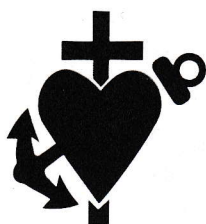


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Presidents Column

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Happy New Year to all!

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health.

It has been an extremely busy time with the continuing repairs to air conditioning, leaking glass roof, front of the building, debris removal, bird proofing of roof and upgrades to the building and club rooms, that members have requested. With the First newsletter (119), preparations for the Christmas party and the sourcing news items I have not had the opportunity to thank all our members for attending our AGM and voting our new committee into office, to embark on this journey to guide our families through the next phase of our lives together.

I believe that we have a duty to give some of the fruits of the past efforts back to the members to enjoy. It is a duty of love that we undertake so please look after your committee as, you would like to be looked after. Let us go forward this year and send news items from all families not only the regulars, go out and find a Cassie for our mailing list so we can return them to our fold. Become active and join a sub committee (Historical, Social, Cultural or Events) put your hand up and offer your assistance.

I personally will never delete any Castellorizian from our mailing list, we have lost contact with numerous of our members over the years.

It is your responsibility to support your club. Be a part of it, don't lose your heritage it is the only one you have. Our club is our home; it is a place you can go to to find a smiling face.

Annual Christmas Party

This year approximately 120 adults and children had a great afternoon being entertained by Crazy Pete the Magician and Father Christmas handing out an array of gifts, laughing and interacting unreservedly, everyone who attended ate Mezethes, Salads Hot Dogs, Chips, BBQ (Octabothaki

& Gourmet Snags), washing it down with a selection of Soft drink Beer and Wines. This was followed by Chocolate Popcorn and Icy Poles. While in other areas some sat and enjoyed the pleasure of the friends and families with whom they met. The party commenced at 12.30PM and the doors were locked at approximately 6PM

Special Thanks to George Verginis for his outstanding entertainment and support each year and to the band of non-committee Volunteers Eleni Gogos, Paul Kyriakou, (Three Chefs) Nicholas and Philip Adgemis with (friend) Costa Candros who worked tirelessly to make the day a success

Special Thanks to George Lucas and John and Christine (Lucas) Poulos of "Ocean Maid Seafood's" for their donation of Octobothaki for our BBQ at the Christmas party. It lasted 10 minutes and was enjoyed by all who managed to get some

Events Committee: - as reported in our previous newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to work with our event manager Jasmin Verginis 0416226581 to coordinate and run functions and events. Please ring Jasmin and arrange to be a part of this new team.

Have Your Say: - On Membership

From all reports and this year was no exception to the past years, we had several uncomfortable situations to deal with at the Christmas party, and unfortunately, they will continue as we progress. We the committee will not get it right all the time however, we will do our best when confronted. **How do we handle these scenarios?**

What qualifies a child for a present?

We believe that a child of a **Financial** (parent or guardian) Member and who is a resident of Victoria is entitled to a gift when he or she have nominated their child prior to the function and, has not been present on that day due to health or other satisfactory circumstances.

Alternatively, they attend to and receive their gift personally.

Any other situations cannot be seen as fair to the other members who have paid their membership fees (which are cheap by any means) and attended our party to interact with our larger family. Persons non financial, or not nominating and living outside the state of Victoria and expecting to receive gifts should qualify their families by becoming a financial member prior to these functions. We will not make it uncomfortable for you so, please respect us also.

Membership term is from July 1st to June 30th annually.

Have your say!!!!

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Ann (Polche) and Nick Lolagis (son of Nina and Nick Zographou (Dec) for their betrothal on October the 19th 2002 followed by their wedding breakfast at the Stoke House

Birth

Congratulations to Vivian (Kambouropoulos) and Christian Cazenave on the birth 28th November 2002 of their first child (son), Luc is also the first Grandchild for Val (Pallaras) and Nick Kambouropoulos
Congratulations to George & Nicole Bisas on the birth of their first child Emily Violet on 26th December 2002. Emily Violet is the fifth grand child for Alec & Maria Bisas.

Congratulations to Michelle and John P Adgemis on the arrival of their firstborn Peter John Proud Grandparents Peter and Koula Adgemis

Christening

Congratulations Karl and Kathy (Bisas) Scopece on the christening of their son Domenic, Godmother is Deana Michalos (daughter of Alex and Vivienne (Bisas) Michalos). Domenic is the eighth grandchild of Steve and Christina Bisas.

