



# Kazzie Nea

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**Newsletter of Kastellorizian Council of Australia INC.**

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## News from Queensland:

*By Betty Yanardasis (Committee member Kastellorizian Association of QLD & KCA Delegate)*

### ***Our Annual Christmas Luncheon***

On the 27 November, our Christmas Luncheon was held at the Pacific Golf Club, Carindale. This annual event allows our members with their children to come together to start the celebrations for the festive season. It was an enjoyable afternoon with great food and lots of 'Christmas cheer'. The highlight of the luncheon was the arrival of Santa. It was wonderful to see so many young Kazzies at the luncheon.



Kazzie Youth of QLD



Ivy Graham (left) with committee members



QLD Kazzie Committee members

### ***Special Awards for Kazzies from the Greek Community of St George, Brisbane:***

#### ***Stathis E Efstathis OAM and Mal Varitimos CBE QC***

On the 30 October, the annual St George Dinner was held at the Greek Club. This event recognises the work and services of its members within the Greek community and beyond. This year was quite significant for our QLD Association as two prominent Kazzies were awarded the pinnacle awards. **Stathis E Efstathis** was presented with the prestigious **Saint George Medal for Merit** for his services to the Greek Community of St George, Brisbane for over 50 years. This award was presented to Stathis by Bishop Iakovos of Militoupolis. This is only the fifth time the medal has been awarded. In his acceptance speech, Stathis highlighted the work of volunteers in the community and the need for our youth to consider such a commitment.

**Mal Varitimos** was bestowed with the **George Pippas Award** for his services to the legal professional in QLD and Papua New Guinea. A past recipient of the George Pippas Award includes **Dr Vlas Efstathis**.



Mal Varitimos (Centre Left) and Stathis E Efstathis (Centre Right)



Michael Anastas (President of the GOC), Stathis E Efstathis, Bishop Iakovos of Militoupolis and George Amarandos (Secretary of the GOC)

Our AGM was held on 31 August 2016 and the following people were elected onto our committee for 2016/2017:

**Michael Boubaris (President), Terry Kyranis (Vice – President), Jack Boubaris (Treasurer), Carol Pizimolas (Peters) - Assistant Treasurer, Patricia Yanardasis (Secretary) & Ann Kyranis (Assistant Minutes Secretary).**

**General Committee: Ann Chalkias, Despina Chalkias – Blaney, Pella Comino, Despo Efstathis, Stathis Efstathis, Stella Haralampou, Chrissy Kyprios, Ena O'Connor, Angela Panagaris, Steve Panagaris, Peter Pizimolas (Peters) & Betty Yanardasis.**

George Yanardasis, Stathis E Efstathis and Betty Yanardasis were elected as the QLD delegates to the KCA.

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## News from South Australia:

*By Liz Philippou (Committee member Castellorizian Association of SA)*

### ***Elite Adelaide Obstetrician calls time on illustrious career:***

**Dr Basil Antonas** has called it quits after delivering twenty-five thousand babies!

Basil was born in a refugee camp in the Palestinian territory of Gaza in 1944 after the invasion of Kastellorizo. The English deported his pregnant mother and young brother along with many other women, children and elderly to a safe place while things settled on the Island. The family and young Basil stayed in Palestine for 12 or so months before they boarded the Empire Patrol in 1945 to return to Kastellorizo.

Not far off Port Said, the ship caught on fire. Many lost their lives on the boat while the lucky ones returned back to Gaza. Basil's family eventually settled in Adelaide where Basil attended Adelaide High School and then went on to Adelaide University. He says he has retired but he continues to work as a consultant at the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital.

Basil loved his work and it was full of happy moments, thrills and challenges.

***Congratulations Basil, enjoy your time out!!!***

### ***Obituaries:***

**Evangelos Tsakalos 29 August 1919 – 12 October 2016**

Evangelos was an exceptional figure in the South Australia community at large. He supported the Greek Community of SA.

Our club extends its condolences to the Tsakalos family.

### ***Congratulations!***

**Arthur Con Mangos** received a **25 year service award from the Local Government Association** and was also recognised by the Council and the Minister of Local Government. He was presented with a plaque and certificate in recognition of his services.

