



# Kazzie Nea

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

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## Message from your President:

Dear Members,

After a wonderful visit to **Kastellorizo** on the **13<sup>th</sup> of August**, I was embraced by love and generosity by the locals and was amazed by the development of the island. There were new homes, new restaurants and many amenities have been upgraded to accommodate the many locals and tourists on the island. I felt a sense of pride at seeing so much development within the community on this small island.

Joining forces with all **states in Australia** to create our K.C.A was a significant and appropriate decision. Our organisation has given all Cazzies from round the country the opportunity to come together through technology, functions and the next **Conference in 2018**.

I thank you all for your support and well wishes.

Yours Sincerely

George Pizanis

President



## News from New South Wales

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

### Bingo Night Function

The Kastellorizian Association of NSW held a **Bingo night** in true Cassie style with lots of fun and laughs. The function was well attended with over **150 guests**. Our own Emmanuel Penklis was not only MC for the night but called the numbers for the bingo game. Our very own DJ gave the night a varied format by turning the dancing floor into a scene from the 1970s and 1980s. These types of functions are important in keeping the community together while we wait for our new premises to be built.





### Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General meeting was held in **May this year** and was well attended. We informed all members of the status with our plans for the building project. We also presented our financial statements for the past two-year period.



### Gala Dinner 'Let's Rebuild'

**On September 23**, we will be holding a **Gala Dinner Dance at the Australian Turf Club at Randwick Sydney**. We invite all Castellorizians from around Australia to attend. The primary purpose of our function is to raise funds for our new premises. During the evening, we will be honouring Castellorizians past and present. We will recognise our past presidents and we take this opportunity to acknowledge their achievements on this evening.

We look forward to celebrating our rich **Castellorizian History** on this evening and building a positive future in Sydney with the raising of funds for our new home.

### History and Archives Projects

Our current History and Archive committee is formulating new projects. We are currently compiling 'our stories' that we gathered from our **Exhibition on 'Castellorizian Migration Stories'** and are intending to bring these stories together in a small publication.

We are also looking at commencing our next project which will be to trace the history of our association in NSW. We have **over 90 years** of History to research and we look forward to compiling stories and photos to form a new display in our future premises

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### News from Queensland:

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

### Bribie Island Paniyiri – Sunday 2 July 2017



**Left to Right: Kazzies working at the Kafeneon - Zephie Barbouttis, Ivy Graham, Carole Pizimolas and Chrissy Kyrios.**



The Bribie Island Paniyiri is fast becoming an important event for the Sunshine Coast region. Bribie Island is one hour and 15 minutes from Brisbane and is connected to the mainland by a bridge.

The Bribie Island Retreat & Recreation Centre (**St Andrew's Theological College, Bribie Island Campus**) 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



| KAZZY KAFENEON                           |           |
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| • SHORTBREAD filled with WALNUTS & DATES | \$3 ea    |
| • SHORTBREAD filled with GRECIAN DELIGHT | \$3 ea    |
| • COCONUT HALVA                          | \$3 pce   |
| • SEMOLINA HALVA                         | \$3 pce   |
| • GRECIAN DELIGHT rolled CRESENTS        | \$3 for 2 |
| • GRECIAN DELIGHT                        | \$3 for 2 |
| • KARITHOPITA                            | \$3 ea    |
| • STRAVA                                 | \$4 ea    |
| • KATAIFI                                | \$3 ea    |
| • ALMOND BREAD                           | \$3 pkt   |
| • KOULOURYIA                             | \$1 ea    |
| • KOURABIEDES                            | \$2 ea    |
| • MELAMACAROONA                          | \$2 ea    |
| • RICE PUDDING                           | \$3 ea    |
| • GALAKTOBOUREKO                         | \$4 ea    |
| • ORANGE PIE                             | \$3 pce   |
| • GREEK COFFEE with KOULOURI             | \$3 ea    |
| • INSTANT COFFEE                         | \$3 ea    |

Crown virgin bushland at **Third Avenue, Woorim, Bribie Island**, for this purpose.

The objectives of the Paniyiri are to celebrate everything Greek, introduce the local community to the wonderful facilities of the retreat and recreational centre and to raise much needed funds. This year, this one day event attracted **thousands of people**. It is only in its fourth year of operation. The festival included many food & sweet stalls, olive pit spitting competition, live performances and plenty of Greek dancing.

