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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Nominations now open for 2017 Governor's Multicultural Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Governor's Multicultural Awards.

Multicultural Affairs Minister Zoe Bettison is encouraging South Australians are encouraged to nominate worthy individuals and organisations for the awards, which recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to cultural diversity.

Award categories include arts and culture, community sector, outstanding individual achievement, volunteer and youth.

Last year, a total of 34 finalists and 17 winners were recognised, from more than 70 nominations, for their achievements and contributions to multiculturalism in South Australia.

South Australians come from about 200 countries, speak more than 200 languages (including Aboriginal languages) and represent about 100 religions.

Migrants from non-English speaking backgrounds make up nearly 13 percent of South Australia's population. When the children of migrants are added, this figure rises to nearly 25 percent.

Nominations are open until 5pm Friday 6 October 2017 and can be made online at www.multicultural.sa.gov.au/GMA.

Winners will be announced in March



Zoe Bettison, Minister for Multicultural Affairs

2018 at a ceremony at Government House.

"South Australia is fortunate to have a strong and well-established multicultural community", Multicultural Affairs Minister Zoe Bettison said.

"Given our proud history of cultural diversity, I am certain many of us know someone who is worthy of recognition with a Governor's Multicultural Award".

Ms Bettison said the awards recognise the incredible efforts of many individuals and organisations that contribute so much to our multicultural community.

"If you know an individual, business or community group making an outstanding contribution to the cultural diversity of our community, I urge you to nominate them for one of these prestigious award", the Minister concluded.

Henley Beach parking meters removed after public backlash

Adelaide's Charles Sturt Council has made a unanimous decision to remove parking meters from popular Henley Beach.

Last month, the council introduced a \$2 per hour charge for a maximum stay of three hours in the car parks to the north and south of the popular Henley Square precinct.

But after a huge public backlash, amid concerns paid parking was turning people away from the tourist precinct, the council last week axed the meters.

Local traders had blamed the paid parking for a drop in business and



3 hour limit stays but parking meters are gone

a petition attracted 8,000 signatures.

It is understood, the machines would be sold to recoup some of the installation costs.

NEW ERA FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SA

World's best hospital open!

The South Australian Labor Government's undisputed commitment to public health has entered a new chapter, with the ceremonial opening of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) on 5 October.

More than 200 guests, including Doctors, Nurses and Indigenous Leaders joined Premier Jay Weatherill and (former) Health Minister Jack Snelling as they officially unveiled a plaque to mark the start of a new era of modern, world-class health care for all South Australians.

A global leader - the new facility is being touted as the most advanced hospital in the modern world - and boasts all single patient rooms, each with its own personal ensuite and day bed to allow for a loved one to stay overnight.

The ceremonial opening was attended by South Australian dignitaries and staff who have worked on the project throughout the years,



including clinical staff and representatives of the project consortium Celsus.

The 800-bed new Royal Adelaide Hospital will provide a comprehensive range of the most complex clinical care to thousands of South Australians each year.

"Today, we are doing more than opening the world's finest and most advanced hospital. We're inaugurating an institution that will serve generations of families and underpin the wellbeing and progress of our State", Premier Jay Weatherill said at the

opening. "We're taking the next step in the establishment of a wider Biomedical Precinct that will create jobs, and be a source of knowledge, innovation and discovery.

"This week represents an exciting time for our health professionals, who are embarking on the move to the new hospital. This new, state-of-the-art hospital is the best in the world, providing the highest quality health care to South Australians for many years to come", Premier Weatherill concluded.

Storm causes flooding on the Island of Samothraki

On Monday, a fierce storm hit the northern Aegean island of Samothraki (Samothrace).

Parts of the island have been flooded and landslides have caused major disruption in the power grid, and road network.

The villages of Xiropotamos, Lakkoma and Prophetis Elias, have been cut off from the rest of the island.

The municipality of Samothraki asked its citizens to avoid unnecessary travel, and announced that all schools in the island will remain closed on Tuesday.

