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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10th Sept – CC Class
18th Sept - Book Launch
23rd Sept - Happy Hour
24th Sept - Kouvenda
3rd Oct - Holiday CCC
23rd Oct - AGM 2 pm
29th Oct - Kouvenda
26th Nov - Xm Kouvenda

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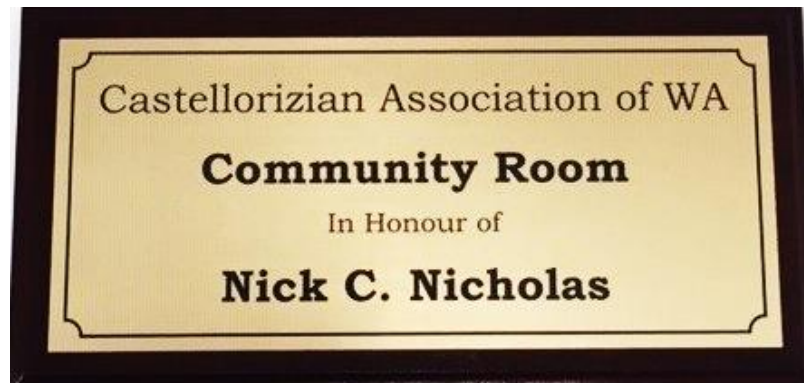
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Community Room Opening



Castellorizian Association of WA

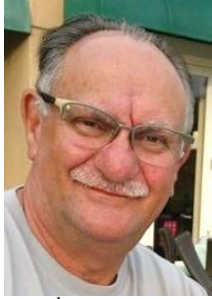
Annual General Meeting

Sunday 23rd October 2022

Arrive 1.30pm for 2.00pm start

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The renovations are now complete and our Castellorizian House is now open to the community for all events. On the 17th of July we officially reopened Castellorizian House, which was attended by a number of dignitaries and over 120 members. The afternoon commenced with His Grace, Bishop Elpidios, Father Terry and Father Emmanuel in blessing the house. His Grace, Bishop Elpidios then spoke to our members and expressed the warmth and love that our premises and our Association offer the community. This is a strong reflection on our emblem with the heart, the cross and the anchor.

Once again, I would like to thank all those involved in the renovations, and the many volunteers who contributed to the completion. Yes, it has taken over twelve months for the renovations to be finalised, but those who have seen the finished renovations acknowledge that it was worth the wait.

The 17th of July was also a special occasion to recognise the services of our beloved Nick Nicholas. It was very fitting that the new community room be named the Castellorizian Association Community Room in honour of Nick Nicholas. We were honoured to have Mary Nicholas, Con Nicholas and Desiree Gelavis in attendance. The plaque for the community room was presented to Con and Desiree to be displayed on the entry to the community room.

We have commenced our Happy Hour on Friday nights and Cazzie Cooking Classes, and the attendances have been excellent. Just a reminder that all men are invited to attend Happy Hour, which will be held once a month.

On Sunday the 18th September, David J Koutsoukis and Dr John N Yiannakis will be launching their new book: The Cazzie Connection.

In October, we will be holding the AGM. Your attendance at the AGM is of the utmost importance as the Association does need your support, especially for the constitution amendment. See you there.

Jim Manifis (President)

MEN'S HAPPY HOUR

The men's Happy Hour Dinner is back with a vengeance. The tables have been arranged in a way that accommodates friendly groups, and around forty people attended each of the July 1st and August 19th events. The men enjoyed the opportunity to watch a bit of football and have a chat to their mates over a Greek meal in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Happy Hour occurs monthly on a **Friday evening** from 6 pm. Members are welcome to bring friends. As the date can vary from month to month, look out for information in the email (eNews) from the Castellorizian Association, or ring President Jim Manifis for details. Make sure you book with Jim so that catering can be arranged. On some occasions, the evening will include partners; on some other occasions it will be a family night. From time-to-time a dinner speaker will be invited for entertainment.

The editor would be delighted if you have any photos suitable for sharing in the magazine. Please ring her on 0407 922 783 or email them to anita@halmac.com.au

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

This is a great committee who have a lot of fun. We listen to and implement new ideas while respecting our history. We enjoy challenges and we get things done. Everyone has something to offer and we appreciate the help.

If you would like to find out about being part of the team, now is the time to contact Jim Manifis on 0433 165 601 or one of the other committee members, to collect a nomination form.



CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA EST. 1912

INVITATION

**On behalf of the President and Committee of the
Castellorizian Association of Western Australia Inc.**

You are invited to attend

Sunday 23rd October 2022



Santrape Memorial Service

Morning Service at Sts Constantine and Helene Church

Loukas and Anastasia Santrape, benefactors of Castellorizo, are remembered by the Castellorizian Association each year on the 18th October, the Feast Day of Luke the Evangelist.

Followed by

AGM and Afternoon Tea

Doors open 1.30pm for 2.00pm start



Castellorizian House - 160 Anzac Road Mount Hawthorn

Afternoon tea and drinks provided

For information contact:

Jim Manifis: 0433 165 601

Margaret-Anne Manifis Quinn: 0419 831 434



The CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION of WA

Notice of Annual General Meeting

September 5, 2022

Dear Member,

This notice is to advise you of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the members of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia Inc. The details of this meeting are as follows:

DATE: Sunday 23rd October 2022
TIME: 2.00 pm
PLACE: 160 Anzac Rd, Mt Hawthorn

The minutes of the recent **Extraordinary General Meeting**, held on July 17, 2022, and the minutes of the last **Annual General Meeting**, held on November 21, 2021, are available on the website www.cazziewa.org.au under the heading **ABOUT US – Constitution and AGM**. Paper copies of the minutes are also available from the president for those requiring them.

The Association's constitution and agenda are available on the website.

