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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Fast-food chains "abusing" 457 visa scheme

The Federal Government's decision to crackdown on the employment of 457 visa holders by a number of fast-food chains has been welcomed by a leading researcher at the University of Sydney Business School who says the sector has been abusing the visa scheme.

Dr Christopher Wright, who has researched the operation of the 457 skilled worker visa system, says that the fast-food sector should be giving local residents

priority in employment and that the government's move was "in the right direction".

"The 457 visa scheme was designed to address shortages of workers qualified to do particular jobs," Dr Wright said. "Fast-food chains are looking for soft interpersonal skills and they should be able to find these qualifications locally."

"The fast-food sector is currently abusing the 457 visa scheme," he said.

Water allocations for 2017-18 to open at 100 per cent

South Australia's River Murray water access entitlement holders will receive a 100 per cent water allocation in 2017-18, thanks to last spring's highest inflows in 23 years.

The 100 per cent opening allocation means South Australia is expected to receive its full State Entitlement Flow of 1,850 gigalitres.

The announcement gives irrigators and other water users the certainty they need to make important business decisions for the coming year.

The 100 per cent allocation compares to 2016-17 when our State's opening allocation was just 36 per cent, progressing to 100 per cent by August last year. Thanks to the improved inflows to the Murray-Darling Basin major storages, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority provided advice to the South Australian Government that supports water access entitlement holders receiving 100 per cent water allocations in 2017-18.

"I am pleased that the opening allocation is a full 100 per cent of our entitlement flow, as this will give our water users some certainty in making their decisions for 2017-18", Water and the

River Murray Minister Ian Hunter said.

"Last year South Australia's River Murray experienced the highest flows in 23 years. But as widely known, the wettest months can quickly revert to drier times".

"Water users should be aware that some climate models are forecasting potentially dry conditions in 2017, which could affect water availability in 2018-19".

Mr Hunter said the State Government is committed to providing water users with timely information on water allocations and private carryover to assist with water management for the year ahead.

Tim Whetstone says it's fantastic news

"The announcement that South Australian irrigators will have access to 100 per cent of their entitlements in 2017-18 is fantastic news and provides businesses with the ability to plan ahead with certainty", Tim Whetstone, Member for Chaffey, Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment said.

"Again, I'd like to reiterate that under a Liberal Government in South Australia, irrigators will be provided with forecast probability scenarios for water availability to allow them to better plan ahead."

Top singer Dimitri Basis from Greece to appear in Adelaide

The Greek Orthodox Community presents, directly from Greece, Dimitris Basis, live in concert and calls on the local community to get ready for an unforgettable night with one of Greece's most acclaimed artists featuring an array of top hits from his bright career, spanning over 20 years.

Dimitris Basis, will appear for one and

only performance at the Woodville Town Hall, 72 Woodville Road, Woodville on Sunday 14 May starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are running out fast as they are priced at only \$40 and \$30 for student concession.

For ticket booking ring us on 8231 4307 or people can visit the GOCSA office at 288 Franklin Street in the city.

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"SA is taking charge of its energy future"

The State Government has unveiled a plan to build a government-owned 250MW gas-fired power plant to provide emergency back-up power for South Australia.

According to a news release sent by the State Government to the Greek Tribune, "South Australian Power for South Australians will ensure more of the State's power is sourced, generated and controlled in South Australia".

The Government says, the \$550 million plan will increase security, boost competition and put downward pressure on prices.

The South Australian Government is:

* Building Australia's largest battery to store energy from the wind and sun, part of a new Renewable Technology Fund that supports clean, dispatchable and affordable power

* Building a government-owned 250MW gas-fired power plant to provide emergency

back-up power and system stability services for South Australians, in the meantime procuring temporary back-up generation if necessary

* Introducing new Ministerial powers to direct the market to operate in the interests of South Australians

* Incentivising increased gas production to ensure more of our State's gas is sourced and used in South Australia

* Introducing an Energy Security Target to ensure our power system uses more clean, secure energy generated in South Australia

* Using the Government's purchasing power through its own electricity contract to attract a new power generator, increasing competition in the market

The new gas-fired power plant is budgeted to cost \$360 million, \$150 million will be committed to the SA Renewable Technology Fund and new PACE grants are worth \$24 million.

The plan is expected to create at least 630 new jobs.

"We're taking charge of our energy future with a plan that will deliver South Australian power for South Australians", Premier Jay Weatherill said.

