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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

LUCKY ESCAPE FOR WOMAN 82 Tree cuts house in halves



An elderly woman has made a lucky escape after a tree sliced her house in half, after two days of severe weather warnings across South Australia.

Two SES crews were called to the house at Aldgate, in the Adelaide Hills, just after 11:00am on Thursday to rescue the 82-year-old woman who was trapped inside.

According to the ABC, it took crews about half an hour to free her.

The SA Ambulance Service said the woman was taken to nearby Mount Barker Hospital, with minor injuries.

The massive tree crashed into the woman's home in strong winds, destroying most of her

house and carport, as well as damaging her car.

Bureau of Meteorology senior forecaster Simon Timcke said parts of the Adelaide Hills recorded wind gusts of more than 90 kilometres per hour.

"The windiest conditions were around the higher ground of the Mount Lofty ranges, with wind gusts of 93kph recorded at Mount Crawford just after 1:00pm," Mr Timcke said.

"The biggest gust at Mount Lofty was 69kph just after 9:00am."

The SES had responded to 60 callouts by late Thursday afternoon in the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula.

Euthanasia bill passes SA parliament

After a three-decade long battle by voluntary euthanasia campaigners, SA has become the fourth state in the nation to pass legislation on voluntary assisted dying, after some amendments to the bill.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill has just passed by the South Australian Parliament, after securing the support of both the Upper and Lower houses.

It means patients in the state could access assisted dying as early as the end of next year.

The passing of the legislation represents a landmark in a lengthy campaign for assisted dying reform, and the bill was the 17th attempt in 26 years to legalise euthanasia in SA.

The state's legislation is modelled on Victoria's laws, which include more than 70 safeguards.

Additional amendments voted in on Wednesday will allow private hospitals as well as individual medical practitioners to conscientiously object if they refer patients to a place where they can

access the scheme.

Other amendments made sure that residents in aged care and retirement villages could access the scheme in their own homes or units.

"These amendments are sensible and in fact consistent with the lengthy and very high-quality debate we had in this chamber a couple of weeks ago," Deputy Opposition Leader Susan Close said in Parliament.

"They reflect the intention of people in acknowledging that when someone is living in their own home, be that run by an organisation such as an aged care facility, and in this amendment's case a retirement village, that that person has the right to have access to lawfully-available interventions and medical advice."

Deputy Premier and Attorney-General Vickie Chapman also supported that amendment.

Eligible participants must be over 18, have lived in SA for at least a year and be deemed compliant by two doctors.

SA budget spends big on health and construction

Big spending on construction, a mental health plan to try to address an overflowing public health system and a cost for the new Women's and Children's Hospital are key features of this year's pre-election state budget.

In a pre-election budget that included no new cuts, Treasurer Rob Lucas confirmed an extra \$1 billion was needed to complete the North-South Corridor while also confirming the controversial Hove rail crossing project had been scrapped altogether.

Net debt will reach \$33.62 billion over the forward estimates — more than forecast in last year's budget — due to a focus on spending to create jobs amid the pandemic.

A record \$1.78 billion deficit has been forecast for this financial year, which is better than the expected \$2.6 billion deficit,

thanks to a GST and stamp duty windfall.

Budget papers outline that the new Women's and Children's Hospital is estimated to cost \$1.95 billion and be completed by 2026, with patients to be admitted in 2027 — a year later than previously expected.

A \$163.5 million package for mental health will look to ease pressure on the state's public hospital system and emergency departments.

The plan includes a 20-bed older persons acute mental facility at Modbury costing \$48 million over the next four years.

The estimated cost of the North-South Corridor is now \$9.9 billion — \$1 billion more than forecast at the last budget — with the new cost based on increasing the number of tunnel lanes from two to three to handle

higher traffic volumes.

Labor to scrap sports arena

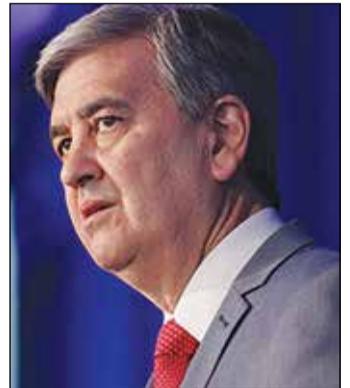
South Australia's Labor party has vowed to scrap a \$667 million sports and entertainment arena — promised by the current state government if re-elected — to instead channel the funds into the state's ailing health system.

