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## LETTER

### Widespread fruit fly outbreak in Adelaide

A new fruit fly outbreak was declared last month in Klemzig after several Mediterranean fruit flies were found in traps by PIRSA staff as part of their surveillance activities.

Affected suburbs include Greenacres, Hampstead Gardens, Klemzig, Hillcrest, Manningham, Marden, Vale Park and Windsor Gardens.

Executive Director of Biosecurity Nathan Rhodes said this outbreak represented a relatively thin strip of land between the two existing outbreak areas in Blair Athol and Campbelltown.

"With the seven other outbreaks across Adelaide in Campbelltown, Pooraka, Semaphore Park, Rosewater, Angle Park, Croydon Park and Blair Athol, we have been mindful that the eradication effort is not yet over and it's possible that a small number of flies will overwinter (similar to hibernation) during this response and emerge as the weather warms" he said.

"Citrus is the main fruit fly susceptible fruit in gardens at the moment, so now is the time to check any fruit on your trees - including oranges, mandarins, lemons and limes - for bruising or maggots, and report anything unusual to the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.

"It's also a good time to make sure your garden is tidy, picking up any fallen fruit off the ground and removing any unwanted



fruit from your trees and placing it in your green bin, to help break the fruit fly life cycle.

"It is critical that residents follow our advice and do not move any fresh fruit or fruiting vegetables from their properties - including giving it away to family, neighbours and selling it online, as moving fruit can potentially spread this pest."

He said PIRSA teams were applying organic bait and checking fruit in the Klemzig outbreak area with a view to include the area in the Sterile Insect Technique program, starting in September.

"The SIT program will see up to 12 million sterile flies released per week into the outbreak areas and a surrounding buffer to combat any wild flies that might remain in those suburbs," he said.

"We have a 100 per cent success rate of eradicating fruit fly and we want to keep it that way, but we need residents to follow our advice and help us by giving easy access to their yards."

If no further wild flies or larvae are detected it is anticipated the quarantine in Klemzig will be lifted on December 23.

### Police raid Integrity Care

SA Police have raided the business which employed an Adelaide woman charged with the manslaughter of Ann Marie Smith in degrading circumstances in April.

Police attended the headquarters of Integrity Care in Edwardstown and its directors' home in Huntfield Heights to seize paper and electronic documents relating to Ms Smith's care.

Detective Superintendent Des Bray said while police had received "tremendous support" from the public, employees at Integrity Care were not cooperating with the investigation.

"In fact, some employees have steadfastly refused to

cooperate and have done nothing whatsoever to assist the investigation and to ensure that this sort of neglect could never happen to anybody again," Superintendent Bray said.

Ms Smith died on April 6 from septic shock, multi-organ failure, severe pressure sores, malnutrition and issues connected with her cerebral palsy after being stuck in a cane chair for 24 hours a day in her Kensington Park home.

Her death prompted multiple inquiries, including by a state taskforce and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, which appointed former judge Alan Robertson to lead an independent review.

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## ON THE ISLAND OF LESBOS

# Fire destroys refugee camp

Thousands of asylum seekers have moved to a new temporary facility on the Greek island of Lesbos, according to officials, 10 days after a fire destroyed their former camp.

The fire that broke out in Moria on September 9 left more than 12,000 people — most of them refugees from Afghanistan, Syria and various African countries — without shelter, proper sanitation or access to food and water. No-one was hurt in the blaze.

By last Saturday morning (local time), about 9,000 people had been resettled in the new tent camp, set up by authorities at Kara Tepe near the port of Mytilene.

Those entering the temporary camp were registered and tested for COVID-19. At least 214 were placed in quarantine after positive tests.

Traffic was returning to normal on the roads, where thousands of migrants had camped for days after the fire, and stores in the area started

reopening.

Greek police launched an operation on Thursday to speed up the resettlement of migrants. Many asylum seekers had been reluctant to enter the temporary camp as they had hoped to leave Lesbos after the fire and reach other European countries.

"It is critical that Europe demonstrates tangible solidarity to the pressure that the Greek islands have had over the last few years," Greek Immigration Minister Notis Mitarachi said.

The European Union is due to issue proposals to overhaul the bloc's migration policy next week in an effort to end years of division among member states.

Speaking at a debate in the European Parliament on the situation in Greece, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson said "there can be no more Morias", adding that it was time for a fresh start on migration.