"South Australians have been let down by a broken national energy market that puts profits before people. We're going to put people first".

According to Mr Weatherill, the plan will restore security and put downward pressure on prices.

"We'll get reliable, affordable and clean power and ensure more of the State's power is sourced, generated and controlled here in South Australia", he said.

Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis added that for too long, South Australian households and businesses have been at the mercy of private companies seeking to maximise their profits and a national operator that manages



our grid from Melbourne and Sydney.

"We can't rely on this broken national market any longer. Our plan will deliver increased local generation and powers to help prevent outages and more competition to put downward pressure on power prices for families and businesses" he concluded.

Greek Community celebrates International Women's Day

A heart-breaking story of a refugee woman who fled her country to come to Australia delivered a powerful message to women during International Women's Day celebrations at Olympic Hall on Wednesday 8 March.

Ms Vahedeh Mansoury, a Kurdish refugee from Iran feared persecution in her country because she was supporting movements for women's rights.

"I came to Australia in 1999 as a refugee, fled prosecution from Iranian Muslim regime due to my political views as an activist," she said.

Her story captivated guests who felt the pain and the anxiety of a woman who faced a series of challenges so that she can continue her work on empowering women and families.

Ms Mansoury worked in Iran as a teacher and school counsellor at a high school in a small city called Qorweh, in the Kurdistan region.

She mapped women's issues in the region and decided to address those issues and help her students become independent.

However, her plans were challenged by a Department

called Gozinesh which had nothing to do with the Department of Education.

She was forced to abandon her classes until further notice.

She decided to run classes at her home, but that plan was also shut down by the regime.

This led her to her decision to leave Iran and migrate to Australia. But the journey was far from easy and full of heart ache as Vahedeh lost one of her children in the process.

Today she works for the Southern Domestic Violence Service in Adelaide, helping women who reach out for help.

The President Bill Gonis OAM welcomed the official guests who attended the event including the Hon Zoe Bettison, Minister for the Status of Women, the Hon Jing Lee, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Mr Steve Georganas, Federal Member for Hindmarsh and the Hon Ms Grace Portolesi, Chair of the South Australian Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Commission.

Delivering her speech Minister Bettison gave emphasis on this year's theme "Be Bold for Change", saying that South Australia has done a lot to bring



A few of many South Australian women who attended the International Women's Day celebration held by the Greek Community of SA on 8 March at the Olympic Hall

change in the way women are treated in politics and in society in general.

The forum also featured a discussion with Ms Portolesi who answered questions about her life and career as a female politician in South Australia.

The cultural program featured live singing by the Community's Choir as well as a live performance by special guest Loucas Loizou, an acclaimed Cyprian singer/songwriter.

During the event, two mem-

bers of the Greek Orthodox Community were presented honorary awards for their long services to the Community.

Mrs Katina Flabouris and Mrs Panagiota Pipinias were both presented with an honorary plaque as an acknowledgement for their invaluable contribution to the organisation's betterment.

Poem recitals by members of the teaching staff were also part of the forum.

MC of the event was Mrs Evelyn O'Loughlin, CEO of Volunteering SA/NT.

Women of Greece women of passion

The theatrical production "Women of Passion, Women of Greece", that moved a wide variety of different audiences thanks to the distinctive directorial approach, accompanied by a powerful play, great acting as well as exceptional live music and impressive video design, continues its successful journey to Adelaide.

Three mythical female figures, tragic Medea and the two contemporary Greek "priestesses", Maria Callas and Melina Mercouri, make a symbolic train tour from ancient to modern Greece. Three legends of art and life whose paths are different but share the same common characteristic: they are passionate women, incorporating the temperament and values of Greek spirit: passion for life, passion for love, passion for art and creativity, passion for freedom and democracy.

Medea, the tragic figure

Community Life



The ambassador of Greece in Canberra, Mrs Ekaterini Xagoraris, accompanied by the Consul General of Greece in SA Mr Andreas Gouras attended a reception in her honor by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA at the Olympic Hall. In the photo, being presented with books on the history of the Community, by the President Bill Gonis and the General Secretary Dimitri Dimopoulos

of ancient Greek drama, blinded by her deep love for her husband, murdered her own children. Maria Callas, the internationally celebrated

opera diva, devoted her life to music and let her fate be sealed by a "fatal" romance. Melina Mercouri, one of the most beloved

Greek actresses, singer and politician, who starred in the most well-known international films, fought for culture and democracy.

