

**УКРАЇНЬСЬКА
ГРОМАДА
СІДНЕЙ**

Ukrainian Society Cooperative Ltd
59-63 Joseph Street, Lidcombe NSW 2141



**UKRAINIAN
ASSOCIATION
of SYDNEY**

(established in 1949, incorporated in 1951)
(заснована 1949р. реєстрована 1951р.)

**PROFILE of the
Ukrainian Society Co-operative Ltd (USCL)
ACN 553 088 019
ABN 14 553 088 019**

Also known as the: Ukrainian Association of Sydney

Address: 59-63 Joseph Street. Lidcombe NSW 2141

THE ORGANISATION

The co-operative is a not-for-profit community-based entity.

The organisation is a registered co-operative based on shares issued to members.

The shares are not traded on the Stock Exchange.

Shares and Dividends:

The Constitution of the Ukrainian Society Co-operative Ltd (USCL) explicitly prohibits:

- the payment of any dividends. No dividends have been paid nor declared. This statement is included in every Directors' Report each year.
- If ever the USCL is dissolved by a General Meeting a member is only entitled to receive the amount the person paid for the six shares they were required to purchase when they became a member - \$60. Members are not entitled to any other amount.

MANAGEMENT

The organisation has a Management Committee of seven (7) Directors that are elected from the current financial members at an Annual General Meeting for a two-year term.

The election of Directors is set on an alternate basis: 3 Directors one year, followed by 4 Directors the following year.

The current Head of the Board is: Andrew Bilinsky.

As a community-based organisation, the Directors are committed to the aims and objectives of the organisation and thus work in a voluntary capacity: Directors are not paid for their work, and are not paid any honorariums.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Annual General Meetings are held for each financial year. The Annual Financial Reports are made available to financial members and presented-discussed at the AGM. The Annual Financial Reports comprise the following components prepared and accepted by resolution of the Board according to regulatory requirements:

- Annual Financial Statements and Notes to the Accounts
- Directors' Report
- Directors' Declaration

Additional reporting components included are:

- Independent Auditor's Report to the members
- Auditor's Opinion
- Auditor's Independence Declaration

The UCSL also reports annually to the Department of Fair Trading.

AUDIT

The Annual Financial Reports are audited by an independent qualified and registered Auditor.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the co-operative from its incorporation in 1951 has been and remains: CULTURAL, LEARNING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Background and Aims

The USCL is the founding Australian-Ukrainian community organisation in New South Wales having been formed in 1949 (70 years ago) and incorporated in June 1951 (68 years ago). The following year, the USCL purchased a building at 51 Pitt Street, Redfern for community needs. The USCL sold this building in 1959, having bought new premises in 59-63 Joseph Street, Lidcombe. The new building became known as the Narodnyi Dim [*Народний Дім*]. This community hall has been a base for many community organisations and a venue for concerts, commemorations and other events over these many decades.

From the outset, the aim of the USCL has been to promote and develop Ukrainian-Australian culture in Sydney. The USCL is a non-partisan, secular community organisation. Membership comprises people of Ukrainian ancestry, together with more recent immigrants from Ukraine.

Development of Community Networks and Affiliations

The USCL plays a vital role in the development and support of community networks and affiliations.

From the time of its founding in 1951, the Ukrainian community school (The Ukrainian Central School of St. Olha) has been functioning as an integral component of the UCSL.

The USCL also provides the wider Ukrainian-Australian community with a venue for social, cultural and educational activities. Over the years, the Narodnyi Dim has been the base for many Ukrainian community groups and a diverse range of cultural activities.

Additionally, the UCSL holds cultural and social events open to the community, such as the Malanka Ukrainian New Year celebration, Eurovision dinner dance party, and most recently a Ukrainian-style celebration of St Valentine's day. An annual pysanky (Ukrainian Easter egg) workshop is held, as are other cultural master classes.

Since the year 2000, the UCSL has produced a weekly radio programme called "Sounds of Ukraine: From Steppes to Surf". This is the only Ukrainian community radio broadcast in Sydney, independent of government support. The UCSL also produces a bilingual journal titled "Voice of the Community" [*Holos Hromady*].

The UCSL focuses on advocacy and support for Ukraine, and actively assists the Embassy of Ukraine in Australia through the provision of professional expertise.