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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Cypriots to commemorate tragic events of 1974

The Justice for Cyprus Coordination Committee SA (SEKA), in association with the Cyprus Community of SA Inc, once again have organised a series of events on SUNDAY 16th of July and Wednesday 19th of July 2017, to mark the 43rd Anniversary of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus.

In an announcement sent to the Greek Tribune, SEKA says "the events are an expression of our solidarity and support to the people of Cyprus wherever they may be and a mark of respect to those who lost their lives for liberty".

SEKA and the Cyprus Community are inviting the public to attend the activities they are organising, which include a memorial service at the Saint George Community Parish Church, 23 Rose Terrace Thebarton, on Sunday 16 July at 10am.

On the same day, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at 12.15pm at the memorial within the premises of the Cyprus Community of SA, 6-8 Barrupowell Street, Welland, 5007.

On Wednesday 19th of July at 7.00pm

the public is invited to the Cyprus Community of SA club rooms, 6 – 8 Barrupowell Street, Welland, for a presentation on current developments on the Cyprus issue. Official speaker at the event will be Mr Michael Sofokleous Director of the President's Office, representing the republic of Cyprus.

Mr Sofokleous will be accompanied by the new High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus in Canberra, Ms Martha Mavrommatis and Mr Vakis Zissimos, Deputy Head of Mission/Consul General of the republic of Cyprus in Canberra.

Refreshments and canapés will be provided.

GOCSA memorial for coup and invasion

On 16 July, 10.30am the Greek Orthodox Community of SA will hold a memorial service at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel, Franklin Street, City, for those who died defending democracy in Cyprus on 15 July against the military coup of the Greek junta as well as those who fell during the Turkish invasion.

Celebration of refugee week in South Australia

Events have been held throughout South Australia last week to celebrate the contribution refugees have made to our community as part of Refugee Week and World Refugee Day.

"Refugee Week and World Refugee Day allow us to celebrate the positive contribution that refugees make to Australian society, and to acknowledge the issues that they face", the Minister for Multicultural Affairs Zoe Bettison said.

"Refugees have made a huge contribution to our State. Over the past two years, about 2,500 humanitarian entrants have settled in South Australia.

"It is wonderful that so many refugees, who have become an integral part of South Australia, share their stories and showcase their cultures through music, dance and theatre during Refugee Week.

Refugee Week ran from 18-24 June and has been celebrated in Australia since 1986, while World Refugee Day was on Tuesday 20 June

and featured campaigns and celebrations across the world.

Global refugee numbers are at an all-time high with an unprecedented 65.3 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homes.

Among them are nearly 21.3 million refugees, more than half of whom are under the age of 18.

Refugees who settle in Australia bring a diverse array of skills, knowledge and personal attributes that contribute to our communities.

Refugee Week events and activities across the State included a Free Community Concert on 18 June at the North Adelaide Community Centre, the "In Our Own Voices Forum", a project sharing the stories of individuals from countries in the Middle East at the Adelaide Town Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese and a reception hosted by the Governor of South Australia Hieu Van Le at Government House.

CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT

Cypriots to meet in Geneva

Peace talks on divided Cyprus are to resume in Geneva on June 28, the United Nations said last week, ending a stalemate on procedure which had threatened to derail two years of negotiations.

Talks between Greek Cypriot leader Nicos Anastasiades and Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci had stalled last month in disagreement over the modalities of a conference in Geneva including Britain, Turkey and Greece and which would address security issues on a post-settlement Cyprus.

Both leaders met with U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres two weeks ago in New York and agreed to resume talks. They will both travel to Geneva for the negotiations at the end of this month, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement, along with Greece, Turkey and Britain as guarantor powers, and the European Union as an observer.



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres speaks next to G/Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades and T/Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci

Cyprus was split in a Turkish invasion in 1974, triggered by a brief Greek junta -inspired coup.