An actress and a musician meet on stage to bring to life significant historical moments and guide us through this imaginary voyage, where Greece is its departure and arrival at the same time with stops in the hearts of people around the world.

Eugenia Arsenis writing / dramaturgy Tatiana Ligari direction / stage design Dora Lelouda costume design Fotis Mylonas music composition Spyros Rasidakis video design Sakis Birbilis lighting design Danae Koureta headaddresses

Evelina Arapidi, actress, Fotis Mylonas musician (vocals, guitar, mandolin, bansuri, percussion instruments).

The theatrical event will take place at the Woodville Town Hall, 72 Woodville Road, Woodville on 21 April 2017, at 7.30pm. Book your tickets at 8231 4307.

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Amongst those who attended the International Women's Day celebration held by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA at the Olympic Hall were, from left, Grace Portolesi, Chair of the South Australian Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Commission, Eddie and Jing Lee, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Zoe Bettison, Minister for the Status of Women, GOCSA President Bill Gonis, Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas and Jayne Stinson, Labor candidate in the new state seat of Badcoe.



ABOVE: MC at the International Women's Day event at GOCSA, Mrs Evelyn O'Loughlin, CEO of Volunteering SA/NT, SAMEAC chair Grace Portolesi and Kurdish refugee from Iran Vahedeh Mansouri.

LEFT: At the celebration of Harmony Day in the Riverland, were, from left, Celeste Cody and Danyon de Buell of the Riverland Youth Theatre, Navtez Singh from the Riverland Sikh Community, Peter Ppiros, chair of the Riverland Multicultural Forum and member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone.

Greek Women's Society of SA "Taxiarchis" hold their annual Picnic

On the 27th of February which was "Clean Monday" or Kathari Deftera many members and friends of the Greek Women's Organization gathered on the foreshore of Glenelg in front of the Stamford Hotel for a picnic, fun and games.

For decades now, the Association has been organizing this event every year with the main objectives being to celebrate Kathari Deftera true to Greek tradition.

Clean Monday apart from marking the first day of Lent is also considered in Greece to mark the first day of spring with Greeks celebrating it with outdoor activities.

Many Greek families, young and old, will picnic in parks or by the seaside and fly kites which is said to symbolize happiness and family unity

Food is also a very important part of the Clean Monday celebration with shellfish, fasting food and laganas (azyme bread) being consumed.

This year, the weather for our celebration was perfect. Although it was hot and sunny the huge pines on the grassy Glenelg foreshore provided ample shade and the local facilities facilitated the games and competitions.

In true picnic style

everyone brought their blankets, folding chairs, and their picnic baskets filled with "nistisima" food of Len, Food, such as Laganas, olives as well as halva. The only thing missing was the kite flying ... but there were plenty of other outdoor games and activities which fostered socializing, physical activity, and fun.

And of course the event would not have been complete without the hat competition. The ladies lined up with their hats to be judged. The judges had a hard time but finally picked the winners with the most original hats.

A special prize was awarded to the lady who instead of wearing her hat wore her parakeet on her head!! - a truly novel headpiece!

The day would not have been complete without the traditional banter and of course the telling of jokes. Everyone gathered together to enjoy jokes and spontaneous anecdotes.

All in all everyone had a wonderful time and promised to be back next year. See you all there next year. Perhaps there will even be some kite flying.

Helen Vassos
On behalf of the
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"Taxiarchis" Inc

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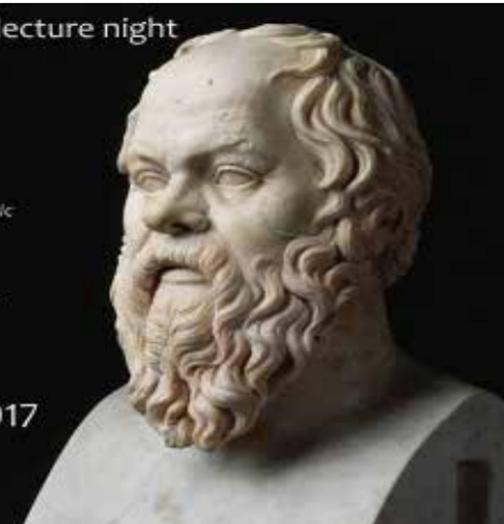
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