Welcome Home

Steve G Dimer working in Investment Banking Financial Services in London for 3 years. He has recently returned to Melbourne.

Reported by: - Christine Dimer

Congratulations

After almost 70 years the Fish and Chip Shop at 590 City Road South Melbourne has closed. Michael and Spiro Christopher have retired, closing the business that the family has owned and run since 1933.

Chris George Christopher and his wife Paraskevoula originally owned the Eclipse Fish Shop in nearby Pickle Street from 1925 to 1933. They then opened George's Fish Shop in 1933 and which he and his family ran the until he passed away in 1961.

The business was then taken over by his two sons, Michael and Spiro Christopher (pictured), and from then the shop was known as Mick and Spiro's Fish Shop.

The closure of the shop received media coverage in the local paper (Emerald Hill Times) and was featured on Channel 7's Today Tonight and on the Ten News, which was shown Australia Wide.

Michael Christopher, who was President of the Castellorizian Association of Victoria in 1985-86 and secretary of the Cassie football club, Michael said he will enjoy retirement and have more time to follow is beloved Swans. Spiro is looking forward to moving into his new home, which will be completed soon.

Michael and Spiro are sad to close, as they will miss the many friends they have made over the years.

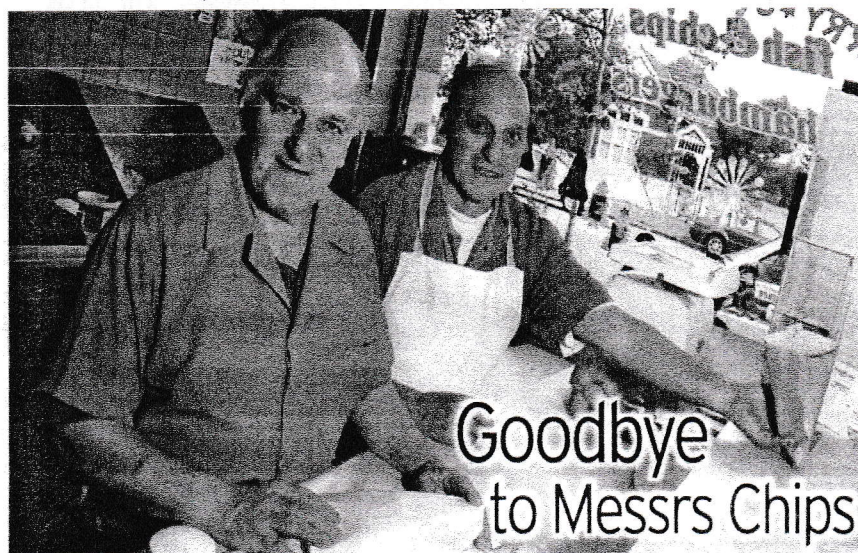
Overseas Late report Annual Castellorizian Migration this year also netted Linda Christofas who was on a conducted tour visiting London, Paris, Switzerland, Italy and Greece with a mandatory visit to Kastellorizo all reports say that this was the best of all. Linda is the Daughter of Christine Christofas (Nee Kyriakos) and granddaughter of Mick and Nina Kyriakos.

Birthday Wishes

40th Birthday Bash was held for Michael C Mangos in Kastellorizo on the ??? of October 2002. This was attended by the following Aussies who were part of the migration this year.

Celebrating his 40th Birthday on Kastellorizo:

What a perfect place to have a 40th Birthday, in a restaurant on our favourite island - glorious night, fantastic view of Kas (Turkey) and a harbour of fabulous boats and yachts. . Michael C Mangos (youngest son of Con and Dorothy Mangos) found this out when he celebrated his 40th Birthday with his wife Mary, sons Cory and Christopher his uncle Paul Zervos, cousins Con, Val, Nicholas Mangos, Anna, Gary, Ben & Michaela Redlich (nee Mangos), Chrissie, Katrina and Stephen Dimer, Maria and Louise Katris. The party organised by his wife Mary and cousin Con was held at Mavros' tavern with plenty of good food, wine and dancing.



