an opportunity to note our achievements, provide an update on important news and advise of upcoming events in the community.

Information is also available on our **website** (ukesintas.wordpress.com) and **Facebook** (Association of Ukrainians in Tasmania)

Thank you for reading!

REFLECTION – MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES

Members of the Choir and Dance Group have had a busy last quarter of the year. The Association gave a historical presentation at a Seniors Week event on October 11, and gave a short musical recital, including a dance presentation and lesson. It was well attended by the general public, some of whom demonstrated interested in the Association and its activities. The Choir has also been rehearsing regularly, and has visited a nursing home which has Ukrainian residents.



Community Actively participating in the Independence Day Celebration

Both the Choir and Dance group are always open to new members, and we encourage anyone with an interest to contact with Lessja or Marina.

PROMOTION – YELLOW BLUE BUS



Yellow Blue Bus describe themselves as a global-fusion act based around Ukrainian folk music and also original compositions with various other influences including indian, african, rock, blues, reggae etc. They are very active on the regular circuit in the Adelaide music scene; and played on many occasions at different venues in Melbourne and Sydney. They are an effective vehicle of spreading Ukrainian culture into some nooks and crannies of Oz that don't usually get to see it; although this is not their mandate, they have successfully turned on a whole range of people - and in some cases entire communities - onto aspects of Uke culture to the otherwise inaccessible. Visit their website for more information (www.yellowbluebus.com.au)

This exciting band are playing at the Cygnet fold festival on the 6, 7 and 8 December, and we encourage community members to support the band by attending performances and workshops if possible. When not attending Christmas celebrations, it is an opportunity to experience a unique musical experience in our own backyard. For details of the below performances visit <http://www.cygnetfolk festival.org>.

Friday 6th January

7 - 7.45pm: Concert performance (part of the "Southern Swans Opening Concert", St James College Auditorium)

Saturday 7th January

11 -11.45am: Arkan Dance Workshop

3 - 3.45: Concert performance (part of the "World Travels Concert", Carmel Hall)

Sunday 8th January

9 - 10am: Concert performance (part of the "Soulful Sounds Concert", St James Catholic Church)

2.30pm - 3.15 Bandura workshop

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that due to the Latin Christmas occurring on the 25th December, Fr. Justin will not be in Hobart and the Devine Liturgy will not be held. In addition, the monthly BBQ lunch is cancelled.

Rizdvo (Ukrainian Christmas)

Friday, 6 January at :5pm Great Compline

Svyat Vechir is a Lenten meal, eaten on Christmas Eve after the Service. Christmas Eve is the last day of the St Philip's Fast which is a four week period of abstinence and fasting observed by our Church along with other Eastern Christian communities. St Philip's fast begins on November 28. According to custom, meat and dairy products are omitted during the course of this Fast.

One of the traditional courses is Kutya, a wheat, honey and poppy seed dish served of the beginning of the feast. Attached to this newsletter is a recipe. Although a feast will not be held on Friday evening, if you would like to make the dish and bring it on Friday evening to be blessed, this can be consumed with the community at Saturday lunch.

Saturday, 7 January at 9.30am Third and Sixth Hours followed by Divine Liturgy for the feast of the **Holy Nativity at 10am.**

The Liturgy will be followed by a festive luncheon for Christmas in the hall with Kolyadki and Christmas Carols. Please bring a plate of food to share as at the regular monthly lunch.

Sunday, 8 January at 9.30am Third and Sixth Hours followed by **Divine Liturgy at 10am** for the Synaxis of our Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, for Sunday after Christmas.

Kutya Recipe

There are many regional versions of this traditional dish (examples in websites below). This recipe is a simple one.

Ingredients

1 Cup wheat
½ cup poppy seeds
½ raisins (optional)
½ cup honey

Rinse wheat kernals. Cover with lukewarm water and soak oversight. Simmer in same water for about 3 hours, or until tender, stirring occasionally. Season with salt to taste.

Add honey to cooked wheat kernals, making a medium thin mixture. If using raisons cover with boiling water for 15 minutes and drain. Grind poppy seeds. Add poppy seeds and raisons to the cooked wheat kernals and chill.

For detailed recipes and information visit the following webpages:

<http://www.food.com/recipe/ukrainian-christmas-kutya-77525?ref=amp>

<http://unknownukrainian.com/the-recipes-of-kutya>

<http://sovabooks.com.au/free-recipe-kutia-star-of-the-ukrianian-christmas-supper/>

Malanka (Ukrainian New Year)



Monday 2 January at 10am the community will make Varenky in preparation for Malanka. All are welcome to take part, or simply observe and socialise. A small sample will be provided to all participants. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.



Sunday 15 January at 12.00 the community will celebrate Malanka with a BBQ lunch and musical and dance performances. The performances will commence approximately 2.00pm.

All are welcome to celebrate the Ukrainian New Year with friends and family. For catering purposes (Varenky) please RSVP with numbers. As is usual for community lunches, it would be appreciated if participants brought a contribution for lunch or afternoon tea.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Taras Shevchenko commemoration

On **March 12 at 2.00** there will be a commemoration of this important historical figure, and be followed by an afternoon tea. Taras Shevchenko was an artist, poet, playwright and bard who fought for the freedom of his land, expressing his view through his work. The commemoration acknowledges his contribution and the great debt that his countrymen owe him.

REGULAR EVENTS



Beach Walks and Social Gatherings

When: Saturdays

Time: From 2.00pm

Details: Meet at the Big Playground at 7 Mile Beach for a social walk along the beach. A chance to get to know your community in beautiful surroundings.

Contact: Yuriy Gutsulyak (0435654767)

- **Divine Liturgy**
Every second and fourth Sunday of the month from 10.00
- **Monthly Community Gathering & BBQ**
Fourth Sunday of the month from 12.00 – Community members to bring a salad or desert to share. Meat and bread provided.
- **Dancing**
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. For times, please contact Marina
- **Choir**
Third Week in the month (Contact Alexandra Farrow for times/days)

ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIANS IN TASMANIA (AUT) - MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your interest in our Association! We appreciate your support through your attendance at events, and continued receipt of our communications. To those that are already financial members, we acknowledge your commitment to the community. Additionally, we would like to provide information regarding membership in this bulletin to those that may not be familiar with the benefits or process.

The benefits of becoming a financial member of the AUT include the right to vote at our annual AGMs (held at the end of the financial year)*, be elected to the Executive Committee*, receive the minutes of our monthly meetings and continue to be involved in AUT events. Higher membership numbers also allow us to apply for grants or funding from a stronger platform.

The process for becoming a member is simple:

- Become involved, and take an interest in, AUT events and activities.
- Complete the Membership Application form with 2 nominees (attached and available as requested)
- Attend a monthly meeting to lodge your Membership Application form and pay the annual fee (\$10 for those retired, or not working; \$15 for those working)

*Please note that voting at AGMs and election to committee is only available for those Ukrainian background. Interested community members are invited to join as Associate members and support the Association.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact a member of the committee.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday February 7th at 7.30pm. Meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month.

Meeting News

AUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Committee Role	Phone Contact
Marina Ladaniwskyj	President (and Dance Teacher)	0400763720
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Maria Baric	Committee Member	62723623
Yuriy Gutsulyak	Committee Member	0435654767

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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