

## AUSTRALIA-We Remember! Katyn 1940 - Smolensk 2010

## 5 RALLY

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victorious Battle of Warsaw 1920

SYDNEY 24 October 2020

Mr Peter Beer, Mayor

and Snowy Monaro Council Councillors

as well as the whole Snowy Monaro Community

Thank you for wellcoming us into your beautiful Region for our annual Katyn/Smolensk, Australia - We Remember Raily for 2020.

In particular we thank Councillor Rogan Corbett who met our group including His Excellency Ambassador of the Republic of Poland Michal Kolodziejski and the Consul General from Sydney Dr Monika Konczyk at "Kozi Park " ( T. Kosciuszko Obelisk and Andrew Pokorski's memory bench ) on Saturday the 17 of October.

Our Polish connection to your Region is well established since early years of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Sir E. Strzelecki, an explorer and geologist named the highest peak of Australia after famous General of two Continents, Europe and North America , Tadeusz Kosciuszko, to mention only those two names.

Needless to say, thousands of Poles working in the Snowy Mountains Scheme after WWII consolidated our links.

Our Group consists of migrants from Solidarity time in Poland in 1980's and younger generation born in Australia.

This is our annual commemoration of the 20 thousands Polish Officers murdered as a POW in Katyn by Soviet Russia in 1940 and also commemorating victims of an explosion of presidential plane killing two Presidents, Generals of the Polish Army, Members of Parliament, all in all 96 people who were to pay their respect in the 70th anniversary of Katyn massacre in 2010.

Such tragedies should be remembered and victims respected for many generation to come.

Our world history should be well taught ,reflected upon so such atrocities are never repeated and those who paid the highest sacrifice in all world conflicts are remembered, so we could live free.

Kind regards

Dr Richard Adams-Dzierzba, Commander of Rally