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The Castellorizian Newsletter No. 55 gives details of our Annual General Meeting to be held on August 21st, 1988 at our Club Rooms.

A Report by our Vice President Leah Pavlou on the Castellorizian Youth Convention held in Sydney from 10th June - 13th June, 1988.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Annual General Meeting of our Society will be held on
August 21st, 1988 at our Club Rooms at 3.0p.m.
Don't **FORGET** A.G.M. on August 21st, 1988.

At the A.G.M. there will be 6 vacancies on the Board of Management, so give some thought for the future of our Association. If you can spare one evening per month to attend Meetings, and a little time to organise functions then we need you!!!

The Association needs your support!!!

Do not let the work of the past 60 years in the history of the Victorian Castellorizian Society be lost and forgotten.

The Sub Committee appointed at the June Special General Meeting is currently carrying out a feasibility study on the property at 533 Centre Road, Bentleigh and hopes to report its findings at the A.G.M. on August 21st.

CANCELLED

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the proposed afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Despo Lucas has to be cancelled.

Also the Combined Greek Youth Disco will now be held on 10th September at E.A.M.M.A.

YOUTH

Some Castellorizian Youth have expressed a desire to read in our Newsletters information and news regarding the younger members of our Community. So if any young members have news items which may be of use or interest do not hesitate to write or phone our Editor - Mr. Jack Bisas. All items, letters etc. will be printed as soon as they are received so it all now depends on our younger members to write!!

CONFERENCE REPORT FROM DELEGATE - LEAH PAVLOU

Report on Castellorizian National Youth Convention 10-13th June, 1988

The first Annual Youth Convention was held at the Castellorizian Club, Sydney N.S.W. The representatives from Victoria were Leah Pavlou, George Stabelos, Theo Ross, Nick Spartels, Evelyn Spartels, Phillip Antippa. The weekend proved to be enjoyable and sparked much enthusiasm from the young Castellorizians of Australia. The youth are very interested in the customs, and traditions of Castellorizo and would like to see them continue through future generations.

The first project the youth would like to embark upon is restoring the old Monastery "St George of the Mountain" for use as a hostel for us to stay in. The youth were also keen to arrange an organised tour to Castellorizo, and some kind of youth newsletter.

The weekend in Sydney was filled with much fun and laughter, as well as the Conference held during the day and I would encourage all youth to try to attend next years Conference.

The next Conference will be held in N.S.W. again with future conferences to be held in a different state each year.

Leah Pavlou

GET WELL

Peter Christofas	Home after a stay in hospital
Nina Kios 8	" " " " "
Michael Jackomas	" " " " "
Marika Bisas	" " " " "
Con J. Mangos	" " " " "

WEDDING

In Sydney, for the wedding of Anasastia, daughter of Irene and Max Condous, and granddaughter of Nina Zographou. From Melbourne for the wedding Nick, Nina Zographou, Leo & Helen Koutsoukis, Yvonne Kaponis, Anoulla Linandos, Nick & Vasi Lolatgis with children Stephen & Liza, Cynthia & Lucky Scottis with children Danielle & Christina, Vaso & Lola Zographou with daughter Christine and Peter Lolatgis.

WEDDING

On Sunday 25th September, 1988 at St. Katherine's Church Eula Bisas will marry Rohan Hendrickson. Eula is the twin daughter of Marika & Jack Bisas and granddaughter of Mrs. Vayiani Bisas and Mrs. Eva Koutsoukis. Reception to be held at Merrimu Receptions.

BIRTHS

To Lima and George Koutsoukis a boy (Alexander James) second son for Lima and George and 2nd grandchild for Mrs. Shirley Koutsoukis and 12th great grandchild for Mrs. Eva Koutsoukis.

To Kevin and Mary Zervos a girl on 31st July, 1988 at St. Vincents Private Hospital. 1st child for Kevin and Mary Zervos and 2nd grandchild for Paul and Peggy Zervos.

