

September 2018 Newsletter of Kastellorizian Council of Australia INC.

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Message from your President:

Major KCA Event in 2019: Save the Date:



KCA Conference 25 – 27 January 2019

Sydney

The **second KCA Conference** is to be held in **Sydney from 25 – 27 January 2019**. I encourage as many Kazzies across Australia to join us. One of our goals from the 2016 Conference in Brisbane was to stay connected. This conference will be one way for fellow Kazzies to connect once again. The three-day

program is full of a diverse range of activities.

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All information for the conference will be on our KCA website and will also be sent to all State Associations. There will be limited bookings for the Yiamas Greek Taverna and the Dockside Gala Dinner Dance. So, do not hesitate, start booking now!

> George Pizanis President



Remember to view our website for all details for the KCA Conference 2019: <u>www.kazziecouncil.org.au</u>

News from New South Wales

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

KASTELLORIZIAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

"GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS"

25 – 27 January 2019

On behalf of the KCA 2019 Conference Organising Committee, we cordially invite you to Sydney, NSW. Our conference will be a forum for discussion, exchange of knowledge and experiences in a friendly environment at the Bonnie Doon Golf Club Pagewood, one of Sydney's best golf courses and one of the oldest in Australia.

The theme for this year's conference is GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS. The program is organised in a thematic stream of presentations focusing on migration, migrant populations, diasporas and the wider impact of human mobility.

In GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS, we remember those who have gone before us. When we move away from our homeland and on to "bigger and better things", we often forget who we are and where we came from. Instead of forgetting where we came from let's embrace it, embrace the tiny island Castellorizo, our ancestral home, affectionately known as the "Rock ".

Our conference program will comprise invited talks and presentations, exhibitions and documentary film screenings, one of which in particular will be screened for the first time in Australia.

The History and Archives Committee of the Castellorizian Association of NSW will be launching a new book, Castellorizian Migration Stories. Castellorizians in NSW were invited to share their personal or family story of migration and immigration. The book is full of photos, tales and anecdotes that tell the stories of where they came from, what shaped their lives and the importance of friendship. These stories are an important part of our heritage.

The following speakers have accepted our invitation to speak at the conference.



Dr Nicholas G Pappas AM

Lawyer, published author in Castellorizian History and Past President of the Castellorizian Club, NSW.



Costa Vertzayias AM

Consultant Lawyer, writer and Past President of the Castellorizian Club, NSW.



Ms Anna Koutsis

Consultant Audiologist, published author in Audiology and Migrant Welfare.

History and Archives Committee, Castellorizian Association of NSW.



Ms Victoria Kazaglis-Gallagher

Faculty member, Catholic Education Office, Sydney. Member, Board of Directors Castellorizian Association of NSW. History and Archives Committee, Castellorizian Association of NSW.



Ms Marilyn Tsolakis

Co-ordinator of Friends of Kastellorizo. Her professional background is in Education, specialising in English and Literature.



Ms Michele Kiosoglous

Lawyer, published author on a series of children's stories books on Kastellorizo. Her work involves resolving commercial, tax, property, succession and aviation matters.

We welcome your participation in this conference and look forward to seeing you in Sydney, connecting with other delegates at the various presentations, documentary film screenings and exhibitions and at the Welcome and Gala Dinners.

Mr George Pizanis, Ms Victoria Kazaglis -Gallagher, Ms Anna Koutsis, Ms Patricia Sechos.

The Kastellorizian Council of Australia 2019 Conference Organising Committee.

News from Queensland:

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

Paniyiri (19 & 20 May 2018) – Brisbane



The 'Paniyiri' is Queensland's longest running cultural festival. In fact, it has been running for 42 consecutive years. The event is organised by the Greek Community of St George, Brisbane. The President of the Greek community in Brisbane is a well-known Kastellorizian, Michael Anastas (son of the late George Anastas and the late Rose Anastas).