As of the 5 December, he will be on the board of the local Government Association of South Australia for a two-year term not only to represent The City of West Torrens but the ratepayers of



Adelaide. His goal is to do his best in the LGA and to represent the Community.

The CB of SA extends congratulations. Well done Arthur!

**Stephen Finos** (refer to the photograph below) won the **Outstanding Contribution Award** at the 2016 **Mainstreet SA Awards** held at the Sebel Playford Hotel on 26 October 2016. Presenting him his award was the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese. He won the award for his outstanding contribution spanning over 20 years to the Unley Road Association. Very well deserved.



**Ann Finos** celebrated her **90th birthday** on the 24th July 2016 at the Castellorizian Family Centre surrounded with over 100 family and friends. Interstate guests included her sister Joy Loucas and her son Manuel from Perth, her goddaughter Cherrie Miriklis-Pavlou with her husband Paul and son Kosta as well as Ann Salvaris all from Melbourne.



Left to right; Nancy Palasis, Ann Finos and Joy Loucas

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Basili Doulos is a 36 year old man who lives on Kastellorizo suffering with Multiple Sclerosis. He has been unable to get out of bed for almost a year now. His mother feeds him breakfast then races off to work, she returns home at lunch time to feed him - he basically is unable to do anything for himself. His day is spent in his bed in a corner of a tiny dark kitchen.

We are looking at making his life more comfortable by purchasing an electric chair so that he can get out into the fresh air and the beautiful Kassie sunshine.

Please help give this young man the simple joy of sunshine...we are all entitled to that!

God bless you for your kindness!

Donations can be made at "Gofundme" look for Basili Doulos or if you prefer - please pay into the following account:

BSB: 015 056 Account Number: 223 919 321

(Liz Philippou)

### ***Exciting Things are on the Table for the Kassie Club Rooms Torrensville:***

The committee has been talking about several major changes including a new kitchen fit out and new toilets. Our club rooms are due for a major over haul!!!

With the purchase of 120 new chairs this year it seems that we have started and the renovations are just around the corner. "Watch this Space"

### ***Christmas Party for the Kids:***

The Adelaide club rooms held their annual Christmas show on Sunday 11 December. Two lambs on the spit added a bit of tantalizing fun for the parents. Thanks to Adam Philippou and Jason Brincat who set up the spit at 5am on Sunday morning to have a magnificent meal for us on the day. The man in red was also there tasting the offerings as well as giving out gifts to all the kids. A wonderful time was had by all.

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## News from Victoria:

*By Dr Nick Lolatgis (President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria)*

We celebrated St Constantine & St Helene Day on 22 May. Following the church service, we celebrated at our clubrooms. There was a great turnout and VCE awards were presented together with Kastellorizian Youth Achievement awards. The awards were presented by our local member The Hon Martin Foley who has attended the St Constantine and Helen celebrations for eight years running – an amazing record.



**Nicholas Adgemis receiving his VCE Award from Minister Foley**

Anne and I enjoyed hosting a young Kazzie student, Pantelis Amygdalos, under the “Friends of Kastellorizo” student exchange program. Three students came to Melbourne. The Stabelos and McCaulife Families hosted the other students, Alexandros Ntervisi and Despoina Papoutsis, respectively.



**The Exchange Students at the football**

The students had a good time and saw a lot of Melbourne. They went to the MCG to see an AFL game, as part of their education, and yelled a lot. We celebrated their excursion and departure by holding an Art and Greek wine event at Niagara Galleries on the 7 August. We provided an array of excellent Greek cheeses and Cosmic wines generously put on a great tasting of Greek Wines. The departure dinner was held at “Cucinettas”, a delightful Italian restaurant in South Yarra.



**President Nick Lolatgis with the KOY Allan Cresswell**

It gave me great pleasure to announce that Allan Agapitos Cresswell, was the successful nomination for Kastellorizian of the Year (KOY), 2016. The Award received a good deal of media attention here in Melbourne. Allan came to Melbourne with his wife Jean, and daughter Jodi, to accept his award at the annual KOY dinner. We celebrated with much “kefi” at Yianni’s tavern. Allan was very humble and proud to receive the award and gave an inspiring speech.

