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## AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### Archbishop guilty of child sex abuse cover up

The most senior Catholic to be charged with concealing child sexual abuse — Adelaide's Archbishop Philip Wilson — has been found guilty by a New South Wales court, in a landmark ruling. The 67-year-old was accused of covering up abuse by priest Jim Fletcher in the NSW Hunter region in the 1970s.

During his trial, the archbishop said no one had ever come forward to tell him of allegations of child sex abuse during his 40 years as a clergyman.

However, Magistrate Robert Stone cast that claim aside in a ruling that could have ramifications in courts around the country.

Speaking outside court, abuse survivor Peter Gogarty said the verdict was "one of the most significant days in criminal law in Australian history".

"I think this will now open the doors for other jurisdictions to start looking at trying to prosecute

people who deliberately looked after their institution and, literally, threw children to the wolves," Mr Gogarty said.

"On behalf of all of the victims — who have been abused in this country and elsewhere — I just want to say what an enormous relief it is that the people who let this happen are finally being brought to account."

There were gasps from those in the packed courtroom when Magistrate Stone handed down the verdict. People were crying and shaking hands after the hearing.

**Victims want jail sentence**  
The prosecution has requested a custodial sentence for Wilson, for reasons of "deterrence" and "denunciation".

Wilson remains on bail on the condition that he attends his sentencing hearing, which will be held on June 19.

The harshest sentence Magistrate Stone is able to give is two years in prison, and he has the option of suspending the sentence.

## FAIRWORK OMBUDSMAN'S ACTION

### Heavy penalties in first racial discrimination case

The Fair Work Ombudsman's first racial discrimination litigation has resulted in penalties of \$211,104 against the former operators of a Tasmanian hotel after they deliberately exploited two Malaysian employees of Chinese descent.

NSW man Chang Yen Chang - who owned and operated the Scamander Beach Resort Hotel on Tasmania's east coast until 2014 - has been penalised \$35,099 in the Federal Circuit Court.

In addition, Chang's company Yenida Pty Ltd has been penalised a further \$176,005.

During the litigation, the Fair Work Ombudsman successfully proved in Court that Chang and his company breached the racial discrimination provisions of the Fair Work Act by treating the two Malaysian employees, who are husband-and-wife, differently to Australian staff by underpaying them a total of more than \$28,000, requiring them to work extra hours and failing to record their hours of work.

Fair Work Ombudsman Natalie James said this is the first time the Fair Work Ombudsman has taken legal action against an employer for racially discriminating against employees.

"This employer knew that all staff were lawfully entitled to minimum Award pay rates but chose to pay the Malaysian couple significantly less than Australian staff because of their race, which is unlawful and completely unacceptable," Ms James said.

"It is an uncomfortable truth that racial discrimination is a driver behind some of the exploitation of migrant workers in this country.

"The Court's ruling in this matter sends a message that singling out migrant workers for exploitation is serious unlawful conduct and significant penalties apply.

"All workers in Australia are entitled to our minimum wages, irrespective of their background, language skills or visa status", the Ombudsman said.

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## GREECE - FYROM

# Close to final solution

Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias and his FYROM counterpart Nikola Dimitrov completed a two-day round of negotiations in New York with the mediation of United Nations intermediary Matthew Nimetz.

Negotiations between the two ministers will continue in Brussels, as no agreement was reached between the two sides.

"We do not have a final solution to the issues, but both sides are determined to do what it takes to reach an agreement and work hard to achieve it," the UN representative noted.

### Tsipras: Great Victory to Put Designation Before the Term "Macedonia"

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, speaking in Thessaloniki on Friday said it

would be a great victory to put a designation before the term "Macedonia" in the name of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

"Skopje is called Macedonia" for the past 70 years. It will be a great victory for Greece to have the neighboring country put a designation — geographical or other — before the term "Macedonia".

"We are in a negotiation that is sensitive, critical, and we have made steps forward," Tsipras said. "We are defending a national position and because I hear some people saying 'do not give out the name to them'... Here we seek to take something back, not give out something that had been surrendered by others, not by us, 70 years ago."

