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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Australian wine producers hit hard

Dry conditions, bushfires and extreme weather events have left Australia's wine industry ruing its smallest vintage in 13 years, as growers and winemakers battle huge financial losses.

The latest figures from Wine Australia reveal the 2020 national wine-grape crush of \$1.52 million tonnes, equivalent to more than one billion litres of wine, was 13 per cent below the 10-year average of 1.75 million tonnes.

According to the ABC it could have been worse — Australia's three large inland regions Riverland, Murray Darling Swan-Hill and Riverina, together make up 75 per cent of the national crush — and those regions only had a total yield reduction of 4 per cent.

However, the remaining regions collectively experienced a 34 per cent yield reduction, with individual regions faring much worse.

Wine Australia chief executive officer Andreas Clark said, despite the expectation of high quality 2020 wines, many individual growers and winemakers were wiped out or saw significant losses.

Tyrrell's Wines Chris Tyrrell told ABC News, the bushfires had a significant impact on their family business.

Tyrrell's Wines in the

Hunter Valley recorded one of its worst harvests in decades, losing 80 per cent of its wine grapes to smoke-taint.

Mr Tyrrell said if grapes had high levels of smoke-taint the wines could carry "ashy, quite bitter and quite off-putting characters".

Chair of the Riverland Winegrape Growers Association Brett Proud said high water prices put the wine industry at risk. (Supplied: Brett Proud)

Meanwhile, growers in Australia's largest wine production region, the Riverland, also experienced a major hail storm and extreme heat, which reduced yields.

Chair of Riverland Winegrape Growers Association Brett Proud said, while growers hit by hail saw significant grape and financial losses, extreme temperatures and high prices for water were also major challenges for the region's producers.

"High water prices are putting the wine industry at risk," Mr Proud said.

"There are some growers now who realise they can make more profit out of trading their water entitlements or trading their water allocations year by year so unless wineries and vineyards are profitable in time the wine industry is really under threat."

COVID19 CRISIS Unemployment at 7.4%

The official numbers from the Bureau of Statistics show unemployment passing a two-decade high, reaching 7.4 per cent in June.

The true picture is much worse, with the Treasurer admitting earlier this week that unemployment would be above 13 per cent without Government supports like JobKeeper.

"The easing of COVID-19 restrictions in June saw an extra 280,000 people in the labour force, with more people in employment, and more actively looking and available for work," said Bjorn Jarvis from the ABS.

The Morrison Government announced that the JobKeeper Payment will be extended by six months to 28 March 2021 and the temporary Coronavirus Supplement for those on income support will be extended until 31 December 2020.

Payments will be cut, but unemployed Australians and workers on the Federal Government's coronavirus wage

subsidy program will continue to receive support beyond the planned JobSeeker and JobKeeper end date.

The JobKeeper wage subsidy will continue until March next year, but payments will fall from \$1,500 to \$1,200 a fortnight after September. People working fewer than 20 hours a week will receive \$750.

The payments will fall again to \$1,000 a fortnight, and \$650 a fortnight for people working fewer than 20 hours, for the first three months of 2021.

The JobSeeker coronavirus supplement will continue for another three months but fall from \$550 to \$250 a fortnight, meaning people on the program will receive \$815 a fortnight after September.

The revised JobSeeker program will allow recipients to earn \$300 a fortnight before facing a reduction in their Government payment.

In the meantime the Acting Chief Medical Officer, Paul Kelly,



South Australian Premier Stephen Marshall and Chief Public Health Officer for SA, Professor Nicola Spurrer

said there have been over 13,000 confirmed cases in Australia and sadly 139 people have died.

The Victorian outbreak has meant that there are now around 4,000 active cases in Australia. Daily infection rates have remained low in all states and territories, other than Victoria.

South Australian Premier Stephen Marshall has announced

last Friday, that South Australia is again strengthening its border controls with Victoria, banning anyone, including South Australians, from entering the state from midnight last Tuesday. Also from midnight Tuesday, there will be a cap of 100 people on funerals and weddings, and home gatherings will be capped at up to 50 people.