Several EU members have



A migrant with her baby runs to avoid the Lesbos camp fire

offered to take in refugees from Greece, led by Germany, which says it will take in 1,553 refugees from Greek Island camps who have had their asylum applications approved

Greek authorities have accused refugee youths for starting the fire. However, Greek anti-racist groups claim the fires were a result of racist and neonazi involvement.

Medecins Sans Frontieres

said this week Greece should stop containment of asylum seekers on Lesbos and "break once and for all the cycle of suffering for people trapped on the Greek Islands".

"On the ground, MSF teams only see more misery, more human suffering, a routine of humiliation, xenophobia and violence," said Stephan Oberreit, MSF head of mission in Greece.

## SA Liberal John Dawkins wins Legislative Council presidency

Deep divisions in the SA Liberal Party have been exposed by secret ballots to elect new parliamentary office-holders, with long-serving MP John Dawkins ousted from the party just hours after becoming Legislative Council president.

As reported by the ABC, two secret ballots of the Upper House, the Legislative Council, were tied 11 votes each for the Government's endorsed candidate, Jing Lee, and Mr Dawkins, with the position then decided by Mr Dawkins' name being drawn from a box first.

Mr Dawkins (pictured right) had, prior to the vote, announced he would stand as a candidate despite not having party support.

John Dawkins had the support of some members of the crossbench to get the position.

Treasurer Rob Lucas said the decision to run against his own

party's candidate would make Mr Dawkins' position untenable and the party unanimously voted to remove him from the party.

"These are the inevitable consequences of the white-hot anger there is from a number of his colleagues," Mr Lucas said.

"He understood the consequences of his decision, he's made his bed, he'll need to lay in it now."

"There's a clear view from the Premier down ... [that] the decisions he made were unacceptable," Mr Lucas said.

"I've known John for a couple of decades, I'm very disappointed in the decision he made."

Mr Dawkins told the party he was never going to attend Liberal Party meetings if elected president anyway, "as a general Westminster tradition".

"I've also pointed out my loyalty to the party over nearly half

a century," Mr Dawkins said.

"There have been three other members of the party who have taken the same steps as I have ... one is a member of the Liberal Party to this day.

"I have done nothing different to what they did and they haven't been drummed out of the party."

Mr Dawkins thanked Ms Lee for her campaign for the position.

Mr Dawkins ran for the prized position of President without his party's support, beating the government's preferred candidate, Jing Lee to secure the \$351,000-a-year post.

Ms Lee said she was "disappointed, obviously" about the presidency result.

Labor leader Peter Malinauskas said the move to expel Mr Dawkins from the party showed deep divisions were forming within government ranks.

The Upper House presidency



was vacated by former president Terry Stephens amid the Country Members Accommodation Allowance scandal.

### 200 years since Greek revolution

The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia will present a full slate of events celebrating the bicentennial of modern Greece in 2021. The bicentennial, commemorating Greece's triumphant revolution which started in 1821 to free itself from the 400 year long Ottoman oppression will be a milestone event celebrated by the diaspora and philhellenes around the world.

The events, to take place throughout the year, will include concerts, lectures, recitals, art shows, theatre and much more which will be released in the months to come.

### Racism It Stops With Me campaign

The Australian Human Rights Commission has revamped the Racism It Stops With Me campaign. The campaign was refreshed after the Black Lives Matter movement and the

## Community Life



Celebrating 200 years since the uprising of the people of Greece against the Ottoman oppression

COVID-related racism happening in our community.

It contains information for schools, businesses, and organisations on how to raise awareness about racism, and how to be an ally with our culturally and

linguistically diverse communities.

As part of their resources, they launched an anti-racism education app, ideal for young students studying from Year two to four.

For more information about the campaign and how you can

collaborate to stop racism, you can go to their website, at [itstopswithme.humanights.com.au](http://itstopswithme.humanights.com.au).

### Doctor clowns to help sick kids

Life in Australian hospitals during the pandemic have been far from normal, particularly for children receiving treatment.

But a group of performers called the Doctor Clowns have helped to make sick kids laugh during this difficult time.

The performers are now giving joy and happiness to children in hospitals across Australia thanks to their new on-call program, where they virtually visit them regardless of the distance.

The program has expanded to different metropolitan hospitals and has the potential to visit regional and rural hospitals.

Creative Director of The Clown Doctors David Symons says because it's online they can expand and visit up to one hundred kids when the program is fully rolled out.





