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*Photo: An artistic view of Kastellorizo by Peter and Lena Coates*

## The Kastellorizo Travel Edition

Two stories on visiting Kastellorizo for the first time,  
and a personal report on the 2,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the Marathon in Athens

## KAV future events and a lot more

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

This edition of the newsletter is packed with many important and interesting articles. Please take the time to read through it carefully.

## **Kastellorizian of the Year 2011.**

Nick Nicholas proved to be a most worthy recipient of this award. His address at the St. Constantine and Helen's Day celebration demonstrated his humility, passion for all things Kastellorizian and Greek; and his love for his family and friends. It was a pleasure to meet him, his wife Mary and the large number of family and friends who made the trip from Western Australia to be with him on this occasion.

## **Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)**

An Accountability Report has now been submitted to the VMC with our thanks and appreciation to the Government of Victoria for their generous grant of \$9,000. After careful consideration these funds have now been spent or allocated to a range of goods and service that will best serve the KAV in preserving our heritage for future generations. Some funds were spent on archival boxes to store our collection of printed materials. We are grateful to Nick and Marie Zorbas for the hours they have spent going through the boxes of materials stored in cupboards in the clubroom and putting our "house in order". The Genealogy site, managed by Allan Cresswell from Western Australia, who gave a two-day seminar in Melbourne earlier this year,

now lists over 21,000 individuals and he has now collected over 9,000 photographs. I strongly suggest you take the time to explore our website and log onto the genealogy website to see what can be found about your family and friends.

Finally we have engaged a consultant to advise us on the collection, archiving and storage of our artefacts. For this reason I ask that anyone who has items they would like to donate to the KAV to keep these items carefully stored until our collection procedures are clearly established. Further information about this will appear in future newsletters.

## **Clubroom refurbishment.**

Stage one and two of the refurbishment is now complete. The last batch of new chairs has finally arrived and the clubroom has taken on a more modern, appealing and comfortable appearance. The committee, and in particular Nicholas Spartels, have given much thought and effort to this project and the response from members has been most gratifying. Stage three is now in the planning stage with exciting ideas planned for 2012.

## **Interstate update**

I was delighted to receive a letter from the Castellorizian Ladies Auxiliary of NSW to inform us that Mrs. Mary Omeros has been elected President of a new committee. I wish to extend our congratulations to the committee and wish them every success with their endeavours.

Finally, a reminder that our friends in Western Australia will be celebrating their centenary in May 2012. There are many activities planned and it will be an ideal time to visit and help our WA Kazzie friends celebrate this wonderful milestone in their history. Details of this event will be published as they become available.

My thanks to Evelyn Salvaris for preparing yet another fabulous newsletter. It is a reminder that the KAV relies on the hard work of our volunteer members and the Committee. These people deserve our encouragement and support. They give hours of their time so as to deliver the best possible service to our members and friends. Their generosity of spirit is to be commended.

As always, I am only too happy to discuss matters of interest or concern. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any matter.

With best wishes,

*Yvonne Panagacos.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Kastellorizian Association of Victoria*** **Membership fees** **and improvements**

## **Facilities upgrade** **Stage 2 completed**

It was reported in the February newsletter that the committee has acted on the response by its members at last year's AGM to increase the membership fee of \$10 for individuals between 18 and 65 years of age. The reason the members requested the increase was to assist with covering the running costs (i.e. newsletter, website fees, subsidies of social events etc) of the Association. The adjustment of the membership fee rate was a difficult task for the committee and there was a lot of discussion on what was an appropriate membership fee. After much deliberation, it was decided that the **new membership fee to take effect in the 2011-2012 financial year is now \$20 for members aged 18 to 65. Registered/Non-fee-paying memberships for over 65s is not affected and remains free of charge.** The new membership fee will continue to cover voting rights at the subsequent annual general meetings and for the Kastellorizian of the Year and Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award; subsidised social events such as the Sts. Constantine and Helen's Day celebrations and the children's Christmas party; and includes the *Kazzie News* newsletter and Communications.

A membership form for the 2011-12 financial year has been included with the newsletter. The membership form has been simplified. There is only provision for one membership per page. If you wish to apply for more than one membership please photocopy the enclosed form, or download the form from the website [www.kastellorizo.com.au](http://www.kastellorizo.com.au)

Please note to be eligible for membership you must be of Kastellorizian descent or the spouse of a Kastellorizian (descendant). **Non-fee paying members (over 65s)**, you must register i.e. send in your completed forms each year to maintain your voting rights. **Financial members (18 to 64s)** please enclose your membership fee payment along with your completed membership forms. Payment can be made by cheque, credit card or Internet Banking.

It was reported in the previous newsletter, that membership cards would be introduced in the 2011-12 membership year. The Committee would like to inform all members that the introduction of the membership cards has been delayed. The Committee hopes to introduce membership cards in the near future.

John Karis and Katina Garrick

Following the completion of Stage 1 of our clubrooms and the very successful relaunch of our facility, I am very happy to inform you that Stage 2 of the renovations has been completed. The remainder of the chairs for the club have arrived and the clubrooms look absolutely fantastic. Our old chairs were donated to Father Bob for use by the homeless. Father Bob and the recipients were really appreciative of our donation and would like to thank the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and all members for their kind donation.

I would like to thank Scott Andrews of A-grade Electricals for repairing the air-conditioning unit free of charge as it had a faulty wire. The ladies' toilets have been fixed. The old glass roof has been removed and replaced with a new corrugated roof. This alteration has provided the ideal lighting to house our cultural collection.

In the next coming months I would like to commence stage 3 of our renovations and I will provide more information in the AGM report and meeting. Briefly this stage will include installation of new hand dryers in both toilets as the dryers we have now are well past their used by dates. The carpets require steam cleaning. However the major items on my agenda are to plaster and paint and install lights in the courtyard area and complete the transformation to the cultural space. I would also like to relocate the hot water service to the rooftop of the atrium, providing further space and aesthetic appeal to the area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee of the Kastellorizian Association for having faith in my decisions and for their support in renovating our wonderful clubrooms. I hope that everybody, young and old, will enjoy our new facilities for many years to come.

Nik Spartels

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, 16th of October,**  
**2011**

2.00pm Sharp  
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

**Don't forget to pay or register your membership  
before September 30!**



# SOCIAL EVENTS

*Join us for a night of Greek dancing and food at*

## **YIANNIS Tavern**

840 High St Kew

**Saturday 24th of September**



**MEZZE**  
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## Children's Christmas party



**Sunday, 4th of  
December 2011**

**3.30 to 7 pm Sharp**

**Kew Traffic School**

See next newsletter for bookings and registration forms  
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# REPORTS

## *Kastellorizian Association of Vic*

### Website Report

By John Karis

All website activity indicators have continued to remain constant since the last report in February 2011.

#### Current website performance

Visitors: Between 700 to 900 per month (this does not include multiple hits)

Most visited pages in order: Genealogy, Kazzie map, Homepage, Travel

Source: 83% from Search Engines with Google as the major Origin (increased from 73%)

Major countries: Australia, USA, Greece and UK (Greece moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Average Time spent on site: 2.5 minutes (slight drop)

Bounce Rate: 58% (slight increase)

New Visitors: 73% (slight drop)

Pages visited: 2.43 pages per visitor (slight drop)

#### What does this mean?

We continue to receive great interest from visitors interested in tracing their lineages and history via the Genealogy section, which links to Allan Cresswell's [www.castellorizo.org](http://www.castellorizo.org) website. People are also viewing pages which display a variety of content such as recent events, news items and details on travelling to Kastellorizo.

It is significant that Greece has moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of the most visitors to our website and this represents a steady movement forwards from the lowly position when we launched the website. There is a slight drop in the number of web pages viewed and how long visitors spend on each page

which means they are not finding what they are looking for or there needs to be more content on that subject. This is being addressed.

#### What's new on the website?

##### **Face book**

We set up our own Kastellorizian Association of Victoria 'Face book Page' hoping to attract some of the younger Kazzies. There is a link on the website which will take you straight there or you can log-on to Face book and search for it.