"Our northern neighbors, for over 70 years have a state identity called "Macedonia", either within the framework of the Yugoslav federation or as an autonomous state later, after the dissolution of Yugoslavia. Without any designation, it is a name that refers to the ancient Greek world and to the heavy cultural heritage of Greek Macedonia. That's what we're going to take back. It's not easy. Some fools say we're going to give out something. But what we are doing is we try to take something back."

"We believe that (our neighbors' Macedonia and our Macedonia) are two different things and we think it is time to coexist, cooperate and live in peace for the benefit of our region," the PM concluded.

## Turkish Fighter Jets Violate Greek Airspace

Turkish fighter jets violated Greek airspace over the Aegean 56 times on Tuesday last week, making such incidents an almost daily phenomenon.

According to the Greek Ministry of National Defense, the air force recorded 56 violations of national airspace in the Northeast, Central and Southeastern Aegean.

Eleven Turkish aircraft — two F-16s that were flying in formation, two CN-235s and seven helicopters — also committed 14 air-traffic law violations in the Athens Flight Information Region.

According to the General Staff, the Turkish aircraft were identified and intercepted as per international rules.

## Irene Pneumatikos delivers maiden speech at SA Parliament

The newly elected Member of Legislative Council Irene Pneumatikos, presented her maiden speech at the South Australian Parliament on 17 May 2018.

Amongst invited guests to Ms Pneumatikos' speech, were, the President of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA, Bill Gonis, the President of the Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou, the Federal member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas and many more.

In her maiden speech, Irene Pneumatikos, who was born in Adelaide as a first generation Greek Australian, said her goal is to provide a voice on behalf of the South Australian community and continue the work of building a fair, just and civil society, that looks after its people and sustains and protects our diverse state and its environment.

Ms Pneumatikos is married to Chris and they have two



Ms Irene Pneumatikos and guests at her maiden speech, pose for a photo in the Greek Tribune

daughters. In the past she has worked as a bilingual case worker at the Adelaide Women's Community Health Centre and

later as a migrant workers' rights officer in the trade union movement. In her speech she thanked the groups and many

individuals who supported her and contributed to her being elected as a member of Legislative Council.

## Goodwood Festival great success!

The Adelaide suburb of Goodwood showed its Hellenic character on Sunday 29th of April as one of the most popular cultural events in the area took place under perfect weather conditions.

The 6th Goodwood Greek Festival opened its doors on Sunday morning, filling the area with the culinary aromas of Greek cuisine and the sounds of the Hellenic culture.

The Festival, an initiative of the Community Church of Sts Constantine & Hellen, gave local residents and Hellenes from around town a taste of Greece with favourite delicacies, popular sweets and Greek dancing as well as live music until late afternoon.

Among the official guests to attend the event and officiate the opening of the Festival were Hon David Pisoni MP, Minister for Industry & Skills, on behalf of the Premier of South Australia Hon Steven Marshall, the Hon Jing Lee, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Trade and Investment and Small Business, Ms Jayne Stinson MP, Member for Badcoe, Shadow Minister for Child Protection, Mrs Irene Pnevmatikos MLC, also representing the Federal

## Community Life



The Pan-Rhodian Society "Colossus" SA held a reception last month, to launch the new look of the Colossus Hall, following recent renovations that took place with the support of the South Australian Government. In the photo are, Greek Consul Andreas Gouras, Marianthi Kosmarikou, Bill Gonis, John Giorgantzis President of the Society, Dora Maïos and Chris Despotakis

Member for Hindmarsh Mr Steven Georganas, Peter Hughes, Mayor of Unley Council and Ms Gosia Skalban OAM member of SAMEAC.

Around 1.00pm, MC Mrs Betty Douflias opened the formal part, welcoming official guests and all who were attending.

In his speech, the Community's President Mr Gonis said it was a great feeling to see the Goodwood festival going from strength to strength sharing the

Hellenic traditions with the local community.

"This Festival, just like all our festivals, gives us the opportunity to share our rich culture with the our fellow South Australians," he said.

Minister Pisoni said that he has nothing but good memories from his 13-year long experience with the Greek culture as a Member for Unley.

"I feel so close to the Greek Community and I am so happy

it contributes to the multicultural character of the area," he said.

Delivering her speech Ms Jing Lee said that multiculturalism is an indispensable part of South Australian life. "Today's Festival perfectly represents the multicultural character of our State," Ms Lee said.