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### AN IMAGE FROM THE PAST

Recently we marked the 20th anniversary since the Olympic Games were successfully held in Sydney NSW. In the photo, members of the South Australian Greek Community gathered at Victoria square, Adelaide to welcome the Olympic Flame on its way to the Sydney stadium. Amongst others, we recognise, to the left, Elias Mavrogiorgis, Vasilis Pipinias, Evangelos Mermingis (all deceased) and other local community members. (Photo from the Greek Tribune, by the late George Tsamandanis).

## Labor unveils team for the 2022 State Election

Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas has unveiled the new Shadow Cabinet which Labor will take to the March 2022 State Election.

The Shadow Cabinet is now made up of 50 per cent women, a first in South Australian history.

New Shadow Minister Andrea Michaels of Greek Cypriot background, will take on the portfolio of Small and Family Business, drawing on her extensive experience in that area. She will also have responsibility for Housing and Urban Development and Consumer and Business Affairs.

New frontbencher Blair Boyer will take on the important portfolio of Education, as well as the related Training and Skills. He will also be Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas will take on the role of Shadow Minister for Jobs, signalling the importance of job creation in South Australia's post-COVID-19 recovery and in Labor's agenda for government.

Deputy Labor Leader Susan Close will take on responsibility for Climate Change, as well as Industry and Higher Education – both of which will form key planks of Labor's policy platform at the next election. This will be in addition to her existing portfolio of Environment and Water.

Katrine Hildyard will take on responsibility for Child Protection, as well as Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, which have been long-held areas of interest.

Clare Scriven, who lives in the south-east, picks up Primary Industries and Regional Development, in addition to Forestry.

Jayne Stinson will be the new Shadow Minister for Planning and Local Government, as well as Shadow Minister for Multicultural



Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas with the eight women members of the new Shadow Cabinet. From left, Katrine Hildyard, Emily Bourke, Clare Scriven, Jayne Stinson, Nat Cook, Susan Close, Andrea Michaels and Zoe Bettison

Affairs.

Emily Bourke will be Assistant Shadow Minister for the City of Adelaide and Joe Szakacs will be Assistant Shadow Minister to the Leader of the Opposition.

"I am thrilled with the team we will present to the people of South Australia at the next election", SA Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas said.

"Our team is a great mix of youth and experience and, for the first time, a 50-50 split of men and women".

The Labor Shadow Cabinet also includes Kyam Maher, MLC, Shadow Attorney-General, Industrial and Aboriginal Affairs,

Tom Koutsantonis, MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, Mining and Energy,

Stephen Mullighan MP, Shadow Treasurer,

Zoe Bettison MP, Shadow Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment,

Chris Picton MP, Shadow Minister for Health & Wellbeing,

Lee Oldenwalder MP, Shadow Minister for Police & Road Safety, Emergency Services and Correctional Services,

Nat Cook MP, Shadow Minister for Human Services

Blair Adams MP, Shadow Minister for Education, Training & Skills and Veterans' Affairs,

Joe Szakacs MP, Assistant Shadow Minister to the Leader of the Opposition, Assistant Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

## ON ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION Greek President Visits Kastellorizo

President of the Republic Katerina Sakellaropoulou accused Turkey of undermining good neighborly relations during her visit to the Greek island of Kastellorizo to mark the 77th anniversary of its liberation.

"We are going through a difficult and dangerous period. The Turkish leadership is intensifying the pressure on our country, proceeding to aggressive statements," she said, adding that "the escalation of the aggressive rhetoric by the Turkish leadership is raising barriers between the peoples, creating suspicion and hostility, threatening the ties between them."

"Kastellorizo is a valuable part of our country. It is not just strategic for shaping and claiming the

rights of Greece. It has even greater moral significance. It is the place that condenses the concept of patriotism, in its highest expression. The place that remained Greek, in defiance of any threat," she underlined.

Sakellaropoulou stressed that "Greece, not only does not threaten anyone but is always open to dialogue, provided that good neighborly relations and the rules of international law are observed."

She welcomed the withdrawal of the Turkish seismic research vessel that was operating for almost a month south-west of Kastellorizo and said we hope that logic will prevail, for the common interest of all the peoples in the region," she said.

## Greece Sends New Shipment of Aid to Lebanon

The Greek warship "Ikaria" carrying food, construction materials and medical supplies left for Lebanon on Monday.

Over 500 pallets with hundreds of tonnes of products from no fewer than 60 Greek enterprises were collected within the last 15 days.

This is the second shipment of Greek aid to Lebanon following the initiative launched by Athens to support the Middle East country which faces an economic, political, refugee and social crisis.