There have been no reports of any injuries.

According to meteorologists almost 200 litres of rain per square meter were recorder in the time frame of two hours.

This amount of rain is normally recorded in Thessaloniki between the months of December to February.

Greek community celebrates Panagia Virginia Spring Festival

Despite poor weather conditions hundreds of Adelaideans made their way to Virginia on Sunday 24 September to participate in the annual Virgin Mary Festival held at the Kaporis farm as their private chapel located on the premises bears the name of the Birth of Virgin Mary. The first part of the two-day event commenced on Thursday September 7 at the private chapel with Bishop Chrisostom together with the rest of the Greek Orthodox Community

SA's Greek Community clergy conducted the Great Evening Vesper as well as the Blessing of the Five Loafs. The celebrations continued on Sunday September 24 with the Great Celebrative Morning Mass as well as the Blessing of the Five Loafs conducted by Bishop Chrisostom along with the Community's clergy. The Community's President, Mr Bill Gonis as well as many members of the Executive and Supervisory Committee attended the mass and the celebrations in general.

The morning mass concluded with the procession of the holy icon of Virgin Mary around the chapel and the surrounding areas, followed by hundreds of parishioners. Amongst other guests, the Speaker of the House of Assembly Michael Atkinson and Jennifer Rankine MP joined the religious celebrations.

Meanwhile the Kaporis farm was transformed into an openair Greek funfair with grills working full time,



Owners of the farm in Virginia where the chapel dedicated to the "Birth of Virgin Mary" is situated, Mrs Eugenia Kaporis and several of her grand children pose for the Greek Tribune during the Spring Festival held on Sunday 24 September 2017.

rides for the kids and an entertainment area. The traditional dances from the Serbian Community Dance group, Greek Community's Dance Academy students and the OPA dancers, along with the culinary aromas of the Greek

grilled delicacies added to the Hellenic atmosphere.

The Kaporis family organise the annual festival at their own expense, however, all proceeds are donated to the Community's Afternoon Greek Schools.

Greek Film Festival comes to Adelaide

The Delphi Bank 24th Greek Film Festival (GFF), hosted by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA, will open on October 12, to showcase the unique perspectives of modern Greek filmmakers from all over the world.

A total of 5 films will be presented at Nova Cinemas in Rundle Street, Adelaide, from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 October www.palacenova.com.

The festival will kick off on 12 October at 6.00pm with Roza of Smyrna, dubbed the Greco-Turkish Romeo and Juliet, featuring celebrated theatre actress Lida Protopsalti's first cinematic starring role in her 66 year career.

Other films include: The Other Me (2016), winner of the Audience Award at Thessaloniki Film Festival, is a

Community Life



Hundreds of faithful attended the "Birth of Virgin Mary" celebrations held in Virginia on 24 September

crime thriller following a professor who teams up with a math teacher to solve five unrelated murders, linked only by cryptic Pythagoras quotes. Screening on

Friday 13 October 6.30pm. The Bachelor (2016), is like The Hangover set in Thessaloniki, starring Greek comedian Yannis Zouganelis

on a wild night out involving old flames, petty rivalries and hilarious misfortunes. Screening on Saturday 14 October at 6.30pm.

Xamou (2016) A love letter to the island of Crete, this gentle Mediterranean pick-me-up posits a back-to-the-land solution to Greece's economic crisis and boasts breathtaking cinematography, haunting, original music and mouthwatering food and wine. Directed by Clio Fanouraki. Starring Nikos Bousdoukos, Georges Corraface, Zoe Corraface. Screening on Saturday 14 October at 9.00pm.

On closing night, Ouzeri Tsitsanis, starring Andreas Konstantinou (Little England, GFF 2014); which is a period drama about the forbidden love between a Jewish girl and a Christian boy in Nazi-occupied Thessaloniki, who find refuge in a tavern run by seminal Greek songwriter Vassilis Tsitsanis, will be shown.

