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A Sunburnt Country and A Cruel Sea

WHILE AUSTRALIA IS experiencing some of its hottest temperatures on record, the news from the sea is grim too.

Scientists have confirmed that 2018 was the hottest on record for the world's oceans.

On Thursday 24 January, Adelaide has had its hottest day on record at 46.6C while some country centres such as Port Augusta, Port Lincoln and Whyalla the mercury reached closer to 50C.

"The data tells us that the past five years have been the hottest on record for our oceans. It is clear evidence of global warming. Oceans absorb more than 90 percent of the heat trapped by greenhouse gases," said the Climate Council's acting CEO, Dr Martin Rice.

"Warmer oceans store more energy, which fuels more intense storms. Warmer waters also expand, which causes sea levels to rise. This threatens lives as well as coastal infrastructure," said Dr Rice.

"Temperatures in some parts of Australia are nudging 50 degrees, there's been a spike in the number of cardiac arrests and train lines are

threatening to buckle. It's important to draw the link here with climate change, which is creating longer, hotter and more frequent heatwaves," said Dr Rice.

"Extreme weather events will worsen as temperatures continue to rise from the burning of coal, oil and gas. Importantly, we can slow this down by acting on climate change. The Australian government must create a credible climate policy that rapidly and deeply reduces our greenhouse gas pollution," he said.

"Australia's greenhouse gas pollution levels have been rising for four years and we are not on track to meet our Paris climate commitments. I'm sure Australians sweltering through the current heatwave expect much more from our politicians. The solutions are available yet the Federal Government lacks the political will to get on with the job," he said.

The Climate Council is Australia's leading climate change communications organisation. We provide authoritative, expert and evidence-based advice on climate change to journalists, policymakers, and the wider Australian community.

Call out for information on Wage Theft

Are you aware of Wage Theft in your community? Are you aware of someone who is not receiving appropriate wages or paid superannuation, or appropriate holidays and leave entitlements? This could be wage theft.

The Multicultural Communities Council of SA (MCCSA) has been invited to provide a response to the Legislative Council of SA Select Committee on Wage Theft in SA and is seeking community feedback to support its submission. The following are the Terms of Reference of the Select Committee;

- Prevalence and incidence of wage theft in SA – does wage theft actually happen in South Australia
- Impact of wage theft on workers, families, business, economy and community

- Wage theft does not only mean wages but can be unpaid superannuation; any other statutory entitlements such as working

conditions, leave entitlements; miss use of ABN's

- Why is wage theft occurring

- Sectors of industries where wage theft is more prevalent including industries, occupations, parts of the state

- Effectiveness of the current regulatory framework at State and Federal level for dealing with wage theft and supporting affected workers

- Effective support services to expedite claims

If you have any views on this topic on the areas listed above, write directly via email to Helena.kyriazopoulos@mccsa.org.au or call her on 83455266 by the 31st January 2019. If you have examples (case studies) that you are willing to share that would be greatly appreciated. Please note that your feedback will be treated with the upmost discretion.

For further information contact 83455266.

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Athens ratifies agreement with Skopje

Greek Parliamentarians approved the Prespa Accord after a heated debate on Friday, ending a decades-old dispute with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM).

Out of a total of 300 MPs, 153 voted in favor of the agreement, 146 voted against and there was one abstention.

Apart from the 145 SYRIZA MPs, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras also relied on the votes of eight MPs from the centrist To Potami Party and the Independent Greeks Party (ANEL).

During the vote, extreme right Golden Dawn MPs were chanting "traitors, traitors" to MPs who voted in favor of the Agreement.

The FYROM parliament endorsed the same agreement on January 11. According to constitutional changes adopted, the small Balkan nation will be renamed North Macedonia.

The accord's ratification by the Greek parliament will presumably

unblock FYROM's E.U. and NATO integration processes.

Top political officials from around the world hailed the Greek Parliament's ratification of the Prespa Agreement on Friday. The ratification in effect settles the "Macedonia" name dispute between FYROM and Greece and paves the way for the Balkan country to join NATO.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg welcomed the news. The NATO chief praised the move, saying "the vote is "an important contribution to the stability and prosperity of the whole region."

"I welcome today's ratification of the "Prespa agreement", an important contribution to the stability and prosperity of the whole region. I look forward to the future Republic of North Macedonia joining NATO", he said.

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and the senior official supervising



Greek PM Alexis Tsipras and FYROM's Zoran Zaev celebrate agreement which will tie up both countries to the NATO alliance in an effort to prevent Russia's economic expansion towards Europe

the bloc's enlargement said in a joint statement that they "warmly welcome" the Athens vote, adding that it has "written a new page of our common E.U. future."

Tweeting his congratulations in Greek to FYROM Prime Minister Zoran Zaev and Greek Prime

Minister Alexis Tsipras, E.U. Council President Donald Tusk said: "They had imagination, they took the risk, they did not hesitate to sacrifice their interests for the common good. "Alexis, Zoran – bravo! You achieved the impossible," Tusk added jubilantly.