"A few days after the large fire that broke out at a warehouse containing engine oil and tyres at the port of Beirut one month after the unprecedented, lethal explosion that devastated the Lebanese capital on 4 August, Greece responded to the call of

the Lebanese authorities and dispatched a second shipment of humanitarian aid," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs says in a statement.

The shipment includes products collected by the Embassy of Lebanon in Greece, the Greek-Lebanese Association, as well as the trade union PAME, which immediately heeded the call to contribute.

Attending the warship's departure, the head of organizing the mission at the foreign ministry, Deputy Foreign Minister Costas Fragogiannis, and National Defence General Staff Chief General Konstantinos Floros sent the message that Greece is present whenever anything happens in its neighborhood and wants to ensure that Lebanon will stand on its feet with independence, as it deserves.

## Mastiha, the "white gold" of Chios

Mastic, often referred to as the "Tears of Chios" or the "White Gold of Chios," is a product produced only on that particular Greek island. Since antiquity, this sticky resin, which seeps from the bark of mastic trees, has been harvested not only for its flavor but its therapeutic value as well.

Although the mastic tree, also called "lentisk," is native to many areas in the Mediterranean, its bark only "bleeds" mastic on the island of Chios, making it a truly unique and nearly miraculous product.

Watch our short doc on Mastiha, made possible through a grant by executive producer Michael Psaros:

Mastic is used as flavoring in many sweets and drinks, most famously in Mastiha, a digestive liquor from Chios. The mastic "tears," or small bits of hardened tree sap, can also be chewed like gum, a practice dating back thousands of years.

Mastic is used in cultures throughout the Mediterranean and Arab world, especially

in Greek, Cypriot, Syrian, and Lebanese cuisine. The spread of mastic through the Mediterranean and Middle East is due to trade routes which date back to the Byzantine era.

Its rarity has made mastic highly sought-after throughout history. Even today, mastic is considered a precious commodity, and is not to be wasted. The European Union has designated it a "protected designation of origin" product, confirming that only Chios can produce authentic mastiha.

In fact, any attempt at producing the resin outside of the island over the years has totally failed. Researchers believe that Chios simply makes for the perfect combination of climate and soil conditions for the aromatic sap to be collected.

During the Byzantine period, it was so fundamental to the economy that villages in Chios were heavily walled to protect the island's precious "white gold."

Mastic production shapes daily life in Chios. In villages where the aromatic resin is

produced, called "mastihohoria," all of the residents partake in the preparation of the product.

It begins in fall, when the tree bark is scored by a needle-like tool. The mastic then seeps out of the tree, like tears, as the bark tries to "heal" itself. This process of gathering mastic is such an ancient tradition that UNESCO placed it on its "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" list in 2014.

When the resin is dry, it is collected and taken back to the village to be cleaned. Women gather in groups to clean the "tears" of brittle, cloudy resin one-by-one so they will be ready for processing.

In response to drops in mastic prices in the 19th century, a cooperative called the Chios Gum Mastic Growers Association was formed. The association ensures that the 200 families that depend on mastic production are not left without support in case of difficult crop seasons, wildfires, or other unforeseeable events that could halt production of the resin.



Chian unique Mastic tree

This concept of cooperation and concern for fellow mastic-workers is essential to Chios and is representative of the island's tradition of working together and supporting one another.

Mastiha's rich history on the island is celebrated in Chios's Mastic Museum, located in the southern region most associated with production of the resin. In the museum, all of the stages of mastic collection are explored, from the fields to the final stages of production.

Although most popular in the Mediterranean, mastic has now reached all corners of the world, even South Korea and China!



It is really important that women keep up their regular screening to check their breast health, even during COVID-19.

BreastScreen SA invites all women aged 50 to 74 years to book in for a screening mammogram (breast X-ray) every two years. Women from aged 40 are also eligible to make their own appointments to screen.

Each year in South Australia, close to 100,000 women will have their screening mammogram at one of our 7 metropolitan clinics, or at one of our 3 mobile screening units visiting rural and remote parts of our state.

During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic BreastScreen SA is committed to providing screening in a safe environment for our clients and our staff. Social distancing measures have been implemented at all of our clinics, along with strict hygiene and infection control practices.

Specific measures include:

□ Social distancing – We have increased appointment times, seating arrangements and are maintaining 1.5 metre distance where possible.

□ Increased cleaning – We are regularly cleaning our clinics, including door handles, benches and seating.

□ Hand hygiene on arrival is required.

□ Client only area – we are restricting the number of people inside this clinic to only clients and staff.

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