**Goodbye
to Messrs Chips**

Welcome to Melbourne overseas visitors from Rhodes

Evagelia Dolgaroglou (nee Geronikolas) and Rena Calazis (Ex Sydney but now residing in Rhodes)

Who is a Member of our Association?

This is always a ticklish situation with us Cassies. By our rules, we feel we should automatically have membership status however.

By Law under the articles of association act of 1987 and amendments to date as of 1990 it is as follows.

A member is a person who is a Native of and / or a descendant or spouse of a descendant of the island Kastellorizo and whom pays an annual subscription and/or the subscription has not expired longer than (6) six months and, is a resident of Victoria. This means, that while we Castellorizians allow/grant "Honorary" status to our Widows/Widowers and persons exceeding the age of 65 years and we give them full membership benefits, the law is clear that to be a legal voting committee officer you have to be financially paid up to date. **To be an office bearer there are no special provisions for financial exemption.** There is no age limit to being an office bearer and there is no age or financial concession to an office bearer. The law says that a public officer must resign as public officer once he or she attains the age of (72) seventy-two years. By pointing out the above rules we do have the option to have them varied at an annual general meeting should we wish. This article has not been approached to extract funds from the honorary members or to point the finger at any individual, this extract is to clarify the responsibility we have to our fellow Castellorizians

VCE Congratulations: -

Celia (Vasilia) Konstans having completed VCE will now pursue her education at RMIT University Town Planning. Vasilia is the daughter of Barbara (Miriklis) and Jim Konstane and granddaughter of Katina J Miriklis

Michael N Pallas son of Bill and Felicity has achieved a TER of 99.9% on his VCE score at Camberwell

Grammar, this was done while engaging as a competitive Triathlete, as School prefect and School Swimming Captain, then to top it off an Extremely Arduous Party life. On the 6th of December 2002 in a ceremony at Government House, Michael was presented with the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award by His Excellency John Landy, Governor of Victoria. Michael has chosen to partake a double Degree Law/Engineering at Melbourne University.

Michael is the eldest son of Bill and Felicity. Grandson of Michael (Dec) and Zoi (Dec) Pallas and Nina and Nicholas (Dec) Lucas

How will Bill and Felicity keep up? Will they go into training?

Georgia Plafadelis having completed VCE will now further her academic Knowledge at Latrobe University. Georgia is the daughter of Anna (Miriklis) and Peter and Grand Daughter of Katina J Miriklis

AJ (Anastasi G) Adgemis having completed his VCE will now move on to Swinburne University and pursue a bachelor of business (Accounting) AJ is the son of Kathleen and George and Grandson of Anna Adgemis

Jo Anna Adgemis having completed her VCE will now move on to RMIT University for a career in marketing, Jo Anna is the daughter of Irene and John and grand daughter of Anna Adgemis

Maree Adgemis having completed her VCE will also attend RMIT University and pursue Banking and Finance; Maree is the daughter of Irene and John and granddaughter of Anna Adgemis

Jonno Adgemis having completed his VCE at Wesley College will pursue his career in the hotel and hospitality industry, Jonno is the son of John C and Grandson of Chrissy and Con Adgemis

Christopher McAuliffe completed his VCE and will pursue his future career at Monash University with a double degree in Bachelor of business Commerce / Computing, Christopher

is the son of Christine (Kyriakou) and Alan, the proud grandparents are Herb and Maria

Despina Miriklis completed her VCE and will pursue her further education at Victoria University in Architectural Engineering. Despina is the daughter of Vicki and Harry and granddaughter of Daphne J Miriklis

Fiona Verginis Completed her VCE and is going to have a well earned holiday before launching herself into her career as a chef, Fiona is the daughter of Evi and Jim, granddaughter of the Late Christina and Nicholas Verginis

Career Congratulations: -

Anna Miriklis currently Treasurer of the Castellorizian Association, has been promoted to Senior Assistant Manager of two Commonwealth bank branches (75 Collins St and Lonsdale St)

Theodore Panakakis (aged 24yrs) has achieved his second Masters, this one in Management the first one was International relations Theodore has accepted a position with the department of defence and will relocate to Canberra, Theodore is son the of George and Yvonne and Grandson of Maria Kominos

Paul Plafadelis has completed his degree in Computing Accounting and has now moved into industry. Paul is the son of Anna (Miriklis) and Peter and grandson of Katina Miriklis

Kylie Mastores (daughter of Christine (Kapouzis)) on her new appointment Kylie completed a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Accounting) at Melbourne University in 1998. She was inducted into KPMG via the Graduate Program and advanced to a position within the Assurance & Advisory Consumer Industrial Markets Division. In December 2001, Kylie qualified as a Chartered Accountant after completing the CA post-graduate course.