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LEFT: A large crowd attended the annual Spring Greek Festival dedicated to the Birth of Virgin Mary, held on Sunday 24 September 2017 at her chapel on the Kaporis farm at Virginia. The event was attended by the Speaker of the House Michael Atkinson MP, Jennifer Rankine MP and the President of GOC-SA Mr Bill Gonis. In the photo, the South Australian Serbian community dance group, which participated in the festivities that followed.

RIGHT: THE State Opposition will reinstate the recently closed Riverland Community Legal Service if it wins the next state election in March 2018. While in the Riverland last week, Opposition legal affairs spokesperson Vickie Chapman and Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone announced an SA Liberals' policy to restore the Riverland Community Legal Service in Berri on the weekend. PHOTO: Christian Longobardi - Murray Pioneer



Ancient Greek Fortress Unearthed in Southern Russia

Archeologists have unearthed a fortress in Russia's Krasnodar Region, which was supposedly founded by Greek colonists in the fifth century BC, head of the expeditions department at the Research Center for Cultural Heritage Preservation Ivan Tupalov told TASS. He added, that the citadel had been found in the area where an energy bridge to Crimea is under construction

"Security work was underway in connection with the construction of the energy bridge between Rostov and Taman [the part of the energy bridge that would incorporate Crimea in Russia's energy grid, ensuring uninterrupted power supply to the peninsula - TASS], he said. "During excavations, an ancient fortress was unearthed. Judging by its fortifications, it was a Greek citadel founded by colonists, who came to settle the Black Sea coast... Such discoveries are not made every day," Tupalov added.

According to him, the fortress is estimated to date back 2,500 years, as it is believed to have been built approximately in the fifth century BC. Its walls were made of mud bricks, which is why they did not last until today, but some traces can be seen in places where the

ditch was and where towers once stood. The citadel had an area of around eight hectares. In the seventh and eighth centuries AD, the earth ramparts left over from its walls were turned into a burial ground, while in the past decades, the area was partly occupied by fields.

Tupalov said that scientists have yet to find answers to a lot of questions. The number of the citadel's residents is still unknown (it can be estimated based on the number of the uncovered ceramic sherds). Another puzzling question is whether during ancient times, the Kuban River was connected to the sea by a firth or did the Greeks build their fortress on the seashore, or did they move deep inland, something which was uncommon for them.

In addition, Archeologists have found a number of noteworthy artifacts. "For instance, a bowl has been excavated which has an interesting picture of figures engaged in a dance resembling the 'sirtaki' dance," Tupalov said. "Besides, there are various small incense burners as the Greeks were very fond of fragrances, there are also pieces of jewelry and ceramic sherds," he added.

The Greeks, who came to the territory of the present-day Kuban in the fourth



The photo, from the excavations of the ancient Greek fortress century BC, established their or colonies on the sea coast. They founded the Bosporan Kingdom on the shores of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, spreading their civilization and peacefully coexisting with peoples living on the Taman Peninsula. In the fourth century AD, the Hun tribes drove the Greeks out of this area.

Open invitation to attend Odyssey 2017

The Executive Committee of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia and the Odyssey Organising Committee invites all members and the community at large to participate in the events programmed for Odyssey 2017. A summary of these events is as follows:

Odyssey Opening Night

Friday 6 October 2017, Olympic Hall becomes the starting point of this year's Odyssey Greek Festival, from 6.30pm. Get into the Odyssey rhythm as we take you to this cultural adventure for a magical "Journey through the Arts". (Free entry)

"Bouzoukia Night" Music Night

Saturday 7 October 2017 at Olympic Hall. Let's party Greek style! Con Dalagiorgos and his talented students will present an unforgettable Bouzoukia style night. Time: 7.00pm. (\$40 entry with food)

Greek Film Night

Sunday 8 October 2017 at Panagia Hall. A special screening of the classic film "Never on Sunday" starring legendary Melina Mercouri. Time: 12.00pm (\$10 entry with meal)

