



# Kazzie Nea

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

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### **Message from your President:**

Dear Members,

As of the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2017, the new Office Bearers to the K.C.A. were elected.

**George Pizanis (NSW) – President**

**Jim Manifis (WA) – Vice President**

**Christina Kyros (WA) - Secretary**

**George Yanardasis (QLD) - Treasurer**

**Stathis E Efstathis (QLD) - Assistant Treasurer**

**Betty Yanardasis (QLD) - Editor**

**Victoria Kazaglis (NSW) - Public Relations Officer**

#### **Council Delegates:**

**Allan Creswell (WA)**

**Darcy Economos (SA)**

**Stephen Finos (SA)**

**Paul Gregory (Vic)**

**George Josephides (Vic)**

**Nick Lolatgis (Vic)**

**Nick Malaxos (NSW)**

**Nick Scopelitis (SA)**

A special thank you to our outgoing President, **Yvonne Panagacos**, for her tireless efforts over the last three years in establishing the K.C.A and heading up the team to write our inaugural Constitution. I hope to fill her position with the same dedication as Yvonne would have expected.

Also, we are very grateful for the efforts of **Kristen Demetriou**, **Nik Spartel** and **Dr George Stabelos** over the last three years. The K.C.A will dearly miss their presence.

Our goals for the next 12 months are listed below:

1. The growth of the youth committees per State
2. The long awaited New South Wales K.C.A Convention in mid-2018.
3. Our next AGM in Perth in January 2018.
4. The maintenance of our K.C.A Website to showcase events and latest information by Victoria Kazaglis

We expect the completion of the Castellorizian Cultural Centre in N.S.W to be finished before the commencement of the Convention to show the rest of Australia our efforts over the last four years.

Yours Sincerely

George Pizanis

President



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## News from New South Wales

By Victoria Kazaglis (Committee member Castellorizian Association of NSW & K.C.A. Delegate)

The History and Archive Committee of the Castellorizian Association of NSW is a sub-committee of our Association. Our team put on its third exhibition, "Castellorizian Migration Stories". The committee sourced photos from families who migrated to Australia from our island and accompanied them with the oral history of a family that had never been recorded before. We recorded over 50 stories and presented them at the **Kudos Gallery in Paddington** as well as displaying original passports, disembarkation documents, and manifests. We also filmed a mini-documentary interviewing families about the journey of their parents. Our stories will be compiled into a book that will be sold once completed. The exhibition was accompanied by traditional Cassie songs of migration and dancing. The committee will continue to source more stories and invite community members to contact us so their stories can be included in our publication.



Above: History and Archives Committee of the Castellorizian Association, NSW.



Left to Right:  
**George Victor Kazaglis**  
and **Victoria Kazaglis** at  
the opening night of the  
**Migration Stories**  
Exhibition held at the  
**Kudos Gallery,**  
**Paddington, NSW.**



Left to Right: **Konnor Panselinos** and **Chrissie Athis** at the opening night of the **Migration Stories** Exhibition

## Castellorizian Youth Affiliation

Our Castellorizian Youth held a **Koulouri** making night to keep our Greek heritage alive. Young Cassies came and were tutored on how to make the biscuit dough and how to form the shapes of traditions koulouria. **Chrissie Athis** provided the instructions and the young Cassies went home with a plate of Greek culture. Our Youth Affiliation will hold a **Round the World Trivia Night in May**, and in doing so continuing to keep our youth together.

Ball at the Sofitel Hotel Sydney. The night was a sell-out and our beautiful debutantes, partners, flower girls and page boys gave our night a glimpse into the future of our community.

The Association also held a Movie night to mark the 25year anniversary of the release of **Mediterraneo**, the Italian movie filmed on Castellorizo. Introducing the movie, **John Mangos** gave us some insights into the filming of the movie and the use of his uncle's home which was featured in many scenes.

We are hosting a Bingo night for all ages with dancing and competitions, and we are also looking forward to holding a family dinner dance to raise funds for our new building.

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## News from Queensland:

*By Betty Yanardasis (Committee member Kastellorizian Association of QLD & K.C.A. Delegate)*

### The Hellenic Initiative Dinner in Brisbane

1 April 2017



Left to Right: Tricia, George and Betty Yanardasis, Andrew Liveris and Stathis E and Despo Efstathis.

A very special dinner was held at the **Brisbane City Hall** to raise awareness and sponsorship for **The Hellenic Initiative (THI) in QLD**. This organisation was established in 2012 in 'response to the prolonged social and economic crisis in Greece, and the impact it was having on the country and its people'. The primary objective of **THI** is to build a global diaspora movement. Its mission is 'to invest in the future of Greece through direct philanthropy and economic revitalisation programs'.