In November 2002, Kylie decided to depart KPMG. Her last role was that of Assistant Manager.

In December 2002, Kylie accepted a role with Timbercorp Limited, Australia's leading agribusiness investment manager, as a Business Analyst in the Horticulture division. This will appropriately enable her to become an expert in the staple Greek diet of olive oil and almonds, as this will be her area of responsibility.

Kylie is interested in completing further study in the near future, such as courses run by the Securities Institute of Australia and, if time permits, she is eager to get back into the dancing and singing again as a hobby. I can tell you that I watched a lot of Kylie singing and dancing in her youth when she was a member of an Academy.

Reported by John Karis (uncle)

Sport -London

Brighton Grammar Old Boy Steve Dimer (1996) was appointed Captain of the Australians House Cricket Club for Season 2002. The team comprises expiate Australians living in London and as part of their yearly fixture, a game is played against the Barbados High Commission.

This year's game was played at Uxbridge with Barbados fielding a team comprising such former greats as Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Joel Garner, Corey Collymore, Roland Holder and Adrian Griffiths.

Australia House made a competitive 250 off 45 overs and following a lunch of traditional bajan fare, Barbados could only manage 184.

Reported by: - Christine Dimer



The High Commissioner of Barbados in London and Steve Dimer holding the shield

Sport

Congratulations to Julian N Coates on

achieving his "Senior Black Belt" in Karate at 15 years of age. Julian is the son of Colin and Dawn, and Grandson of Sylvia Coates (Kotsoglou) Well Done Julian.

Reported by: - Sylvia Coates

Visiting Interstate

Christina & Demetrios Pavlou visited Perth W.A. in November 2002 with Christina's brother George Cotis (Sydney). The primary reason for the visit was to commemorate the passing of Christina & George's mother Mrs. Evangelia Papacotis 12 months ago since she had grown up in Fremantle and had many nieces and nephews in Perth. The memorial service was held at St Constantine & St Helen Church in Perth. The memorial was followed by a Kakulas reunion at W.A. Castellorizian House. To the delight of all, over 100 descendants of Bartholomew Kakulas attended. Christina, George and Demetrios would like to thank all the Perth cousins for a great day, their Auntie Nina would have been proud

Reported by: - Christina Pavlou

Noticed as by their absence from the seniors get together this week Jack and Marika Bisas. (Rumored to be sunning themselves at Noosa)

Visitors from Interstate

Con and Mary Mangos from Adelaide

George and Dimitra Stabelos and family in Melbourne during University break from Sydney.

Nancy Gogos (Kalaf) of Perth visiting Daughter Eleni

Poppy and Merrill Albatis (Kambouris) From Perth

Cherrie Peters and daughter Nina from Sydney visiting Chrissie Zervos
Despa MacDonnell (Papastatis) who has been on the Perth Castellorizian Club Committee for more than 18 years as a dedicated

Visiting from Hong Kong.

Kevin P and Tish (Maria) Zervos from Hong Kong settling their Daughter Laura into University

Profile of Katina Pallaras

"Heart to hearts" Katina Pallaras has clocked up 25 years in relationship therapy: with Victoria's Department

of Community Services; as director of the University of New South Wales School of Social Work; and, since having children, the past 10 years providing counselling services. Katina Pallaras says too many Australian couples who separate each year are victims of the "Hollywood view" of relationships, which wrongly assumes the passion and romance of early days will last forever. What they fail to realise is that partners "moods, outlooks and hair colour" change like the weather, as they grow older. Tolerating such change – let alone welcoming it – can be hard yakka, but Pallaras insists, the rewards are there.

Her parents, who died within 6 months of each and married for 50 years, gave her the inspiration to write (her first book) "Awaken the Heart". They were a fixed, traditional Greek marriage but they were great together, so connected ... dealing with their deaths was one of my greatest challenges.

