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## AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### AUSTRALIA DAY: It is complicated

Coinciding with the fireworks and backyard barbecues, a national debate often rages over the history and meaning of Australia Day.



Professor Jane Lydon, (pictured) Wesfarmers Chair in Australian History at The University of Western Australia, said there are often misconceptions about the history of the day.

"The First Fleet actually arrived on Australian soil on the 18 of January 1788 but found the French already in occupation - so they moved the whole fleet around the corner to Sydney Cove," Professor Lydon said.

"So January 26 commemorates the second landing - and only the male convicts were unloaded that day. The women were then disembarked on February the sixth precipitating what would have been a gang-rape scenario, the horror of which is unimaginable."

"So a more accurate name for the event on 26 January might be the 'Second Landing of Male Convicts Day.'"

Australia Day has also been shuffled around in recent history.

On July 30 1915, an Australia Day was held

to raise funds for the First World War effort. Then Australia's landing at Gallipoli earlier that year was to launch the commemoration of another national day: Anzac Day on April 25.

Other colonies commemorated their own imperial foundations. In Western Australia, Foundation Day on June 1 celebrated the arrival of white settlers in 1829.

In 1935, all states adopted a common date and name for Australia Day; January 26 and by the 1940s a national public holiday was in place.

"Since 1938 however, Aboriginal Australians have pointed out that, from their perspective, the arrival of the British is not a cause for celebration: on the contrary, it ushered in an era of dispossession. We now know that Indigenous Australians had been in possession for at least 60,000 years," Professor Lydon said.

"If we wish to include the First Australians we must acknowledge that for them the arrival of the First Fleet is a day of mourning.

"I vote for an Australia Day date of May 9, the day in 1901 when the first federal parliament house was founded in Melbourne - this more accurately marks the moment of shared nationhood."

## Cyprus goes to polls on Sunday to elect new President

Nine candidates registered to contest Presidential elections in Cyprus scheduled for 28 January, an electoral official said on Friday.

Demetris Demetriou, chief electoral officer, said all nine candidacies became final and official after no objections were lodged against any of the candidates, six hours after the end of the registration deadline.

The main contestants are, the incumbent president Nikos Anastasiades, Stavros Malas, an independent supported by the Workers' Party AKEL and

Nikolas Papadopoulos of the "Democratic Party", DIKO.

The outcome of the election will decide whether negotiations for the reunification of the partitioned eastern Mediterranean island stand a chance to resume after they collapsed in July.

Most political analysts say that an electoral win by Nicolas Papadopoulos would lead to a prolonged inactivity as he is advocating a hard line stance against demands by Turkish Cypriots for an effective participation in the

administration of a federal state.

Both Anastasiades and Malas, despite representing diametrically opposed political ideologies, both favor a settlement that would provide for a power sharing between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, and will do away with Turkey's intervention rights and the stationing of Turkish troops on Cyprus.

Cyprus was divided in 1974 when Turkey occupied its northern part in reaction to a coup by the Greek Junta and Greek Cypriot nationalists.

## Greek scientist develops advanced cancer test

American researchers, led by Greek scientist Prof. Nickolas Papadopoulos, have developed a single blood test which screens for eight common cancer types and helps identify the location of the disease. Five of the cancers, including ovarian, liver, stomach, pancreatic and esophageal currently have no screening tests

The test, called CancerSEEK, simultaneously evaluates levels of eight cancer proteins and the presence of cancer gene mutations from circulating DNA in the blood.

Papadopoulos, a graduate of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and holder of a Ph.D from the University of Texas Medical School is based at John Hopkins' Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center.

## Greek community celebrates the Blessing of the Waters

Religion and Hellenic culture met at Henley Beach on Sunday 7th of January as the Greek Orthodox Community held its annual Blessing of the Waters Festival as part of the Epiphany celebrations.

The celebrations started off with the Divine Liturgy conducted at all the Community's churches and the blessing of the waters service conducted at the Henley jetty.

Meanwhile, Henley reserve was yet again turned to an open-air funfair ahead of the Blessing of The Waters festival, featuring popular grilled delicacies, sweets and a jam-packed entertainment program.