Our association, under the guidance of **Despo Efstathis**, was responsible for running the **Kazzy Kafeneon**. No doubt the vast array of Greek delicacies (see the list on the noticeboard below) made the stall very popular with the local community. Strava – a unique Kazzy sweet was made for the stall by Desley Lagos, Pelagia Comino Despo Efstathis and Betty Yanardasis under the direction of Stathis E Efstathis. Our volunteers worked very hard all day – making coffee (both instant and Greek), tea and selling all our sweets which were kindly donated by our members. We would like to offer our sincere gratitude to all members who contributed sweets and who worked at the stall. This year, a record profit for the Kafeneon was achieved. All money raised went to The Bribie Island Retreat & Recreation Centre.



Left to Right: Strava makers - Desley Lagos, Pelagia Comino, Despo Efstathis and Stathis E Efstathis.

**Save the Date: Sunday 10 September**  
**Kassie Cultural Afternoon: 1.30 - 4.00pm**

- ❖ Sumptuous Afternoon tea
- ❖ Display of Kassie Memorabilia
- ❖ Kassie Traditions – Presentation by Ann Kyranis
- ❖ Cooking Demonstration (Katoumari) by Zephie and Jack Barbouttis
- ❖ Kassie Traditional Songs

**Followed by AGM: 4.30pm**

**Location: River Deck – Level 3, Mowbray Central, 67 Lytton Street, East Brisbane**



## News from South Australia:

*By Stephen Finos (Committee member Castellorizian Association of SA & K.C.A Delegate)*

### St. Constantine and Eleni

The Castellorizian Association of South Australia celebrated St. Constantine and Eleni celebrations on Saturday 20 May 2017. A great night was enjoyed with all funds raised going to the refurbishment of our clubrooms. We were honoured to have dignitaries celebrate with us including the Federal Labor Member for Hindmarsh, **Mr Steve Georganas**, the Greek Consulate **Mr Andreas Konstantinos Gouras**, West Torrens Mayor, **Mr John Trainer** and the State Liberal Member for Davenport, **Mr Sam Duluk**.



Left to Right: President: Nick Scopelitis, Vice President: Darcy Economos, John Trainer, Steve Georganas, Andreas Konstantinos Gouras, Sam Duluk and Secretary Stephen Finos.

The **Inaugural Quiz Night** was held on 22 July 2017 and was great to see a lot of new and old faces back at the Clubrooms. This will definitely be cemented

in the Calendar of Events for next year. The competitiveness shows when you have a bunch of Cazzies in the one room. Congratulations must go to the **Kantilaftas/Moschou** Family for taking out the Inaugural Quiz Night. Maybe a national mastermind competition during the next national convention with representative teams from each State and Territory will be a good initiative?



### Special Presentation:



**Liz Phillipou** (left) was presented an award of recognition by the Honourable Minister Zoe Bettison for her services to young women. Liz has run a modelling and grooming school for 35 years and has contributed greatly in inspiring young women to achieve their potential.

We are looking forward to an afternoon with **Dr Norman Ashton** on **15 October 2017** featuring a presentation on ancient Greek wine making with an emphasis on Castellorizo. Fine wine tasting has been generously sponsored by **Tom Hardy** from **Hardy's Wines**.



*The Castellorizian Association of South Australia expresses its deepest sympathies to the following families on their sad loss.*

*Jack Fermanis, Andy Tsakalos, Maritsa Karasavas and Silvia Topalsavas.*

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## News from Victoria:

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

**The annual VCE and Kazzie Young Achiever Awards (KYA)** presentation was held in May. KYA Awards were presented to **Adriana Hendrickson, James Josephides and Dr Nicholas Paltoglou** (accepted by his grandmother **Chrissie Paltoglou** as Nicholas could not be relieved of his intern duties). **Jack Bisas** was presented with his VCE Award. All the recipients were high achievers in their fields of endeavour. It was a grand family day at the Club, complete with succulent gyros and katoumaria.



Chrissie Paltoglou accepts her grandson's Award

**The President's Cocktail Party** at my home on 3 June was again a great night, featuring good wine, yummy food from Yum catering and pleasant company giving the event great atmosphere. Our comedian, "Wogs out of Work" star **George Kapiniaris** had us all squirming and laughing.

### Fundraiser for Kastellorizo

On the 28 July, the **Rotary Club of Kew** in association with the **Rotary Club of Rhodes**, and **our Club**, held a Greek Tavern Night fundraising dinner at **Yiannis Tavern** in Kew East to assist with much needed medical aid for Kastellorizo. George Verginis received a letter from the Army doctor who shares the hospital facilities on Kastellorizo, alerting to the urgent medical aid. **KAV members and Rotarians George Verginis and Peter Coates** swung into action with the full support of the Rotary Club of Kew and our Club. With only 145 places available, it quickly sold out. Several thousands of dollars were raised.