We are disappointed to report that our Face book page is not receiving a great deal of traffic with most of the notifications and postings emanating from the more mature members and visitors. It will be a constant challenge for the Association to engage with new generations as time goes on.

For the uninitiated you can post a comment on the Face book page, interact with friends, view photos that have been posted by others and make suggestions....it's a new way of communicating and here to stay. We invite you to visit the page and make a comment on something you like or don't like. It would be appreciated if you could also make your children aware of the page as they could communicate/chat with their friends and family as well. New media will become an integral part of how we communicate in the future as it will interface with websites and Blogs.

However the project of preserving, archiving and maintaining our cultural heritage, artefacts and genealogical database continues beyond Allan's presentation on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March. The Association is currently investigating the correct procedures needed to undertake this enormous project.

**Our Statistics shows our Website is experiencing a large number of hits**  
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# REPORTS

## ***Kastellorizian Association of Victoria*** **Progress Report on Archives Project**

By Nick and Marie Zorbas

The Archives Project commenced on 4 January 2011, when the Project Co-ordinator met with the Archivist and inspected the archives of the Nepean Historical Society in Sorrento, Victoria. This was followed up later in January with meetings and inspections of the archives at Swinburne University of Technology in Hawthorn, and Loreto Mandeville Hall Girls School in Toorak.

On 15 February, a comprehensive inspection of the documents and artefacts, currently held on the Kastellorizian Association's premises, was carried out. Although often poorly identified, and in no discernable order, an assessment was made of the types and quantities of archival storage materials that would be needed. Several possible suppliers were then visited, and the archival materials in stock were inspected and assessed for suitability and cost.

A Preliminary Report was then provided to the President of the Association, on 28 February, outlining the work done so far, and identifying the variety of documents, books, photographs, and artefacts that had been found. On the same date, a list of the initial archival materials that would be needed, and their estimated cost, along with other archival storage suggestions, was sent, with a request for approval.

Following approval of this request, an order was placed with the supplier, Archival Survival, for 50 Archival Boxes, 300 Archival Folders, 100 Archival Enclosures, and 5 Archival Binders and Slipcases. All these materials were National Archives of Australia (NAA) approved, and the total cost, including delivery, was \$487.06, as invoiced on 16 March. The materials were delivered on 24 March 2011, and on 29 March the archiving commenced.

It was decided to begin firstly with the documents, and defer any work on artefacts, books, clothing, large photographs and plaques, and other items, until later.

The randomly stored documents had to be identified, grouped into categories, and then stored, in chronological order, in the proper NAA approved folders and boxes.

The categories chosen, and as marked on the boxes, include Committee Meetings, General Meetings, Newsletters, Events, Building Works, Legal and Constitution, Membership, Correspondence, and other more general areas.

The archival work on the documents is continuing, and as at mid-June 2011, is approximately 50% completed. If other documents, not currently on the premises, are unearthed, then they will be added as they are found. When the document archiving is approaching completion, formal printed labels will be added to all the boxes, and a comprehensive list of boxes, and their contents, will be compiled.

This work is being carried out by Marie Zorbas and myself.

Nicholas Zorbas  
Co-ordinator Archives Project  
June 2011



**Above:** Nick (left) and Marie (right) Zorbas enjoying the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's recent social events

# REPORTS

## Kastellorizian Genealogy Seminar Report

By Evelyn Salvaris

It was with great pleasure that on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of March, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria hosted the second Kastellorizian Genealogy seminar and workshop.

After the success of the first seminar, the Association invited Allan Cresswell to present to our members what additional Kastellorizian genealogy information can be found on the Kastellorizian genealogy website and to gather more information to include on the site. This seminar series was spread over two days. The program was designed for interested persons to attend on either or both days. Approximately 25 people attended on each day of the seminar. Most delegates attended for a single day.

Prior to his departure from Perth, Allan prepared a written guide explaining how to access the site and navigate your way around in order to find information on your families. Also the booklet provides information on how to donate your family information for inclusion on the site.

Allan arrived at the “new look” clubrooms following a first time visit to Sydney where he presented the Kastellorizian Genealogy Website to the Kastellorizian Ladies Auxiliary of NSW. Whilst in Sydney, Allan spent much of his time visiting many Sydney Kastellorizian families, gathering more information for the website.

The newly renovated clubrooms showed just how versatile the changes are, as the clubrooms were set up like a conference venue. When attendees arrived they were escorted to a workspace that had plenty of comfortable space to jot down notes. The area was supplied with pens, paper, Allan's booklet, mints and plenty of water. A high definition projector system was hired to ensure that all attendees could see Allan's impressive PowerPoint presentation and the Genealogy Website in action via the Association's internet access.

An impressed Allan launched enthusiastically into presentation and commenced with a general introduction and then covered the following topics: an online demonstration of website; how to source and compile family history information; how to submit data to website; and how to surf the Kastellorizian Website. The booklet complemented the presentation and will assist the attendees to reproduce Allan's demonstration in their own homes.

Afternoon tea was served following question time and this also gave members time to provide family information and to have photos scanned for inclusion on the website. At the end of the weekend Allan and a few of the remaining committee members enjoyed a wonderful meal together at Stavros Tavern in Albert Park. Andrew Panayai and his staff did a fantastic job providing a delicious Greek banquet in an atmospheric setting. Andrew Panayai is married to Tania, daughter of Peter and Koula (Christopher) Adgemis.

The Association was delighted that the seminar attracted interest from a variety of Kastellorizian descendants of all ages. In particular interest was generated from Kastellorizian descendants who have not previously attended the Association. Anna Glesson, a Kastellorizian descendent from the Kotzas family, was one such Kastellorizian who was told of the seminar by a work colleague of Kastellorizian descent. Anna's interest in her Kastellorizian history was so strong that she travelled from the Yarra Valley to attend the event. Interest in this special and unique project has spread throughout the Greek Community. Allan was interviewed by many Greek papers and articles were published on his Kastellorizian genealogical endeavours in *Neo Kosmos*, *The Greek Australian VEMA (TO BHMA)* and in Greece in *The Athens News*.

The weekend was funded by the Multicultural Commission of Victoria and the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

### A Note from Allan Cresswell

You can assist to ensure that knowledge of your ancestry is preserved for future generations by providing me with your information on you and your family. I am always available on email [cressie@kastellorizo.org](mailto:cressie@kastellorizo.org) to assist or advise.



