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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Man dies in river boat accident

A man injured in the first of two serious boating accidents on South Australia's waterways last weekend has died in hospital, police have confirmed.

The 37-year-old from Gawler South was one of two men on board a boat which upturned on the River Murray, about 10 kilometres upstream from Swan Reach, about 10:00pm on Friday.

Police initially suspected no other vessel was involved but now believe there was a collision between the men's four-metre aluminium boat and another river craft.

A 40-year-old from Gawler East remains in hospital in a serious but

stable condition.

Police said the 37-year-old "passed away late last night", and Murray Bridge detectives continue to investigate the incident.

Less than 24 hours after the River Murray accident, two other men were critically injured in a race during a water ski event at Robe in the state's south-east.

The two men, both aged in their 30s, were taking part in the Fury on the Bay festival when their speed boats crashed about 2:15pm on Saturday.

An SA Ambulance spokeswoman said both men suffered critical head injuries and were airlifted to hospital in Adelaide.

Homemade devices found on O-Bahn track

A number of "homemade devices" have been found last week along the O-Bahn track, north-east of Adelaide.

A section of the O-Bahn was closed as police investigated and buses were forced to take an alternate route.

SA Police said officers found a number of suspicious homemade devices at the Campbelltown section of the busway.

Emergency services were called after a member of the public found one of the devices.

The bomb response unit was called to the scene and found "homemade incendiary devices".

"The devices were not explosive," a statement said.

Police have urged anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers.

Turkey threatens energy multinationals

Turkish oil and gas exploration ships will soon begin drilling activities in the seabed near the northern, occupied, part of Cyprus, a senior Turkish Cypriot official stated on Wednesday.

Ozdil Nami, the economy and energy "minister" of the so-called Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), which is not recognized by the international community, said that "We will protect the rights and interests of the Turkish Cypriots."

He also added that they would "take the necessary steps on the issue of natural gas, just as we do on other issues."

In the meantime, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Thursday that Turkey will begin drilling for oil and gas near Cyprus in the coming days, according to the Anadolu news agency.

Ankara's move could stoke tensions with neighboring Cyprus and Greece, according to Reuters. Turkey and the internationally-recognized Greek Cypriot government have overlapping claims of jurisdiction for offshore oil and gas research and exploitation in the eastern Mediterranean.

"In the coming days we will start drilling with two ships around Cyprus," Cavusoglu was quoted as saying in a speech to a business conference in western Turkey's Aydin province.

In a threat aimed at the large energy multinationals, Cavusoglu said, "Let those who come to the region from far away, and their companies, see that nothing can be done in that region without us. Nothing at all can be done in the Mediterranean without Turkey, we will not allow that," Cavusoglu



According to Turkish opposition Member Ali Basarir, speaking at the Turkish parliament last week, the Turkish Government has been utilising exploration ships like the pictured "Barbaros", wandering aimlessly in the eastern Mediterranean. "So far we have spent millions of pounds but have not been able to find even one bucket of oil he told his colleagues

declared.

"Large discovery" off Cyprus

Meanwhile, the American energy giant ExxonMobil is expected to announce the discov-

ery of a large gas reserve in plot 10 of Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) next week, according to Cyprus' Sigma Live news network.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority not happy with SA royal commission into river system

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has officially responded to South Australia's royal commission into the river system, rejecting some of the inquiry's core claims.

Commissioner Bret Walker SC handed down his final report three weeks ago, making 111 findings and 44 recommendations in a 746-page document.

The report contained a scathing critique of the current basin plan and the MDBA, accusing it of gross maladministration, negligence and unlawful actions.

It found the sustainable diversion limit (SDL) — the amount of water to be removed from irrigation and returned to the environment — was influenced by politics, rather than scientific evidence.

The MDBA rejected those claims at the time but committed to a more detailed response, which it has now publicly

released.

It said the royal commission was effectively proposing "abandoning the basin plan and starting again".

In its findings, the commission reported that the MDBA had relied on an "unlawful approach" to set key environmental targets, and described it as "maladministration".

The MDBA said it relied on the Federal Government's legal advice and fiercely rejected claims it had acted improperly. It said it was committed to improving transparency.

"The fact that the South Australian royal commission report puts forward a different legal opinion on some aspects is not conclusive. It is simply a different opinion," the MDBA said.

"The commission report also asserts maladministration by the MDBA but contains no specific evidence for such serious accusa-

tions. We reject these claims.

"As with any science-based organisation we can always do more to improve our work and our transparency."

The MDBA has defended its implementation of the basin plan, which it said was starting to deliver environmental outcomes.

"Once fully implemented, it will reduce water extractions across the basin by around 20 per cent or equivalent and improve water use efficiency," it said.

"This is a huge step for the environment, communities and basin industries."

There were also points of agreement.

The authority said the commission's findings about the legality of the plan overshadowed "useful analysis and insights in the commissioner's report that could improve future basin plan implementation".

It supported the commission's

conclusion that implementing the SDL adjustment mechanism — which provides flexibility around how much water is set aside for the environment in the southern basin — "poses real challenges".