In March, Premier Steven Marshall announced plans to build the stadium by 2026 in the empty space between Adelaide's rail yards and the River Torrens in the city's west.

Opposition Leader Peter Malinauskas told ABC Radio Adelaide now was not the right time to be spending taxpayer funds on an arena when the public health system is "in crisis".

"Our health system needs more resources now, not a basketball stadium," he said.

Paramedics across the state



South Australian Treasurer Mr Rob Lucas

have been taking industrial action by writing messages on their ambulances to highlight ramping issues in Adelaide's major hospitals.

Cypriot wine grapes perform well in Australia

Researchers at the University of Adelaide have found several grape varieties native to Cyprus, which tolerate drought conditions better than some international varieties popular in Australia, contain chemical compounds responsible for flavours preferred by Australian consumers.

The study published in OENO One follows earlier research with Cypriot grape varieties Maratheftiko and Xynisteri in particular, which showed they are well adapted to a hot climate and continue to perform well as the climate becomes hotter.

Lead author and PhD student Alexander Copper, from the University of Adelaide's School of Agriculture, Food and Wine, said: "With climate change placing greater strain on the resources needed to sustain viticulture, it is necessary for the global wine industry to investigate alternative grape varieties better suited to hotter climates."

The study investigated Cypriot wines comprising the white variety Xynisteri, and two red varieties, Maratheftiko and Giannoudhi, comparing them to Australian Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Shiraz wines.

Researchers found the concentration of flavour compounds in the Cypriot wines was comparable to those in popular Australian wines such as Chardonnay and Sauvignon blanc.

Training Centre for Innovative Wine Production at the University of Adelaide, has more than 25 years experience in the area of aroma and flavour chemistry. Dr Capone said:

"Finding the presence of these desirable flavour compounds in Cypriot grape varieties is exciting and opens up further questions regarding their sensory contributions at varying concentrations in Cypriot wines."



Alex Copper with propagated Xynisteri vines at Waite campus.

Mr Copper added: "In better understanding the thiol composition of Cypriot varieties, producers can better tailor their products to consumer preferences in a changing climate."

The presence of flavour compounds enjoyed by consumers in the Cypriot wines aligns with the findings of the earlier consumer sensory project conducted by the researchers.

"The panel of wine experts in the sensory study identified flavours upon tasting Xynisteri wines that were comparable to Pinot Gris, which aligns with what we found when analysing the compounds present in both Pinot Gris and several varieties of Xynisteri," said Mr Copper.

"In consumer trials, consumers 'liked' the flavour of the Cypriot varieties, and in one segment of consumers, Xynisteri was preferred to Pinot Gris."

Since bringing the Cypriot vines to Australia for research at the University's Waite campus, Mr Copper said they have been approached by several grape growers interested in the varieties, particularly Xynisteri. In recent weeks the project has had discussions with renowned South Australian viticulturist Paul Georgiadis and the project will begin its "rst vineyard trials at Paulmara Wines in the Barossa Valley later this year."

"This latest research adds further support for considering Cypriot varieties for use in Australia and other hot wine growing regions," he said.

Australian Cypriots remember 1974

Australian Cypriots will commemorate the 47th anniversary of the tragic events of 1974 in Cyprus. On 15 July 1974, the military junta of Greece, in collaboration with the Cypriot terrorist EOKA B' organisation staged a military coup to overthrow the legitimate Cypriot Government of President Makarios. Hundreds of supporters of the legitimate government were murdered in the days that followed.

The Coup, gave Turkey the opportunity to invade with a 40,000 strong army, and occupy 1/3 of Cyprus using their air force and 250 tanks on the pretext that they were doing so in order to protect the Turkish Cypriots.

Community Life



Almost 700 people attended the Basis concert organised by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA on 28 May to mark its 90th anniversary and the 200 years since the Greek Revolution of 1821

The Justice for Cyprus Coordinating Committee SA (SEKA), in association with the Cyprus Community of SA, will

mark the 47th Anniversary of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus with a memorial service at the Thebarton St George Greek

Church on Sunday 18 July at 10am.

A wreath ceremony will take place at 12.15pm at the Cyprus Community of SA, 6-8 Barrpowell street, Welland.

Refreshments and canapés will be provided. You will also have the opportunity to meet and speak with the members of the community and discuss the recent events in Cyprus, in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

A religious memorial will also be held by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel, Franklin Street, City, for those who died defending democracy in Cyprus on 15 July as well as those who fell during the Turkish invasion.