Food tents, outdoor settings, grills, tables and umbrellas by the seaside, accompanied by live Greek music and the familiar culinary aromas, brought a taste of Greece to the thousands of visitors who came to enjoy the first event of the new year.

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 Bishop Chrisostomos, during the sanctification ceremony threw the cross in to the rather calm waters of Henley beach where Con Ninios proved the strongest and more skilled of all other swimmers in the race to retrieve the cross.

At the same time, following the tradition, ten white doves were released in the sky

as a symbol of purity and enlightenment, sending a message for peace and prosperity.

His Excellency The Hon Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill, Premier of South Australia, Her Worship Angela Evans, Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, the Hon John Rau, Deputy Premier, The Hon David Ridgway MLC, Leader in the Upper House representing the Leader of the Opposition in South Australia, Mr Steven Marshall, Hon Michael Atkinson, Speaker of the House of Assembly, Hon Peter Malinauskas, Minister for Health, Ms Vickie Chapman, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr Paul Caica MP, Member for Colton, Ms Jennifer Rankine, Member for Wright, Mr Steve Georganas, Federal Member for Hindmarsh, Ms Jo Chapley, Candidate for Adelaide, Mr Nick Xenophon, Leader of the SA Best Party, Mr John Trainer, Mayor of West Torrens Council, Mr Nick Bolkus, Former Federal Minister for Immigration, Ms Irene Pnevmatikos, Candidate for the Legislative Council were amongst the official guests who attended the Epiphany celebrations.

Back at Henley Square, the lucky swimmer was presented with a trophy by Bishop Chrisostomos, the Governor of South Australia and the Community's President Mr Gonis and the formalities continued with speeches by official guests.

"It is so nice to see this vibrant community maintaining culture its traditions and sharing them with



Unprecedented crowds were attracted to the Henley Blessing of the Waters on 7 January

the rest of us," said Mr Rau.

In the meantime, long queues had formed at the food stations as hundreds of people lined up for the best lunch in town.

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 official part concluded at around 2.00pm and the festival continued with dancing and live music.

The entertainment part began with performances by the Community's Dance Academy students.

A variety of traditional dances got everyone's attention as the Academy's students showed yet again their talent and skill.

The passionate and powerful dances of Pontos were also featured at this year's entertainment program.

The talented dance group of the Pontian Brotherhood of South

Australia brought to the stage tradition, culture and dazzling costumes, performing popular dance routines such as Kotsari and Letsina

But fun really heated up when a unique dance/fitness group showed how Greek dancing combined with aerobic exercises can burn serious calories and help lose weight...just by having fun.

The crowd seemed to be enjoying the novelty and many joined the OPA-cize instructors as they were...well, performing!

Meanwhile band Notes Live had in store a full entertainment package for the guests until late afternoon.

A similar celebration of the Epiphany was held by the "Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia", at Glenelg. The holy cross was thrown, however, at the shallow end of the jetty due to a shark, a huge white pointer that was seen floating about at the deep end.

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## Glenelg beach club opens up

A new beach club, inspired by European resorts such as Mykonos and Nice is set to open up soon at the Glenelg beach.

"Thanks to the support from City of Holdfast Bay Council, we're offering South Australians the opportunity to enjoy a beer on the beach in a relaxed and family friendly environment," says The Moseley's Operations Manager Luke Donaldson.

The Moseley Beach Club will be open 7 days a week, offering 8 premium sun beds and 48 sun lounges. It will also feature a casual dining area, bar, live acoustic music week nights and DJs on the weekend, fitting up to 350 people.

A similar type of business

## Community Life



More than 400 happy people celebrated the New Year at the Olympic Hall at a function organised by GOCSA on New Year's Eve

venture was earlier proposed to take off at the Henley beach but was defeated by the public and local businesses who

claimed the move would lead to the privatisation of our beaches and rallied against it.

The developers of this

venture obviously based the idea on the European experience. The plan however, will be very difficult to succeed at this end of the world as weather conditions are very different to European where constant summer conditions last for six months compared to a much shorter summer season and frequent cool changes experienced in Adelaide.