Lecture Night "Life and work of poet/writer Nikos Kazantzakis"

Wednesday 11 October 2017 at Olympic Hall. Professor Michael Tsianikas from the Flinders University of SA presents the life and work Nikos Kazantzakis. Time: 7.00pm (Free entry)

Greek Film Festival

12 -15 October 2017 at Palace Nova Cinemas. Enjoy the best of Greek cinema. (Book at Nova Cinema online or at the office. For more info contact GOCSA 8231 4307)

Greek Food & Sweets Show

Sunday 15 October 2017 at St Nicholas Hall with the theme "Tastes from the Aegean Islands". Treat your taste buds with the best of our Aegean cuisine. Time: 12.00pm. (Entry \$10 with Greek mezedes and sweets)

Odyssey Lecture "Exodus of Mesolonghi"

Wednesday 18 October 2017 at Olympic Hall presented by Professor Michael Tsianikas. Time: 7.00pm (Free entry)

Theatre Night

Saturday 21 October 2017 at Olympic Hall. The Community's acting troupe is

back with another hilarious play, featuring 'To Stravoksilo'. Time 7.30pm (Entry \$15)

Greek Language schools Sports Day

Sunday 22 October 2017, Pulteney Grammar School. Greek Language Schools of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA. Time: from 11.00am to 5.00pm (Free entry)

Theatre Night

Sunday 22 October 2017 at Olympic Hall. The Community's acting troupe is back with another instalment of the hilarious play, 'To Stravoksulo'. Time 7.30pm (Entry \$15)

Odyssey Concert & Dance Finale

Saturday 28 October 2017 at Elder Hall. The Odyssey Festival ends with 'Mazi', a dance spectacular presented by the students of the GOCSA Dance Academy. Time: 7:30pm (Entry \$20)

For further information contact the office of GOCSA at 8231 4307.

ALL WELCOME!

COOKING Demonstration
"Tastes from the Aegean Islands"

Apart from beautiful beaches, the Greek islands boast a great cuisine too!

Sun 15 October 2017
Thebarton Greek centre
71 George Street, Thebarton
12 noon

Entry \$10
includes meze and sweets

RED CROSS: "Be prepared when emergency happens"

Dear Editor
For many of us it's unthinkable. Until it happens, and then it's too late.

We all face emergencies: as large as a bushfire or as personal as a medical crisis. They can all be devastating, such as the recent extreme weather and storm events that caused flooding, hail damage and power outages across South Australia.

In Emergency Preparedness Week (17-24 September 2017), Red Cross is asking you to take one easy step to make your next emergency less stressful.

These are simple and practical steps you can take to protect the people you love, your own wellbeing and the things you value most. Easy things to help

you prepare include:

- think about being in an emergency situation and how you might react. This will help you stay calmer and respond better when an emergency happens.

- find out where to get important disaster information, like your local radio emergency broadcaster. This means you're better informed when an emergency happens.

- get to know your neighbours. They're the people who might support you and look out for you when an emergency happens.

For more easy things to do, get your Red Cross RediPlan at redcross.org.au/prepare.

Yours sincerely
Mark Groote
Director, Red Cross South Australia

People are urged to join Disability engagement Register

The Disability Engagement Register provides an opportunity for people to have their say on issues that are important in the lives of people with a disability.

It is a way for State Government to connect and consult with people with a disability, their family/carers and people who have an interest in disability issues.

It is a confidential register with approximately 360 members which is constantly growing. Members can choose areas of interest.

There is no cost for membership and members can join or leave at any time.

For further information or any queries, phone 1300 786 117.

Online Multicultural youth national survey under way

The Multicultural Youth Australia census is the first national study of young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

It aims to find out more about Australia's multicultural young people, what they value, and their vision for the future. If you're aged between 15 and

25, and live in Australia, we need to hear from you!

Tell the government and organisations who work with multicultural young people what matters to you.

To complete the survey and to find out further, go to the Multicultural Youth Australia website.