



This photomontage features the legendary Kastellorizian woman, Despina Achladioti, known as

The Lady of Ro (“*Kyra tis Rho*”)

who daily raised the Greek flag on the tiny island of Ro (one of fourteen Kastellorizian islets), throughout WWII, and until her death in 1982.

Despina Achladioti made it her daily routine to raise the Greek flag, so far from the Greek mainland, so close to Turkey, as a gesture of patriotism and to underline the Greek nature of her isle.

She came to symbolise the indomitable spirit of the whole of Greece.

An Australian flag has been added to the montage, symbolising pride in being both Greek and Australian.

The pile of rocks and the background are layered to suggest both fragmentation and coming together.

Endless meaning can be drawn from this montage.

The Lady of Ro died on May 14, 1982, and was buried with honours.



A stamp honouring the Lady of Ro was issued in 1983