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to find out about the operations and finances of the Association and speak about any items on the agenda.

In accordance with clause 17.4 of the constitution any notices of motion must be received by the president or secretary at least 21 days before the meeting, that is, by Sunday October 2, 2022.

As a corollary to the July EGM, special resolutions with regard to the constitution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting and are listed on the following page.

Regards,

Jim Manifis
President, Castellorizian Association of WA

AGENDA for Annual General Meeting 2022

The members present will be recorded and a quorum determined.

1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Recognition of Absent Members
4. Minutes of Previous AGM dated 21 November, 2021.
 - 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes
 - 4.2 Matters Arising
5. Minutes of Previous EGM dated 17 July, 2022.
 - 5.1 Confirmation of Minutes
 - 5.2 Matters Arising
6. President's Report on the outgoing Committee of Management
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Election of Auditors
9. Election of two (2) Trustees – (Three Year Term)
10. Kastellorizian Council of Australia Report
11. Notice of Motions Received
12. General Business
13. President's Award
14. Election of Committee of Management
15. Close

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE AGM

Explanation

The Association's rules currently provide that the *Executive* members of the Association (namely the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) are to be *Regular* members (Castellorizian or Descendant) of the Association (**Executive Rule**). We are finding it increasingly difficult to operate under this arrangement so wish to amend the Executive Rule so that the secretary and treasurer can be *Ordinary* members (spouse of Castellorizian or Descendant). There is no proposed change to the requirement for the president and vice president to be *Regular* members (Castellorizian or Descendant).

CURRENT RULES

5.2 *Ordinary members have the right to vote and be elected as ordinary members of the Committee of Management subject to Subsection 5.5.*

5.5 *The number of elected or co-opted members of the Committee of Management from ordinary and associate members shall not jointly exceed one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the total number of members of the Committee of Management and at all times the executive being regular members of the Association.*

PROPOSED MOTIONS

Moved by Kevin Kannis and seconded by Dr. John Yiannakis:

That Rules 5.2 and 5.5 of the Constitution of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia (Inc) 2018 be amended in accordance as follows:

5.2 Ordinary members have the right to vote and be elected as **secretary, treasurer or an** ordinary member-of the Committee of Management subject to Subsection 5.5.

5.5 The number of elected or co-opted members of the Committee of Management from ordinary and associate members shall not jointly exceed one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the total number of members of the Committee of Management ~~and at all times the executive being regular members of the Association.~~

Oops!
Have you paid your
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS?

These were due on July 1st 2022.

(Please keep us informed of any changes with your membership.)

If you have any queries regarding your membership, contact our treasurer Steve Filmer 0418 907 101 or email cazziewa@outlook.com.

Single membership - \$30

Double membership - \$40

*Thank you to all members who have paid their subscriptions promptly.
It helps us prepare the financials for the AGM.*

BANK DETAILS

Account Name:

BSB: 066 129

REFERENCE:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Castellorizian Association of WA

Account: 00800217

Use your m/ship CODE so we can identify you
(or First and SURNAME with middle initial.)

OR

Pay by cash or cheque – make arrangements with Sava (0418 907 101) or Tony (0419 965 869)

SOCIAL NEWS

We welcome your input, especially your social news. Please email your wording to the editor Anita Verne anita@halmac.com.au (M: 0407 922 783) or to one of the committee members – thank you. Photos are also welcome.

VALE 2022

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

- FERMANIS Nicholas - 16 June
- SPARTALIS Jessenda – 18 June
- TAMBAKIS (nee Karakyriakos) Paraskevi (Vivian) – 6 July
- ATHANASOU (nee Athanasoff) Georgina - 17 July
- MISTILIS Veronica Mary (*Busselton*) - 22 July
- KOOLIS (nee Gemenis) Helen (*Sydney*) – 1 August

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following people:

- ❖ TSOLAKIS Lola – 95 on July 14
- ❖ PALASSIS Margaret – 90 on August 15
- ❖ PITSIKAS Sylvia – 70 on July 29
- ❖ Twins Anne MITCHELL and Jessie ZEMPILAS – 93 on September 10

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Taki and Margaret Stratos celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They were married on 17th June 1962 and have three children, Basil, Michael and Mersina and five grandchildren.



BIRTHDAY WISDOM

A short account of a long life beautifully lived



When I was a little girl, 9 years of age I never dreamed that I'd live to be 90 years of age.

Today I am surrounded by Anthony, Michael, Vanessa and their spouses filled with pride.

I will always cherish the many good times I spent together with George.

I have 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren filled with sunsets.

My life is embraced by live music, concerts, exercises, floor games, quizzes, word experiences, and people that I love and caring people that love me.

I do not dwell in the past, I don't dream of the future.

I concentrate my mind in the present, this moment.

I enjoy and love what I do.

Every day I listen to the birds singing "Xristos Anesti".

My future is shorter than my past, I am grateful.

Margaret Palassis



Margaret is the matriarch of the family and Sofie, her great granddaughter, is the youngest member, only 6 months old (or 6 months young!).

AROUND THE HOUSE



FIRST UP

Barbara Pampacos was our first member to use the lovely new ramp at the front of Cazzie House, on her way to a Culture & Heritage group, on Thursday June 23, which was preparing for the grand opening.

She was closely followed by **Despa McDonnell** on Friday 1 July, on her way to Hellenes Bridge Club, who was just before several men that evening on their way to Happy Hour dinner.

In Memory of John Komninos Kannis,
Evelyn Kannis and Kim John Kannis.
Donated by their Loving Family

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

The front of Cazzie House (see above) now sports an emblem showing the Castellorizian symbol comprised of a cross, an anchor and a heart which serve as a reminder to us all to hold high our faith, hope and love. We thank the Kannis family, Merrill Kostarelas, Chrissie Mavromatis and Debbie Tanner, who donated funds for the emblem, in memory of family (left).