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Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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LEFT: Almost seven hundred members of the Adelaide Greek community attended the popular Dimitris Basis concert at the Adelaide Town Hall on 28 May. The concert was part of the nationwide tour of Basis in Australia, organised by the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia in conjunction with the Greek Festivals of Australia and the Greece 2021 Committee. In the photo, left, the President of the Greek Community Bill Gonis, Minister Rachel Sanderson MP and Steve Georganas MP



LEFT: The popular singer from Greece Dimitris Basis and conductor George Ellis on stage at the Adelaide town Hall on 28 May.



RIGHT: Labor MP Joe Szakacs MP, Fr John of the Greek Cathedral "Taxiarhis" on Franklin street and Deputy Mayor of Adelaide Mary Kouros at the Basis concert

Greek Community Care Services Volunteer Morning Tea

Within the framework of the National Volunteer Week 2021, the Greek Orthodox Community of SA – Community Care Services honoured and acknowledged their volunteers with a Morning Tea in a beautifully set up Olympic Hall on Wednesday 23rd June 2021. The event was attended by approximately 50 volunteers along with Mr Bill Gonis OAM, President of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia, Mr David Jacquier on behalf of Mrs Tracey Fox Acting CEO of Volunteering SA & Northern Territory, Mr Constantinos Papaconstantinou, Vice President of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia and Mr Panayiotis Ppiros, General Secretary of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia.

The event was opened with the Acknowledgement of Country by Community Services Manager Mrs Jacqui Bowden, who in her succinct speech expressed her appreciation towards the volunteers for their commitment to supporting and honouring our older people.

In his speech, the President of the Greek Orthodox Community, Mr Bill Gonis OAM, highlighted the valuable and tireless contribution of GOCSA's Women's Fellowships (Taxiarhis, St. Constantine & Helen, Panagia, St. Nicholas), thanks to which GOCSA's mission is much smoother. The President also thanked our independent volunteers who assist with transport, shopping, friendly visits, exercise classes or help in the kitchen of our social support groups. Thirdly, Mr Gonis acknowledged and welcomed the volunteer committees of the affiliated groups of the Greeks of Egypt and Middle East Society, the Greek Union of Aged Pensioners of Thebarton & Suburbs, the Colossus Pan Rhodian Society and the Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood.

"The theme for National Volunteer Week in 2021 – was and still is to "Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine... In the current changing environment, where Australians are time-poor and experiencing higher degrees of uncertainty and stress, we need to reimagine how we do



Community Services Manager Mrs Jacqui Bowden and members of GOCSA Community Services staff

things. We need to collaborate more and adapt our volunteering practices and programs so we can better support and engage volunteers to continue the necessary work that they do", Mr Gonis said.

Mr David Jacquier, representing Mrs Tracey Fox, A/CEO at Volunteering SA & NT mentioned in his speech that "at the height of the pandemic last year, two out of three volunteers stopped volunteering which added to the existing decline in

volunteer numbers which was down 7 percent in 2019/2020.

After the speeches, delicious savoury pies and Greek sweets were served in small bamboo boats, followed by luscious fruit platters placed on the finely decorated tables.

The event concluded with a presentation by Mrs Annelise Van Deth from Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) who spoke about the role of ARAS, the rights of older people as well as elder abuse prevention.

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How is culture learned

Euphemism - Euphemism is an idiomatic expression, which loses its literal meanings and refers to something else, in order to hide its unpleasantness. For example, "kick the bucket" is a euphemism that describes the death of a person. In addition, many organizations use the term "downsizing" for the distressing act of "firing" its employees.

To follow is a list of idioms that are used by Greeks to laugh at themselves and their culture without taking or inciting offense.

GENERAL GREEK APHORISMS

When an individual is influenced by their cultural norms they are educated via the cultural socialising processes and subtle indoctrinating processes and they learn the relevant aphorisms at the subconscious level and use them in an autonomous way in their

day to day cultural interactions. This manner is not adequately executed by persons who learned the culture in an abstract way at the intellectual level. The use of these aphorisms are executed in conjunction with the relevant body language and interpersonal dimensions unique to the culture and the appropriate situations. They also cannot be understood by others outside the culture if interpreted in a literal way.

For example;
• The Greek aphorism "Εβρεξε καρκελοπόδαρα" literally translated is; "It rained legs of chairs".

