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THE CASTELLORIZIAN NEWSLETTER

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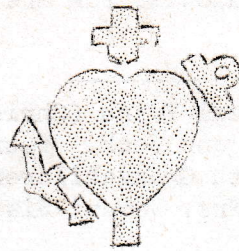
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The Castellorizian Newsletter No. 38 gives details of future functions for 1986; News from N.S.W. Castellorizians, and an article from the "Sydney Morning Herald" June 1986, plus an article from the Greek Gazette.

Following on the last two functions - a Pleasant Sunday Morning and an Afternoon Tea - Fashion Parade, your Society has organised the following functions. Please put them into your diaries. The next function will be a Tavern Night.

TAVERN NIGHT

at

"HOFBRAUHAUS MELBOURNE"

on

SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1986,

7.00 - 7.30 P.M.

\$25 per Head.

4 Course Meal.

"GERMAN CUISINE"

Fully Licensed.

Floor Show.

All Bookings must be finalized by 16th August.

Please Ring:

Betty Lucas - 583 1250 A/H.

or

Zefi Bisas - 848 4769 A/H.

FUTURE FUNCTIONS:

September

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Family B.B.Q.

October

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River Boat Cruise.

November

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Cup Eve Cocktail Party.

December

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Christmas Dance.

B I R T H S

To Con and Gina Gekas on July 3rd, 1986, a Son at St. Vincent's Private Hospital - (Michael). First child for Con and Gina Gekas, and third grandchild for Michael and Nina Kyriakos. 10th Great Grandchild for Mrs. Eva Koutsoukis. Cousin to Stanley and Linda Christofas.

To Terry and Sylvia Bisas: Identical Twins (Christulla and Daphne) at St. George's Hospital. Twin Sisters for George and Jack. Fourth and fifth Grandchildren for Daphne Miriklis and third and fourth Grandchildren for Christulla Bisas; fourth and fifth Great Grandchildren for Mrs. Vayani Bisas.

To George and Effie Josephidis, a Daughter at St. Andrew's Hospital. 2nd child for George and Effie Josephidis, and 2nd grandchild for Roza and Fonde Josephidis, and 7th Great Grandchild for Mrs. Maria Karpoozes.

NEWS FROM N.S.W. CASTELLORIZIAN NEWSLETTER

The 34th Annual Spring Ball will be held at "The Sheraton" on Saturday, 6th September, 1986, under the Patronage of the Consul-General for Greece, Mr. Epeminondes Payos.

The Guest of Honour will be the Rt. Honourable R.J. Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia.

VISITING MELBOURNE

Sandra Gelavis	-	Staying with Pavlou Family.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kakulas	-	From Perth, West Australia.

VISITING QUEENSLAND:

Leah Pavlou	-	From Melbourne
Peter Conos	-	" "
Con & Chrissie Adgemis	-	" "

The following article by Alderman Perry N. Kailis: Extract from "Castellorizian Club Limited".

A LITTLE GRATITUDE:

The Castellorizians, as is well known are one of the first migrant groups to settle in Australia and have loved this Country, not as their second home land, but as their first. Quite a number of Castellorizians have given various bequests and donations to charitable institutions, and many others who served with the Australian armed forces and others, actually never returned from the battlefields.

Castellorizians, however, have also helped to enrich our museums with various donations, e.g., our compatriots Steve Koutalis and I. Mavris, who donated in 1931 a Groper (*Antennarius striatus*).

Also, our compatriots Emanuel Georgouras donated to Sydney Museum a large oil fish RUVETTUS PRETIOSUS in 1970 and later EPINEPHALUS DAMELII and E TAUVINA and a leatherback turtle DERMOCHELYS CORIACEA.

It is also common knowledge that Australia feeds the dogs of America, Canada and the local ones with canned kangaroo meat.

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"A Little Gratitude" (Continued)

Now that Athens has created its own zoological garden, I requested two kangaroos for that zoological gardens in Greece. The request was acceded to from the Authorities of the Sydney Zoological Gardens. However, the formalities of the transfer have come unstuck somewhere in the Department of Foreign Affairs for some months now.

I believe that we deserve this gift as we are to pay for all the expenses without in any way burdening Australia. Also we must not forget that the museums of the world are full of ancient Greek replicas.

MEMORIAL:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bisas have donated \$10 in Memory of the late Mr. Nick Kailis.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

A Memorial Service (12 months) will be held at Evangelismos Church, on Sunday, 31st August, 1986, for the late Mr. Leffy Mangos.

The following article appeared in "The Sydney Morning Herald" - June, 1986 -

By Andrew Biggs:

"HOW AN ISLAND ALTERED A SUBURBAN CULTURE:

The island of Castellorizo can be found on any map of the Mediterranean with the help of a magnifying glass.

Nestling halfway between Rhodes and Cyprus, it is a barren stretch of land 6.4 kilometres long and 3.2 kilometres wide.

Yet it is this tiny island that changed the face of Kingsford after World War 11. Kingsford is the new home for the Castellorizians, a distinctive and traditional Greek people.

Things were not always barren at Castellorizo. At the turn of the century the island was a rich trading port with a population of 14,000.

But after World War 11 the Greeks could no longer trade with Asia Minor, and the Castellorizian fortune crumbled.

The locals set their sights on Australia.

The first wave of Castellorizians arrived in 1910. They were mainly men who settled in Perth and who later brought out their wives and families.

A second and larger wave came in the early 1920s. The community drifted round Australia following work and slowly accumulating wealth. By the early 1950s they had settled in Kingsford.