It also said it was concerned progress towards recovering an additional 450 gigalitres of environmental water through efficiency measures had been slow.

The commission found it was doubtful that much of that water would ever be recovered through efficiency measures.

The MDBA said it highlighted those risks in its basin plan report card last year and that "more work is needed to protect environmental flows".

The South Australian Government is yet to provide its official response to the royal commission, but said it had requested a special meeting with Prime Minister Scott Morrison and basin states to discuss its findings.

THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
celebrates
25TH MARCH 1821 GREEK NATIONAL DAY
Sunday 24 March 2019
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

International Women's Day

THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY of SA presents, #BalanceforBetter a celebration in honour of International Women's Day 2019.

The very special guest speakers line-up for this year includes -

JOANNE SHANAHAN APM, Chief Superintendent SAPOLICE, recognised in this year's Australia Day Awards,

CONNIE BONAROS MP, Member of Parliament in the Legislative Council SA BEST,

ELENA CARAPETIS, professional actor and writer, 20 year stage and screen career - Heartbreak High, The Gods of Strangers and many more.

Zambica Tsambika De George, well known music teacher and performer will also present a musical composition.

International Women's Day is celebrated around the world on the 8th of March and is a day to reflect on how far we have come and how far we still have to go to truly achieve gender equality.

Save the date, the evening of March the 8th at Olympic Hall 7pm for 7:30pm start. (This is a free event)

Community Life



The newly established dance group of the Cyprus Community made its first appearance at the recent Cyprus Festival

Loucas Loizou to appear at the Fringe!

Cypriot refugee and prominent singer 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. Performing 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. This show is 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. Performing on 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 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, 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.

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President of the Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou, Frank Pangallo MLC, GOCSA President Bill Gonis, Chris Ioannou, Cyprus Consul in Canberra Vakis Zesimos, Thekla Petrou, Peter Ppiros and Maria Tyllis at the opening of the Cyprus Festival 2019



Con Dallas President of the Archdiocese intercommunal council amongst sponsors of the Cyprus Festival pose for the Greek Tribune at the official opening of the event on 9 February at the Welland premises of the Cyprus Community



Cyprus Community Secretary Michael Louca, Matt Cowdrey MP, Peter Dimitriou, John Dawkins MLC and President of the Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou.



Cyprus Festival Co-ordinator Christina Louca, Mayor of Charles Sturt Angela Evans, Thekla Petrou of the Cyprus Ladies Auxiliary, and SEKA Secretary Christina Charalambous pose for a photo in the Greek Tribune at the Cyprus Festival opening

SHOCKED AND DISGUSTED Cardinal Pell guilty of sexually penetrating children

Cardinal George Pell has been taken to the Melbourne Assessment Prison where he is spending his first night behind bars after having his bail revoked in the County Court.

Pell, 77, has been remanded in custody for the first time on five child sex offences, which he was convicted of last December.

A jury found him guilty of sexually abusing two choirboys when he was archbishop of Melbourne in the late 1990s.

Pell will be sentenced on March 13.

"Goodbye you creep," a woman called out as Pell walked from the dock and into custody accompanied by corrections officers.

Pell is now being held at the prison, which sits on the edge of the city's CBD near Southern Cross Station and a few blocks from the County Court.

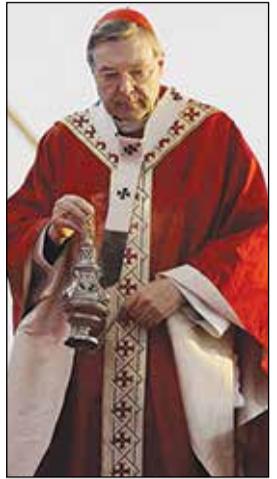
He entered via a side entrance, through a secure airlock, with a rolling metal door on either side.

As he left the court, Pell's lawyer, Robert Richter QC was asked how he thought Pell would go in prison.

"Well, I hope," he responded.

Pell's pre-sentencing hearing was told his crimes each carried maximum jail terms of 10 years.

Prosecutor Mark Gibson SC told Chief Judge Peter Kidd that Pell's offending involved two vulnerable boys and should be classed as serious. One of the victims died two years ago from a



heroine overdose. "These acts ... were, in our submission, humiliating and degrading towards each boy and gave rise to distress in each boy," he said.

Mr Richter said the crimes were "no more than a plain vanilla sexual penetration case where the child is not volunteering or actively participating".

But Judge Kidd said that he did view it as a "serious example of this kind of offending".

Lawyers acting for Pell said in a statement on Tuesday that he continued to maintain his innocence "despite the unprecedented media coverage".

The statement said Pell had not applied for bail because he believed it was "appropriate for him to await sentencing" and an appeal has already been lodged.

"Like any person he has the right to pursue his legal rights and will do so."

Resolution adopted by PASEKA and the Cyprus Federation at Darwin

The Pan Australian Justice for Cyprus Committee has sent to the Greek Tribune the following Resolution adopted by the Federation of Cypriot Communities of Australia & P.A.S.E.K.A Conferences Darwin, 19th January to 20th of January, 2019.