**Left:** Allan with attendees on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of March

**Right:** Three very attentive Anastasiou (Penglis) family members

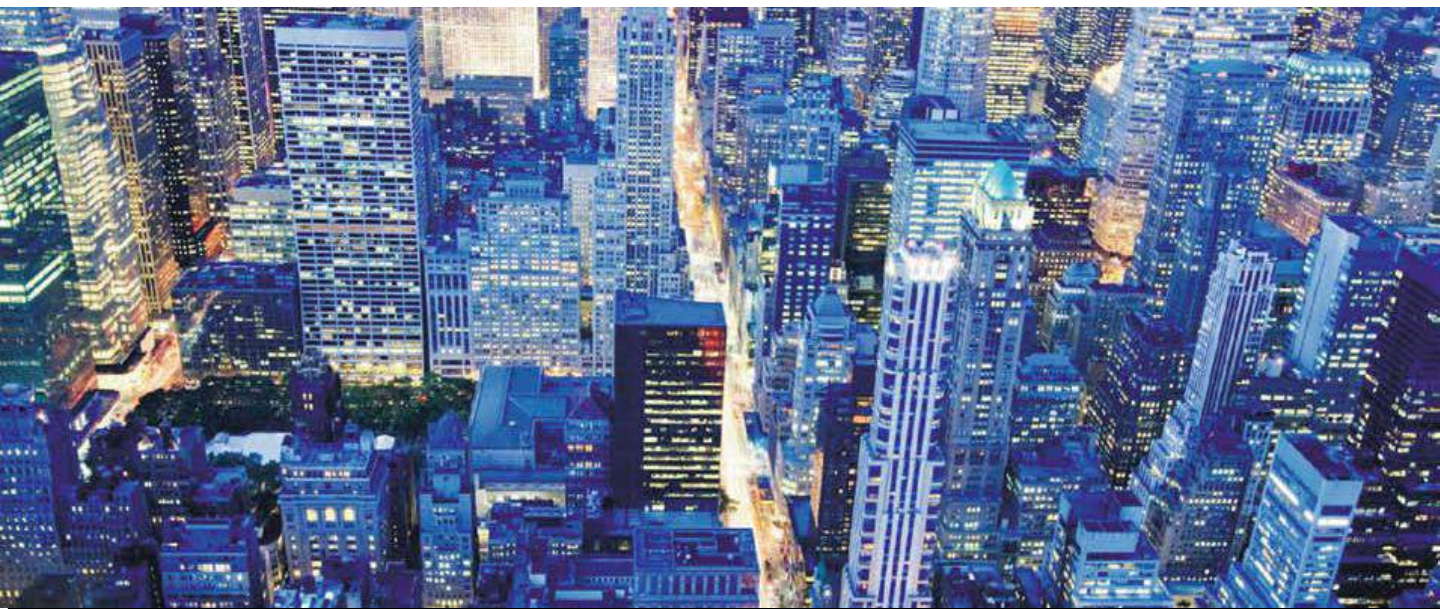




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# REPORTS

## ***Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report***

### **Katoumaria on Lonsdale Greek Glendi Antipodes Festival 2011**

By Chrysanthi Koutsoukis

On the 5 March Christine Dimer, Kathleen Adgemis and Chrysanthi Koutsoukis with gorgeous Tahlia Briscoe, dressed in traditional Kastellorizian costume, gave a demonstration on how to cook Katoumaria. Ross Karavis from the Greek Community had contacted the Association and had invited us to do the demonstration.

It was quite a warm day for early March as the sun shone on the cooks as Christine and Chrysanthi kneaded the dough while Kathleen was frantically frying on 3 electric frypans up to 20 Katoumaria. Hundreds of people came up to the stall during the 2 hours, mesmerised by the tantalising odour and were tempted to have a taste of the delicious Katoumaria. Tahlia with her mother Angela, and Yvonne Kaponis helped to serve to the onlookers who were very interested in the technique being used to open up the pastry and to roll it outwards using the thin rods.

We were very well supported by 30 of our friends and relations.

Special thanks go to our expert Vera Constance who provided us with some of her precooked Katoumaria. Although she couldn't make it on the day her presence was warmly felt.

Special thanks also go to Connie Gregory for having a Katoumari Love-In at her place where attempts were made to perfect the cooking skills of our demonstrators prior to the big day.

It was a great experience and many thanks to all the team.

Ross Karavis who spoke with a tear in his eye about his mother said that she would have been over the moon to see what had been achieved in Lonsdale St on that day.

PS And for the person who asked, if "Katoumaria" means "Get Down Maria" - "No, it definitely does not!"



**Left:** Katoumari Day at the Antipodes festival

**Left to right:** Tahlia Briscoe, Christine Dimer, Chrysanthi Koutsoukis and Kathleen Adgemis.

**Right:** Lambis Englezos AM with President Yvonne Panagacos at the Pleasant Sunday Morning event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2011

### **Pleasant Sunday Morning "Fromelles the missing"**

By Paul Gregory

On May 1<sup>st</sup> a Pleasant Sunday Morning was held at the clubrooms and Lambis Englezos, AM, presented a talk on "Fromelles, the Missing". The event was very well attended and the presentation was brilliant.

In 2002, Lambis began his research to find the missing mass burial site at Fromelles where the Germans had buried the fallen soldiers. Lambis's research and lobbying led to a survey in 2007, and the site was identified. Exhumations at the site commenced in May 2009 and 250 allied soldiers were recovered with 97 diggers positively identified last year, along with 3 British soldiers. At this stage 154 bodies remain unidentified. It is hoped that more will be identified.

Lambis explained that for those families who have had a member of their family positively identified, there has been closure and comfort with a proper burial at a site handed over by a French farmer. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission now maintains the site.

I believe that everyone who attended the Pleasant Sunday Morning was moved by Lambis's presentation and impressed with his humility; and also his deep respect and empathy for the families of the "missing" diggers which started him on his quest to find the gravesite.

Before and after the presentation there was the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and refreshments, and the consensus was that more Sunday get-togethers should be organised in future.





# REPORTS

## *Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report* **Clubroom Launch**

By Flora Hamilton and Christine Mastores-Davidson

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the Kastellorizian committee of 2011/2012 launched the first stage of the newly refurbished club rooms.

The room looked amazing with fresh oversized flower arrangements and tealight candles.

125 Guests were greeted on arrival by two of our youngest members Dianna Spartels (daughter of Nik and Dina Spartels) and Madisson Hamilton (Daughter of Flora (nee Adgemis) and Eammon Hamilton) in full traditional dress.

There was an abundance of food provided by our preferred in house caterer, Kartel Catering.

Guests mingled happily as Anthea Sideropoulos and her band entertained us with the contemporary and traditional sounds of Greece.

President Yvonne Panagacos welcomed everyone to the Club and described to members all facets of the renovation.

A special thanks went out to Nik Spartels for all the time he devoted to the club rooms during January and February.

The evening was a success and outstanding feedback was received from members.

Yours in events,

Flora Hamilton and  
Christine Mastores – Davidson

### **The Clubrooms Launch**

**Top Right:** Bar set up in the new look courtyard/cultural display space

**Middle Right:** The main clubroom decorated in style by Flora Hamilton.

**Bottom Left:** The design plans by Catherine Pitliangas that assisted with the final fitting and layout

**Bottom Right:** Catherine is presented with a gift of gratitude for her services by President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Mrs Yvonne Panagacos



# REPORTS

## *Kastellorizian Association of Vic The Clubroom launch Cocktail Party 2011*



1 . Ready to greet the guests after all his hard work, Facilities Manager, Nik Spartels with daughter Dianna and Madisson Hamilton 2. President Yvonne Panagacos presents Maria Kominos with the lucky door prize 3. Sisters Connie and Marie with Olga 4. John Karis, Paul Gregory, Peter Coates and Sally Karis 5. The Committee cutting the celebratory cake 6. Girls just want to have fun! 7. Good friends 8. Events Manager, Flora (right) enjoying a chat with the girls. 9. The young ones: Calista Panayai and Madisson Hamilton 10. A full Clubhouse! 11. Guests relaxing over good conversation.

(Photos 7-10 taken by Sandra Nikou).



# REPORTS

## ***Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report St Constantine and St Helen's Day celebrations and Kastellorizian of the Year , Youth Achievement and VCE recognition awards***

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 the annual St Constantine and Helen's day celebration and Awards ceremony were held and the club rooms.

The day commenced with a Church service at Sts Constantine and Helen's Greek Orthodox Church in Barry St South Yarra. During Father Dimitri's sermon, he made a special mention of history of the Kastellorizian community in Australia and he acknowledged the importance of the Kastellorizian of the Year award and explained its significance not only within the Kastellorizian community but that the award was also a role model and inspiration for the greater Greek community. He then introduced the 2011 Kastellorizian of the Year, Nicholas Constantine Nicholas to the congregation. Before concluding his service, Father Dimitrios blessed Nicholas, the Association and the Artos (church bread) which The President, Yvonne Panagacos took to the clubrooms to share with the members.

A reception at the clubrooms followed the service. Father Dimitri joined the 100 guests at the Clubrooms and offered us all blessings for the day. Once again Kartel catering company catered the event and guests enjoyed the variety of finger food which was plentiful and enjoyed by all. Beverages and desserts were supplied and served by members of our committee and they did an excellent job.

Prior to afternoon tea, President Yvonne Panagacos commenced the Awards Ceremony starting with the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award (KYAA) and the VCE Recognition Awards .

