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## AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### SA Government grant to bring Hellenic Presidential Guard back to Adelaide

The Hellenic Presidential Guard will return to Adelaide in April 2018 thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the State Government.

The contingent of one Officer, two lieutenants and nine Evzones will attend a number of community events while in Adelaide, including assisting in ANZAC Day celebrations.

The announcement of their visit follows the highly successful 2017 ANZAC Day visit to Adelaide, which was widely publicised in Greek communities around the world.

The story of the ANZACs is inextricably linked to the defence of Greece during the Second World War.

About 83 per cent of the Australian soldiers captured by the Nazis during WWII were captured in Greece, and a total of 646 ANZACs are buried or memorialised in Greece.

The program for the visit will be released in March and will be available at [www.hellenicstudies.com.au](http://www.hellenicstudies.com.au).

The tour can be followed through the social media channels of the Foundation for Hellenic Studies.

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Koutsantonis said the Hellenic Presidential Guard made a profound impression on the Greek Community of South Australia during their visit in 2017 – immortalised by the image of the crying Evzone taken in Adelaide.

"We were all affected by both the connection the Evzones felt to the story and history of the ANZACs and by how the Evzones were embraced by both Greek Australians and other communities during their visit".

"I am pleased and proud that the State Government was able to support the return of the Hellenic Presidential Guard to South Australia and I look forward to seeing them again in April", Mr Koutsantonis concluded

## Turkey violates international law by blocking Cyprus EEZ

An EU-Turkey summit next month is conditional on Ankara's termination of actions in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone (EEZ), European Council President Donald Tusk said on Friday, as Turkish navy ships threatened to use force in a bid to prevent a drillship from sailing into an area disputed by the Turks.

Tusk made the statement following an informal summit in Brussels attended by Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades and Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras.

Both leaders briefed their EU partners about Turkey's illegal violations in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean.

On behalf of EU leaders, Tusk expressed the EU's full solidarity with Cyprus and Greece, and called on Turkey to terminate these activities.

He also reiterated the bloc's support for Cyprus' sovereign right to explore and exploit its natural resources, in accordance with EU and international law, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

"We are ready to cooperate with Turkey and will assess at our March European Council whether the conditions are there to hold the Leaders Meeting with Turkey in Varna on March 26," Tusk said.

Earlier on Friday, Italian energy firm ENI's Saipem 12000 drillship was forced to change course after being intercepted by five Turkish navy vessels and threatened with the use of force while attempting once more to reach offshore block 3 to drill an exploratory gas well.

## Election Day 17 March

The 2018 South Australian state election will elect members to the 54th Parliament of South Australia on 17 March 2018.

All 47 seats in the House of Assembly or lower house, whose current members were elected at the 2014 election, and 11 of 22 seats in the Legislative Council or upper house, last filled at the 2010 election, are now vacant.

The record-16-year-incumbent Australian Labor Party (SA) government, currently led by Premier Jay Weatherill, will seek a fifth four-year term against the opposition Liberal Party of Australia (SA), currently led by Opposition Leader Steven Marshall.

Also aspiring to win seats in the lower house, is Nick Xenophon's new SA Best party.

## Minister Malinauskas visits Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged

The management of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA and of the Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged, welcomed the South Australian Minister for Health Peter Malinauskas for a visit at the facility late last week.

During his visit, Mr Malinauskas, had the opportunity to walk around the nursing home, see the facilities and chat to the residents.

Mr Malinauskas was impressed with the quality of the home's facilities as well as the innovative services, saying that not many homes are on that

level of service.

"This is an important institution for our local area and provides a great community service," the Minister said.

City of Charles Sturt Councillor Paul Alexandrides also joined the Minister at his visit to the nursing home.

In the photo, Mr Malinauskas, centre, was greeted at the Ridleyton Home, by the President of GOCSA Bill Gonis, General Manager Amanda Birkin, Charles Sturt Councillor Paul Alexandrides and GOCSA CEO Nick Kyriazopoulos



## Riverland community to celebrate Harmony Day

The Riverland Multicultural Forum Inc in partnership with Riverland Youth Theatre, Riverland Singh Society and local community groups of the Riverland region are celebrating diversity for Harmony Day 2018 on Saturday March 24, from 2pm to 7.00pm with a free event to be held on the picturesque lakefront in Barmera.

Riverland residents are invited to come along and celebrate the Riverland's cultural diversity by joining in the fun in the afternoon.

Celebrating this year's Harmony Day which is celebrated nationally on March 21, this year's event will be held Saturday afternoon March 24, with an event that showcases the Riverland's strong spirit of inclusiveness.

"We want to celebrate Harmony Day and show

a sense of belonging for everyone. Our event reminds the community why our cultural diversity is one of our regions greatest assets and we are stronger because of it", said Peter Ppiros, Chairperson, Riverland Multicultural Forum Inc.