The two day festival is held at The Greek Club and Musgrave Park, West End (located across the road from The Greek Club). The event involves many food and novelty stalls, various Greek cooking demonstrations, live performances and plenty of Greek dancing. Most people would agree, the highlight of the festival is 'Dancing with the Stars' - where Channel Seven personalities from around Australia are paired with local young Greek dancers in a dance competition. Many Kassies were at this jubilant festival either working hard or enjoying the festivities. More than 50,000 people attended the event this year. So, the month of May is the perfect time to visit Brisbane with our beautiful weather and our wonderful 'Paniyiri'.

Saint Constantine and Saint Helene Luncheon



On the 27 May 2018, our annual St. Constantine and St. Helene Luncheon was held at the newly refurbished Greek Club at South Brisbane (see photograph above). There was much excitement amongst our members to not only meet up with other Kassies at our annual event, but also to view the new premises. The luncheon was held on the Grand Balcony at the stylish new Greek Club. The delicious food, sumptuous Greek sweets and





sweeping views of Brisbane city skyline made for delightful а With occasion. 100 people in attendance, it was a wonderful chance for 'young and old' Kassies to connect with one another. A highlight of the luncheon was when Paul

Mersiades sang a beautiful original song about Kastellorizo.





Right: President KAQ- Michael Boubaris

welcoming auests at the luncheon.





Special Event in Brisbane

Kassie Christmas Party

Sunday 25 November



News from South Australia:

By Liz Philippou (Committee member Castellorizian Association of SA)

Nine Evzone soldiers of the Presidential Guard arrived in Adelaide in April to take part in the Anniversary of Anzac Day. After obtaining special permission from the Greek Government, the Evzones along with their Captain and Chief Master Sergeant, commemorated the serving of soldiers of Greece in Crete, often known as the "Forgotten Anzacs". We were extremely fortunate to have the Evzones visit South Australia for the second time in history. The Evzones also visited St Basil's Homes (SA) as well as St George College where students had the opportunity to talk with them.

Their presence had an immense impact on the Greek Community of South Australia.



Church of Archangels Michael & Gabriel

Greek migration to Australia began in the early nineteenth century. By post WW1, most of the Greek immigrants to arrive in SA were from Castellorizo. These men were single and worked as sailors, in the food industries, in retail or in the smelting industry at Port Pirie. As the community grew so to was the need to have a place of worship, a place where the Greeks could practice their Orthodoxy. Thus, the land for the church was purchased in March 1936 for £540 (AU) by Adelaide's Greek Orthodox community which at the time was around 100 strong. A very dedicated committee of men and women worked hard in establishing the fabric of their culture "their church". The building was designed by Gordon Beaumont Smith and consecrated in 1938. Following the Second World War and the introduction of the new post war migration schemes and later the family chain migration pattern, there was a growing Greek population. Hence, the Church needed to be upgraded to accommodate the larger community. The church as we know it today was re-built in 1967 on the foundations of the old building and is now heritage listed.



Saint Konstantine and Saint Helen Celebrations

Our club rooms were a buzz on Saturday 19 May as we opened our doors to 90 guests to celebrate **the patron** Saints of Castellorizo; St. Konstantine and St. Helen.

The smell of char grilled octopus wafted through the streets of Torrensville as **Adam Philippou and Jason Brincat** donned their aprons and hair nets tending to the coals. The food on the night was amazing, as well as octopus, we were also treated to loukanika, chicken and lamb souvlakia. The traditional Greek salads were dressed and platters of abundant food were placed on the tables. The Greek band **"Music 3000"** played throughout the night as many guests were unable to resist the restless beats of nostalgic Greek songs and had to get onto the dance floor. Greek sweets and shots of Ouzo were offered later on in the night, encouraging the revelers even more. A great night was had by all! A very successful event, well done to the Committee!



Bereavement Notices:

Sonia Gratzis

Born in Adelaide on 3 June 1956, died on 3 June 2018. Loved daughter of Anthony and Nina (both deceased) of Castellorizo.