The official part continued with short speeches by His Eminence Bishop of South Australia Christostomos and the Chair of the Sts Constantine & Helen Church Fellowship Mrs Georgia Vlahos.

The Community's Dance Academy offered yet again a spectacular show with its talented students performing routines from many parts of Greece.

Official guests and festival goers were mesmerised by their talent and dance skill.

But the Festival really took off with live band "Notes" playing popular Greek tunes until early evening creating a true Greek atmosphere as the culinary aromas combined with Greek dance music literally offered the best Greek experience, only 15.000kms from the homeland.

It's worth mentioning that the Goodwood Greek Festival is held as part of the celebrations for the church's name day which falls on May 21st but to avoid adverse weather conditions, the cultural Festival is held in April.



## Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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**LEFT:** The Goodwood Greek Festival was held successfully last month in the carpark behind the church of Saints Constantinos and Eleni. In the photo are, from left, Minister for Skills David Pisoni, Jing Lee, Assistant Minister to the Premier Steven Marshall, Jane Stinson MP, Irene Pneumatikos MLC, Mayor of Unley Peter Hughes, Gosia Skalban member of SAMEAC and Bishop Chrysostomos of Adelaide.

**BELOW:** At the SA Parliament for the maiden speech of Irene Pneumatikos MLC, were, from left, Steve Georganas MP, Andreas Evdokiou, President of Cyprus Community, Bill Gonis President of GOCSA, Chris Pneumatikos and Peter Ppiros of the Greek Tribune



**LEFT:** The Greek Worker's Educational Association "Platon" held its annual May Day Dinner on 4 May at the Cyprus Club, attended by more than 150 people. Amongst them were, from left, Stephanie Key, Angus Story of Unions SA, John Lesses President of Platon, Jane Stinson MP, Bill Gonis President of GOCSA and Irene Pneumatikos MLC.



## Archaeologists Unearth Exciting Find in Cyprus' Troodos Mountains

Greek researchers have made an exciting discovery of Neolithic objects in the Troodos mountains of Cyprus.

A team from the history and archaeology department of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUT) found stone tools, pictographs, jewelry and animal feed in the south foothills of the Troodos near the Xeros River in the Paphos district.

According to the Cyprus

Mail, the new finds were discovered very close to an earlier hunter-gatherer settlement named Ayios Ioannis/Brescia-Rhoudias, which has been excavated by the same AUT team for a number of years.

The new location has been named Ayios Ioannis/Brescia-Ano Rhoudias and based on the finds it seems to have been an agricultural settlement.

In a statement, Cyprus'

Antiquities Department said: "This new evidence confirms that the mountainous hinterland of Cyprus is equally important to the research interests as the lowlands and mainly coastal areas as far as the early prehistory of the island is concerned."

The finds are very important in understanding the island's early prehistory (10,000 - 6,000 BC), the antiquities department said.



## Turkey rejects request for release of 2 Greek soldiers

Turkish authorities, last week, rejected yet another request from Greece for the release of the two Greek soldiers who have been jailed in Edirne since their abduction on the Greek Turkish border on March 1.

This was the third official request for the release of Aggelos Mitretodis and Dimitris Kouklatzis, as Turkey has not pressed any specific charges against them.

The Turkish court hearing of the Greek request lasted one and a half hours, but the decision did not favor the two servicemen.

Mitretodis and Kouklatzis were captured

by Turkish soldiers when they accidentally crossed the border to the Turkish side, due to heavy snowfall in the Kastanies area.

The Turkish court decision was taken on the grounds that the two Greek servicemen are considered to be suspects and have not declared a place of residence in Turkey, therefore they might flee if they are set free before charges are pressed against them.

In the meantime, the Greek High Court decided to grant refugee status to two of the eight former Turkish soldiers who fled Turkey in order to

avoid persecution. Ankara, wants to see the men returned to Turkey to be prosecuted for alleged involvement "in the killing of innocent people and for targeting an elected president".

However, Greece's top court has already ruled that the men would not receive a fair trial, or could face mistreatment, if they are sent back. The Greek Tribune understands that Ankara wants to exchange of the two Greek soldiers they abducted with the eight Turkish soldiers so they can send them to the firing squad.