Security issues related to the presence of up to 30,000 troops in the breakaway north of the island are a key sticking point in talks. Greek Cypriots perceive their ongoing presence post-settlement as a threat, while Turkish Cypriots say the troops are necessary

for their security.

Greek Cypriots will argue, the guarantor system of the 60's is no longer necessary because Cyprus is now a member of the European Union, which has its own dispute resolution mechanisms. They also say the United Nations can offer a fairer and more effective mechanism that will oversee the implementation of the agreed solution.

GREEK PM

Cyprus Is Primarily a European Issue

The Greek prime minister Alexis Tsipras commented on the Cyprus issue, ahead of a second round talks for a solution to be held in Switzerland on June 28, and stressed that it was primarily a European issue.

"Perhaps the most crucial wager for upgrading the EU's regional and international role is today the prospect of a just and viable solution of the Cyprus issue and ensuring respect of good neighborhood in the Aegean," he said.

Despite efforts on the Greek side for dialogue and good neighbor relations, Tsipras added, Turkey continued a policy of provocations in the Aegean.

Tsipras said the EU could play a crucial role, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the talks currently underway for the Cyprus issue, which he said were a "test" of its ability to support Greece's demands to end the outdated guarantees system and the departure of Turkish troops from the island.

New Women's and Children's hospital announced in budget

New taxes on banks and foreign investors, a focus on jobs and a cash splash on the suburbs are the headline measures in the South Australian Government's pre-election budget.

Described by Premier Jay Weatherill as a "traditional Labor budget" designed to stimulate employment ahead of Holden's closure in 119 days' time, its centrepiece includes a \$200 million Future Jobs Fund to support growth industries.

Some \$50 million in new money will be spent towards industry-specific grants and \$70 million in low-interest loans to support job creation in focused areas.

The announcement does, however, include an existing fund of \$60 million for the Industry Attraction South Australia program — due to run out next year — and \$14.5 million for the Events and Convention bids fund, leaving just \$120 million in new money.

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis said businesses would get this money "very, very quickly".

The Treasurer has followed the Commonwealth's lead and gone after the big banks, introducing a major bank levy from July 1 that is expected to raise \$370 million over four years.

The levy will apply to bank bonds and deposits over \$250,000 but exclude mortgages and ordinary household deposits.

Foreign buyers have also been targeted with a 4 per cent conveyance duty surcharge on residential properties from



Premier Jay Weatherill and Health Minister Jack Snelling announce a new Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital next to the new Adelaide Hospital in the CBD

January 1, 2018, reflecting similar levies interstate, in a move to keep house prices within reach for the youth of South Australia.

HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

According to the State Government's announcement, the new Royal Adelaide Hospital will open in September, providing the highest ever level of care to the people of South Australia. "The hospital is a cornerstone of far-reaching reforms to health creating a system which is patient-centred, safe, effective, accessible, efficient and equitable", the Government says.

New measures in the health sector, include:

* \$528 million to build a new Adelaide Women's Hospital adjacent to the new RAH. The project will receive \$30.3 million over the forward estimates and will be complete in 2024.

* \$9.2 million over three years for an emergency extended care unit adjacent to Modbury Hospital's emergency department.

In Education, the new budget includes:

* \$250 million to redevelop 139 schools to deliver science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with 77 primary, 44 secondary and 18 R-12 schools being upgraded (48

regional and 91 metropolitan).

* \$608 000 over two years for a pilot program providing free fresh fruit and vegetables to selected primary schools under the Right Bite program.

The Weatherill budget also announced a sum of \$5 million in 2017-18 for once-off grants to multicultural and community organisations for infrastructure and equipment.

Other sectors to be funded include:

* \$18.1 million in 2017-18 for homelessness services,

* The First Home Owner Grant of \$15 000 that remains on offer for the purchase of a new home.

* The Job Accelerator Grants will be increased by up to \$5000 for each new apprentice and trainee hired, in addition to the existing grants of up to \$10 000, supporting an estimated 2000 positions.