This year the Association's Youth Achievement Award went to Adriana Hendrickson, the daughter of Eula Bisas. Proud Grandparents, Jack and Marika Bisas also attended and watched their granddaughter accept the award.

Adriana along with Amanda Mangos and Michael Caripis were then presented with their VCE Recognition Awards.

Yvonne then introduced Nicholas C Nicholas of Perth Western Australia, and outlined his achievements and attributes that highlighted that he was a worthy recipient of this highly sought after award. Shortly after Nicholas was presented with the Kastellorizian of the Year Award. Nicholas then gave a speech and explained how happy and honoured he was at receiving the award. Nicholas was joined by 10 family members and friends, who flew from Perth to support Nicholas.

Once the formalities were over guests were treated to traditional Greek sweets, tea and coffee. It was the first time at this event that a raffle was offered and it generated a surge of activity towards the end of the day. The raffle prizes were donated by the Committee. First prize was won by Chrissie Paltoglou. Once again this important annual event was a huge success.

Yours in Events,  
Flora Hamilton and Christine Mastores – Davidson



Pictured above is Mr Nicholas C Nicholas, the recipient of 2011 Kastellorizian of the Year Award.

# REPORTS

## *Kastellorizian Association of Vic*

### *Sts. Constantine and Helen's Day Celebrations and Awards Ceremony 2011*



1. Father Dimitiri blessing the day's events 2. Nicholas C Nicholas with the KAV Committee and his Award 3. KYAA recipient Adriana with proud mother Eula and grandmother and previous Kastellorizian of the Year Marika Bisas OAM 4. Proud mother Barbara Mangos with VCE recipient Amanda Mangos 5. Barry helping out at the bar 6. Chrissie Paltoglou samples Kartel's finger food and the Church Bread 7. The Caripis family pictured proudly with VCE Recipient Michael 8. The VCE recipients Amanda, Michael and Adriana 9. Drawing the raffle prizes 10. Chatting with the guest from Perth 11. Pamela chatting with George and Viviane 12. Yvonne with Nicholas and wife Mary 13. Katina Miriklis, Cyrstalla Bisas, Tess Hondros, Maria Verginis enjoying the day's events

# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

## KASTELLORIZIAN SENIORS ASSOCIATION Inc

by President, Christine Dimer

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2011

**FIRST WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH**  
**11.00am to 3.00 pm**  
**AT CLUBROOMS**  
**250 DORCAS ST SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC**  
**Phone: 9699 7875.**

**PLEASE CHECK EACH MONTH AS TO WHERE  
WE MEET**

#### **August 3 – Cancer Council Brunch at the Club.**

Bring savoury/sweet to share. Raffle will be held and all takings donated to Cancer Council. In 2010 we donated \$500. Bingo. All members welcome and bring a friend or neighbour. Donation \$5.

**September 7 – Buffet Lunch at the Village Green Hotel.** Free for all members to celebrate Father's Day. We will meet at the hotel – **Cnr Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads, Mulgrave at 12 noon.** All members will need to provide their own transport to the hotel. Tel. Village Green Hotel 9560 8400. Please forward all enquiries for this function to **Peter Christofas, Mobile: 0422586177.**

#### **October 5- AGM and lunch at the Club.**

Bingo after conclusion of meeting.  
Bookings will be taken for Christmas Lunch function at Crown. A deposit of \$20 will need to be paid.

#### **November 2 – Spring Carnival Lunch.**

Best hat and outfit competition. Oaks day sweep. Bingo.

#### **December 7 – Lunch at Crown Casino Conservatory.**

Price not yet confirmed but members will be subsidised by Seniors Club. We will meet at the upstairs restaurant, at 12 noon.

**ALL DATES AND FUNCTIONS ARE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE.**

KINDLY KEEP IN TOUCH WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND REGULARLY SUPPORT THE SENIORS ASSOCIATION, BY PARTICIPATING IN ALL OUR FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

THIS WILL ENSURE ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS.

ALL EXTERNAL OUTINGS WILL BE SUBSIDISED FOR MEMBERS.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

**CHRISTINE DIMER** on 0432 915 049,  
or (03) 9592 9450

**PETER CHRISTOFAS** on (03) 9379 8635  
or 0422 586 177

All our functions this year have been very well attended and enjoyed by members.

We thank Yvonne Panagacos and George Verginis for their support and attendances.

For those who have been unwell or in hospital, we pass on our best wishes to you all for a speedy recovery. Members who have celebrated a special day, congratulations and many happy returns.

We have reapplied for our usual grants and have also applied via the Australian Government for a Volunteers Grant which enables us to purchase certain items for use by our members. Further information will be given later in the year as to our submission.

Seniors - on the following page, please enjoy viewing some of the photographs that were taken at our various function throughout the year

With best wishes for the rest of the year.

**Christine Dimer,**  
President, Kastellorizian Association Inc



# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

## *Kastellorizian Seniors Inc: Social Events 2011*



**SENIORS**

**IT'S TIME  
TO REGISTER/RENEW  
YOUR  
KASTELLORIZIAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
VICTORIA  
MEMBERSHIPS!**

**Send in your forms today**

1. Presidents of the KAV and the KS Yvonne Panagacos and Christine Dimer 2. KAV representatives at the KS, Yvonne Panagacos and George Verginis 3. Enjoy a day out at the Kitchen Workshop, Crown 4. Nina, Chrissie, Katina and Helen 5. Mick and Hellas Christopher 6. Una, Chrissie and Nellie 7. Martha and Catherine 8. Anastasia, Maria, Roula and Olga 9. Rosa Stabelos enjoying her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with her family 10. Tasia and Fotini 11. Christine Dimer, Chris and Irene with the oldest "mum" at the Mother's day function, Vera Constance



# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

## *Dodecanese Federation*

*by Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Representative and President of the Dodecanese Federation,  
George Verginis*

As President of the Dodecanese Federation Board  
I wish to inform you of my activities over the past few months

I attended the "Dodecanese Liberation Day" celebrations at the Axion Estin Monastery in Northcote, on 13<sup>th</sup> March, where together with the Consul General, the President of the Greek Community and other officials, we laid a wreath on behalf of all the Dodecanese Islands at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

At the luncheon that followed, I spoke of the fact that many Kastellorizians, like my Grandmother and her family, came here on Italian passports, as they were born prior to 7<sup>th</sup> March 1948 when the Island of Kastellorizo became part of Greece.

The "Greek National Day" being 25<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the St Efstathios Church Sth Melbourne at the morning thanksgiving service with the Consul General, the President of Greek community, together with President and members of Hellenic RSL. After the service we all then went to the Hellenic Memorial to lay wreaths and speak about the importance of this day. Then we all followed on to pay homage at the Shrine of Remembrance. This was followed by a luncheon at the Hellenic RSL, where the president and other dignitaries spoke of the sacrifices by the Greeks in 1821 and the days, months and years that followed.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the Greek community at large gathered to celebrate "Greece's National Day" along St Kilda Road, and we, the Dodecanese Federation Group of Islanders, together with some thousands, being 80 odd groups, joined the parade to march to the Shrine of Remembrance to again lay wreaths and give thanks to those brave heroes, who back in 1821 lay down their lives so that Greece could live again

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March I visited the opening of the Alphington Grammar School's new Multi-purpose Hall. As Dodecanese President, I with the Consul General and the President of the Greek community

together with 3 visiting Greek Parliamentarians attended the Alphington Grammar as part of 25<sup>th</sup> March Celebrations. This was a very emotional day for those of us who witnessed a superb school concert made up of children from many countries other than Greece, singing and dancing to traditional Greek music and song. I was asked by the President of the Community to write a letter on my thoughts about the day, which was published in Neos Kosmos.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May, I together with our ambassador and many other community leaders and parliamentarians, attended the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Battle of Crete" at the Pan Cretan Village Glen Waverley, to meet and honour those WW2 diggers who fought in Crete and to witness them receiving an award from the Greek and Australian Cretan Community and listen to their experiences and stories of WW2. A similar yearly event organised by the Hellenic RSL was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May at the St Kilda Town Hall and I, together with Yvonne and George Panagacos, attended at the invitation of the RSL to support the memory of the WW2 "Battle of Crete"

On the invitation from the Pontian Association I, together with other community leaders, attended the Hellenic Memorial on the 14<sup>th</sup> May to lay a wreath for the "Persecution of the Pontians"

What a wonderful few months it has been for me, representing the Dodecanese Federation, and also as importantly our club and our beloved Island Kastellorizo at these important functions. This I'm very proud of, and I will continue to do so at every opportunity to fly our flag for Kastellorizo

George Verginis  
President, Dodecanese Federation

# Magical Kastellorizo

By Kylie Mastores

I travelled to Kastellorizo for the first time during Easter this year. I knew it was going to be one of the most memorable holidays I ever would have, just by the VIP treatment I received on the plane from Rhodes to Kastellorizo. I was the only person flying to 'Kazzie' on Easter Sunday and received a personal tour from the pilot in Greek and English during the flight!