• A cultural translation of this aphorism in an Australian context is: "It rained cats and dogs"

As such if one wants to transfer the same meaning between two cultures then

one must use a translation in a cultural context in order to transmit the same emotional effect and the subtlety of the meaning. A good translation results by translators that have a deep understanding of the subtleties of the respective cultures.

The degree that one is culturalised in a given culture can be established by the extend and competence that they are using the Colloquialisms, Aphorisms and Euphemisms in the right context and circumstances.

Below is a list of a few aphorisms that are unique to the Greek culture.

At the end they shave the Groom (wait for the end result)

They converted the three in to two (They did not do anything for us)

I made it into a lottery (I am very lucky)

I was left as a bone (I was dumb founded)

I saw Christ as a soldier (It was very difficult)

I don't know Christ (I don't know anything/I haven't a clue)

It did not seat (It did not get accepted)

I jumped out of my clothing (I got very angry)

It rained by chair legs (OZ equivalent – it rained cats and dogs)

I don't have a face to go outside (I am ashamed or I can't show my face)

I don't know my blindness (I don't know anything/I don't have clue)

I have spitted (I got extremely tired)

He turned my intestines (disgusted me with his actions)

To be continued
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OFFICE FOR AGEING WELL Stop Elder Abuse Campaign 2021

The South Australian Government, through Office for Ageing Well, continues to raise community awareness of elder abuse.

This year is the seventh annual Stop Elder Abuse community awareness campaign, which started on 10 May 2021 and will run for six weeks, until 20 June.

2021 the focus is on older people's rights – the right to safety, dignity and autonomy – to be safe, to be treated in a way that makes them feel worthwhile, and to be free to live the life they choose.

It is important that families, friends and the broader community understand and respect older people's rights and, if abuse is suspected, do something about it, in a way that upholds the rights of the older person.

Around one in 20 older Australians experiences some form of abuse from someone they know and trust, often a member of their own family.

In South Australia, financial and psychological abuse are the most common, with older women more likely to be experiencing abuse from adult children.

Older people experiencing Elder Abuse may display fear, sadness and neglect, amongst other signs.

Remember, if you have concerns, call the SA Abuse Prevention Phone Line on 1800 372 310 for free, confidential advice and support, or to make a report to the Adult Safeguarding Unit.

For further information, please visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/stopelderabuse

Greek priest attacks bishops with acid

Ten people, including seven senior Greek Orthodox bishops, have been hurt in an acid attack by a priest undergoing a disciplinary hearing in Athens, authorities have alleged.

Three of the bishops were still in hospital following the attack late on Wednesday, while two lawyers were also being treated.

A police officer at the scene, who arrested the suspect, was also rushed to hospital. Three of the clerics were in serious condition according to the country's health minister, Vasilis Kakiliadis, who described the incident

as "unprecedented and tragic".

Local media reported that those attacked had suffered burns, mostly on their faces and hands.

The bishops were in session to discuss possibly defrocking the priest after he was allegedly discovered to be in possession of 1.8 grams of cocaine – hidden under his cassock "in the area of his genitals" – in June 2018, the Greek daily Ta Nea reported late on Wednesday.

Appearing before a public prosecutor in the town of Veroia, he admitted that the class A drug was "for personal use".

South Australia brings back Covid restrictions

South Australia is re-introducing a range of social restrictions for at least one week in the face of the COVID-19 threat across the country.

From midnight Monday 28 June, masks are mandatory in high-risk settings including aged care homes, hospitals and other "personal care settings", as well as indoor entertainment venues, while they will be highly recommended for public transport.

There will be a cap on private gatherings of 150 people – including weddings and funerals – and venues like pubs and clubs will be reduced to one person per two square metres.

"Weddings and funerals will be the same as private gatherings, so that's 150, and I was very mindful of

thinking about people who have weddings booked this weekend," Chief Public Health Officer Nicola Spurrier said.

Greek Community activities including the churches, will be affected. Greek Community will announce more details this week, but churches are expected to operate with reduced numbers.

"We are now at a critical point in the situation rolling out right across the country," SA Premier Steven Marshall said.

"We hope this will be for a week – we don't want to put any restrictions in place but we feel, given the nature of the rapid spread of the Delta virus, we have no alternative but to take action, pre-emptive action in South Australia, to keep our state and our economy strong", he said.

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