Unprecedented crowds at Henley for the Blessing of the Waters

With perfect weather conditions and following a tradition of hundreds of years, the Greek Orthodox Community of S.A. celebrated the Epiphany day on Sunday 6 January 2019 at Henley Henley.

Thousands of people flocked to the popular spot to attend the religious event which marks the end of the Christmas-New Year period offering visitors and guests a true Greek seaside feast for yet another year.

Mr Bill Gonis, President of the Greek Orthodox Community, His Excellency The Hon Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia, Hon Vickie Chapman, Deputy Premier, on behalf of the Premier of South Australia Hon Steven Marshall, Mr Peter Malinauskas, Leader of the Opposition, Dr Susan Close, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, The Hon Rachel Sanderson,

Minister for Child Protection, Mr Steve Georganas, Federal Member for Hindmarsh, Mr Mat Cowdry, Member for Colton, Her Worship Angela Evans, Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, Mr Norman Schueler OAM, Chair of SAMEAC, Mr Jake Hall-Evans, Liberal Candidate for Hindmarsh and Ms Nadia Clancy, representing Ms Jayne Stinson, Member for Badcoe were amongst the official guests who attended the event.

The official part of the celebrations began around 12.15pm with visitors and official guests gathering at the end of Henley jetty to attend the Epiphany ceremony where our clergy purify and sanctify the waters, following the tradition of thousands of years.

His Eminence Metropolitan of South Australia Chrisostomos, conducted the sanctification ceremony and following the custom, he threw the cross in to the rather

calm waters of Henley beach where around 15 youngsters, amongst them one girl battled the waves in order to retrieve the cross.

Meanwhile, white doves were released in the sky as a symbol of purity and enlightenment, sending a message for peace and prosperity.

Back at Henley Square, the lucky swimmer who brought forward the cross received the blessings from Bishop Chrisostomos and the formalities continued with speeches by official guests.

By this stage long queues had formed at the food stations as hundreds of people lined up for the best lunch in town, followed by Greek desserts, among them, the popular 'loukoumades'.

The festival also featured a full entertainment program, presenting a variety of dance groups on stage. The Pontian Dance



Group, the Dance Academy of the Greek Community, the Ukrainian Dance group and fitness fun group Xpress Fitness Academy, all showed off their talent putting together a show for all to enjoy.

Meanwhile, live Greek music and lots of dancing made the biggest part of the festival with band 'Notes' playing favourite tunes, new and old making the stage, the place to be!

The favourite Greek culinary aromas dominated the Square and along with the summer breeze it was the perfect Greek summer day...only thousands of miles away from Greece!The

Loucas Loizou to appear at the Fringe!

Cypriot refugee and songwriter, Loucas Loizou, will present four different shows at this year's Adelaide Fringe Festival.

The shows will be presented in four different locations at Port Adelaide, Hilton, Gilberton and the City centre.

First show: "Mr Zorba" the life and songs of Mikis Theodorakis. Three performances 23 February at 8pm at the British Hotel, Port Adelaide.

Also on 15-16 March at 7.30pm at the Hilton Hotel, Hilton, Fedora's restaurant. Hotel meals can be purchased while watching the show. You may ring to book a table 84438404 or just come for the show. These three shows are also part of the Festival Hellenika.

Second show: "A Greek Cypriot refugee remembers and sings World songs." This is the third year running with great reviews. Three performances, 17 February 8pm at the Buckingham Arms Hotel, Gilberton-22 February 8pm at the British Hotel, Port Adelaide and 17 March 7.30pm at the Hilton Hotel.

Third show is Theatre: "A Greek Tragedy Oedipus Rex – The King The Musical". Written by Sophocles in 2400 BC and still taught at Schools

Community Life



Adelaideans celebrated the New Year's Eve at a dance at Olympic Hall

around the world. This is the second year running. Nine performances in all the above locations plus at the Adina Treasury Tunnels, 2 Flinders street, a most historic underground venue, 16 February and 8-9 March 8pm. Great reviews last year.

Fourth show is Theatre: "Homer's Odyssey the Musical" arranged by Loucas Loizou it is a World Premiere. Written by Homer 2800 BC in Iliad and Odyssey it is regarded the best story of all times. Eleven performances in all the above places most at 6pm.

The best way to find out the times and dates of all the performances it is to visit the adelaidefringe.com.au or ring

the Fringe on 1300 621 255.

Tickets are \$25 and \$20 concession and families \$60. You could see two shows on the same dates if you wish. Some tickets will be at the door. All the shows are included in the schools Fringe Festival. Teachers could ring the Fringe for details.

For dates and times people may visit the adelaidefringe.com.au or telephone the Fringe Tickets on 1300 621 255.