Upon landing, I was greeted by Louise and Colin, who are both infamous on Kastellorizo. I truly felt like a celebrity landing on a remote, exclusive island. My first impression of Kastellorizo was that it was a *magical* and *special* place. Words that I would use to describe the island are: *calm, beautiful, friendly, untouched, quaint and peaceful*. This is quite ironic given the island's history, which I later came to learn after viewing a short film shown in the Turkish Mosque on the island. Pastel coloured small houses line the harbour, overtaken by a huge ferry that was docked temporarily to collect passengers.

Soon after my arrival Louise introduced me to "Australia Square", apparently given this name due to so many Aussies living or owning property on the island. I was hoping to practise my Greek skills while in Kastellorizo, however much to my surprise there were more Aussie accents speaking English than in London!

The rest of my time in Kazzie was spent relaxing near the breathtaking crystal clear blue water, over-dosing on café frappes, taking in the picturesque views, getting to know Louise and Yiorgo's family, enjoying great food and friendly people on the island. Short trips to Kas in Turkey (which I could not believe how close it was), the Blue Grotto and the island of Ro, were all amazing and 'must do's' if any of you were ever to visit Kazzie. When walking down the main 'drag', I was constantly stopped and greeted by friendly faces who are interested in where I was from, who I was related to and when I was returning to Kazzie Land.

Here are just a few of many photos I took on my memorable holiday to Kastellorizo:

Goodbye Kastellorizo!

Kylie Mastores



**Top:** Kylie with the harbour of Kastellorizo behind her

**Second from the top:** Yiorgos and Louise (Katri) Karayiannis

**Bottom two photos:** Scenes of Kastellorizo

# TRIP TO KASTELLORIZO

By Peter and Lena Coates

After a long wait to visit Kastellorizo the moment was fast approaching, we made our way to Rhode's famous wharf to catch the ship that would take us to paradise; we thought nothing was going to stop the excitement.

The wharf consisted of a few refurbished boats, a lot of concrete and building materials and 2 lonely confused travellers and of course a Taxi waiting, just in case our predicament was realised. Lena said to me, where is the ship, I proudly said it will be here at 11 as planned, it is Greece and they do things on time, but as 11 came and went, no Ship. With the age of technology you would have thought someone would have contacted us to advise of a strike in Athens that grounded all ferries, GFC (Greek financial crisis)\*.

We finally made our way to the Island by plane. Sitting opposite the propellers we thought if something went wrong, at least we would be shredded into fine confetti and sprinkled over the island by the prevailing winds. On arrival we were overwhelmed as we drove down from the airport and had our first view of the famous harbour, quite a sight. Greeted by Louise (Katris) Karayiannis we stayed at her wonderful apartments.

The social event then sped into top gear, we met so many Aussie Kazzies, we were assured of Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner company throughout the length of our stay. Kazzies love to talk a real lot, work out who's who and by the time you have mentioned 20 people that you know in various states of Australia, you then realize that you could be related. Kazzies are so proud of their heritage. We had the pleasure of meeting a former Kazzie of the year, Prof Byron Kakulas and his lovely wife Val, and their friends, who extended warm hospitality to us. Kostas Pavlidis of Kazbar Reality, (old Kaz bar) or Colin as he is known, kindly escorted me on a hunt to find my Grandparents home site. We found it from a photo that Connie and Paul Gregory gave us. It was a surreal experience knowing my Grandparents, Parents and relations had lived on and visited this site, now sadly in disrepair and now on my bucket list of things to do.

Victoria's reputation of running a successful Club far away from the shores of Kastellorizo and keeping the tradition alive made me proud of all our efforts over the years to keep the flame burning. I was disappointed however that we don't do more things to help the island, as it clearly needs a lot of work to make it the Jewel it once was.

As a tribute to my parents, one of my main goals was to light a candle on Sunday at the Church. Lena, being Italian and Catholic, and not knowing that crossing legs in church is disrespectful, was approached by a local lady who told her in Greek to uncross her legs..... well that became the topic of conversation for the rest of the day.

Trip to Kas (Eye Brow in Turkish) Turkey. George, Louise's husband took us on an unforgettable trip on one of his 4 boats, We were in the hands of his professional staff that made the day a trip to remember.

We would strongly recommend to any one that has not made the effort to see the island to do so , it's a special place.



**Top:** Peter and Lena Coates at the Cross, Heart and Anchor sculpture on Kastellorizo in June

**Bottom:** Peter raising a beer to in honour of Kastellorizo.

*\*Editor's note: Both Lousie Karayiannis and Connie Gregory did try to contact Peter, re: Ferry changes*



# A GREEK TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE!

**By Michael and Roslyn Zervos.**

Michael is the son of Con (dec.) and Chrissie Zervos.

Roslyn is the daughter of Max (dec.) and Lucy Peronis

Many of us have returned to Greece and in particular to Kazzie to retrace our heritage and for a relaxing time in the sun. In October 2010 Roslyn and I did travel to Greece but instead of relaxing over a coffee talking about the "good old days" we did something a lot more strenuous.....we both competed in the Athens Classic Marathon race! This race is a "fun run" over 42 kilometres finishing in the historic Olympic Marble Panathenaikon Stadium in Athens.

Here is a quick history lesson.

## 2,500 YEARS OF MARATHON HISTORY

In 490BC the Persian Army had mustered an estimated 150,000 troops to invade Greece, their attack was launched from the Marathon gulf. The Athenian forces consisted of 10,000 citizen-soldiers. The two forces met near the small village of Marathon to the north of Athens. The Persian military was considered one of the greatest fighting forces of the era, and the Athenians were fighting against all odds. Despite being greatly outnumbered the Athenians fought and won the Marathon battle. The casualties were recorded as 192 Athenians and 6,400 Persians. Go Greece!

All 192 Athenians were buried in an area today called the Tomb of Marathon. This battle was one of the proudest moments in the history of ancient Greece. The victory endowed them with a faith in their destiny which was to endure for three centuries, during which time western culture was born. It is said that a defeat of the Athenians in this battle could easily have changed the tide of history.

Legend says that a brave Athenian (sadly not a Kazzie) called Pheidippides ran the 40km from the battlefield at Marathon to Athens to announce the Greek victory. "Nenikèkamen" ("We are victorious") or "Niki" ("Victory") and then collapsed from exhaustion and died. Yes he died!

Almost 24 centuries later, in 1896, the first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens. Pierre de Coubertin, the inspirer of the Modern Olympic Games, embraced the idea of honouring the legend of the Athenian soldier-runner messenger by a 40km run from the Marathon bridge to the Marble Olympic Stadium of Athens.

This first organised Marathon race took place in 1896, during the first Modern Olympic Games, and it was especially important to all Greeks. The host nation of the first Olympics became ecstatic as Spyridon Louis, a Greek water carrier, won the race in 2 hours and 58 minutes. A 40-kilometre race called 'The Marathon' was born. Spyridon Louis, as the first Olympic Marathon gold medallist, became a legend, and the course from Marathon to Athens, used today for the annual Athens Classic Marathon, became known as the "authentic", the "original" Marathon course.