Cazzie Website Administrator

Would you like to help? If you have some computer skills and a few hours per month to update the Association's website from home, then your volunteering would be greatly appreciated. Mentoring provided.

Please contact Steve Filmer on
0418 907 101

The community comradery in the grounds has been strong over winter. Our thanks go to Greenacres Turf Group, particularly Peter Pitsikas, who not only donated the lawn and reticulation, but installed it too. And once again, thanks to Zarko who donated equipment and time, and to Kevin Kannis, our demolition man. John Kannis has happily assisted with every maintenance job that comes his way.

We are almost ready to go gardening!



COMING EVENTS

Everyone enjoys getting together!
Some people have "The Men's Shed" but we have the...



Friday evenings have traditionally been when the boys get together over mezethes and a meal, watch a game of footy, meet others and have a bit of fun.
Come along!

Friday 23rd September

From 6.00 pm

**RSVP Essential: please notify Jim Manifis (M: 0433 165 601)
by the Fri. prior for catering purposes.**

KOUVENDA

Open Morning
The last Saturday of each month

24th September
29th October
26th November - Xmas Kouvenda

10.00am - 1.00pm
Cazzie House
(160 Anzac Rd Mt Hawthorn)

- * Greek coffee & morning tea
- * Produce & cake Stall
- * Children's Activities
- * Conversation, community ...

Everyone is welcome
Bring your friends



Defibrillator – how does it work?

Near the front door you may have noticed the new *St John Lotterywest Heart Grant* DEFIBRILLATOR. Thanks to Margaret-Anne Quinn for organising the grant, John Kannis for installing it and George Koutlis for initiating it. George has offered to show us how to use it – so in the new year of 2023 some sessions will be organized at Castellorizian House. Look for them in the Jan/Feb edition of Megisti Messenger.





BOOK LAUNCH

David J Koutsoukis and Dr John N Yiannakis OAM
invite you to the launch of their new book:

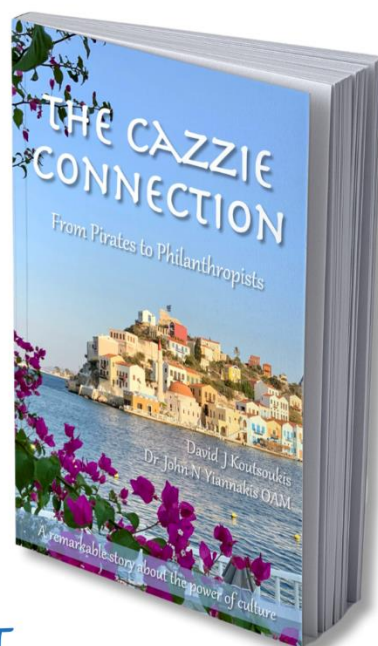
THE CAZZIE CONNECTION

From Pirates to Philanthropists



To be launched by The Right
Honourable the Lord Mayor

Basil Zempilas



TINY ISLAND - BIG IMPACT

The Cazzie Connection examines the extraordinary levels of success of Castellorizian migrants and their descendants in Australia. It explores and codifies Cazzie cultural characteristics into a framework of success principles that can be applied in business and in life. Discover how this intriguing Greek island went from being a haven for pirates to a land of philanthropists and enjoy a remarkable story about the power of culture.

4pm Sunday 18th September 2022

Castellorizian House, 160 Anzac Road, Mt Hawthorn

RSVP: 13 September 2022

Email: info@cazzieconnection.com.au

SMS: 0422 111 290 or 0422 673 032

COMING EVENTS



*The Castellorizian Ladies Association (Megisti)
of Western Australia Inc.*

Zamia Cafe Lunch.

Date - 20 September 2022.

Time - 12 pm.

Ticket - \$40.00

Tickets available from-

Fay Katris - 0409756744

Rose Kalaf - 0431529351

... and all committee members.



KCA Adelaide Mini Conference - October 2022

Email: kazzieclub@gmail.com

By Christina Kyros

As we have had to cancel conferences for past two years due to COVID, the Kastellorizian Council of Australia (KCA) thought a get together of Castellorizians/Kastellorizians was overdue. South Australia has planned a weekend for us to get together.

ATTENDEES

Complete the registration form on next page.

Then scan it and email to kazzieclub@gmail.com

If you are unable to email it, then post to:

KCA
c/o CAWA
P.O. Box 174
Mt Hawthorn
WA 6915

Make your payment

How to pay:

Direct Deposit

Name: Kastellorizian Association of South Australia

BSB: 085 446

Account: 038522234

Reference: please use your SURNAME and initials

If you are interested in going please notify

Tina Kyros (0418 933 306) or Jim Manifis (0433 165 601)



KCA Adelaide Conference 1 - 2 October 2022

Email: kazzieclub@gmail.com

Registration Form

* Delegates and attendees are welcome to select from the various events below

Details

Name of delegate/s:		Cost per Delegate	Number of Delegates	Total Cost
Phone:				
Email:				
Saturday 1 October 2022 11:00am KCA AGM includes light lunch CASA Clubrooms, 6 Danby Street, Torrensville		FREE		
Saturday 1 October 2022 7:30pm KCA Official Dinner includes 3 course meal, Greek dancing, floor show and pre drink on arrival Kooyonga Golf Club, May Terrace, Adelaide		\$90		
Sunday 2 October 2022 9:00am Divine Liturgy Service Church of St George, 60 Rose Street, Thebarton		FREE		
Sunday 2 October 2022 11:00am (after church) Lunch sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia INVITATION EVENT ONLY Pavilion on the Park, South Terrace, Adelaide (for all guests attending Saturday Night Dinner)		FREE		
Sunday 2 October 2022 3:00pm Exhibition by Geoffrey Conaghan "Textiles of Kastellorizian Unique Women's Costumes" includes tea, coffee and sweets CASA Clubrooms, 6 Danby Street, Torrensville		\$15		
Monday 3 October 2022 Free day Option 1 – Day trip to Hahndorf 30 minute drive from city Option 2 – Day trip to Adelaide Hills Wineries 40 minute drive from city Option 3 – Lunch at Glenelg Seaside 15 minute drive from city Option 4 – Barossa Valley Wineries 1 hour drive from city <i>*Costs will be available on Saturday when people decide where to go.</i> <i>*We will book and pay for any trips once decided.</i>	Circle option chosen <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>			
TOTAL				