The government says that its \$550 million energy plan will help businesses by ensuring South Australia has reliable, affordable and clean energy despite the dysfunction of the national electricity market.

Also, the Government says that a range of concessions are available to eligible South Australians. These include the cost-of-living concessions of up to \$200, assistance for water and sewerage, energy, public transport, vehicle registration, drivers' licences and the purchase of spectacles or contact lenses.

Tribute to Elias Mavrogiorgis

The Greek community of South Australia has lost a valuable member and tireless volunteer, Elias Mavrogiorgis, who died on 15 June aged 70 years.

Elias was born in Icaria on 5 January 1947 and migrated to Australia in 1965. He settled in Adelaide and spent his working career at the Rubber Mills factory on South Rd, which was later named Bridgestone. Elias married Yannoula and they had three children, Maria Georgina and Bill. In more recent years he became a grandfather of five.

Elias was a tireless volunteer for many community organisations, including the

Ikarian Association the Greek Community Radio program on 5EBI, the Greek Workers Educational Association Platon and many more.

For over 35 years he served on the Greek Orthodox Community SA Executive and Supervisory committees working passionately and with enthusiasm in all the different sectors of the community, including the church, the schools and many more.

He volunteered his services to many community events quite often the first to arrive and the last to leave. Up until his final hours his thoughts were

on his beloved Pan - Ikarian Brotherhood.

The funeral was held at the Taxarchis Cathedral in Franklin street and was attended by almost one thousand people. Amongst the mourners at the church, were the Speaker of the House Michael Atkinson and the Member for Unley David Pisoni.

Eulogies were read by the President of GOCSA Bill Gonis, members of the family and John Panteladis on behalf of the Ikarian Brotherhood.

The GOCSA cancelled its cultural and social events as a mark of respect for the late Elias.

Community Life



The late Elias Mavrogiorgis

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LEFT: The Deputy Foreign Minister for Greece Mr Terence Quick, visited the Greek Orthodox Community of SA (GOCSA) at the Ridleyton Home for the Aged during his recent trip to Australia. The Greek official, met with the Board of GOCSA (photo) and discussed issues of mutual interest. Mr Quick also reported on Greek current affairs. Mr Quick was accompanied by the Greek Ambassador in Canberra Mrs Katerina Xagoraris and the Greek Consul General of Greece in Adelaide Mr Andreas Gouras.



LEFT: During his visit in Adelaide, the Deputy Foreign Minister for Greece Mr Terence Quick, met with the South Australian Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis and Minister for Trade and Defence Industries Martin Hamilton Smith.



RIGHT: Mr Quick also met with representatives of the Greek Archdiocese at the Monastery of Saint Nectarios in Croydon

Water security on top of Riverland visit agenda

The roll-out of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, the impact of electricity prices on irrigators, water allocation planning and Natural Resources Management levies will be amongst the key topics discussed during a tour of the Riverland by Shadow Minister for Environment David Speirs.

Hosted by the Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone, Mr Speirs will meet with key stakeholders, in relation to water security and irrigation needs, as well as discussing environmental projects, on June 28.

Mr Speirs, whose shadow portfolio corresponds to the ministerial responsibilities of Water and the River Murray and Environment, is looking forward to listening to the Riverland community as policy development continues towards the 2018 South Australian election.

"The River Murray is the lifeblood of the Riverland and thousands of irrigators rely on

a secure water supply to grow the produce that is served on tables not only in the region, but across the state, nation and the world," Mr Speirs said.

"However, under the Weatherill Labor Government, these food producers are facing significant challenges in growing and expanding their businesses at every turn.

"We have seen rising NRM levies, skyrocketing power prices and huge increases to the Emergency Services Levy.

"During this visit, I'll be hearing from a number of key stakeholders and the community about ways we can support growers, instead of impeding progress with red tape."