The Kastellorizian of the Year for 2015, Mr George Pappas OAM, recently presented a lively talk at the club on “How I finally got my hands on the Cup” – giving us an insight into his long association with the 2016 AFL Premiers, the Western Bulldogs, and the ongoing involvement of Victoria University with the Bulldogs. George Pappas is Chancellor of Victoria University.

Our Kazzie Seniors continue to meet monthly, either at the club for lunch or for an outing. Christine Dimer is to be congratulated on her commitment to organising events for the Seniors. At the other end of the scale, we are seriously



endeavouring to attract our Young Kazzies. We live in hope that we can attract the younger generation. Following on the well-attended President's Cocktail party in May, a few of the Young Kazzies have met twice to discuss future events of interest to them, and they are also involved in helping to organise the Children's Christmas party in December.

Our website [www.kazzieclub.com](http://www.kazzieclub.com) is evolving nicely and the regular e-bulletin continues to be favourably received by our members as well as subscribers throughout Australia. If you wish to subscribe to the e-bulletins, go to our website, scroll down and register. All e-bulletins are filed on the website under "news".

The Ithacan Philanthropic Society held their Centenary Ball at the Melbourne Cricket Club in October, and I can report that it was a glittering occasion, and beautifully organised. I can only hope that for the centenary of the KAV in nine years' time that we can all join in to celebrate that milestone. The Ithacans are to be congratulated for the wonderful series of events they have held for their centenary, graciously inviting our club to join in their activities.

It was most pleasing to have a good attendance at our AGM in October. Retiring from the committee were George Stabelos, Christine Dimer, Michael Spartels, Jim Paltos, and Anna Miriklis-Defteros, and thanks go to them for their service.

I look forward to my second term as President, working with the new committee:

**Mike Zervos (Vice-President), Christine Mastores-Davidson (Treasurer), Peter Coates (Secretary), Lena Coates, George Josephides, Tony Lolas, Alexander Lolatgis, Anne Lolatgis, Cynthia Scotis, & Cassandra Zervos.**

**George Verginis continues as our Welfare Officer.**



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## News from Western Australia:

*By Allan Cresswell (President Castellorizian Association of WA & KCA Delegate)*

The highlight for our Association since the last edition of *Kazzie Nea* has been the launch of the Cazzie Ladies Cooking Classes cookbook - '**from our GREEK KITCHEN to yours**'. The book launch took place on Sunday 9 October 2016 and was a huge success with a large crowd in attendance. Vice President Marilyn Tsolakis was MC with Peter Manifis launching the book. **Helen Anastasas and all her helpers** should be very proud of this wonderful book. It was so popular that all 1000 copies were sold in the first two weeks. People kept coming back to buy additional copies for family members and friends. A second print was urgently arranged to satisfy ongoing demand and to have the book available for the forthcoming Perth Glendi 2016.

The book costs **\$40 plus postage**.

**The contact person for further information is Anita Verne on email: [anita@halmac.com.au](mailto:anita@halmac.com.au) or mobile: 0407 922 783.**



Cook Book Cover



Book Launch

The Perth Glendi 2016 was held on Sunday 23 October 2016 on a wonderful sunny Spring day. Our association conducted three stalls at the Glendi. The Ladies Cooking Class again held their sweets/biscuits stall and we also had our souvlaki/chips stall along with the memorabilia/olive trees stall. The Cazzie ladies also conducted cooking demonstrations for the crowds and sold many cooking books on the day. Our committee, volunteers and helpers were wonderful both with all the prior organising and the stall manning on the day. Well done everyone!



Some of the Cazzie Ladies sweets/biscuits volunteers



Packaged Sweets



Cazzie Cooking Demonstration

Our Association held its AGM on 30 October 2016 and the following people were elected onto our committee for 2016/2017: **Allan Cresswell (President), Jim Manifis (Vice President), Anita Verne (Secretary), Stan Kailis (Treasurer), Sion Xanthis, Angela McGrath & John Gelavis.**

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*The KCA*

*Wishes all Kazzies and their families*

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*Joyous & Festive Season*



Remember to view our new website:

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