Educational trip to Greece

The schools of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA are organising an educational trip to Greece in September/

October 2019. Overseas travel experiences offer life changing opportunities that enhance language skills, cultural knowledge and understanding. Most importantly, through travel it is possible to develop a sense of cultural identity and global perspective.

The trip is scheduled for departure on Thursday, 26th of September 2019, returning on Monday, 14th of October 2019.

The itinerary is as follows:

Acropolis, Constitution Square, House of Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Athens Planetarium, Averof Museum, Bouzoukia night, Plaka, Cape Sounio, Corinth Canal, Epidaurus, Nafplion, Mycenae, Olympia, Delphi, Kalambaka, Meteora, Volos, Makrinita and Crete.

The cost will be \$4,950 and includes all airfares, accommodation and a vast majority of meals.

* The cost is indicative and is subject to how many people are travelling.

If you are interested in being a part of this once in a lifetime experience please contact the Schools Coordinator at (08) 8231 4307 or at himot@gocsa.org.au

Registrations close on Friday, 22nd of February 2019.

The educational trip to Greece is open to students, parents and all members of the community.



Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

Contact: Harri on 0484 387 818 - or email your community's news or a photo: info@greektribune.com.au



LEFT: The Governor of South Australia Hieu Van Le with his wife Lan, attended the Blessing of the Waters ceremony held by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA at the Henley Square on 6 January.

RIGHT: Steve Georganias MP, Frank Pangallo MLC and Labor Candidate for Enfield Andrea Michaels with GOCSA volunteers at the Henley Beach Greek Festival



A wide representation of Government, Opposition and Local Government VIP's (full list in story on page 8) attended the Blessing of the Waters ceremony held by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA at the Henley Square on 6 January. Also in the photo are, the Metropolitan of Adelaide Chrysostomos, GOCSA President Bill Gonis, members of the GOCSA Administrative Council and members of the Autocephalous Church clergy

NO EXCUSES For refusing to give back the stolen sculptures



It has been over 200 years since Greece was robbed of its famous marble Parthenon sculptures, known around the world as the so-called "Elgin Marbles" and in an interview published by Greece's Ta Nea newspaper on Saturday, the director of the British Museum said that his country has no reason to return the sculptures to Greece.

In the interview, director Hartwig Fischer explained that since Greece is not the legal owner of the Parthenon Marbles, as a 2017 Ipsos-Mori poll showed 69 percent of Britons were in favor of returning the marbles, while only a mere 13 percent were against.

went to insist that the Parthenon Marbles belong to the British Museum, maintaining that Lord Elgin did not steal them and that he instead took them with the knowledge and permission of the Ottoman authorities during his time in Athens from 1801 and 1805. At this time, Lord Elgin was ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, of which Athens was part of.

Meanwhile, recent polls in the UK have shown an overwhelming majority of citizens support the reunification of the Greek Marbles, as a 2017 Ipsos-Mori poll showed 69 percent of Britons were in favor of returning the marbles, while only a mere 13 percent were against.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD Recognition for daughter of Greek migrants

The daughter of Greek migrants, Nick and Christina Panayiotou from Lachania Rhodes, Joanne Shanahan of Adelaide, was one of the recipients of the Australian Police Medal in this year's Australia Day Awards, recognising her distinguished service to the community.

Chief Superintendent Joanne Shanahan joined the South Australia Police (SAPOL) in 1981 and was designated as a Detective in December 1992. She served in both uniformed and CIB roles, including specialist crime areas, until her promotion to the rank of Inspector in 2002.

She has shown superior leadership and commitment in the field of family and domestic violence with her involvement in this complex area beginning in 1999 as the Officer in Charge of a Local Service Area Family and Domestic Violence Investigation Unit.

In 2013 she was integral to the development of the Multi Agency Protection Service (MAPS), leading the cross-government project team from concept stage to implementation in 2014 when she was appointed as the inaugural Officer in Charge of the Family and Domestic Violence Branch.



Chief Superintendent Joanne Shanahan

Her management contributed significantly to MAPS developing vital resources including case management software, sophisticated risk assessment and triaging systems.

Chief Superintendent Shanahan has provided a voice on both the state and national stage relative to policing domestic violence and is an outstanding advocate for domestic violence victims in the community. She is seen as a leader in this field and highly regarded for her strategic views and experience.

She has excelled in this role, delivering considerable benefits to SAPOL and the South Australian community.

Several Greek names amongst award recipients

Out of 1,127 Australians who were recognized in this year's Australia's Honors List celebration, a few were of Greek or Cypriot descent. Order of Australia (AM) included two female recipients, Helen Marcou, and Professor Maria Kavallaris. While Professor Paul Pavli, Paul Steve Constantinou, and Joseph Leo Lukaitis also received an AM.

Marcou, the co-founder of Bakehouse Studios was recognized for her service in music. Professor Maria Kavallaris, was recognized for children's cancer research.

Christos Kazonis, chair of the Brisbane Greek Festival and Emeritus Professor Dimitrios Psaros, both received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).




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