It was at the 1908 Olympics in London where the Marathon was to find its now standard distance of 42.195km increased from 40kms so the British Royal family could watch the start of the race from their castle. Just what we needed, a longer race!

Marathons have since become a running tradition throughout the world and 2010 marked the 2,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.





# A GREEK TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Continued



Above: Michael and Roslyn at the event site

## OUR RACE, SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2010

Being part of a 2,500 year anniversary celebration was a wonderful way for Roslyn and I to link to our heritage, relive history and truly test ourselves.

Our children, Cassandra and Marcus had looked on with pride and bemusement as they watched us run around the streets of Melbourne in preparation. They probably thought we were a little crazy going out for a two hour jog on a Sunday morning. We had to be as fit as possible beforehand and as runners say "put miles into our legs"

When the starter's gun sounded and over 15,000 runners set off towards Athens 42kms in the distance, Roslyn and I were swept along in the tide of excitement, pride and nerves. It didn't take long for the reality of having to jog for well over 4 hours set in.

It's a long way!

We ran, we walked, we ran some more and just kept going.

Thankfully over 180,000 people lined the streets to cheer us on. This event was a big deal for Athens with front page newspaper coverage.

After running for over 2 hours and reaching the 21 kilometre half way mark, everything was hurting but you just keep going. Why? Determination, pride, ego and because we are Kazzies reliving our proud Greek heritage. All sounds emotional now but when you are that tired your emotions bubble to the surface.

More running.

The drink stations that appeared every three kilometres became important points of refreshment as we became even more worn out.

Thankfully the suburban country side was giving way to metropolitan Athens and we were drawing closer to the Marble Olympic Stadium. We'd been running for over 4 hours. And finally there it was: the Panathenaikon Stadium with its gleaming marble and more importantly at this stage a large sign that read FINISH.

Even after all those kilometres and hours of running every runner had a burst of energy upon entering the stadium to blaring Greek music and cheering onlookers.

Crossing the finish line was a mix of elation and relief but an overwhelming sense of achievement. We'd done it! We'd literally followed in the footsteps of Pheidippides and Spyridon Louis and written our own little piece of family history.

And yes, our next trip to Greece will be to visit Kazzie and relax in the sun bragging about our marathon run. FINISH –love that word!

Michael Zervos



Left: Michael at the Marathon

Right: Michael and Roslyn basking in the glow of the Acropolis following the Marathon

# COOL TO BE KAZZIE

Just when I think that I have exhausted my run of “Cool Kazzies”, I am pleasantly surprised and here is why.

I recently purchase the first edition of *The Age Good Food Shopping Guide*. Of the 250 entries, 2 entries were clearly Kazzie run businesses. Under the Fish and Seafood section you will find a very favourable review of **John Christopoulos** and **George C Lucas’s** successful business Ocean Made Seafood. Their wholesale business supplies many awarded hat restaurants such as Jacques Raymond and Neil Perry’s Rockpool Bar and Grill, and their trade also extends to a retail outlet. So why not visit them at 27-29 Roberts St Collingwood and taste the quality seafood for yourself?

The second entry can be found only a stone’s throw away from Collingwood in Fitzroy. The Vegetable Connection run by **Nichloas C Miriklis** is noted as a rustic and traditional shop setting that showcases many exotic, seasonal and rare fruit and vegetables that his father **Constantine Miriklis** would not have envisaged when he set up the business at 255 Brunswick St, Fitzroy in 1941.

I have to note that following - the Vegetable Connection entry in the guide, is the Vegetable Palace in Ripponlea, which has a Kazzie from another notable fruit family on staff.

It seems like I can’t move out of the Fitzroy area for my next Cool to be Kazzie connections. Have you been watching TV lately? What you weren’t? Shame on you! Two notable Kazzie businesses located in Fitzroy were recently featured as sets in the Victorian TV Drama *Offspring*. Do you know which businesses they were? Ok I’ll tell you. They were **Madame Sousou** and **Flowers Vasette**.

Flowers Vasette is run by **Cherrie Miriklis**, the sister of Nichloas C Miriklis who runs the Vegetable Connection just a few doors away. The connection here is *The Age* recently reported that Flowers Vasette supplied the floral arrangement for fellow Kazzie descendants, the **Paspaley’s** for the launch of the Paspaley strand of pearls. The lovely floral displays from Vasette were featured at The Paspaley Strand Launch at newly relocated Vue du Mode. Nice to see Kazzie involvement!

Moving eastwards to Hawthorn, I must prioritise and put my Kazzie roots before my one-eyed support of the Swans to bring you this story. As we are now in the interesting part of the AFL football season my memory is triggered of a former Hawthorn player, fellow Perth Kazzie, Steve Malaxos.

The Association was recently contacted by David Devos for information on **Steve Malaxos** and **Kastellorizo**. David’s reason for communicating with the Association was to gather information on Steve and Kastellorizo in order to put together a tribute to Steve. The tribute went to air at the AFL match in Perth at half time on 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2011. If you would like to view this feature please visit our website at [www.kastellorizo.com.au](http://www.kastellorizo.com.au) and click on the link.

Whilst you are on the internet checking out websites, why not visit the TV/program tab on the SBS website. Click on “**Heirlooms**” or just type in the following link into your Google search engine [www.sbs.com.au/shows/heirlooms/episodes/page/1/h/Episodes/](http://www.sbs.com.au/shows/heirlooms/episodes/page/1/h/Episodes/) Then go to Episode 10 “Michelle’s Story”. The one minute animated Heirlooms feature is the final result of the application that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria made to SBS to participate in the *Heirlooms* program. The Association offered our story of where and how we obtained our prized cultural treasure, our Kazzie Costume. If you would like to refresh your memory, the application was published in the July 2008 *Kazzie News* newsletter. The story of our costume is beautifully animated by award winning animators Susan Danta and Wendy Chandler of Parasol Productions and Michelle Hondros’s voice-over explaining the history of the Kazzie costume really brings the costume to life. Please take the time to watch it.

Finally, I was in Canberra recently for a conference and during the conference dinner at National Art Gallery in Canberra, I was enjoying a private tour of the Indigenous Art display. I went in search of art works from my favourite indigenous artist Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri. I was admiring his work, *Warlugulong* painted in 1977 and trying to decipher the story in the painting when I was approached by the guide who told me that the painting was purchased in 2008 from a Christie’s London auction for more than a cool 4 million. After the guide walked away I return to the painting, and still struggling to find the meaning of the work, my eyes located the plaque and the donors’ names. Have you guessed what Kazzie family is amongst the list of donors who assisted in its purchase? Let me spell it for you the P\_\_p\_\_l\_y family.

Woo! I am freezing, there are too many cool Kazzies out there! I need time to warm up but only until just before the next newsletter!

Until next time, *Evelyn Salvaris*

# KAZZIE KERASMA

As time goes by, it is clear that the number of people who suffer from food allergies is on the increase and the number of Kastellorizians with food allergies is also rising. This poses a dilemma every time the Association holds a function. At recent functions such as the "Pleasant Sunday Morning" and the Sts Constantine and Helen's Day Celebrations an allergy free cake was supplied. In this edition of Kazzie Kerasma, I thought I'd provide the recipe for a gluten and lactose free Greek Halva (Ravani) Cake recipe. Once again I have put myself out on a limb by corrupting a traditional Greek recipe of Vefa Alexiadou. Despite consumers' misconceptions that allergy free foods are tasteless, I can only disagree, as there was no Ravani remaining at the recent St Constantine and St Helen's Day celebrations. I also received many requests for the recipe. So for those of you who enjoyed it or missed out, the recipe provides you with the opportunity to make it as your tastebuds desire.