The function was in support of the purchase of urgent medical equipment and supplies required by the Doctor on Kastellorizo for the treatment of locals, tourists and refugees facing medical emergencies. Funds will be distributed through the Rotary Club of Rhodes. To facilitate distribution of funds, according to needs, George Verginis visited Rhodes and Kastellorizo soon after the event.



George Verginis with the Pegasus Dance Academy who generously provided entertainment at the fundraising event.



Drs Nick Lolatgis and George Stabelos at the well-attended fundraiser



From left: President of the Rotary Club of Rhodes, Sotiris Mandrakos, George Verginis and Army driver on Kastellorizo soon after the fundraising event.

The Kastellorizian of the Year will be announced in mid-September and the annual dinner will now be held at our clubrooms in October, catered by prominent Greek Restaurant **Salona**. Check out our website mid-September: [www.kazzieclub.com](http://www.kazzieclub.com)

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## News from Western Australia:

*By Jim Manifis (Vice President Castellorizian Association of WA & K.C.A Vice President)*

### Renovation

The future planning of our association is always on the agenda. We have recently formed a subcommittee for the renovation of our club house. It has only been 10 years since our last renovation where considerable amount of money was spent. The increase use of **Kazzi House** over the last few years has increased dramatically. There are always activities occurring at Kazzi House whereby our premises are used continually from week to week. With the increase use of the premises, the committee believes various aspects of our club house need to be renovated. The committee strongly feels the future of our association depends heavily on having modern facilities at Kazzi House.

### Cooking Classes Recipe Book

The Kazzi Cooking Classes Recipe Book '**from our Greek Kitchen to yours**' continues to be a huge success. The sales of this book have contributed hugely towards our renovation. In total, we have printed 3000 books with sales approaching 2400 copies. The quality, content and beautiful photographs in the book ensure ongoing repeat sales, from both Castellorizian and non-Castellorizian families worldwide. It is very unlikely that there will be another reprint therefore you will need to consider purchasing a book in the near future.

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

### Proposed Australian Honours Board

The **Australian Honours System** consists of a number of orders, decorations, and medals through which the country's sovereign awards its citizens for actions or deeds that benefit the nation. Established in 1975 with the creation of the Order

of Australia, the system's scope has grown since then and over time has replaced the Imperial/British honours system that previously applied to Australians. The system includes an array of awards, both civil and military, for gallantry, bravery, distinguished services, meritorious service, and long service. Various campaign and commemorative medals have also been struck. New honours can be awarded at any time, but conventionally most new honours are awarded on **Australia Day** and on the **Queen's Birthday** (as observed in the Eastern states). We will also be having an honour board for those members who have received the Kastellorizian of the Year award.

## PRELIMINARY LIST

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| 1971 Theodosios J Kannis BEM  | 1999 Despina Kalaf OAM         |
| 1975 Byron A Kakulas AO       | 2000 Peter A Panegyres AM      |
| 1976 Leslie N Aris AM         | 2001 Constantine A Michael AO  |
| 1978 Theodosios J Kannis OBE  | 2001 Bernadette Giambazi AM    |
| 1979 Michael G Kailis CBE     | 2002 John M Papadimitriou AM   |
| 1979 Patricia V Kailis OBE    | 2006 Michael S Lekias AM       |
| 1981 Marcus Liveris OBE       | 2006 Kenneth C Michael AC      |
| 1982 Michael A Michael OAM    | 2008 Arthur M Athans OAM       |
| 1983 Pelagia P Kakulas OAM    | 2008 Despa McDonnell OAM       |
| 1993 Michael G Kailis AM      | 2009 Michael M Tsolakis OAM    |
| 1994 Constantine A Michael AM | 2010 Michael A Kakulas OAM     |
| 1994 Theodosios J Kannis AM   | 2011 Terence K Pitsikas AM     |
| 1996 Kenneth C Michael AM     | 2012 Jack G Kyros OAM          |
| 1996 Jessie Zempilas OAM      | 2012 Emanuel A Petrelis OAM    |
| 1996 Patricia Kailis AM       | 2015 John N Yiannakis OAM      |
| 1996 Constantine G Kailis OAM | 2016 Barthalamos P Kakulas OAM |
| 1998 Anthony Michael OAM      |                                |



*Edited by Betty Yanardasis*

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