PAST EVENTS

Oh! So Lovely to be Home Again

(The Grand Re-Opening of Cazzie House)

By Anita Verne

With a lot of love in the air, “Cazzie House”, as it is affectionately known, reopened on Sunday, 17th July 2022, after 14 months of renovations. Castellorizian House in Mt Hawthorn has been the home of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia for 40 of the 110 years of the Association’s existence.

The members of the Association were honoured to have His Grace Bishop Elpidios of Kyaneon, Archbishopial Vicar – Archdiocesan District of Perth, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, performing the Agiasmos (blessing of the house with holy water). His Grace was welcomed by more than 100 people from the community. He was assisted in the blessing by Reverend Father Terry Gerovasilis from Saints Constantine and Helene Church and Father Emmanuel Stamatiou from the Church of Evangelismos.



The Agiasmos

Also in attendance at the opening were the Honorable Pierre Yang MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region (representing the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Hon Dr. Toni Buti MLA), City of Perth Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas, City of Vincent Mayor Emma Cole, Vice Consul for Maritime Affairs, Captain Nikolaos Papakonstantinou (representing the Greece Consul Mrs Georgia Karasiotou), Bernie Masbayi, Senior Community and Engagement Officer from the WA Office of Multicultural Interests, President Paul Afkos from the Hellenic Community of WA, Former WA Governor Dr. Ken Michael, and Castellorizian Association President Jim Manifis.

After the blessing, His Grace Bishop Elpidios made a heartfelt speech, saying: “It is interesting to note how the CAWA has named its property. They have not called it Cazzie Club or the Cazzie headquarters. No, they call this building Cazzie House which is aptly named because they treat this as a home and welcome everybody through the door and provide a feeling of warmth and family to all.”

The happy atmosphere continued with addresses by other guests, each with their own connections to Greeks, Cazzies and Cazzie House. Pierre Yang MLC impressed all with his Greek pronunciation and kind words; Vincent Mayor Emma Cole, who lives nearby and has observed the changes over the months, congratulated “President Jim Manifis, Committee Members and the incredible band of doers who made it happen.”



L to R: Pierre Yang, Emma Cole Basil Zempilas, Jim Manifis

Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas kept us laughing with words about his younger days at Cazzie House and made mention of the important role his mum, Jessie Zempilas OAM, played for women as the inaugural President of the Castellorizian Ladies’ Auxilliary, and later, Association.



Mrs Jessie Zempilas and Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas.

The amazing renovation was made possible by a grant from the WA State Government Office of Multicultural Interests. And as time went by, it became evident that the build itself was a multicultural affair, with a team of people who held common values of pride in their work, trust and honesty, but whose

ancestry stemmed from across the globe. Zarko Biskupic was chosen as our builder (and he already knew this building from receiving his citizenship in the hall many years ago.) Zarko is of Serbian heritage. His team included:

- from Serbian heritage – the electricians and the handrails contractor
- from Italy – concreters, bricklayer, carpenter
- from Bosnia – the paver and plasterer
- from Croatia – the plumber
- from Albania and UK – the roofing contractors
- from Belgium – the roof carpenter
- from Macedonia - the ceiling fixer
- of Greek heritage - the architect and the landscapers
- from Sri Lanka – the assistant painter
- from Bali – the assistant landscaper

The build consisted of a new access ramp, which is a much-welcomed feature at the front entrance. The 110-year-old roof was replaced, helping to preserve the integrity of this historic building; and solar panels with battery were installed to take the house into the future. The superb new Community Room is where historical documents, photos, books and other items of memorabilia are now displayed, and where people can read quietly, or community groups can gather for meetings and workshops.



Dr Ken Michael with Bishop Elpidios in the new Nick Nicholas Community Room

President Jim Manifis made a special tribute to the Nicholas family when he announced that the new community room would be named in honour of Past President Nicholas Constantine Nicholas, a dedicated and hard-working leader who carried the Association through previous difficult times. A plaque was installed above the door of the new room by Nick's son, Con, and daughter, Desiree.



Con Nicholas hanging the plaque

Jim also thanked others who made significant contributions towards the renovations. They included the Kannis family (Merrill, Chrissie and Debbie) who donated the large emblem for the outside frontage; Peter Pitsikas along with the Greenacres Turf Group for lawns, reticulation and labour; and builder Zarko Biskupic, who donated generously in both time and equipment, to allow the project to be completed on budget.



L to R: Anita Verne, Zarko Biskupic, John Kannis, Sue Kannis and Stephanie Meagher

Jim followed this with presentations to John Kannis, Stephanie Meagher and Anita Verne, who conceived, supervised, and worked on the project from start to finish. Presentations were also made to Sue Kannis and Zarko Biskupic for their contribution and dedication to the renovations. There were many other people who gave their time and effort, and that is what makes this such a great organisation. Many thanks to all of them.

His Grace Bishop Elpidios congratulated Jim and all his committee for their hard work and their wonderful achievement in creating their home with warmth and excellence.



Sue Kannis with her flowers.

The afternoon was concluded with a sumptuous afternoon tea provided by the Association's "Cazzie Cooking Class" and included a special treat that makes an appearance at all important occasions - of course, the Cazzie Katoumari!