## Gluten and lactose free\* halva cake (Ravani me Indokarido)

### **Cake**

1.5 cups of grated coconut  
1.5 cups gluten free self raising flour  
1 teaspoon baking power  
2/3 cups Nuttelex  
1 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
2/3 cup Zymil Lactose free milk

Cream Nuttelex and sugar

Add eggs

Add milk alternatively with dry ingredients

Pour into greased ring tin

Bake for 1 hr at 180°C

Cool in tin

### **Syrup**

1.5 cups sugar

1.5 cups water

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Dissolve sugar in water

Boil for 5 minutes

Add lemon juice

Pour syrup over cake

Allow to sit for 2 hour to overnight

Unmould cake from tin onto serving plate.

\*Please note this cake can also be made with normal butter, milk and self raising flour.

*"Kali Orexi", Evelyn Salvaris*

Are you interested in joining a small groups of diners to dine  
at a variety of select restaurants?

Why not join the KAV Gourmet Club?

Dine at different restaurant 2-3 times a year

Register your details with Flora Hamilton at [florahamilton@redscooter.com.au](mailto:florahamilton@redscooter.com.au)

Tell Flora your cuisine interests, location, price range, and suggestions  
of which restaurants you would like to experience.

Don't forget to include your age, dietary requirements and contact details

First Restaurant experience: St Katherine's in Kew in November



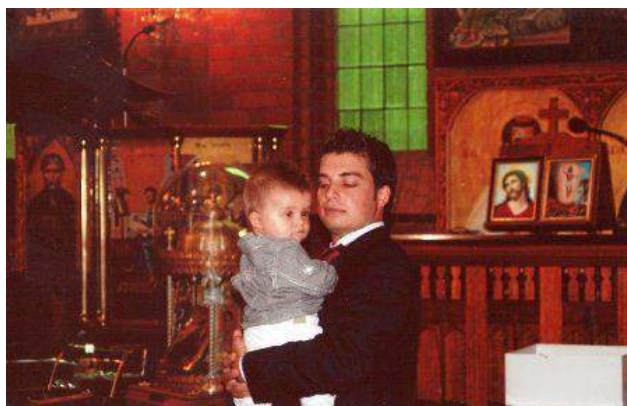
# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Baptisms

**Gus Malcolm Peter Mastores** was baptised on the 5th February 2011 at St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Malvern East. The proud Godfather is **Mark Harry Mastores**, pictured below. Gus is the second child of **Justin** and **Tahli Mastores**, brother of **Winnie Evelyn Mastores**, Grandson of **Christine Mastores-Davidson** and Great Grandson of **Evelyn Karis**. Celebrations continued afterwards, and into the night, at Florina's Greek Tavern in Hawthorn.

Submitted by Christine Mastores- Davidson



On Sunday May 8th, **Lucy Elizabeth Dimer** (above) was baptised Loukia at St. Raphael's Greek Orthodox Church in Bentleigh. Her Aunty, **Katrina Dimer** was the godmother together with a friend of the family **Eileen Weitzmann**. It was a happy occasion and close family members attended. Katrina was delighted to be a 'godmother' for the first time. Lucy is the 3rd grandchild of **George** and **Christine Dimer**.

Submitted by Christine and George Dimer



## Birthday Celebrations

### 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Congratulations to **Vassiley Piperoglou** (right) on the celebration of his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. A party of 100 guests attended the occasion. Vassiley is the son of **Anastasios (Stan) Piperoglou** and **Thenia**. He is the grandson of the late **Vasilios (Bill)** and **Irene (nee Miriklis) Piperoglou**.

"Na Ta Ekatiostisis" Vassiley and best wishes for the future.

Submitted by Anna Miriklis- Deferos





# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Birthday Celebrations



On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March **Stasi Adgemis** (above left), son of **John & Irene Adgemis** and grandson of **Anna Adgemis** and **Jack & Maria Miriklis** celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with a small gathering of immediate family and close friends at Vibrante Restaurant in Templestowe. Interstate family who attended the 21<sup>st</sup> from Adelaide were **Arthur & Cherrie Mangos** and **Kerry & Lucia Mangos**.

Submitted by Joanna and Kathleen Adgemis

## 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations



On May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Savoy Vibe Seniors Lunch, **Rosa Stabelos** (above) celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with her husband **Tony**. We wish her all the best and many more Birthdays to come

On July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Kitchen Workshop at Crown, **Peter Augustes** (below) also was celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Seated next to Peter was his sister **Daisy**. Everyone present sang the Birthday song.



Best wishes to both our members from all the Seniors.

Submitted by Christine Dimer

# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Engagements

It is with great pleasure that we announce the engagement of **Danielle Scotis** and **Neil May**. Neil proposed to Danielle on Christmas day 2010.

Danielle is the eldest daughter of **Lambros** (dec) and **Cynthia Scotis** and the granddaughter of **Sortis** and **Artemis Scotis** (both dec) and **Nicolas** (dec) and **Nina Zographou**.

Neil is the youngest son of **Brian** and **Susan May**.

Congratulation and best wishes for the future.

Submitted by Cynthia Scotis



**Above:** Neil May and Danielle Scotis on their engagement day

**Top right:** Alexandra Spartels with the younger members of her bridal party

**Bottom left:** The bride with her bridesmaids, her sisters, sister-in-law and niece.

**Bottom right:** Proud parents, Michael and Dianne Spartels with the bride and groom, Alex and James

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## Weddings

**James Kanaris** married **Alexandra Spartels** Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011. James is the eldest son of **Anthony** and **Helen Kanaris** (nee Notaras) and is of Kytherian descent. Alexandra is the youngest daughter of **Michael** and **Dianne Spartels (nee James)**. The wedding was held at St. Eustathios South Melbourne. A reception for 300 guests was held in the Grand Ballroom at the Sofitel on Collins St, Melbourne. The wedding was attended by James's family including his three grandparents, **James** and **Christina Kanaris** and **Evroula Notaras**. 200 of the guests that attended were from interstate, mainly Sydney and Perth.

All guests had an absolutely wonderful time at the wedding.

James and Alexandra will settle in Sydney for a few years.

**Michael** and **Dianne Spartels** also celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the same day as James and Alexandra's wedding.

Submitted by Dianne and Michael Spartels



# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Weddings

**Kristina Scotis** and **Daniel Gleeson** were married on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February at Panayia Kamriani Greek Orthodox Church at Red Hill on the Mornington Peninsula.

Kristina is the youngest daughter of **Lucky** (dec) and **Cynthia Scotis** and the grandduaghter of **Sortis** and **Artemis Scotis** (both dec) and **Nicolas** (dec) and **Nina Zographou**.

It was a weekend celebration, as many guests drove to Sorrento and Rye the day before and celebrated with Kristina and Daniel and their families with drinks and dinner at the Sorrento Hotel on the Friday night.

On the wedding day the guests were collected from their hotels in Sorrento and Rye by the "Red Hill Shuttle Bus" and driven to the church.

The best man was **Tim Peters** who exchanged the wedding rings and the Kombara was **Danielle**, sister of the bride who exchanged the Stefana.

After the church service, champagne was served to the guests in the beautiful gardens surrounding the church, The bus then drove the guests to T'Gallant Winery where the celebration continued.

The bride and groom flew to Noosa for a few days of relaxation, with their honeymoon beginning in July when they travel to the USA.

**Danielle Scotis** and **Neil May** were married on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Malvern.

Danielle is the oldest daughter of **Cynthia Scotis** and the late **Lucky Scotis** and the granddaughter of **Nina Zographou**.

The best man was **Rod Cobain Peters** who exchanged the wedding rings and the Matron of Honour was the bride's sister **Kristina Gleeson** who exchanged the Stefana.

Two weeks earlier, Neil was christened in St Katherine's church, after completing the 8 week lesson period to prepare him for the baptism. His Godfather was **Dr. Nick Lolatgis**.

After the church service, the reception took place at Quatt Quatta in Ripponlea, where 120 guests gathered for the celebrations.