## Bus Trip to the Fleurieu

The Greek Worker's Educational Association PLATON, is organising an excursion for its members to the Fleurieu Peninsula on Sunday 11 February. A bus will leave at 8.30 from Adelaide and return by 6.00 in the afternoon the same day. For more information call Themis on 83425002.

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## Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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The Premier of SA Jay Weatherill attended the blessing of the Waters at Henley Square. Also in the photo, candidates for Adelaide and Colton, Jo Chapley and Angela Vaughan, Steve Georganas MP and Con Ninios who



Riverland Labor candidate Sim Singh-Malhi (centre) recently held a successful fundraising dinner attended by more than 150 people at the Renmark Club. In the photo, from left, Monika Kumar, Balvir Kaur, Nirmal Singh, Roly Telfer, SA Legislative Council Member Russell Wortley, Renmark Club president Sam Albanese, Mark Yates and Renmark Club manager Darren Baker.



LEFT: Head of the Autocephalic Church of Australia, Metropolitan Chrysostomos, with the leader of SA Best Party Nick Xenophon, candidates of his party at the 17 March State election and President of GOCSA Bill Gonis.



RIGHT: Minister for Health Peter Malinauskas and SA Governor Hieu Van Le at the Henley Square Blessing of the Waters



Amongst others at the Henley Square Blessing of the Waters celebration were, Governor Hieu Van Le, and Speaker of the House Michael Atkinson and Labor MLC candidate Irene Pnevmatikos



Also at the same event, were, the Deputy Premier of SA John Rau, Liberal MPs David Ridgway and Vickie Chapman, Labor MP Paul Caica and Mayor of Charles Sturt Angela Evans

## GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY SA Home Care Packages: Help for the Older Person

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The waiting period will vary depending on the urgency, needs, circumstances or support you currently have.

You choose your home care provider

If it is the Greek Orthodox Community of SA, the staff will work with you and assist you by developing a care plan that will enable you to fulfil your goals and cater for your needs.

Here at GOCSA we assist you with:

- a creative way to support your needs
- value for money

• culturally appropriate staff to assist you to achieve your goals

• any additional services that will help you get there

Examples of the services you may receive are:

- Personal Care (e.g. showering, dressing, toileting)
- Domestic Assistance
- Gardening
- Home Modifications (e.g. hand rails, step ramps) & equipment (e.g. walking frames, shower chairs)

• Respite in home

• Transport to medical appointments

• Assistance with shopping

• Incontinence Aids

• Allied Health specialists (e.g. podiatry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy)

And also:

Re-engaging with your community via Social Support, i.e. friendly visits, visiting places of interest, attending weekly activity programs, exercise, trips, social connection, etc.

If you want a culturally appropriate provider and staff that speak your language, please contact GOCSA Community Care Services team on 7088 0500 or visit our website: [www.gocsacomunitycare.com.au](http://www.gocsacomunitycare.com.au)

## Liberal MLC visits Riverland

The State Liberals' plans to support primary producers expanding into new markets and attracting more tourists to the region was discussed as part of a two day visit to the Riverland by Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Development and Tourism David Ridgway.

By invitation from Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone, Mr Ridgway travelled right across the Riverland meeting with community members and key industry stakeholders on January 16 and 17.

"I'm looking forward to again visiting the Riverland and speaking with industry leaders and the community about our plans to support primary producers, tourism operators and to grow the local economy and create jobs," said Mr Ridgway.

"The Riverland is really turning a corner with many of its horticultural industries, changing from a bulk provider to a premium value added product.

"From a tourism point of view, the Riverland has been really successful in many tourism awards and continues to diversify its offerings to tourists.

"Through the Recharging Our Regions comprehensive policy document, the State Liberals have outlined our approach to supporting regional communities, such as the Riverland", he said.

"Tim Whetstone is a hardworking and dedicated regional Member of Parliament who is constantly advocating on behalf of his region."

Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone said Mr Ridgway's visit is important on the eve of the 2018 State Election.