On behalf of the Castellorizian Club of SA we extend our condolences to the Gratzi family. May her memory be eternal.

Steven George Condous MP

Born 10 December 1935 long serving former Adelaide Lord Mayor died after a short illness on Friday 22 June 2018. Flags at the Adelaide Town Hall were flown at half-mast on the weekend of his death.

On behalf of the Castellorizian Club of SA we extend our condolences to his wife Angela, and the Condous family.

News from Victoria:

By Nik Spartels (President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria)

All urgent works on our building have now been completed. Our building consists of two parts on the one title – the front section which is a former Church, and later the Emerald Hill Theatre. When it was bought by the Club, the front section was rented out. The building has a heritage overlay. The rear building consists of our clubrooms which are zoned commercial. The next step is to right the anomaly as the front building was re-zoned to residential without consultation. With support from the local Council and our local Member of Parliament, we are confident that this anomaly will be corrected and that our front building will be re-zoned commercial. Rental from the front building is our main source of income.

St. Constantine and St. Helen's Day at the Club

The club was packed in May for the annual celebration of the Name Day of our Patron Saints. VCE recognition awards were presented to **Sophia Alexandra Davis (her mother is Tina Alexander)**, who attended Methodist Ladies College (MLC Kew) and received outstanding results, and is now studying a Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne. **Anthony Stabelos (his grandmother is Rosa Stabelos nee Atherinos)** was the other VCE awards recipient. He had attended Mazenod College and is now studying a Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management) (Honours) at RMIT University, City.

The club's Kazzie Young Achiever award was presented to **Sebastian Kritikides (his father's mother is Irene Kritikides nee Paltos)**, for his achievement in music where he has enjoyed great success.



Sebastian performing on his bagpipes at the club. He is the youngest member of the 'A' Band at Scotch College and has competed in National competitions and events, the most recent being in Brisbane, where Scotch College were Australian winners. **Sebastian also had the honour of performing together with Paul McCartney and Scotch College at the Rod Laver Arena** earlier this year and we were lucky enough to find out why. Sebastian spectacularly performed three pieces to much acclaim.

A recognition award was also given to the Hon Martin Foley, our local member who also has several ministerial portfolios. He has not missed an awards presentation in ten years. We refer to him as our 'honorary' Kazzie.



President Nik Spartels with some of our younger Kazzies (L to R front) Fortis Josephides, James Josephides & Anthony Stabelos (back).

Trivia Night - Hosted by the Cretan Brotherhood.

This event on **8 June** brought various Greek clubs together, including our club, for a very successful and entertaining evening.



Enjoying the Trivia Night. From left Christine Christofas, Maureen Singh, Lena Coates, George Verginis, George Stabelos, and Peter Coates at rear.

Our next main social event is **the Kazzie of the Year Dinner on 6 October.** Our Seniors continue to meet once a month either at the club or for outings. In the meantime, our young Kazzies are working on putting together events to attract our younger people.

News from Western Australia:

By Allan Cresswell (Treasurer of Castellorizian Association of WA)

Perth Glendi 2018

Perth Glendi 2018 was held on the weekend of the 21 and 22 of April at Elizabeth Quay. Our Cazzie Cooking Class spent many weeks preparing Greek sweets to fundraise for our Association on these two days. Unfortunately, it rained most of the weekend which reduced attendance numbers. Sales were sufficient to ensure a successful fundraising weekend. Congratulations to all those involved.

Saint Constantine and Saint Helene

The Castellorizian Association of WA held a very successful **Saint Constantine and Saint Helene Luncheon on Sunday 20 May 2018**. Over 80 people were in attendance and a wonderful assortment of food and drinks were provided by by Kailis Bros of Leederville..



Our Invited Guests Table



Our Members enjoying the luncheon

On the following day, our Association members attended Saint Constantine and Saint Helene

Church for a Church Service, followed by a luncheon provided by the Hellenic Community.