To Kominos and Michelle C. Zervos a boy. 1st child for Kominos and Michelle and 1st grandchild for Chrissie C. Zervos and another great grandchild for Mr. Michael C. Mangos.

IN MELBOURNE

From Adelaide - Con & Flo (Gemenis) Polites
" Darwin - Mary Jordan with granddaughter Eleni Gomatis
" Perth - Mr. & Mrs. Theo Kakulas, Mrs. Patricia M. Kailis.

TO SYDNEY for an extended stay Con Vera Constance.

Honeymooning Overseas George & Helen Miriklis.

VALE

In Port Pirie South Australia Mr. Christos Alexander on July 19th, 1988 husband of (Chrysanthi died July 1982) father of Sam, Bill, George (dec), father-in-law of Cherrie (Christofas) and 4 grandchildren.

From Melbourne for the funeral Sam Alexander and Mick Christofas.

ODD SPOT

From New Idea May 21st, 1988 we print an extract from an interview by Paul Mann.

"Physic Ann Dankbaar has claimed to have found -

"The Colossos of Rhodes"

The Greek Government has now excluded her from any further investigation in the area. Acting on her behalf in Rhodes is the past World President of the Castellorizian Brotherhood Mr. Parashos Kailis, who was also with Ann Dankbaar when she first claimed to have found "The Colossos".

We print the following extract from "The History of the Australian Fleet" in the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas. This segment was forwarded to us by Mr. Pino Liveris who served in the Royal Australian Navy in the 1939-45 War.

"Of The Eastern Fleet ships we four (Ipswich, Gawler, Lismore and Maryborough and Shoreham all came to Alexandria with the intention of going back to the Eastern Fleet, but we were diverted and spent five weeks in the Levant, working on the convoy route and escorting two little Italian ships and British ships to the Dodecanese. Things were pretty bad at the time. We were just in the process of losing Leros, and a lot of our ships were up there and got very badly knocked about. We lost quite a few ships, destroyers and other stuff, by aircraft. We had no very great excitement there. We used to slip in with a convoy just after dark into Castellorizo, and slip out again in the morning just before daylight, and go back to Cyprus and Beirut. We left at the end of October and returned to the Eastern Fleet.

As mentioned, Gawler, Maryborough and Ipswich remained in the Mediterranean for some weeks after the departure of their five companions. The two first-named were mainly employed on escort work between Alexandria and Malta. Ipswich was for a time caught up in the aftermath of the Italian collapse in its effect in the Dodecanese Islands. At a conference at Hitler's headquarters on 24th September the future of these islands was discussed, and both the Army chiefs and Doenitz recommended 'the timely evacuation of our outposts on the islands in the Aegean Sea, including Crete'. Hitler agreed with the arguments they presented, but could not order the evacuation of the islands especially the Dodecanese and Crete, on account of the political repercussions which would necessarily follow. The attitude of our allies in the Southeast, and likewise Turkey's attitude, is determined exclusively by their confidence in our strength. Abandonment of the islands would create the most unfavourable impression. To avoid such a blow to our prestige we may even have to accept the eventual loss of our troops and material. The supply of the islands must be assured by the Air Force.

The fate of the Aegean islands similarly and simultaneously exercised the minds of the British leaders. Before the Hitler conference of 24th September the Germans acted strongly in Crete and Rhodes, where they disarmed the Italians and took charge. But the British - operating with forces numerically inadequate - occupied Castellorizo Island, off the south-west tip of Asia Minor, and Cos, Leros, and Samos. Cos, strategically the most important island next to Rhodes, and the only

one on which the British could operate an airfield, was taken by a German parachute descent on 3rd October. Circumstances denied the British the strength to stage an invasion assault on Rhodes. Leros fell to the Germans on 16th November, and as many of the British garrisons as could be were withdrawn from Samos and other islands.

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