GOCSA protests against Ayia Sophia provocation

The Greek Orthodox Community of SA has written to the Prime Minister of Australia Mr Scott Morrison asking him to add his Government's voice to the worldwide condemnation of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's recent move to convert Ayia Sophia to a mosque.

"The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia (GOCSA) was established in October 1930, specifically for the assistance of the Hellenic community arriving as migrants from 1930-1970 and we are one of the largest and most active organisations in SA as well as one of the oldest.

Over the years the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia has served and continues to serve not only the Greek Community but the broader community adapting to its changing needs. As an organization we have broadened our

philanthropic goals and also collaborate with people who share similar visions.

We have been a vibrant and active community organization for many years. Our Community provides many programs and services to its members and the community at large. Such services include: programs for social integration, Aged Care, religious and social services, services to the elderly, youth, & women, education in the Greek language, history and culture, sports and many cultural activities. The GOCSA has also played a key role in shaping a more multicultural and democratic Australian society. Its strength and vitality stem from its broad based community aims and activities, its willingness to respond to and serve social needs.

These days our Community focus has grown to embrace

and work with the wider community in a more supportive and mentoring role. This was recently accomplished by securing the operation of the Camden Community Centre to grow and develop it further through a variety of programs and partnerships for the local community.

As you may be aware, the decision last week by the Turkish authorities to convert Hagia Sophia to a mosque shocked and surprised communities and countries worldwide".

The letter, signed by the President and the General Secretary of GOCSA, states that "Hagia Sophia is a significant cultural monument acknowledged by UNESCO to be of World significance. It plays a substantial role as a symbol of Christianity for many people around the world, including Australians of Greek background.

The Hagia Sophia as mentioned is part of the UNESCO World Heritage site in Istanbul. For almost a millennium after its construction, it was the largest cathedral in all of Christendom. It served as a centre of religious, political, and artistic life for the Byzantine world and has provided us with many useful scholarly insights into the period.

Internationally and here in Australia many people have been dismayed and disappointed to hear the Turkish Republic have converted the World Heritage listed Hagia Sophia monument to being a mosque.

Please Prime Minister add your voice of concern and the support of the Australian Government to this critical issue which has been condemned worldwide by many world leaders and ask that the monument is reinstated as a World Heritage museum", the letter concludes.

Wage theft investigation reveals the truth

One in five South Australian workers are likely to be affected by wage theft, according to an interim report from the State Parliamentary Wage Theft Committee.

The interim report, which was handed down to the Legislative Council, confirmed the widespread impact the issue is having on South Australians.

Wage theft doesn't just hurt employees, it also allows dishonest businesses to undercut employers who do the right thing.

Evidence also highlighted the Fair Work Ombudsman is under resourced and lacks staff to police existing legislation regarding underpayment, indicating the need for reform.

In response to submissions, the committee has made three

overarching recommendations:

- The creation of greater oversight and regulation.
- An increase in penalties for offenders.
- The streamlining for court processes in pursuit of underpayment claims.

The committee will continue its investigation, focusing on the effects of COVID19 on workers.

"The report shows that wherever you find young workers, casual employees and women in the workforce, you will find wage theft", Parliamentary Wage Theft Committee Chair Irene Pnevmatikos said.

"The current mechanisms to prevent wage theft aren't working and they make all workers vulnerable. We need to change the system to ensure protections are in place".

We do not Forget Cyprus 1974

The Cypriot community in South Australia held a commemorative event to condemn the military coup by the Greek junta and EOKA B' and the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in the summer of 1974.

On Sunday 19 July, the Justice for Cyprus Committee (SEKA) in conjunction with the Cyprus Community of South Australia held a wreath laying ceremony at the Community's Memorial in Welland, attended by representatives of the South Australian Government and Opposition as well as many community leaders.