She met her husband, Theodore, when she was a trainee social worker recouping on a Greek island after a "hair raising" Kombi-van adventure through the Khyber Pass with a friend. He was a homesick Greek Australian roped into army service and sipping soft drink on a rare day off.

She remembers him being dressed in civvies, this denim outfit and leaning against a lamppost, he must have heard our Australian accents and called us over. "Sparks flew. The pair were engaged within 3 weeks and married within 12 months; 23 "happy years ago". They have 3 children Simon 17, Vanyia 14 and Alexia 13.

She doesn't hold her marriage up to clients as a benchmark. "We have our foibles as well, she insists. It's not as if I don't have issues with the kids, the dog, my work or husband or world or whatever, you can't avoid that, it's what makes us human. We all experience challenges, that's what life is, one challenge after the other. The difference between me and a person coming to me is I've learnt some ways to manage challenges:

For many troubled couples, visiting relationship counsellors is a challenge in itself. The industry carries a stigma; Pallaras tries to diffuse with an "I'm-not-perfect-either" approach. "This stigma attached to 'having problems' affects a number of people", she says. "If only we had a different way of presenting it in the media, like "Oh, here's another challenge so-and-so is going through" and so on, I think people would approach the professional in a different way".

Making amends can be tough. Doesn't it feel staged when warring couples start buying each other gifts, sharing baths and even listening to each other? "You know when you go to a seminar or workshop and you say, 'I really want to learn how to be confident' and they'll say 'Well you've got to go out and pretend you're confident'. That's what I say; "you've got to pretend this for a while, its going to feel staged because it's not day-to-day habits... but once you start incorporating it, once you see it works, it can become part of you".

Some relationships, Pallaras concedes, are too mired in distrust, acrimony and violence to be repaired. The challenge for such couples is to achieve in separation the harmony and composure that was elusive in marriage; for their sake and for their children. Through hard work, most couples have the potential to rekindle the fires of their happiest years. It's worth trying for a multitude of reasons, including honouring that vow: "In sickness and in health, for better or for worse ...".

(Article: - from the Melbourne Weekly Magazine)

International Vacation

Tony and Rosa Stabelos in Greece for an extended stay

Frank and Angela (Kominos) Brody in Europe for a month

Bon Voyage!

Of on their European Vacation, Fiona Verginis and Evi Cassimates (Zombos)

In addition, to Olga Nitties who informed me she would be away for 12 months Kalo Taxithi

Vale

Arthur Adams aged 74yrs died Thurs 6th February 2003. Arthur was HR manager for Telstra and a very close friend of many Castellorizians, he played Aussie rules with the Olympic team and was an honorary Member of the Casstellorizian club for many years, he will be fondly remembered.

Interstate news Item (extract)

Kailis has good oil on expansion

Over the past 80 years, the extended Kailis family empire has become synonymous with the food industry in Western Australia.

Within the next few years it is set to add an ambitious \$15 million to portfolio of seafood, pearling, packaged food and other interests the separate arms of the family have built since its first members arrived from the Greek island of Kastellorizo in the 1920s.



Mark Kailis, the managing director of Kailis Organic Olive Groves, KOOG Ltd says the company intends within the next two years to establish the biggest single organic olive grove in the world and within eight years to be producing a million litres of premium extra virgin olive oil a year.

Kailis says the decision to go organic was based on the fast growing consumer demand for organic produce in Europe and the US. That offered an export marketing opportunity in which Australia could differentiate itself and be competitive because of the economies of scale offered by broad acre production, particularly compared with the small groves that dominate in Europe.

Mark is the son of Peter Kailis founder of the Red Rooster fast-food chain, and the grandson of George Kailis, the

first of the family to arrive in Perth just before the Depression.

Peter Kailis also owned Baldivis Estate winery just south of the Perth metropolitan area before selling the business to Palandri Wines two years ago for about \$2.5 million. However, the family has retained the Baldivis property, where it planted its first olive trees 20 years ago and its first commercial-scale olive grove seven years ago, having now about 5,000 trees.