The people of Brisbane enthusiastically supported the dinner. In fact, 350 people attended the prestigious event. No doubt the guest speaker, **Andrew Liveris AO (Keynote speaker at the K.C.A. Conference in Brisbane, 2016) and Chairman & CEO of the Dow Chemical Company** was the big draw card. Andrew is the Co-Founder and Chairman of THI. Other inspirational speakers included **Nicholas G Pappas AM** (President, THI Australia), **Alexander Theodoridis** (Co-Founder, Boroume Greece) and **Jim Raptis OBE** (Honorary Consul of Greece in QLD). The Master of Ceremonies for the dinner was Theona Mitaros from Perth. The evening was a very joyful occasion.

The Greek people of Brisbane responded very generously to the plight of the people of Greece. It was a very successful evening with over \$190, 000 being raised from the dinner. Congratulations to the event convenors Jim Raptis and Emmanuel Drivas (THI Australian Directors) for organising a truly wonderful event.

**Remember, ΟΛΟΙ ΜΑΖΙ!**



Left to Right: George Yanardasis, Andrew Liveris and Stathis E Efstathis OAM.



Left to Right: George Yanardasis, Nicholas G Pappas and Stathis E Efstathis.

**THI Website:**

<https://www.thehellenicinitiative.org/>

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## News from South Australia:

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

The SA Castellorizian Club started off its 2017 events with the traditional **Palm Sunday lunch** on the 9th April. It was a successful event. Everyone who attended was delighted with the food and prizes that were offered. A big thank you to the committee for the outstanding success of the day.



**Palm Sunday Celebrations.**

Other events that have been planned for 2017 include the **St Constantine and St Eleni** celebration to be held on the 20th May, as well as, a **quiz night** and the **history of wine making on Castellorizo**. We are delighted to have Norman Ashton present and elaborate on this very interesting topic. We are also very fortunate to have Thomas Hardy showcase his wines on the day.

Marriage Celebration of **Elloise Chaplin to Mark Williams** on 22nd April 2017 at the Church of Archangels Michael and Gabriel followed by a reception held at the Adelaide Town Hall. Elloise is the daughter of **Cherrie and Tony Chaplin and granddaughter of the late Anthony and Lucy Scopelitis**. Many guests travelled from interstate and overseas: from **New York** - Michael, Rachel and Remi Salvaris; from **Melbourne** - John and Anna Salvaris, Yvette and Paul Coucaud, Paul, Cherrie and Kosie Pavlou, Irene and John Adjemis, Nick and Stacy Miriklis; from **Perth** - Joy Loucas with daughters Julie, Cherrie, Carol and granddaughter Amelia; from **NSW** - Basil and Cathy Miriklis, John Miriklis, Angela and George Giaros and from **Queensland** - Vlas, Olga and Genevieve Efstathis.



**The Wedding of Elloise Chaplin to Mark Williams.**



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## News from Victoria:

*By Dr Nick Lolatgis (President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria & K.C.A. Delegate)*

Our clubrooms were packed to capacity in February for the **launch of "Melpomene and Andonis"** the first of the Stories of Megisti, Kastellorizo Series, by **Michele Kiosoglous** and **Philippa Adgemis**, illustrated by **James Blake**. The book was launched by George Papadopoulos AM. It is a wonderful children's book set in Kastellorizo, with a launch in Kastellorizo coming up soon. We were very pleased to make our clubrooms available for this event and our members wholeheartedly supported the function. It was a glittering occasion, with the Muse Melpomene present to welcome everyone. We wish the authors well with the series.



*Beautiful Melpomene*

In April, we were invited by four Greek-Australian artists to exclusively preview their exhibition at **Steps Gallery in Carlton**. It was a very elegant and social evening.



Left to right: Christine Dimer, Vice-President Mike Zervos and Connie Gregory at the Art Preview.

Our annual VCE Awards and Kazzie Young Achiever Awards will be presented at the St Constantine and St Helen function at our clubrooms. Two functions coming

up are the **President's Cocktail Party** at my home in June, and in July the **Rotary Club of Kew**, with support from our Club and the **Rotary Club of Rhodes** will stage a fundraiser in aid of much needed medical equipment for Kastellorizo.

This year's Christmas Party for Kids, held at a Melbourne Park with air-conditioned facilities, was a huge success.