Speakers at the event were, Minister David Pisoni MP representing the Premier Stephen Marshall, the Leader of the Opposition Peter Malinauskas, Tom Koutsantonis MP, the Greek Consul General George Psiachas, the Cyprus Community President Andreas Evdokiou and SEKA Chairman Peter Ppiros. Also in attendance, were,

Community Life



Guests and members of the local community in attendance at the Cyprus Community for a memorial for the 1974 tragic events

Irene Pnevmatikos MLC, Mr Trian Gonis representing Steve Georganas MP, Andriana Christopoulos representing the Mitcham Council, Paul Alexandrides representing the Charles Sturt Council, GOCSA President Bill Gonis, St George Parish Vasilios Terzis, Pan Macedonian President Evan Tsiaparis and Peter Gardiakos of the Federation of Greek Orthodox Communities of

Australia and many representatives of local Greek community associations.

Speaking at the event, President of the Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou condemned the Turkish invasion as well as the military coup staged by the Greek junta which led to the invasion. "We have a duty to our fallen heroes of 1974 that we stay united and fight for freedom and re-unification of our

country", he said. Justice for Cyprus Chair Peter Ppiros, said Turkey is escalating its provocations in the region by invading Cyprus territorial waters and threatening Greece and Cyprus with military action.

An indication of Turkish arrogance, and disrespect towards international community, is the recent decision to convert Ayia Sophia into a mosque. "Erdogan is intensifying the religious and nationalistic rivalries in order to fanatize and mobilize support around his dangerous geopolitical plans in the region.

He called on the Australian Government and the international community to exert real pressure on Turkey to respect international law and human rights and withdraw its troops from Cyprus allowing the Greek and Turkish Cypriots to re-unite their common homeland under a bi-zonal, bi-communal federal system of Government based on UN resolutions.

COVID 19 measures as directed by the Government were observed during the event.

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LEFT: On Sunday 19 July, the Justice for Cyprus Committee (SEKA) and the Cyprus Community of SA held a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial at the Cyprus Community's premises at Welland, attended by representatives of the South Australian Government and Opposition, community leaders, members of the clergy and a large crowd. In the photo, the President of the Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou, Minister David Pisoni, MP, Leader of the Opposition in SA Peter Malinauskas MP Tom Koutsantonis, Greek Consul George Psiachas and Greek Community President Bill Gonis.



ABOVE LEFT: At the Cyprus Community memorial event on 19 July, were, Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas and Tom Koutsantonis with ladies of the local community.



ABOVE: Almost 25 wreaths were laid at the Cyprus ceremony



Holding a photo of the 1974 missing soldier Elias Papapavlou at the Cyprus Memorial event on 19 July, was his auntie Artemis Ppiros



President of Cyprus Community SA Andreas Evdokiou and Chair of Justice for Cyprus Committee Peter Ppiros amongst official guests at the Cyprus commemorative event on 19 July at the Cyprus Community Club.

ADELAIDE'S EXPENSES SCANDAL New ministers to step in

South Australian Premier Steven Marshall has unveiled his new-look Cabinet, following the resignations of senior ministers Tim Whetstone, Stephan Knol and David Ridgeway, on Sunday over the state's expenses scandal.

The Speaker of the Lower House, Vincent Tarzia, as well as backbenchers David Basham and Stephen Patterson will

gain ministerial roles.

Mr Tarzia will take over the police portfolio, Mr Basham will look after agriculture and Mr Patterson will handle trade and investment.

Deputy Premier Vickie Chapman will add planning and local government to her roles, while Corey Wingard will add infrastructure and transport to his sport, recreation and racing portfolios.



It is really important that women keep up their regular screening to check their breast health, even during COVID-19.

BreastScreen SA invites all women aged 50 to 74 years to book in for a screening mammogram (breast X-ray) every two years. Women from aged 40 are also eligible to make their own appointments to screen.

Each year in South Australia, close to 100,000 women will have their screening mammogram at one of our 7 metropolitan clinics, or at one of our 3 mobile screening units visiting rural and remote parts of our state.

During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic BreastScreen SA is committed to providing screening in a safe environment for our clients and our staff. Social distancing measures have been implemented at all of our clinics, along with strict hygiene and infection control practices.