Mr Whetstone said water security continues to be one of the most important issues facing the people of the Riverland.

"The tour will help Mr Speirs gain a further understanding of issues



The Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone discussed water issues with the Shadow Minister for Environment David Speirs at Parliament House last week Mr Speirs is visiting the Riverland this week

faced by irrigators and the communities they live in," Mr Whetstone said.

"Water security is integral to the sustainability and viability of the Riverland both environmentally and economically. We need to see

more support and recognition for the food producers and communities, who are the economic drivers of this state, particularly with the social impacts from the roll-out of the Murray Darling Basin Plan."

A Message from the Treasurer

In this year's State Budget, the State Government is stepping forward to support business, investing in industries that are growing and cutting taxes to drive job creation.

We are doing this while the budget puts us on track to deliver our ninth budget surplus, and forecast further surpluses throughout the forward estimates.

Central to this year's Budget is the establishment of a \$200 million Future Jobs Fund, focusing on five key growth industries: shipbuilding and defence; renewable energy and mining; tourism food and wine; health and biomedical research; and IT and advanced manufacturing.

In partnership with the private sector, the Future Jobs Fund will help South Australian businesses in these fields expand, growing more local job opportunities.

We are supporting businesses to employ more young people, by expanding the successful Job Accelerator Grants program to include an extra payment for new apprentices and trainees.

This program has already helped to create

almost 10,000 jobs and we will now offer businesses up to \$15,000 for each new apprentice or trainee they employ.

Small businesses account for around 98% of all businesses in South Australia. We want to support them to take the next step and grow.

That's why we're delivering further cuts in payroll tax – and locking this in permanently for small business.

Our infrastructure spend - \$9.5 billion over four years - will create a great number of opportunities for South Australian businesses. I want South Australian companies, South Australian products and South Australian workers to get the bulk of the benefits from these projects.

The budget fully funds Our Energy Plan which will deliver reliable, affordable and cleaner energy to South Australians.

Fundamentally, this year's Budget is all about incentivising businesses to create jobs – now and into the future.

To read more about the Budget, please visit www.statebudget.sa.gov.au.

Tom Koutsantonis

Premier Weatherill misses opportunity says Stephen Marshall

"Today, Premier Weatherill and his tired Labor Government missed an opportunity to create jobs and offer relief for struggling families", says the Leader of the Opposition in a letter sent to the Greek Tribune.

"South Australians who are looking for work were abandoned today. This isn't a jobs budget, it's a TAX budget. Instead of reducing business and household costs, Treasurer Koutsantonis has outlined a punishing tax regime.

"Labor has announced \$420 million of new taxes that will NOT create jobs. This is a government that can't get the basics right.

"Only a Marshall Liberal Government can deliver on a comprehensive economic growth strategy that will reduce taxes and create long-term, sustainable jobs.

"The State Liberals are committed to cutting ESL bills and returning \$360 million to South Australian households and businesses".

Greek women celebrate Mother's Day

On the 10th of May our organization celebrated Mother's Day with a lunch which was held at the Earl of Leicester Hotel in Parkside.

The Mother's Day Lunch is an annual event for the Greek Women's Society of SA "O Taxiarchis" and holds great significance for the Society.

The event honours and acknowledges its members' dual role as mothers and wives serving their families and community at the same time.

Approximately 50 members and their friends gathered in the dining room of the Earl of Leicester to enjoy the

three course meal in an atmosphere of conviviality and relaxation.

During the course of the luncheon two beautiful bouquets were presented, one to the oldest mother present and the other to the mother with the most grandchildren.

After lunch the door prize and raffle was drawn.

The President of Greek Women's Society of SA "Taxiarchis" Mrs Roula Soumas would like to thank all those members who donated prizes for the raffle for this event. Our raffles are made possible through the generosity of our members and friends.



Eleni Bogia, Chrysanthi and Nina Kavathas and Evangelitsa Hatzi at the Mother's Day luncheon

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