



Kazzie Chronicle

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Kastellorizians,

Re K.C.A Convention Announcement

As members of the Kastellorizian Community it gives us much pleasure to inform you of an exciting event being planned for 2016. As you are aware the Kastellorizian Community settled in Australia well over 100 years ago. A series of Brotherhoods or Associations were formed in all States and Territories to provide companionship and support in good times and in bad. We can all recall attending weddings, dances, paniyiria and the good old Kazzie picnic at some time or other. At the same time Kastellorizians respected and developed a love and respect for their Australian identity. They faced two World Wars, the Depression, and raised their families. Many individuals achieved outstanding success in their field. We all know Kastellorizian men and women who are highly respected for their work in their home State and beyond.

After several efforts, finally the Kastellorizian Council of Australia (KCA) was formed in 2014. The KCA aims to promote Kastellorizians in Australia and be as supportive as possible in preserving and advance our rich heritage amongst our families, friends and the wider community across the generational spectrum. The KCA does not intend to interfere with the activities of the parent bodies in the States or Territories but to share ideas and create opportunities at a national and international level.

One key feature of the KCA is to sponsor and organize regular Conventions in Australia. For this reason we are holding our inaugural KCA Convention in 2016 in Brisbane and invite all Kastellorizians to attend. From Friday 22 January to Tuesday 26 January we will stage a special programme for Kastellorizians and their friends in Brisbane with optional activities on the Australia Day holiday Tuesday 26 January. A copy of the programme is enclosed for your reference. Please note that Monday 25 January is a normal working day in Queensland and Tuesday 26 January is a Public Holiday. An updated programme will be issued once the names and details of the key note speakers are confirmed.

We strongly recommend delegates to stay at the Rydges Hotel at Southbank. The hotel is located two blocks from the Greek Club and St. George Greek Church and approximately four blocks from the Brisbane CBD. For these reasons the Convention Committee will only provide transport for the delegates who elect to

stay at the Rydges Hotel. However, we understand that some delegates may wish to stay with family and friends, or other hotels where they have loyalty cards.

You are warmly invited to attend the KCA Convention and participate in what we hope will be a very happy and enriching experience for all. We look forward to seeing you in Brisbane together with fellow Kastellorizians from your state. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Queries related to the programme are best addressed to Convention Convener- Stathis Efstathis.

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See you in Brisbane

With best wishes,
Yvonne Panagacos
Chairperson

Stathis E. Efstathis
Convention Convener

REPORT from VICTORIA

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held a range of successful event over the last few months. Of particular interest was the "*Treasures of Kastellorizo- from the Cabinets of the Memory Keepers*". This event featured a vast display of treasures from the homes of members and was supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission. The guest speaker, Nicholas Bogiatzis gave a talk on traditional Kastellorizian Jewellery and other artifacts and was very well attended.

A Gala Dinner to mark the 90th anniversary of the Association is planned for Saturday 17th October 2015 at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. This is a special milestone in the history of the Victorian Association and on this occasion the Kastellorizian of the Year Award 2015 will be announced. For special entertainment "Effie" known as Mary Coustas has been engaged to entertain the guests together with the Greek Band Stroves. Tickets cost \$150 per head and all enquiries should be addressed to Christine Dimer 0432915049 or Bronwyn Paltoglou 041833 1221.

Yvonne Panagacos

REPORT from WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The latest edition of our newsletter, the *Megisti Messenger*, was distributed to our members on Sep 7th 2015 and contains 28 pages of news of past events and activities at our association, together with proposed functions for the remainder of 2015. It can be viewed at:
<http://www.castellorizo.org/newsletter/>

The Perth Glendi 2015 held on Sunday April 26th 2015 at Russell Square in Northbridge was a huge success, both from a promotional point of view and as a fund raiser. Our association provided three stalls for the event. The Kazzie Cooking Class sold Greek Sweets and conducted cooking demonstrations. The

Kazzie Cooking Class used the event as their fund raiser for the forthcoming WA Kazzie Cooking Book. Our souvlaki stall was so popular that we ran out of food. Our olive tree, memorabilia and information stalls were inundated with many queries and interest from people attending the Glendi.