"David has consistently visited the Riverland and the meetings and conversations he has had with people on the ground in the region have assisted in forming policy to support our primary producers and our tourism operators," said Mr Whetstone.

"The Riverland's pest free area recognition in China and Free Trade Agreements have opened up huge opportunities for Riverland growers and while the benefits are flowing, with better policy settings I believe we can further capitalise on opening new doors to international markets."



David Ridgway and local Member Tim Whetstone met with Renmark stone fruit grower Jim Sourtzis

## CAFE MANAGER FINED \$27,000 Exploitation of overseas workers not tolerated

The former manager of an Oliver Brown chocolate café outlet on the Gold Coast who was 'seeing what he could get away with' when he exploited overseas workers has been penalised \$27,200.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured the penalty against Steven Chung in the Federal Circuit Court after he admitted being involved in the underpayment of 12 employees at the Oliver Brown café at Surfers Paradise.

The employees were underpaid a total of \$24,575 between January and September, 2015 – and Chung was involved in the underpayments that occurred from 11 July, when he commenced as manager.

Seven of the employees were overseas workers.

Judge Salvatore Vasta said the café "was an enterprise in which Mr Chung quite deliberately calculated to see what it was that he could 'get away with'."

Judge Vasta said Chung, who was responsible for hiring staff and setting wage rates, "discriminated against a number of the employees, on, it would seem, the basis either of coming from a non-English speaking background, having a visa or their youth".

"There doesn't appear to be any other explanation as to why

there were some rates given to some people and other rates to others, except when one looks at the personal and cultural background of the workers," Judge Vasta said.

"It would seem that a worker on a visa who came from a non-English speaking background was certainly underpaid more than a person who is a permanent resident of this country from an English-speaking background."

The underpaid workers performed duties including washing dishes, taking orders and making drinks and desserts.

Chung used different low flat rates that resulted in workers variously being underpaid the minimum rates for ordinary hours, casual loadings, and penalty rates for weekend, public holiday, late night and early morning work they were entitled to under the Restaurant Industry Award 2010.

The largest underpayment was \$9188 of an adult Korean worker who was paid flat rates of between \$10 and \$16.48 but was entitled to receive casual rates of up to \$23.09 for ordinary hours, \$27.71 on weekends and \$46.18 on public holidays.

Other workers were underpaid amounts ranging from \$83 to \$3839.

"For persons who are on the

minimum wage, such sums are quite crucial just simply to their existence and, for that reason, actions that result in their not being paid properly cannot be simply dismissed as being 'minor infractions'," Judge Vasta said.

Judge Vasta said the failure to provide pay slips to four of the workers was an "extremely serious breach of an employer's obligations" and also showed a "level of discrimination by Mr Chung as to whom he gave pay slips and to whom he did not".

Fair Work Ombudsman inspectors discovered the underpayments when they conducted an audit after a worker made underpayment allegations.

The workers were back-paid in full late last year.

Fair Work Ombudsman Natalie James says the targeting of vulnerable workers with low discount flat rates was a particularly concerning feature of the case.

"We treat exploitation of overseas and young workers particularly seriously because they can be especially vulnerable if they are not aware of their rights, have language barriers or are reluctant to complain," Ms James said.

"Migrant workers make up 6 per cent of the workforce yet they were involved in 18 per cent of the workplace disputes

we assisted with in the last financial year.

"Furthermore, overseas workers were involved in nearly half (49 per cent) of the litigations we filed last year, suggesting the issues they are exposed to in the workplace are at the more serious end of the scale," Ms James said.

Ms James says employers should be aware that the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Act 2017 has now come into effect, increasing maximum penalties for conduct including deliberate exploitation of workers.

The Fair Work Ombudsman recently launched its popular Anonymous Report function in 16 languages other than English, enabling non-English speakers to report potential workplace breaches in their own language, without being identified. The tool can be accessed at [www.fairwork.gov.au/inlanguageanonymousreport](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/inlanguageanonymousreport).

In 2016-17, the Fair Work Ombudsman achieved penalties of more than \$4.42 million in litigations where it was held one or more of the employees was a visa-holder.

Employers and employees can seek assistance at [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) or contact the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.