L to R: Barbara Pampacos, Paula Di Pietro and Mary Nicholas

PAST EVENTS

KOUVENDA “COME-BACK”

JULY 30 2022

This was the first “Kouvenda” (open morning) since CAWA closed for renovations in May 2021. Although a typical July day with cold temperatures and rain, people who attended were warmed by the atmosphere of friendship and hot Greek coffee.

The first use of the Nick Nicholas Community Room as a **presentation** venue occurred with an interesting talk and demonstration by Pam Mistilis on the ancient Mediterranean fruit, the quince. Pam showed her techniques for producing a delicious quince paste preserve and treated participants to a sample for tasting.



Pam Mitsilis demonstrating how to make quince paste – delicious on a cheese board.

Greek coffee made by Frankie Pappas and Kate Fatouros is always popular – there aren’t many places you can get one in Perth. Of course, a range of teas is available too. A delicious morning tea was provided by members who generously offered their Greek sweets.



Kate making coffee

A **produce table** supplied a whole lot of goodies, from red-wine vinegar and award-winning olive oil to quince paste, baklava, paximadia, karithopita and other treats, along with a

table of books about or by Castellorizians and a plethora of plants. Also available regularly are the Association’s aprons, caps and bags and their famous recipe book, “from our GREEK KITCHEN to yours”.

Children are always welcome, and they often enjoy kicking a ball around the paved expanse while their families sit on the verandah and chat with friends.



Stacey Doucas with her grandchildren Gregory and Nicholas, and Auntie Anita.

Thank you to the many people who brought in a plate of goodies to share or helped out for the event.

Donations from the Kouvenda are going towards establishing funds for a **glass museum-quality cabinet** in which to house the mannequins and the Castellorizian national costumes.

AUGUST 27, 2022

Kouvenda number two was a “chilled out” affair but this didn’t stop members from dropping in ...and staying... for an enjoyable morning of friendship and catch-up. There is always a lot to chat about and our last two years have helped us appreciate time with friends.



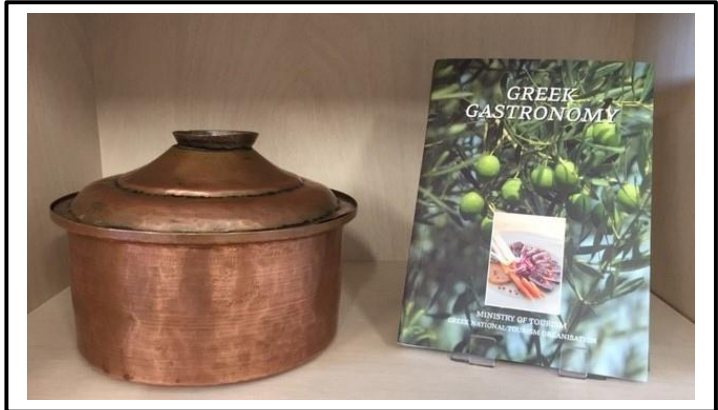
L to R: Vicki Sertis, Mary Nicholas, Jerry Ventouras, Chrissi Ventouras, Frankie Pappas, Sophie Spartalis and Daphne Penklis.

Nick Nicholas Community Room

By Stephanie Meagher
(Culture and Heritage committee)

Named in honour of the highly respected, Nick Nicholas, esteemed past president and a recipient of the Kastellorizian of the Year award, the new Community Room is a wonderful addition to *Cazzie House*. Affording a versatile space, lockable storage and a superb display unit to showcase our library and growing collection of precious artefacts, the new room lends itself to a variety of uses.

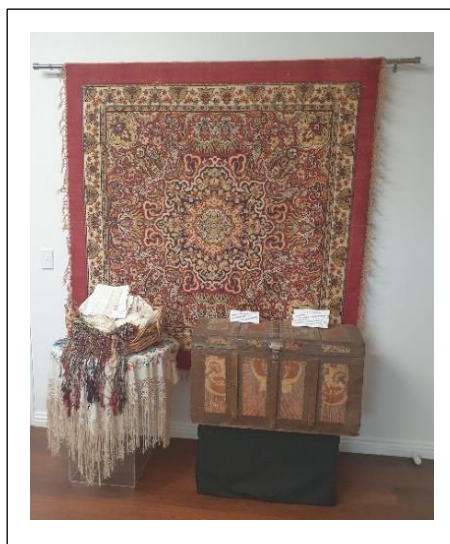
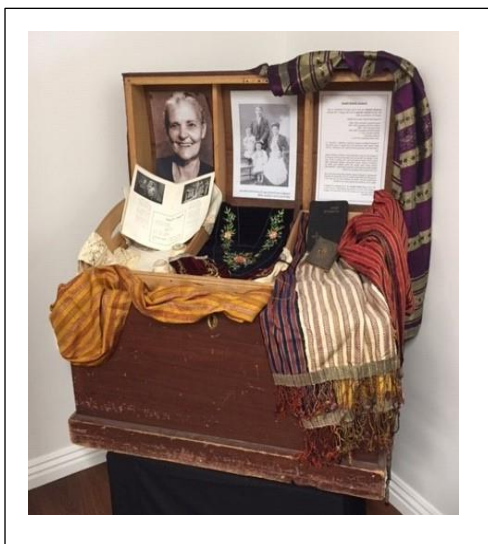
First and foremost, we now have a dedicated ‘museum’ space, something the Association has been wanting for many years. Following the recent re-opening afternoon, we have been greatly encouraged by the positive feedback received on the displays curated by the culture and heritage committee.



*Treasured family heirlooms generously shared by:
Elaine Palassis (mortar & pestle) and Mary Nicholas (brass coffee grinder and copper pot)*

Additionally, we have finally been able to effectively display our collection of books which cover a multitude of subjects, mainly affiliated with Kastellorizo, Greece and the diaspora. Books are available for loan on a monthly basis, and the library is accessible at each Kouvenda – the last Saturday of the month from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. Some books are available for sale.