It was very pleasing to see such great support, both from our committee and volunteers, in the many weeks of preparation and the manning of the stalls on the day. Numerous photos of the Glendi can be viewed online in our May edition of the *Megisti Messenger*.

On Friday May 1st 2015 our guest speaker was Dr Bill Leadbetter who gave a great talk, titled "Saints Constantine and Helene: From Sinner to Saints". It was attended by 87 persons.

Our association held a St Constantine and Helene Luncheon on Sunday May 24th 2015. It was a great success with 65 attending.

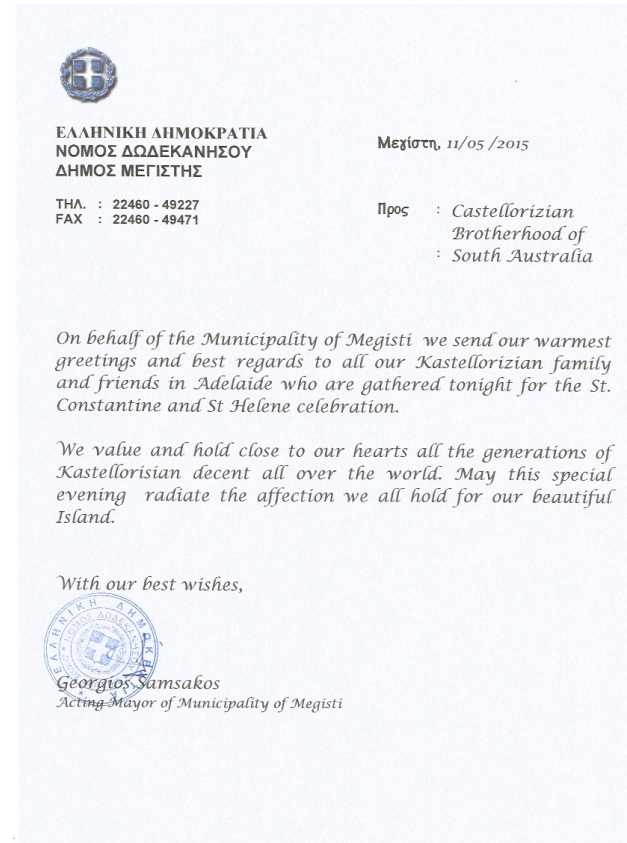
A Father/Son Night was conducted on Friday June 12th 2015 at the "Happy Hour" and we had 52 persons in attendance. A great night was enjoyed by all.

Our AGM will be conducted at 3.00pm on Sunday October 11th 2015 where a new committee will be elected. Our association has had a stable and committed committee for many years and we look forward to providing ongoing support & commitment to our membership.

Allan Cresswell

REPORT FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The following email from Megisti was received by the association on the occasion of the Sts Constantine and St Helene celebrations.



The South Australian Castellorizian Brotherhood held its annual St Constantine and Eleni Celebration at the Kooyonga Golf Club recently. Guests enjoyed fantastic food, entertainment floor show, an edited Channel Nine Sixty Minutes Documentary on Australian Kazzies featuring some well known South Australians, Greek dancing, and above all meeting many new and old friends. A fantastic night enjoyed by everyone. See photos above.

Forthcoming coming Events

- Sunday 13 September Kazzie Master chef Bake off Learn how to make traditional Halva, Strava and Katoumaryia under the guidance of Maria Fountas
- Friday 30th October Taverna Night - Meze - Souvlakia - All Welcome
- Sunday 6th December Christmas Lunch

Stephen Finos

REPORT FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

The Castellorizian Association of NSW is pleased to report we have had a very busy 2 years. In the course of this time we have purchased new premises on Gardeners Road Kingsford. The new premises is currently being developed with plans being drawn up for a Greek Themed Restaurant on the ground floor, and Association facilities for the first floor area. It is a long overdue rebuild for the community and we are very excited about having somewhere to call home again.