In the late 1960s the community purchased the site of the old Odeon theatre in Anzac Parade after the theatre was burnt down. On this site in 1973, the Castellorizian Club opened its doors.

The Castellorizian Club director, Mr. Costa Vertsayas, estimated 15,000 Castellorizians to be living in Australia today. A quick check of prominent Castellorizians reveals some well-known names. "Australia's first Greek Senator, Mr. George Georges, is Castellorizian, as is the Perth mayor", said Mr. Vertsayas. "Mr. Byron Kokulas of Perth University, probably the leading authority of muscular dystrophy, is also Castellorizian.

"And then there is Mr. Thaa Penghlis, who plays Frank DiMera in "Days of our Lives. He was born and bred in Kingsford and his parents still live in Eastern Avenue."

Kingsford's Castellorizian influence reached its peak in the 1960s and early 1970s. "Ten years ago, every second house in Eastern and Leonard avenues housed us", said Mr. Vertsayas. "Certainly 20 years ago, Castellorizians would have dominated the Greek population here".

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"HOW AN ISLAND ALTERED A SUBURBAN CULTURE" (Continued)

Castellorizian people are fiercely patriotic, ambitious and conservative. Some of their more colorful traditions surrounding marriage remain intact.

"We are very close to the church and to the family tradition", said Mr. Vertsayas.

"We look after one another. We're the only Greek organisation in Australia to have its own nursing home".

Castellorizian parents still expect their sons to marry girls of the same ilk, but this tradition is breaking down.

And Castellorizians consider themselves a breed apart from mainland Greeks.

"Non-Castellorizian Greeks think of us as the Jews of the Greeks", said Mr. Vertsayas.

"That's because we are established and have connections, and have money. The tag is not always complimentary, though".

With a membership of 5,000, the Castellorizian Club has become the focal meeting place for this influential community. It is an obligatory stop-over for election-eering politicians.

Neville Wran, Gough Whitlam, Malcolm Fraser and Bob Hawke have all found time to make themselves seen in Castellorizian company. The club, however, remains apolitical.

The club achieved its highest honour this year when the Academy of Athens, Greece's highest institute of learning, awarded the club a diploma of merit.

"It was the first time any organisation in the southern hemisphere had been awarded such a prize", said the club president, Mr. Nicholas Paull. "It was to honour our commitment to Greek ideals and philanthropy over 60 years."

Castellorizo today holds little purpose for Greece apart from its strategic location. But, as Mr. Vertsayas lamented: "It's a paradise. There are no cars and absolutely no pollution. The water is crystal clear."

The following News Report from "The Age" - 3rd July, 1986. - By David Lazarus.

"ATHENS, 3 July. Turkey yesterday denied claims by the Greek Government that one of its destroyers fired in the direction of a Cypriot cruise ship in the southern Aegean. Greece has protested: to the Turkish ambassador in Athens, to the United Nations, the European Community and its Nato partners over the alleged incident.

It claims that a Turkish warship on manoeuvres fired shots across the bow and stern of the cruise liner, the City of Limassol, in international waters between the islands of Rhodes and Kastellorizo.

The destroyer had warned the cruise ship to change course because live ammunition was being used in a military exercise.

A Turkish Foreign Ministry statement said the Cypriot vessel entered a previously announced naval manoeuvres zone by mistake and was told to leave.

It did and "the whole incident was just that", the statement said. It accused Greece of distorting the incident "to provoke and mislead the media".

But Greece's Defence Minister, Yannis Haralambopoulos, called the incident a "barbarous and unacceptable action".

He also told reporters that Turkish warplanes participating in the Aegean exercise had violated Greek airspace 13 times between 27 June and 1 July. In each case the warplanes were intercepted by Greek fighter jets, he said.

Mr. Haralambopoulos said the Greek Navy would lodge protests over the cruise ship incident with the International Maritime Organisation and the inter-governmental Oceanographic Commission.

"The matter concerns us because although it occurred in international waters it took place in a sea region between our islands and such incidents obstruct navigation", he said.

The ship dispute comes after weeks of particularly sharp verbal exchanges between Greece and Turkey, at odds for years over territorial rights in the Aegean and the Cyprus problem.

The Annual Balance Sheet of the Castellorizian Club of New South Wales for 1985/86, could be of some interest to our members:

THE CASTELLORIZIAN CLUB LIMITED
Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1986.

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
MEMBERSHIP EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds - Beginning of year	\$ 1,228,272	1,095,569
ADD: Net Profit for the year	177,878	132,703
	<u>1,406,150</u>	<u>1,288,272</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Unsecured		
Creditors - Trade	50,926	56,477
Other	7,146	44,508
Provision - Annual Leave	18,296	13,077
Sick Pay	10,597	7,579
Long Service Leave	1,990	-
Land Tax	5,922	3,084
Poker Machine Tax	60,000	60,000
Income Tax	-	10,000
	<u>154,877</u>	<u>194,725</u>
Members Subscriptions in advance	22,200	23,610
	<u>1,583,227</u>	<u>1,446,607</u>
FIXED ASSETS	\$ 1,011,954	\$ 1,001,410
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	73,830	104,353
Cash on Hand	12,537	12,563
Investments	400,000	230,677
Investment - Sporting Club	4,777	4,341
Stock on Hand	33,064	33,576
Prepayments	31,166	22,405
Other Debtors and Deposits	15,899	37,282
	<u>571,273</u>	<u>445,197</u>
	<u>\$ 1,583,227</u>	<u>1,446,607</u>