Peter also encouraged people to share their Harmony Day celebrations and pictures on social media using #harmonyday.

Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

This free event which includes cultural performances from local and visiting performers; food; children's activities including circus workshops by Cirkidz in partnership with RYT, Head-space activities, stalls and the amazing Barmera CFS will

be on site with some exciting activities and opportunities.

The ever popular Turbans and Trust will be on site once again. Come and meet the team from Turbans and Trust and get to wear a turban for the afternoon. Participate in discussion structured around the sacred sense turbans have for Sikh's and the history of the turban in Australia. An opportunity not to be missed!

What a perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon in the Riverland. Enjoy all that's on offer including the free delicious food provided by the Riverland Singh Society. We invite everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, to come along and have fun and appreciate that our differences make our community a great place to live.

Performances for this year also include the AfroOz who delighted the audience last year with their exciting fusion of music and song and their ability to get everyone up and dancing!

There are still places for stall holders or perhaps you would like to perform and showcase your culture. If so, please call Danyon at RYT as soon as possible.

This year the event is kindly supported by Multicultural SA, Riverland Multicultural Forum Inc; Riverland Youth Theatre; Riverland Singh Society; Berri Barmera Council and Australian Migrant Resource Centre.

For more information about the Riverland event contact Danyon at RYT on mobile 0499778410; phone 85863437; email [danyon@ryt.org.au](mailto:danyon@ryt.org.au).

PYLION SOCIETY OF S.A. - NAVARINON presents

## Maria Callas

A WOMAN • A VOICE • A LEGEND

*I lived for the Art  
I lived for Love*

A film by BABIS TSOKAS  
In the role of Maria Callas MYRTO KAMVISIDI

THE WOMAN WHO LIVED A MODERN GREEK TRAGEDY

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250 volunteers participated in the making of the film

PALACE NOVA EAST END 4TH OF MARCH 6:30pm

TICKETS \$20 - [www.palacenova.com.au](http://www.palacenova.com.au) - or 0416 965 656 (PETER SOTIROPOULOS)

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## FRINGE FESTIVAL "Athens meets Australia"

Timeless Greek serenades will meet traditional Australian songs in a Greek boite style at SA singer-songwriter Loucas Loizou's 2018 Adelaide Fringe show, Athens Meets Australia in Songs and Stories.

"I wrote this show to give the opportunity to people to listen to some songs that are written especially for Athens and are called 'kantades' in Greek," said Loucas.

"A few decades back it was the fashion that when you were in love you would go with your guitar and sing under the balcony of a lady by yourself or with friends."

Loucas said a number of these timeless songs were still sung today at parties, and they are "soft and mellow – completely

## Community Life



The Chios Society of SA held a masquerade dance on Saturday 17 February at their hall on Grand Junction Road, Rosewater.

different to what the Greek music of today sounds like".

"I will also perform some traditional songs of Australia in

a Greek boite style in a way that the story and meaning of the song stands out or at least they will have my personal interpretation.

"There will be stories of immigration and adjusting to life in Australia, and I will also perform some of my original songs", Loucas said.

Loucas Loizou will appear at Fedora's Restaurant, Hilton Hotel, March 16-18, 7.30pm

## GOCSA brings Basis again!

Following on from a successful concert in Adelaide, May of last year, the popular singer from Greece is coming back to Adelaide on Saturday 2 June for another show.

Dimitris Basis will be hosted by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA for one show only at the Olympic Hall.

This year's show will be seated and fully catered. People have already started booking their tables. If you wish to secure your table contact 08-8231 4307.





## 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](mailto:info@greektribune.com.au)



State Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis, announced a \$200,000 infrastructure grant to the Cyprus Community of South Australia. The announcement was made by the State Treasurer while addressing the 3rd Cyprus Festival held at the Community's site at Welland, on Saturday 3 February. The successful event attracted several thousand people over the weekend who enjoyed the rich culture of Cyprus including local, interstate and international dancers and musicians hosted by the community as well as featuring all the favourite grilled delicacies and the popular honey puffs 'loukoumades'. Also in the picture above, the Chair of SAMEAC Grace Portolesi and ALP Upper House candidate Irene Pnevmatikos

Photos: Harri Ppiros - 0484 387 818



At the Cyprus 3rd annual Festival were, from left, Bill Gonis, President of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA, Andreas Evdokiou, President of the Cyprus Community of SA, the High Commissioner of Cyprus Martha Mavrommatis, Perter Ppiros, the Greek Consul General in Adelaide Andreas Gouras and Dimitri Dimopoulos, General Secretary of the GOCSA



LEFT: Other guests at the Cyprus Festival were, David Ridgway MLC, Leader in the Upper House representing the Leader of the Opposition in South Australia and Mayor of Charles Sturt Council Angela Evans



State Opposition Leader Steven Marshall, Kingston Estate Wines managing director Bill Moularadellis and Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone at the local winery for the announcement of a new trade policy announcement by the SA Liberals. PHOTO: Sara Gilligan

RIGHT: Transport and Infrastructure Minister Stephen Mullighan speaking to the Greek Tribune about the \$2.7 million upgrade that is due to be undertaken at the Henley Beach Jetty between May and September 2018. The work will be undertaken by SA company Maritime Constructions and will include a new shelter and stairs, and improvements to lighting. Structural timbers will also be replaced to maintain the structural integrity of the jetty. Also in the photo, is Labor Candidate for Colton Angela Vaughan.