The Community Room also provides an ideal space for small presentations and groups, as evidenced by Pam Mistilis’s recent talk on quince paste at the July Kouvenda to an engaged audience of around twenty. Anyone wanting to gather a small group together will find the intimacy of the Community Room inviting.



The Nick Nicholas Community Room is now officially open for all to enjoy – we look forward to welcoming you.
(Check this out in colour online – or come to Cazzie House for a look.)



Your olives: By now your olives have been debittered and are ready for embellishment with your favourite herbs – however you should try the following – wash the olives and place them in a clean jar; squeeze the juice from a quarter of a lemon over the olives; add a teaspoonful of mixed Mediterranean herbs; add a dash of extra virgin olive oil; cap the jar with a clean lid; and shake the jar of olives to give good coverage – enjoy straight away and/or store under refrigeration.

Extra virgin olive: Consume one to two tablespoonsful of Greek or Australian extra virgin olive for good health and longevity. Use it: in cooking *ladera*; on salads and vegetables;

and include in cakes and *paximadia*. ***It is a myth and an untruth that it is unsafe to cook with olive oil.***

Olive leaf-tea: Olive leaf tea is a popular herbal tea drunk by the ancients, village people and Greek islanders. It is prepared by adding boiling water to crushed dried olive leaves. Leaves and short branches are collected from olive trees, washed in running water then dried by hanging under a veranda or in an oven at low heat eg 90°C. The tea has a honey colour and is slightly sweet.

Your olive tree: Remove any dead branches; tip prune to promote new growth; and add fertiliser under the tree – *Dynamic lifter* - essential for flowering and fruiting.

Christina's Kouzina

Many of us these days have food intolerances and allergies. Tina Kyros has spent years changing recipes to accommodate the various food-needs for arthritis and allergies for not only herself but also for those around her. She has generously agreed to share some of her adaptations.

Says Tina: "As you know I try to eat carefully. Here are two recipes I use regularly – one savoury and one sweet. Try them, change them for yourself, don't be afraid to experiment."

WRAPS: GLUTEN-FREE

Ingredients

1 cup of chickpea flour
1 cup of filtered water
1 tablespoon olive oil.

Method

1. Add the ingredients to a bowl.
 2. Mix and let sit at least an hour. If you want it thicker, add extra flour.
 3. In a frying pan, add a little oil and pour a small amount of batter into hot pan. It doesn't take long to cook. Flip and when cooked, put on paper towels to cool.
 4. To serve: I tend to make them the size of a large side plate. We use them as wraps for hummus and salad; vegetables; chicken and vegetables; and curried egg.
- NOTE: You can make them thicker or bigger depending on what you want.



RIZOGALO (Rice Pudding): DAIRY-FREE

In our family we try not to have dairy, so I make my Rizogalo with just two ingredients, rice and Quench. Everyone loves it - it's yum. Quench is a pure harvest organic coconut milk made with brown rice. It doesn't need sugar due to the sweetness of the rice in the milk.

Ingredients

Rice (3/4 cup of medium grain white)
Quench milk (1 litre)

Method

1. Place rice in saucepan with enough water to just cover the rice.
2. Bring to the boil and cook for 2 minutes.
3. Add milk and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally until rice is soft and mixture is creamy.
4. Let it stand for 5 minutes, then serve with a sprinkling of cinnamon over the top.

NOTE: for those who like it sweeter, sprinkle some Stevia or Sugar when finished cooking.



CAZZIE COOKING CLASSES

The Cazzie Cooking Class, coming up on **10 September**, is a demonstration of Finikia. Contact Helen Anastasas on 0421 644 163.

October School Holiday Greek Cooking Class

During the school holidays, the morning of Monday 3 October, 10 to 18 year-olds will be making Souvlakia Wraps.

NOTE: 10 am drop off and 12 pm pick up. For future classes, contact Helen Anastasas on mobile 0421 644 163 or email hanastasas@yahoo.com.au for more information.

CAZZIE COOKING CLASSES

Young Adults Cazzie Cooking Class

Thank you to our dedicated cooking enthusiasts who joined us for a delightful and social afternoon on Saturday 20 August making the ever-popular Greek recipe 'Spanakopita'.

Different variations of this recipe were expertly demonstrated by our own Cazzie Cooking Class members Eva Magriplis, Chrissie Ventouras and Mary Nicholas. Thank you to Eva, Chrissie and Mary for a very successful class plus the added bonus of taking home a very tasty spanakopita on the day.

If you would like to know more about the classes, email ma.manifis@gmail.com

Margaret-Anne Quinn



L to R: Photo 1. The Class 2. Kristina & Claudia 3. Irene & Evdokia 4. Leanna & Annie 5. Olivia & Brenda
6. Roberta & Marissa 7. Sienna & Anastasia 8. Vicky & Elouise 9. Eva Magriplis 10. Mary Nicholas & Chrissie Ventouras

THE ASIA MINOR CATASTROPHE - 100 YEARS

One hundred years have passed since the sacking of Smyrna. For Greece, the trauma of this disaster has never been forgotten, its tragic legacy reverberating down through the generations. Despair from the subsequent forced exodus from Anatolia, compounded by feelings of dispossession and loss found its voice in the songs of rebetika, a music tradition that provided solace to at least some of the estimated 1.2 million refugees who poured into Greece.

Rebetika - more than just a music genre-

By Stephanie Meagher.



Rebetika is urban folk music; it is of the city and its streets and often referred to as the ‘Greek blues.’ It is also much more than this. A lot of the subsequent Greek music enjoyed today has been influenced by these earlier times when rebetika was also a consciousness, a way of being and surviving in a harsh and brutal world. Deemed “a living musical tradition with a strong symbolic, ideological and artistic character” rebetika was added to UNESCO’s *Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity* in 2017 in recognition of the role it has played in shaping the cultural fabric of Greek society.