President Stan Kailis (right) and Vice-President Jim Manifis carrying the St. Constantine & St. Helene Icon

Kitchen Renovations

Our proposed extensive kitchen renovations have been approved by the local council, our Management Committee, our Trustees and our members at a Special Extraordinary Meeting. Renovations should be starting soon.

Dancing Classes

Greek Dancing Classes recently commenced at our Association and have been a great success.

Cazzie Cooking Classes

Our Cazzie Cooking Classes have been so successful that there is now a waiting list to join. The wonderful recipe book and the groups' fundraising at the three Glendis has ensured that the much needed renovations to our kitchen will go ahead.

Father/Son Night

The Father/Son Night held on Friday 22 June 2018 was a great success and saw an attendance of 49 people on the night. Great fellowship and excellent food was enjoyed by all.

Centennial Birthday

Congratulations to Eleni (Helen) Hondris, nee Macrides on achieving her 100th birthday on 10 July 2018. Helen was born in Darwin to George Nicholas Macrides & Zabetta (nee Longarezou).



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Conference - Sydney - January 25 - 27, 2019 "Going Back to our Roots"

Bonnie Doon Golf Club - 38 Banks Avenue, Pagewood

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019 - Bonnie Doon Golf Club

10:00 am Registration - Coffee and Tea

Welcome speeches

10:30 am **Mr George Pizanis**, President of Kastellorizian Council of Australia and President of the Castellorizian Association of NSW

Morning session

- 10:45 am **Dr Nicholas Pappas AM** Castellorizo in the 19th and 20th Century An experience through unpublished photos and documents - **Discussion**
- 11:30 am My Little Kastellorizo screening of documentary film
- 12:15 pm Lunch Break (Lunch included at Bonnie Doon Golf Club)

Afternoon Session

1:30 pm Ms Victoria Kazaglis-Gallagher Castellorizian Migration Stories: An insight into Castellorizian families of Sydney Presentation and Book Launch

2:00 pm Ms Anna Koutsis Farewell to Anatolia, Exile from Llvissi and presentation of documentary film -"Sorrow - Homeland of Separateness" Discussion

3:00 pm **Ms Patricia Sechos** 'It's All Greek to Me' - Presentation of the artworks of Maud Guterstam, on the Greek islands and specifically Castellorizo

Mr John Barbouttis

Celebrating the artwork of mother and daughter Exhibition by artists Karen Barbouttis and Antoinette Barbouttis

Free Time

7:00 pm Welcome Dinner, Yiamas Greek Taverna 1/1-5 Princes Hwy, St Peters (Cnr May street and Princes Highway)



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DAY 2 - SATURDAY 26 JANUARY 2019 (AUSTRALIA DAY) - Bonnie Doon Golf Club

10:00 am Registration - Coffee and Tea

Morning Session

- 10:30 am Mr Costa Vertzayias Castellorizian History Revisited - Discussion
- 11:30 am **Youth Representative** My Castellorizian Heritage Konnor Panselinos & George Peter Calopedos
- 12 noon Michele Kiosoglou Greek Property Law recent changes
- 12:30 pm Lunch Break (Bonnie Doon Golf Club)

Afternoon Session

- 1:30 pm Ms Victoria Kazaglis-Gallagher Kastellorizian Heroes and Characters - Discussion
- 2:00 pm **Ms Marilyn Tsolakis** Friends of Kastellorizo - A current insight into the project
- 2:15 pm Kastellorizian Council of Australia Meeting

Free Time

- 5:30 pm Departure by coach from St Spyridon Church, Gardeners Rd, Kingsford to Dockside Cockle Bay Wharf, Wheat Rd, Sydney
- 6:30 pm Arrival at Dockside Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney
- 7:00 pm Dockside Gala Dinner Dance
- 11:45 pm Departure by coach from Dockside to St Spyridon Church, Kingsford