In the meantime our community has been socially very active. We celebrated our 90 Years with a luncheon celebration at the Tree Tops Restaurant. Kazzies were able to view a slide show of our 90 year history. We celebrated all who were part of the community and their work over the years.

Over the course of the year we have held successful functions for various events. We celebrated Melbourne Cup in style at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Point Piper, we raised money for Breast Cancer awareness with a distinguished lunch at Centennial Parklands where our own Professor John Boyages addressed the gathering, we hosted a Greek degustation evening at Seed Restaurant which was widely supported, we also held a Taverna night at George's Mediterranean Grill at Darling Harbour which was very successful.

The Castellorizian Ladies for Welfare have continued their work in running a weekly bingo morning which brings together members of the community to meet on a regular basis. The ladies also organized a movie day including lunch for members to attend.

Our board has also formed a History and Archives committee which will endeavour to record our Castellorizian History in Australia. Their first project was linked to the 100 year centenary of the ANZACS with a pictorial display of Australian Greeks who fought in WW1.

Our other success story is the formation of a Castellorizian Youth Association, CYA will hold its first function in October and we are thrilled that the next generation of Kazzies is gathering to form the basis of a future in Sydney.

Our Sporting Committee incorporating our Kazzie Basketball has continued to grow from strength to strength with record numbers of teams registered this year. The Basketball has always been an integral part of our association which has attracted our youth.

Our Board of Directors, Steering Committee and sub committees have had a very busy year rebuilding our community and creating the blueprint for our future.

REPORT FROM QUEENSLAND

St Andrew's Theological College, Bribie Island Campus

The Bribie Island Retreat & Recreation Centre was born over 40 years ago when a member of the Brisbane Greek Community Tom Lemnos, bequeathed a property at Wellington Point to the Archdiocese. The Trustees of his estate, allowed the property to be sold and the funds held in trust for a period, until a suitable site was found to develop a youth centre, under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia.

In 1990, the then Queensland State Government offered a parcel of 5 hectares of Crown virgin bushland at Third Avenue, Woorim, Bribie Island, for this purpose . The site is about 100 metres from the ocean beaches, and the Government offer was on the basis of it being for lease initially, but with the ability of the site being converted to freehold by the application of a pre-set formula, after the Archdiocese had expended a set amount on improvements.

The first Steering Committee was formed in 1991, and it set about the difficult task of raising funds to supplement those funds held in trust from the Lemnos Estate, and to develop a master plan for the whole of the 5 hectare site.

In 2002, the Steering Committee was sufficiently funded and advanced with its planning, to start Stage I, which involved the building of a sealed road, a bridge, access sealed road into the site, construction of the Church and an amenities block containing, storage rooms, kitchen, and toilets .

Stage 2 commenced in 2010 when the Kastellorizian Association of Queensland, made available an amount of \$54,000 for a caretakers residence to be built on the site. This structure was completed and the blessing of Kastellorizo House took place on 24 October 2010. It should be noted that the Kazzie Association is one of the smallest ethnic associations in Brisbane, where there are more larger and wealthier Associations to be found, and yet to date, the Kastellorizian Associations generosity has NOT been matched by any other association .

The completion of Stage 2 continued in 2012 when His Eminence, Archbishop Stylianos, was successful in securing a grant of \$1.9 million from the Federal Government, and this grant was sufficient for the construction of a large spacious amenities/auditorium block and seven accommodation cabins which can house up to 54 residents. Construction was completed in June 2013.

We now have a fully functional retreat for our youth, which provides a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities, and under the eye of a full time and paid co-ordinator & an Archdiocese appointed, Board of Management.