The foundations of rebetika in Greece can be traced to the late 19th and early 20th century, to the poorer areas of Athens and Piraeus which had seen an influx of mostly single young men from the countryside in search of work. Greece was in dire financial circumstances at this time due to mismanagement and war, so it is hardly surprising that with no support an urban underclass with little regard for authority or propriety would emerge. As is invariably the case in such circumstances, escape from the grim realities of grim lives is sought. That escape was found in the music, song and dance of rebetika, played out in makeshift hashish dens, drinking houses and the *café-amans* of a gritty urban underworld. The affected tough persona of an anti-establishment *rebet* (rebel) or *mangas* as they were known, relishing the underbelly of life and rejecting authority and mainstream conventions, was also a prerequisite. However, the songs of loneliness, loss and struggle accompanied on simple and easily attainable instruments such as the bouzouki, baglamas (small lute) and guitars often belied the bravado,

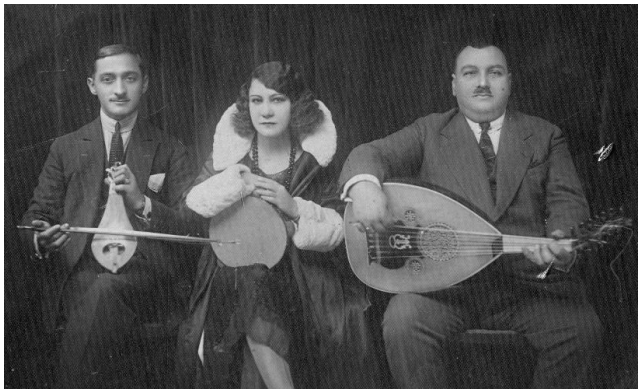
reflecting the harsh realities of the lives of those who were trying to forget their misfortunes - if only for the duration of a melancholy song, the swaying rhythm of a dance or a hashish hookah.

The subversive nature of rebetika was anathema to the authorities and considered a threat to the morals of society. Police would regularly raid premises, arrest the musicians and destroy their instruments. Considered equally offensive was the distinctly middle eastern musical styles, instruments and vocal techniques which were a reminder of the Ottomans and Turkish rule, something that would be exacerbated with the arrival of refugees from Anatolia following the Catastrophe. The survivors of Smyrna would bring with them the culture and music of Ottoman Anatolia with all its Greek, Turkish, Roma, Armenian and Jewish influences. Their effect on rebetika would be profound.

Viewed with resentment and distrust by the established citizens of Greece, the unwanted survivors of Smyrna received a hostile reception upon arrival in their new land. Having been forcibly displaced, brutalised and exiled, they were deeply traumatised, arriving with little more than the clothes on their backs and their haunted memories. Following years of war, Greece was manifestly incapable of absorbing over a million refugees, and it would take decades for them to be truly accepted and assimilated.

It is not surprising then that the Anatolian refugees would find affinity with the outliers of Greek society and expression

through the rebetika tradition. By the 1930s the smyrneika cabaret traditions brought from Smyrna, with their variety of instruments, intricate melodies and sensual dance rhythms had merged with the Greek rebetika underworld to produce a new sound and the subculture that seemed self-sufficient and impervious to authority flourished. It helped also that the advent of a recording industry and the gramophone record popularised rebetika lifting it out of the seedy cafes and *tekedes*. The universal themes of loss, exile, poverty and struggle were now being heard by a mainstream audience.



Roza Eskanzi and players

This period is generally considered the golden age of rebetika. Some of the great rebetika artists of the day were Marcos Vamvakaris, Roza Eskenazi, Vasilis Tsitsanis and Sotiria Bellou. Their stories reflect the times and we are lucky that their music is easily available online.

Rebetika still had to survive the Metaxa dictatorship, its censorship and crackdowns driving the movement further underground. It would not receive full acceptance and legitimacy until it was able to emerge from its coarse image to embrace a more liberal political and cultural sensibility. It can be argued that it was Mikis Theodorakis who finally redeemed rebetika through his own lyrical expression of its universal themes of struggle and resistance. He is credited with elevating the bouzouki to its iconic place in Greek music and, in so doing, offered rebetika and all it represents to the world.

Smyrna, September 1922. Lest We Forget.

For an introduction to the sound of rebetika, see suggested selection below:

Panagiotis Toundas: "Barbayiannakakis." Toundas was a composer hailing from Smyrna and his songs are typical examples of the eastern influences of rebetiko.

Kostas Skarvelis: "Go ahead, Alani." Singer [Roza Eskenazi](#) performing a song by Skarvelis- From a poor Sephardic Jewish family of Constantinople, Eskenazi was arguably the most iconic female performer of rebetika songs in her day.

Vassilis Tsitsanis: "Gloomy Sunday." Tsitsanis was a prolific creator and seminal figure in the evolution of the genre, also collaborating with composers such as Mikis Theodorakis.

Markos Vamvakaris: "All of the World's Rebetes." Born on the island of Syros, Vamvakaris was the patriarch of rebetiko, forming part of "the Famous Piraeus 4", the most renowned rebetiko music ensemble.

Giannis Papaioannou: "Before the Dawn." Born in a city on the coast of Marmara Sea, Papaioannou came to Greece as a refugee. His music encompasses elements from serenades together with the music of the Greek islands and Asia Minor.

Apostolos Hatzihristos: "Tramp's Grievance." Born in Smyrna, Hatzihristos (dubbed Smyrniotáki) came to Greece as a refugee after the Smyrna Catastrophe. He performed the songs of many composers, as well as his own.