Specific measures include:

- Social distancing – We have increased appointment times, seating arrangements and are maintaining 1.5 metre distance where possible.
- Increased cleaning – We are regularly cleaning our clinics, including door handles, benches and seating.
- Hand hygiene on arrival is required.
- Client only area – we are restricting the number of people inside this clinic to only clients and staff.
- Zero tolerance of illness – staff and clients who are ill are asked not to attend appointments.

Detecting breast cancer at an early stage saves lives! ... and we are keen to ensure women attend and keep their appointments up to date during this time.

Phone: 13 20 50 for more information and to make appointments

Greek culture for Australian Greeks

PART B'

Some background

This article is meant to provide an insight into Greek culture as a way of complementing the perceptions of non-Greeks. The article is intended to challenge the thinking of those who regard themselves as Greek and address what constitutes Greek identity. It may also challenge the views of others who do not have a basic understanding about the general principles of culture formation and the forces that bind to form culture. The approach is based on some key Anthropological principles. The opinions and views of persons of Greek origin are not regarded as reputable or acceptable unless they are factually based in the scientific. Historical evidence claimed by Greek historians can only be accepted if supported by other non-Greek historians.

History is written by the winners or those that are close to their own culture and rarely agree with historians

outside of that context. Countries predominantly adopt the versions of history that are most favourable to their interests.

The principles addressed in this discussion apply equally to all cultures except for the list of cultural norms, which are specific to Greeks. However if one was to list the norms of their culture in the same place/context in this document, and, change a few specific references elsewhere, the article will suit their culture just as readily. This is because all cultures fulfill the same human needs.

The back bone of culture is best reflected in law and its national constitution. The peripheral issues of a culture such as its subjective aspects or fashionable components such as dress social norms values and beliefs are not as important because they are subject to changes based on fashionable trends or technologically imposed trends or social evolutionary imperatives. The essence of the culture is reflected by those elements that remain

unchanged and are shared by all in everyday living.

In the main, culture develops as a result of the association between people and nature and the need to survive. Culture generally fulfils universal basic needs such as; Survival and subsistence, the need to belong, The need to be valued, The need to be needed, and human gratifications such as; procreation, social, Intellectual, Spiritual and Emotional.

Thoughts and tribulations

Many who are genuine about understanding "what is a Greek" pose this question.

The Question is difficult to answer by a single definition. A whole series of cultural components need to be understood which collectively cumulate into the concept of Greekness. This does not imply that these components are unique to Greekness. Invariably one cannot define Greekness outside of the uniqueness of the Greek

culture, this is a bit of a contradiction hey! Well read on.

So! What is culture, the so-called Greek politismo? And, who can provide a respectable insight into what constitutes culture?

The study of culture is the field of the anthropologists. Anthropological theories to date evolved through the study of groups of people by way of living with them and experiencing all the norms associated with the practices of the groups. The discussion to follow about Greekness has as its basis the anthropological theories and practices derived from this discipline. And so the discussion begins with a short visit to important definitions about what is culture, how culture is learned, and identifying some of the culturalising processes, as the basis for declaring the values which underpin this discussion.

To be continued. Next topic; Characteristics of culture

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Participants needed

Have you or someone you care for had an unexpected readmission to hospital within the last month?

Are you aged 65 or over, or care for someone who is? Would you like to share your thoughts on how the care delivered during your initial admission may have influenced your return to hospital?

We are seeking people to take part in an interview about their experiences of care during their initial hospital admission to explore how the care provided then could have impacted on their unexpected return to hospital.

These interviews will help identify areas where care delivery could be improved to prevent unexpected hospital readmissions for older adults.

Eligibility

You are eligible to participate if you are:

Aged 65yrs or more or a carer for someone who is, and Have experienced an unexpected hospital readmission within the last month.

Interviews will be conducted by researchers from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Flinders University. Participants will be reimbursed for costs associated with their participation. If you would like to take part or want more information, please contact:

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