(Article appeared in the Australian Financial Review on 28/1/03)

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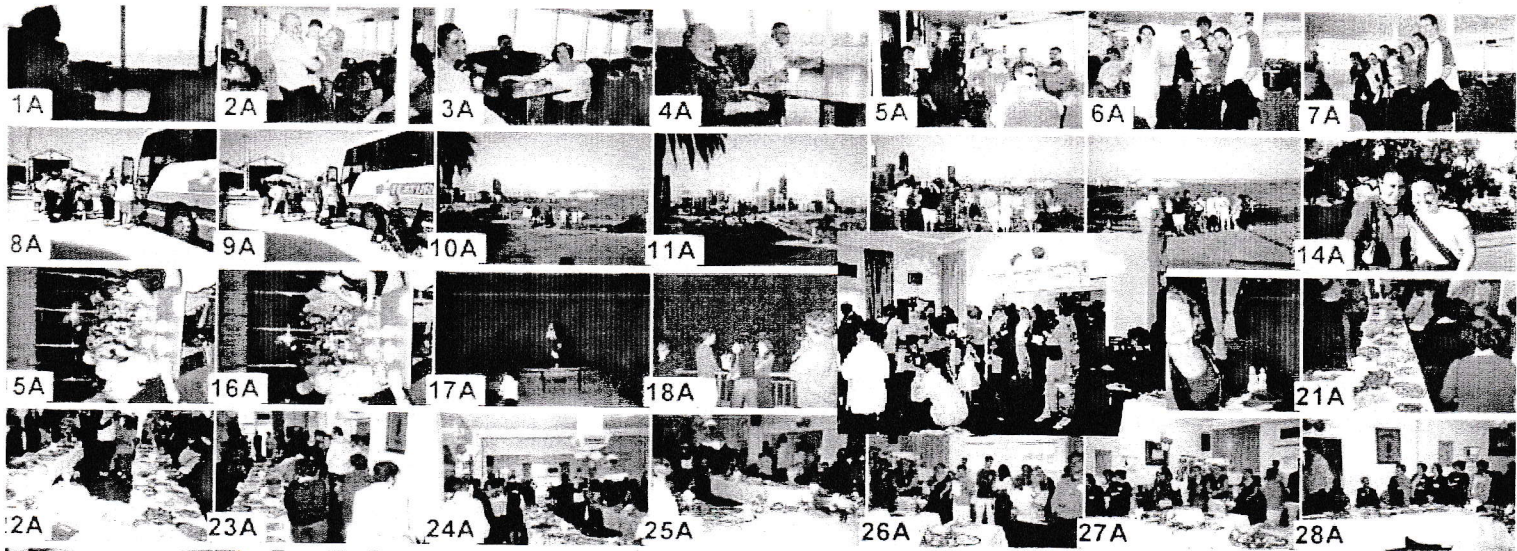
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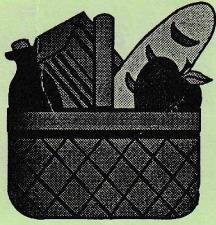
Sunday 23rd February

Canterbury Gardens

BYO Everything







Castellorizian Family Picnic 2003



Combining with the City of Boroondara's
Summer Music in the Park (Jazz)

Date: Sunday 23rd February 2003

Time: 11:00am - 6:30pm

Location: Canterbury Gardens

(Next to Chaucer's, intersection Balwyn & Canterbury Rds Mel Ref. 46 D11)

Parking:

- Mailing Road
- Canterbury Railway Station
- Behind the former Chaucer's Receptions

Playground:

- Facilities for children

BYO:

- Cooking facilities (BBQ)
- Food & Drinks
- Chairs & Tables, rugs, games etc.
- Canterbury Gardens is one of Boroondara's Premier parks and offers beautiful shaded Oak tree areas
- (No reservations so please be early)
- The gardens rotunda will be the stage for the band and an afternoon of musical delight so you can relax and socialise.
- The Park is just a short walk to Mailing Rd for a Cafe Latte or browse in some of the Antique shops



REUNION

Olga Black

Formerly requests the pleasure
of all her former students at a celebration of

50 years

Teaching Greek Folk Dancing

Date : - 6th of April 2003

Time 3.30 pm

Venue: - Ithaca House
1st floor 329 Elizabeth St
Melbourne

RSVP by 24th March 2003

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