Bribie Island Paniyiri – Sunday 5th July 2015

Bribie Island is one hour and 15 minutes from Brisbane and is connected to the mainland by a bridge. In its second year only, the Bribie Island Paniyiri is fast becoming an important event for the people of Bribie Island. The objectives of the festival are to celebrate everything Greek, introduce the community to the facilities and to raise money to financially support the retreat and recreational centre. This one day event was even more successful than last year, with more than 4500 people attending the festival.



Paniyiri Greek Festival Brisbane – 23 & 24 May 2015

The 'Paniyiri' is officially Queensland's longest running cultural festival. It was initiated in 1976 by Father Gregory Sakellariou with the aim of bringing the Greek Community together in order to share our culture with the people of Brisbane. The two day event is held at The Greek Club as well as Musgrave Park, West End (located across the road from The Greek Club). The festival involves many food stalls (organised by different Greek Associations in Brisbane) and includes olive and honey puff eating competitions, Greek cooking demonstrations, live performances and plenty of Greek dancing and plate smashing. More than 60,000 people attended the event this year including our Prime Minister, Tony Abbott.



***Stathis E. Efstathis with
Mr Abbott***



***Michael Anastas (President of
The Greek Community of St
George with Mr Abbott***

S E Efstathis

Editor's Note:

Below is the proposed programme for the KCA inaugural Convention 22 January 2016 to 26 January 2016.

Two documents, *Registration Form* and *Conference Accommodation* are being sent separately to the Kazzie Chronicle. Express your interest to the Conference email: kcaconference2016@gmail.com



‘Celebrating All That Is Kazzie’ KCA Conference Program



Friday, January 22, 2016

6:00pm	Welcome drinks and Registration at the Greek Club, South Brisbane
7:30pm	Welcome Address by <i>Michael Boubaris</i> (QLD President)

Saturday, January 23, 2016

9:00am	Conference at the Greek Club. Opening Address by President of the KCA – <i>Yvonne Panagacos</i> State Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW • SA • VIC • WA • QLD
10:20 -10:50am	Morning Tea
10:50am - 1:00pm	Guest Speakers addressing the theme of the conference: Our Past Heritage: <i>TBA</i> What does it mean to be Kazzie? <i>TBA</i> Moving Forward – What does the future hold for Kazzies? <i>TBA</i>
1:00 – 2.00pm	Luncheon at the Greek Club
2.00 – 4.00pm	Address: ‘Flying the Flag’ by <i>TBA</i> Q & A Forum: Issues facing us now and in the future: Discussion: Why are the youth not connecting to their Kazzie heritage?
4.00pm	Free Time Optional Activity: (Tours of Southbank and the City)
7.30pm	Optional Activity: Dinner – Il Centro, Riverside, Brisbane

Sunday, January 24, 2016

8.30 – 11.00am	Optional Activity: Church Service at St George, South Brisbane (next to Greek Club)
11.00am	Coffee after church at the Greek Club
12.00 – 1.30pm	Luncheon at the Greek Club

1.30 – 3.00pm Celebrating Successful Kazzies:

3.00 – 3.30pm KCA Council Meeting – showcase
All delegates invited to attend the meeting

7.30pm Conference Dinner at the Greek Club
Keynote Speaker:
TBA.....
Vote of thanks

Monday, January 25, 2016

9.00am	Departure for Bribie Island
10.30 - 11.15am	Morning Tea
11.15am – 12.30pm	Tour of facilities
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch in the Auditorium
1.30 - 3.30pm	Walk to the beach or Tour of Bribie Island
3.30pm	Departure for Brisbane
5.00pm	Free time to explore Brisbane

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

9.00 – 11.00am	Optional Activity: Conference at Rydges Hotel. Aussie Day - ‘Big Kazzie Breakfast’ Closing Remarks by Representatives of KCA & Kastellorizian Association of QLD
11.30am – 3.00pm	Optional Activity: City Cat Ferry from Southbank to Bretts Wharf/Northshore Hamilton

Suggested Hotel: Rydges at Southbank – location is close to Greek Club.

