STRZELECKI PLAQUE UNVEILING TUE MARCH 9TH 2021

WELAREGANG & TUMBARUMBA PROGRAM

9:15 – 9:30 Tumbarumba Motel at the Reception, 2 Albury Cl., breakfast packs provided, coach leaving for Welaregang, your driver Anthony

10:30 – 11:00 outdoor event, 180 Tintaldra Rd, Welaregang NSW; Geographical coordinates to be used on Google maps or in GPS -36.037706, 147.947265

Strzelecki Plaque unveiling by Polish Ambassador HE Michal Kolodziejski & The Hon. Justin Clancy, member for Albury, followed by photo opportunity for everyone

11:00-12:00 return trip to Tumbarumba Motel, 2 Albury Cl., Function Hall

12:00-12:15 At Function Hall QR or sign the book, grab a drink, get seated

12:15 MC Tom Kukieła welcome all distinguished guests

12:18 Welcome to Country by Uncle John Casey & Aunty Lorna Casey

12:20 Welcome by Mayor of Snowy Valleys, Cr James Hayes

12:23 A short speech by Ambassador Michal Kolodziejski

12:30 A short speech by the Hon. Justin Clancy

12:37 Ambassador of Ireland, HE Breandan O Caollai opening an exhibition "Strzelecki – The Forgotten Hero of the Great Irish Famine"

13:05 – 14:05 Exhibition Viewing Time. Lunch boxes provided.

14:07-14:17 Live performance by Lajkonik, Polish folk dances Kujawiak & Oberek

14:19 Short speech by Vice-president of Kosciuszko Heritage Inc., Andrzej Kozek

14:26 Short speech by historian Michael Organ formerly of the University of Wollongong

14:32 Introducing competition winner Anastasia Wilksmit of Tumbarumba High School

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

14:34 – 15:03 * Kindness Matters * Song My Mountain Kosciuszko * Tribute to Charlie Tara * Flight over the Strzelecki Route from Welaregang to Mt Kosciuszko * Song The comfort of Strangers * The story of sculpture Kosciuszko & Agrippa Hull

15:05 – 15:50 PIANO RECITAL by Krzysztof Malek: Chopin and a tiny bit of Kosciuszko Music

OFFICIAL CLOSE

15:50-19:00 Optional program. Exhibition Viewing and/or Screening of documentaries: *Kosciuszko: Poland Will Dance Again*, *Ngari in Cracow*, *From Mound to Mount*

Organized by Kosciuszko Heritage Inc.
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Postponed - Celebrating now 2021
Charlie Tarra, an Aboriginal guide

Charlie Tarra was a bush tracker, a capable, friendly and intelligent guide and companion to the early explorers and settlers. He was a native of Burra Burra. Initially served for Lachlan Macalister. In 1838 he attached himself to James Macarthur, son of Hannibal. In March-may 1840 was a member of the Strzelecki expedition. He also proved to be very useful in William Brodribb’s explorations of Gippsland. He accompanied Mr Townsend, the surveyor, in his survey of Gippsland and overland through Monaro to Sydney.

Charlie died of tuberculosis in 1847 at Richlands, on the farm belonging to brothers William and James Macarthur.

Charlie Tarra became a part of Australian folklore. His name is mentioned on several plaques in Gippsland and Jindabyne. Tarra’s memorials include Tarra Bulga National Park and Tarra Valley Rainforest Walk. The town Tarraville, and Tarra River were named after him. He was immortalized in a song written and composed by a Polish poet from Perth, Adam Fiala, and on a contemporary painting by Warren Curry.

A LETTER FROM PHILIP GIDLEY KING TO JOHN HAY

My Dear Mr Hay

My friend Count Straleiski purposes visiting your neighbourhood with the intention of ascending the Snowy Mountains, and I have deep cause to regret that my absence in Sydney has deprived me of the pleasure of his company in so interesting expedition.

I have taken the liberty of introducing him to you and recommending him to your care and hospitality – I feel assured you will render him any assistance in your power and I fancy your zeal for such excursions will induce you to accompany him – would that I could do so myself, but I fear my absence in Sydney will prevent me – I purpose being back in about 3 weeks if I can get away –

I am writing in haste and am very tired having ridden far to-day –

Pray remember me most kindly to Mrs Hay and the other inhabitants of Welaregang and believe me Ever your sincerely

Philip Gidley King

Bogolong, 20th January 1840

In 1840 Philip Gidley King Jr was 23, and John Hay 24 years old