DAY 3 - SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019

9:00 am Church Service, St Spyridon Church Kingsford

At the conclusion of the service, there will be a viewing by Mr George Pizanis and Mr Nick Anastasas of the Castellorizian Association Site in progress (optional)

11:45 am Mr Nicholas Malaxos

Visit and Guided Tour to St. Sophia Church Darlinghurst (optional) Departure by coach from St Spyridon Church

END OF CONFERENCE

Kastellorizian Council of Australia (Inc) ABN 15 310 589 Conference - Sydney - January 25 - 27, 2019 REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY	4	
Address:		
State:Postcode:		
Contact details: Phone () (home) ()	(b	usiness
(mobile)		_ (email
Please indicate any dietary requirements		
<u>Package 1</u> Registration + 2 Day Conference + Yiamas Dinner + Day 3 Free (Yiamas dinner 'Greek Banquet' including wine beer and soft drinks and music) <u>Package 2</u>		\$225
Registration + 2 Day Conference + Yiamas Dinner + Gala Dinner at Dockside + Day 3 Free (Yiamas Dinner and Dockside Gala Dinner 3 course meal with Drinks)		\$350
Bus Package Return trip to Gala Dinner, Dockside & St Sophia tour.		\$40
There are limited places at Yiamas and Dockside so please book early.		
Transfers from the Airport to Hotels we offer - Let it Ride Sydney Shuttle For Prices call Mark - Phone 0421841353 TOTAL registration cost \$ for for person(s)		
Payment method (please indicate):		
1. Cheque enclosed for \$		
2. Direct Payment to Conference Account□BSB: 084447Account Number: 713573052		

Please include last name on Direct Debit entry, and forward completed form to KCA Conference, % 153 Eastern Avenue Kinsgford NSW 2032 or email to <u>sydkca@gmail.com</u>

All registrations and payments MUST be received by 1st November 2018.



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Conference - Sydney - January 25 - 27, 2019 Accommodation Packages

Avonmore on the Park Boutique Hotel Randwick

34 The Avenue,
RandwickRandwick2031 Sydney
Australiatel: (612) 9399 9388fax: (612) 9399 9488toll free: 1800 333 583e: info@avonmoreonthepark.com.auw: avonmoreonthepark.com.auRooms IncludeFree WifiLate Checkout 12:00Discount Vouchers for local cafes

Room Type	Nightly Rate	Kassie Conference Rate
Garden Room	\$170	\$136
1 x double bed		
Garden Twin	\$170	\$136
2 x single beds		
Garden Family Duplex	\$260	\$208
1 x double bed & 1 x bunk bed		
Heritage Balcony Suite (Garden View)	\$210	\$168
1 x double bed		
Heritage Suite (no balcony)	\$210	\$168
1 x queen bed		
Heritage Balcony Suite (Park View)	\$230	\$184
1 x queen bed		
Heritage Family Suite	\$260	\$208
1 x double & 1 x single or 2 x double beds		
Luxury Queen Suite	\$215	\$172
1 x queen bed		
Luxury King Suite	\$240	\$192
1 x king bed		
Luxury Queen Balcony	\$240	\$192
1 x queen bed		
Premium King Sofa	\$265	\$212
1 x king bed & 1 x sofa bed		
Premium King Balcony	\$285	\$228
1 x king bed		
Premium Family Suite	\$340	\$272
1 x king bed & 1 x queen bed		

Other suggested Hotels Close to Dockside or Sydney Airport

Ibis Budget Hotel Sydney Airport	205 O'Riordan St MASCOT	Tel: (02) 8339 8500
Novotel Sydney Darling Square	17 Little Pier St DARLING HARBOUR	Tel: (02) 8214000
Novotel Sydney Central	169-179 Thomas St SYDNEY	Tel: (02) 9286888
Ibis Sydney King Street Wharf	22 Shelley St KING STREET WHARF	Tel: (02) 8045 0000
Sofitel Sydney Wentworth	61-101 Phillip St SYDNEY CBD	Tel: (02) 9228 9188

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