"WHEREAS, delegates to the above Conferences gathered in Darwin, NT between the 19th and the 20th of January 2019;

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of Cyprus remains fully committed to achieve a just, viable and functional solution of the Cyprus problem. The settlement of the Cyprus problem should be based on UN Security Council Resolutions, the High Level Agreements of 1977 and 1979 and the values and principles of international and European law. An agreed solution based on a bizonal, bicomunal federation with a single sovereignty, a single citizenship and a single international personality,

WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey continues to occupy almost 36.2% of Cyprus' territory, a member State of the UN, the Commonwealth and of the European Union, in flagrant violation of the relevant UN Resolutions, the UN Charter and all recognised principles and norms of international law,

WHEREAS Turkey continues its policy of promoting the illegal secessionist entity in the

occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus undermining the sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of the Republic of Cyprus.

WHEREAS, Turkey continues to violate the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Cyprus,

WHEREAS, the continuing usurpation and illegal exploitation of Greek Cypriot homes and properties in the occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus create additional obstacles to the efforts for a just, workable and lasting resolution of the Cyprus problem,

WHEREAS, Turkey continues to act against Cyprus' sovereign rights to explore and exploit the natural resources in its exclusive economic zone,

WHEREAS, Turkey continues to show its intransigent stance by not fulfilling its obligations towards the international community in the pursuance of a comprehensive, just and viable settlement of the Cyprus problem in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and the values and principles of international and EU law,

RESOLVED:

WE CONDEMN the continuing and illegal occupation of 36.2% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkish troops, the illegal colonization and

the continued looting and destruction of the religious and cultural heritage in the occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus as well as the illegal exploitation of Greek Cypriot properties in the occupied areas;

WE BELIEVE that a just, viable and functional solution to the Cyprus problem should be based on the principles of international law, the EU acquis communautaire and the principles upon which the EU is founded, in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions on Cyprus and the High Level Agreements of 1977 and 1979;

WE APPLAUD the leadership, determination and continuing efforts of the President of the Republic HE Mr Nicos Anastasiades to reach a comprehensive settlement based on the UN Security Council Resolutions, for a bizonal, bicomunal federation with a single sovereignty, single citizenship and single international personality, and with political equality as set out in the relevant UN Security Council resolutions;

WE CALL UPON the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community to engage constructively and to abandon negative positions which create obstacles in the efforts for the reunification of Cyprus to the benefit of all its people. The UN Secretary General's written statement at the negotiating table that there shouldn't be foreign

troops in a modern state, nor guarantees or rights of intervention by other countries, should be his guide at the negotiating table;

WE CONDEMN the Turkish provocative & illegal actions against the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus to explore and exploit the natural resources in its exclusive economic zone in accordance with international law, in particular the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea;

WE DEMAND the immediate and unconditional implementation by Turkey of all UN resolutions on Cyprus, the withdrawal of its occupation troops and settlers, the return of all refugees to their homes in safety, the full and effective investigation of the fate of all missing persons, respect for the human rights and fundamental rights of all Cypriots as well as for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Cyprus;

WE REQUEST the international community and especially the members of the UN Security Council, convey a strong message to Turkey that it expects her to genuinely support a settlement of the Cyprus problem in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions on Cyprus;"

Constantinos Procopiou, President

Greek Women's Society of S.A. "Taxiarchis" Inc.

The Society has served and continues to serve the Greek Orthodox Community which itself was established in 1934. In 1937 the Society raised the first funds for the construction of the original Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel.

Over the years it adapted its role to accommodate the changing needs of the Greek Community which include providing social and cultural engagement, recreation for the socially isolated, carers and the elderly and their increased participation in society in general.

The Society's initiatives also extend to other actions within and outside South Australia. It has broadened its philanthropic goals and collaborates with people who share similar visions.

The Society's social contribution to the position of women in South Australian society has been significant. Through its efforts and actions it enhanced the role of Greek women at a time when such a step was yet to be accepted by other ethnic communities. Serving our Community since 1937 Greek Women's Centre The Society's runs the Greek Women's Centre which was opened in 1986. It is a meeting place where Greek Women could meet freely exchange ideas

and discuss everyday matters in an atmosphere conducive to their ethics and culture. The women are given the opportunity to meet friends, broaden their knowledge become more integrated into the wider Australian community.

The morning's activities include 1hour health/fitness class for women conducted by a qualified instructor. A social/discussion group follows and morning tea and light refreshments .re provided. The last hour is set aside for Bingo. It also caters for the husbands of wives who are their carers. Other Activities Care for the Elderly, Social events, Excursions Participation in cultural and Religious Festivals and upholding traditions Cooperation with other ethnic communities. Greek Women's Centre celebrates 30 years!

The Centre operates every Tuesday at the Goodwood Community Centre at 3234 Rosa St Goodwood.

The activities take place in the Activities Hall of the Centre. It currently provides an exercise class, morning tea and other social activities. A small fee applies to participate.

Hours

9.30 am - 10.30 am - Exercise Class

10.30 am - 12.00 noon- Coffee and Bingo