## Liberals pledge to increase Riverland chemotherapy services

If elected a Marshall Liberal Government will increase the chemotherapy services provided at the Riverland General Hospital in Berri under a plan to ensure more cancer patients can receive care in the region instead of having to travel to Adelaide.

Last year a report by Torrens University Australia showed that Renmark topped the list in South Australia for 'all cancers, persons, 2006 to 2010' at 43 per cent above the national average rate.

Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone said at the moment many cancer patients in the Riverland have to travel to

Adelaide for chemotherapy services which places a huge burden on patients and their families.

"Currently many Riverland patients needing chemotherapy treatment above a 'low risk' level are forced to travel to Adelaide despite the Riverland General Hospital having four chemotherapy chairs," said Mr Whetstone.

"The Liberal Party's Expanding Country Cancer Services policy builds on our previous commitments to address the country health capital works backlog, invest in the rural health workforce and establish six regional health

boards."

In addition to doubling the level of chemotherapy services delivered in regional South Australia, the State Liberals country cancer initiative will:

- Invest in specialist teams at country chemotherapy units;
- Undertake a pilot of a GP oncologist role in country South Australia;
- and - Implement a statewide electronic cancer information and prescribing system.

Shadow Minister for Health Stephen Wade said a Marshall Liberal Government will double the level of chemotherapy treatment being delivered in country South Australia so that

country cancer patients can receive the care they need at their local hospital.

"We will employ more chemotherapy nurses, appoint a second medical oncologist for country chemotherapy services and increase pharmacy support.

"In an Australian-first, we will also undertake a trial of a GP oncologist role that will see a local GP provided with advanced skills training in medical oncology. This GP would be trained to be part of the team at a local chemotherapy unit, providing medical support in the absence of the medical oncologist", he said.

## LETTER

### 70 years of answering the call

Every March for 70 years, thousands of volunteers have made a wonderful contribution to our community during Red Cross Calling. They've knocked on their neighbour's doors, said g'day and their combined efforts have raised millions.

All of that effort has gone a long way, allowing Red Cross to help where we're needed most; from fires to floods, reducing suffering, while keeping people safe, secure and connected.

So many extraordinary volunteers here in South Australia have also gone the extra mile - not just raising money but also reaching out to their neighbours, asking how they're going and checking on their wellbeing.

Red Cross Calling is more than a fundraiser

- it gives us a reason to connect and volunteer for the sake of our community. Research shows that volunteering and helping in our neighbourhoods helps us live happier, longer lives.

I'd like to send a massive thanks to all those thousands of schools, businesses, community organisations and individuals who've answered the call over the years.

These volunteers make Australia a special place to live. This year we aim to double the number of volunteers in South Australia. Will you be one of them? Join the fun today: [redcrosscalling.org.au](http://redcrosscalling.org.au) or call 1800 RED CROSS.

**Mark Groote**  
Director,  
South Australia  
Australian Red Cross

## GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY SA

### Home Care Packages: Help for the Older Person

#### Need help at home?

Call us - we can assist you by:

- Referring you to MAC to be assessed by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) or
- Give you the number to call - 1800 200 422 - My Aged Care

If you are assessed as eligible for a home care package you will:

- receive a letter of approval from the Department of Health that sets out the level of Home Care Package you are approved to receive
- be placed in a national priority queue for home care packages and will be contacted when a suitable package becomes available to you

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)

The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia celebrates

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## INTERNATIONAL Women's Day

"No Woman Is Left Behind"

Olympic Hall  
288 Franklin Street  
Adelaide @ 7.00pm

Guest speakers:  
S.H.E founder DR. TERI TAN, PhD, MBA  
From the Armenian Assoc. Ms ANNA AMIRKHANYAN  
Cultural program by musician DEMETER TSOUNIS

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FREE EVENT

THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA celebrates

## 25TH MARCH 1821

### GREEK NATIONAL DAY

Sunday 25 March 2018  
11.00am

Cathedral of Archangels  
Michael & Gabriel  
286 Franklin Street  
Adelaide

Laying of wreaths

Schools Function at  
St Marys College  
right after the  
church service  
and laying of wreaths