## Ertogan blames Greek Cypriots for lack of solution!

Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan has blamed the Cypriot government for stalling peace talks on the divided island.

Erdogan, claimed the "whims" of the Greek-Cypriot community were responsible for a lack of progress.

"Solving the problems of the world goes through diplomacy. But lately, this is failing. Due to the whims of the Greek Cypriot community, the distance can't be bridged for a solution to the Cyprus problem," he was quoted as saying.

His comments come as Cyprus revealed this week that French energy giant TOTAL had applied to the government to acquire a stake in Block 8 of the island's Exclusive Economic Zone currently owned by Italy's ENI.

It marks a renewed attempt by Nicosia to harness its offshore resources amid blocking tactics by Turkey. The Turkish navy has so far blocked the Italian energy company ENI to enter the area for exploration and remains to be seen what will happen if French or American companies arrive to drill in the same area.

### LETTERS

## Simon Birmingham's view on Federal Budget

Federal Budget highlights that the Turnbull Government is sticking to its plan to build a stronger economy to benefit all Australians.

We're delivering tax relief with a focus on low and middle income earners, we're investing in congestion-busting infrastructure and responsibly returning the Budget to balance.

Under the Government's economic plan jobs are being created, investment is rising and the Budget is strengthening. This means that we can continue to guarantee the essential services Australians rely on.

For more information about our plan, visit budget.liberal.org.au or watch the Treasurer's Budget speech by clicking the image below.

In South Australia our plan means:

- Income tax relief will benefit over 700,000 people next year

- \$1.4 billion (in addition to the Commonwealth's existing \$1.6 billion commitment) for North-South Corridor projects (more info here), including \$177 million for the corridor from Regency Road to Pym Street; \$160 million for the Joy Baluch Bridge duplication; and \$220 million for the Gawler Line electrification enabling faster and more reliable rail

- \$7.9 billion for SA public hospitals over the five years to 2024-25, delivering an additional \$1.3 billion in funding compared to the previous five years as well as a fully-funded National Disability Insurance Scheme that will benefit 34,242 participants in South Australia

- A record \$16.2 billion in funding for SA schools over the next ten years; and more support for more families from our new, simplified early learning and child care system on 2 July 2018, with 61,480 South Australian families who stand to benefit from these changes

In my own portfolio of education and training, our reform and investment plan will deliver better opportunities for this and future generations of students.



Senator Simon Birmingham

Australia's education system needs to be better than it is today. Students, employers, families and the Government all recognise the challenges we face and a stronger economy enables us to invest more in education and child care.

Key highlights in the Budget for Australia's education system from high chair to higher education include:

- Locking in \$870 million to ensure all Australian children have access to 15 hours a week of quality preschool and early learning in the year before school

- Extending the National Schools Chaplaincy programme on a permanent basis, with a special new anti bullying focus

- Committing an extra \$24.5 billion for Australia's schools and linking that investment to quality reforms (more info here)

- Delivering an additional \$300 million to support states and territories to participate in our Skilling Australians Fund that's set to create 300,000 apprenticeships

- Investing \$1.9 billion in Australia's national research infrastructure system to spur further innovation and jobs growth across fields like quantum computing, genomics, precision medicine, marine science or bioscience in key sectors like the wine industry.

Altogether, our plan for a stronger economy means that Australians can plan for their future with confidence.

Senator Simon Birmingham

## Concerns over handling of dual citizenship

Dear sir,

Prime Minister Turnbull by rejecting his own parliamentary committee's proposal to delete/amend article 44 of the constitution-enacted 119 years ago-that divides Australian citizens into two classes, by a referendum, has failed the most important tenet of multiculturalism and democracy that of equality in exercising the right of all- not less than half- Australians to stand for Federal Parliament. It has left open the chaotic and costly crisis of dual citizenship fall outs.

The need and logic

for a referendum to correct a historical wrong on citizenship, is widely recognised as the only solution as is the case for Constitutional recognition of indigenous Australians as the first people of this continent, with the right to a voice of their own. Political opportunism and residual racism do not make for fair nation building and national cohesive policies.

Multicultural Australia deserves better and politicians should listen.

George Zangalis, Melbourne, Victoria

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