The newly married couple honeymooned in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Submitted by Cynthia Scotis



**The beautiful brides with their husbands**

**Left:**  
Kristina and Daniel Gleeson

**Right:**  
Danielle and Neil May





# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KOMINOS FAMILY REUNION

Recently **Yvonne and Peter Croston** were holidaying in Melbourne from Georgia, U.S.A. **Yvonne Croston** is the younger daughter of **John and Maria Zouannou (Kominos)**. With them were their daughters **Fiona** and her fiancée **Bates Junior**, and **Stephanie**. **Fiona and B.J.** are planning to celebrate their wedding on 10th September, 2011 at the Georgian Terrace in USA. A pre wedding party was held at the home of **Frank and Angela Brody (Kominos)** to mark this occasion which was attended by fourteen Kominos girls.

In true Kastellorizian style this happy event was celebrated with platters of katoumaria!



**Front row**, left to right: Maria Kominos, Angela Brody (Kominos), Yvonne Croston (Zouannou). **Second row**: Rebecca Brody, Fiona Croston. **Third Row**: Tin Pachos, Madeleine Brody, Fiona Croston. **Fourth Row**: Lisa Pachos, Marina Panagacos, Chris Pachos (Zouannou). **Fifth Row**: Evelyn Pachos, Yvonne Panagacos (Kominos), Kathy Kalimnakis ( Zombos).

## Get Well

After a stay in hospital we wish **Nina Mangos** a speedy recovery.

Submitted by Kathleen Adgemis.



**Alysia Thrasis** pictured below is the daughter of **Maria Thrasis** nee **Hondros/Katavatis**. Alysia graduated from the Melbourne Business School on Saturday May 28th with a Masters of Business Administration. She completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy (with Honours) in 2004 from Monash University and is currently working for a global pharmaceutical company.



## Overseas Travel

Whilst in Athens in June, my friends and I decided to see Athens from the highest point, Lykavitos. We decided to go up the mountain by cable train that you catch from the foot of the mountain. On purchasing our tickets at the tourist shop next to the entrance, we noticed this illuminated sign that was advertising to our surprise KASTELORIZO. So I can only suppose that our beloved island is very important as a tourist destination to Greece

Submitted by George Verginis.



# In Memoriam

**Tony Gardiner (Gemenis)**  
1915 – 2010



**Tony “the doc” Gardiner** passed away on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2010, aged 94 years. Tony was born on Kastellorizo in 1915 and came to Sydney with his parents **Panayotia** and **Vassilli Gemenis** in 1918 and settled in Sydney. Tony was the eldest of four brothers **Alec**, **John** and **George**. Tony was a well respected member of the Greek community being one of the first Kazzies gaining a medical degree.

Tony died peacefully in his home in Tasmania and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Submitted by Stacey Gardiner and Chrissie Paltoglou

**Father Dionysios Demetri**  
8/12/1938– 4/12/2010



**Father Dionysios “Father Dion”** passing was attended by a huge crowd on December 10 2010 at St Haralambos Church, Templestowe. Born in Melbourne and of Ithican Descent, Father Dion was the son of Floros James Demetrie and Penelope (Lekatsas). Father Dion often attended Kastellorizian celebrations, notably the saying of Grace at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kastellorizian Ball in 2005. May God rest his soul

Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros.

**Eustathios Defteros**  
14/6/1924– 9/7/2011



It is with much sadness that we mourn the passing of **Eustathios (Takis) Defteros**, in Ithica Greece.

Eustathios was the father of **Peter Defteros** and father-in-law of **Anna Miriklis- Defteros**. Symbethro of **Evangelos** (Angelo) and **Aikaterini** (Catina) **Miriklis**. Takis was loved and highly respected by all people that new him and will be greatly missed. A 40 day memorial service will be held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Archiodecesan Greek Orthodox Church of “St Eustathios” South Melbourne in honour of his memory for immediate family and close friends.

May God rest Your beautiful soul Dad and rest in peace.

Submitted by Peter Defteros and Anna Miriklis-Defteros.

## Donations

The following was received from :

**Mr and Mrs Steve Bisas** in memory of the **Late Mrs Drosia G. Fermanis** who passed away earlier this year in Sydney.

Submitted by Peter Christofas

# In Memoriam

**Drosia (Maria) Fermanis**  
**30/05/1920 – 6/02/2011**



**Maria**, known as **Drosia**, **Fermanis** was born 30 May 1920 and passed away on 6 February 2011 with her family by her side. She lived to the great age of 90.

Drosia was born on the island of Kastellorizo to **Irene (Barayinnis)** and **Constantino Apoifis**. She was one of three children, **Nicholas** (who passed away in 2004) and **Marianthi** (whose life was cut short at a young age). Drosia survived World War II. As a young lady in her early 20s, Drosia was taken with the Apoifis family to Palestine as a refugee to escape the ravages of war. Whilst in Palestine, Drosia was baptised in the River Jordan and hence became Hazithena. Drosia returned to her beloved Kastellorizo before the end of World War II.

On October 27 1946, Drosia married her beloved **George Fremanis** on Kastellorizo. During the time George and Drosia lived on Kastellorizo, they were blessed with four children, **Anastasi**, **Katina**, **Con** and **Irene**. Drosia, Anastasi, Katina, Con and Irene left Kastellorizo in 1956 and migrated to Australia where they joined George, who had migrated in 1955, to start a new life for his family. In 1956, the Fremanis family lived in the West End, Brisbane. The family was blessed with the birth of **Christine**, who was born in Brisbane, Queensland. In 1961 the family moved to Sydney and lived in Surry Hills.

Drosia devoted her self to her family and in particular Sam Tsakisirdis, who she raised as one of her own children on the island, as he lost his mother at a very young age.

Drosia is devoted to her church. She was one of the main stayers of Agis Triatha, Bourke St in Surry Hills. Up until she went into the Castellorizian nursing home

in 2000. Drosia never missed a day at church and instilled the same religious ways in all her children. Drosia was always known for her kindness, warmth and she loved to laugh. Drosia could see the funny side in any situation. Drosia was friend to all. Whilst she lived in Surry Hills, Drosia formed many lifelong friendships.

Drosia leaves behind her five children, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family (her children, **Anastasi** and **Gloria Fremanis**, **Kathy** and **Greg Bourdalís**, **Con** and **Elizabeth Fermanis**, **Irene** and **Andrew Stathopoulos** and **Kristine** and **Garry Yannakis**, grandchildren **George**, **Luke**, **Dina**, **George**, **Sarah**, **Matthew**, **Kristopher**, **Marisa**, **Yanni** and **Mary-Ellen** and great grandchildren Gregory, Katerina, Anastasi, and Arianna) would like to take this opportunity to thank those who assisted Drosia during the time she resided at the Castellorizian Nursing Home and Dr Phillip Georgouras who was constantly at her side.

She will be missed and remembered by her family and those who knew her.

Submitted by Irene Stathopoulos and Anna Miriklis-Defteros.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

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# DIARY DATES

## 2011 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Please put the following dates in your diaries

### **Saturday 24 September**

Tavern Night

Yiannis Tavren

7.00pm -12.00am

*RSVP and payment by September 16*

### **Sunday, October 16, 2.00pm**

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### **Sunday, December 4**

Children's Christmas party at Kew Traffic school

Refer to page 15

for Kastellorizian Seniors Association Inc functions

### **2012**

2012 Kastellorizian Association of WA's national conference /100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

For more details check the next edition of *Kazzie News* or Kazzie Communications

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**Do you have family or friends who would welcome the opportunity to be nominated for membership of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria?**

**If so why not nominate them?**

Photocopy the form in this newsletter, which is suitable for both new membership applications and membership renewals, or download the form at [www.kastellorizo.com.au](http://www.kastellorizo.com.au)

## **In next edition of the *KAZZIE NEWS***

Look out for more information about up and coming Social Events

Feature Articles & News

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# The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

would like to invite all members to a

## Tavern night

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Yiannis Tavern  
840 High Street Kew  
7.00pm – 12.00pm

**\$60.00 per head**

includes Banquet Dinner, Beer, Wine and Soft drink  
DJ will be providing all the latest and greatest dance  
music

Come as a couple or  
get a group of 12 together  
**All friends welcome**

Book in early to avoid disappointment  
To secure your seat/table please forward payment on  
booking as numbers are limited

**RSVP: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

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