**The Christmas party was a great family day.**

Our clubrooms are not ideal to hold cooking classes, so we arranged some classes through George Colombaris at his Hellenic Republic restaurant in Kew. The first Master class with Head Chef Alex featured Moussaka. It was brilliant.



**Cynthia Scotis preparing Moussaka at Hellenic Republic**

As with all clubs, we are trying to do our best to nurture our Young Kazzies. We have floated the idea in our regular e-bulletin of establishing a **Mentorship** program and we are hopeful that it will get off the ground. I have put my hand up for mentoring in the medical field and I hope that other people will put themselves forward and attract our young people to seek mentorships.

**Kastellorizian of the Year Nomination forms are available on our website –**

[www.kazzieclub.com](http://www.kazzieclub.com)

**Nominations close on 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

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## News from Western Australia:

By Allan Cresswell (President Castellorizian Association of WA & K.C.A. Delegate)

### School Sanitation Project

Whilst on Castellorizo in late 2016, **Prof Byron Kakulas** became aware that the not-for-profit body “**Drasi**” (Action) Kastellorizo was calling for assistance to meet the cost of the work to improve the situation of the school toilets. The required work at the school on Castellorizo included upgrading the antiquated ‘hole in the ground’ type toilets with pedestals, repair of the plumbing (sewerage overflows in winter), new wash basins, fixing of the leaking roof, repair of the internal woodwork, including new doors and windows, adding paving externally and painting, inside and outside. The proposed project was also to include the installation of a new additional toilet to be shared by the School Teachers and the Church of St Constantine and Helene.



**Before – A hole in the ground school toilet.**

On Byron's return, he approached our association and a fund raising sub-committee was formed with Byron appointed as Chairperson. The project required approximately **\$20,000** to be raised (quotes were obtained) and was raised in a very short time-frame thanks to the numerous forthcoming donors. I can now report that the toilet improvements have already been completed so they could be operational by Easter. A great effort by all persons involved!



**Completed Sanitation Project.**

## Cooking Classes Recipe Book

The Cazzie Ladies Cooking Classes recipe book, 'from our **GREEK KITCHEN** to yours', continues to be a huge success. As reported in the previous edition of *Kazzie Nea*, the first 1000 sold in the first two weeks and a further 1000 books were printed to satisfy ongoing sales. This second print also sold out by early April 2017. Because of the wonderful success and continuing demand a decision was made for a third print of 1000 books. The quality, content and beautiful photographs in the book ensures ongoing and repeat sales, from both Castellorizian and non Castellorizian families worldwide.

**The book costs \$40 plus postage.** The contact person for further info is **Anita Verne** on email: **anita@halmac.com.au** or mobile: **0407922783**.

The recipe book has been profiled by our member, Lefki Kailis, and the profile appears in the latest edition of our newsletter the *Megisti Messenger* and can be viewed online at:

<http://www.castellorizo.org/newsletter/newsletter31.pdf>



**Book Cover**

Our newsletter, the *Megisti Messenger*, is in its tenth year of production and all thirty-one editions are available for viewing online at:

<http://www.castellorizo.org/newsletter/>

The newsletter not only contains items of interest to our WA members but many articles are of interest to the wider Castellorizian community. All editions of the *Megisti Messenger* (2008 to 2017) can be downloaded for future viewing on your PC or tablet.

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## Saint Constantine and Saint Helene



Saint Constantine was born in the year 273A.D. He was the son of Constantius Chlorus, Ruler of Gaul, and Saint Helene, a deeply religious woman. Saint Constantine became an army officer and won many battles. Much later he became sole ruler of the Roman Empire. He showed great tolerance for Christianity, primarily because of his mother, Saint Helene, and because he had seen the Sign of the Cross in the sky prior to his battle with Maxentius.

Saint Helene at the age of eighty, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her mission was to discover the cross on which Christ was crucified. She had seen the place where

she would find the cross in her dreams. Tradition claims that on her way to the Holy Land, she sought shelter from the heavy seas and storms on Kastellorizo. To thank the Lord for protecting her, Saint Helene built the original church where the church of Saint Constantine and Saint Helene now stands. Later, to honour her visit, a gold coin was minted, showing Saint Constantine and Saint Helene holding the cross. Many of these coins are still in circulation all over the world.

***The feast day of Saint Constantine and Saint Helene is celebrated on 21 May.***

***Congratulations to everyone who will celebrate their Name Day on this very special day.***



*Edited by Betty Yanardasis*

Remember to view our new  
website:

[www.kazziecouncil.org.au](http://www.kazziecouncil.org.au)