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RENOVATIONS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING (NAOS) OF SAINT GEORGE “TOU LOUKA” (HORAFIOU)

By Dr Paul E. Boyatzis

With the completion of the renovations of this magnificent church in the district of Horafia in Castellorizo, it was reported in a recent edition of *Kastelloriziaka Nea* that the “Thiranixia” (opening) is envisioned to take place in the forthcoming autumn in the presence of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew, and the Prime Minister of Greece, His Excellency Mr Kiriakos Mitsotakis.

The church was constructed early in the last century with financing by the great benefactors of Castellorizo, Loukas and Anastasia Santrape. It is a magnificent edifice in the Byzantine style and it is historically recorded that the building failed to reach completion due to changes in political and financial circumstances.

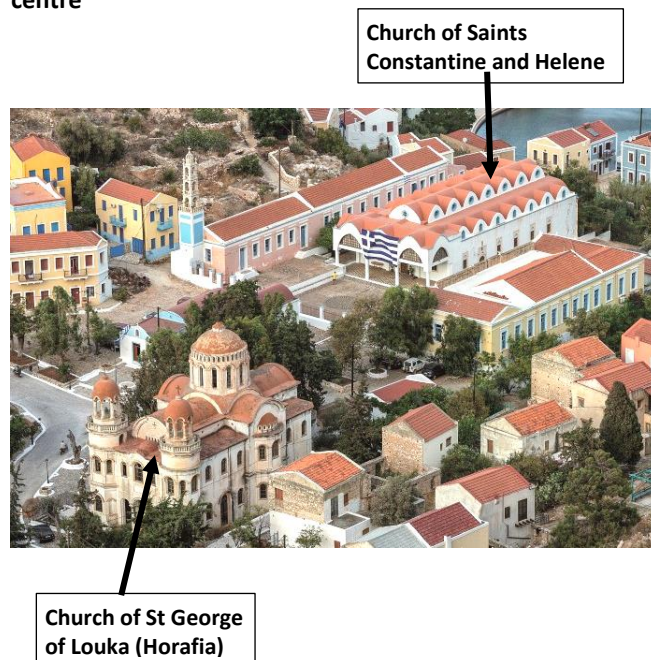


With this, and the passage of time, it was sad to witness its deteriorating state; however, it survived the devastation of two World Wars. From a personal aspect, as children, and looking through windows, the contents and internal appearance of the building resembled that of a storage structure rather than a church. Hence “St George” was not consecrated nor had the official “opening of doors” (Thiranixia) been carried out.

It is with great pleasure now that we see the recent alteration of circumstances. The magnificence of the exterior is complemented with the completion of the internal structure of this house of worship. I believe this was made possible with the financial assistance received from the most generous donation of a retired military person in Greece, Mr Athanasios Martinos and his wife Marina. By this magnificent gesture the residents and visitors to Castellorizo are fortunate to be beneficiaries and spiritually rewarded.

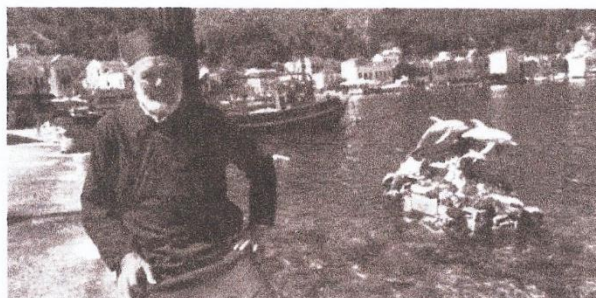
The attached photos to these short comments indicate the location of the church in Horafia and its proximity to the Cathedral of Saints Constantine and Helene. The grandeur of the imposing “Saint George Tou Horafiou” is very much appreciated even prior to the recent construction activities.

The Horafia district is the island’s religious and educational centre



From *Kastelloriziaka Nea*:

Father George Maltezos



After 52 years of service as the priest of Castellorizo, Father George is retiring on May 21 after officiating at the feast day of Saints Constantine and Helene. Father George was ordained as a priest on 13 September 1970 and is recognised for his captivating liturgies on account of his melodious chanting.

There are many colourful stories of Father George who has served his parish well. Being Kastellorizian made it easy for him to accept the position on what is regarded as a remote Greek island. Many of us have fond memories of special times spent with Father George and wish him well on his retirement. No doubt he will continue to make his presence felt well into the future to all visitors to the island.

Photos from the Past



Castellorizian Community Coincidence (CCC) In Perth Western Australia

By Dr Paul E. Boyatzis

In the article outlining the current activity in the restoration of the church in Horafia on Castellorizo namely “Saint George Tou Louka” (also at times referred to as Saint George Tou Horafiou”) mention was made of inquisitive children discovering the contents of the neglected ecclesiastic edifice. Coincidentally, a photo exists of two of those children who eventually migrated to Perth in Western Australia and whose families are current members of the local Greek Australian / Castellorizian Community.

The photograph above identifies the late Mr Con Karageorge and Dr Paul Boyatzis at an early age. The location is the steps of the Santrape Boys’ School in Castellorizo, a common photographic location, and the period being the early 1940s. The celebratory occasion was the wedding of Nicholas Foundas to Irene Papanastasiou, the parents of the well-known Perth identities, Emanuel Foundas and his sister Despo Koutsoukos.

Following the path of Con and Paul further, we note that both boys attended, for a short period, the Santrape School

in the 1940s; both witnessed the bombing and devastation of Castellorizo during the Second World War and both were refugees in Gaza, Palestine (1943- 1945). Post war, the two spent their formative years in Western Australia. They married, raised their families and by coincidence they were neighbours for some years in the 1970s, in Como, Western Australia.

Further to this, in their social interaction and as members of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia, Con and Paul served on the committee and at various periods were presidents of the Association.

The relationship between the Karageorge and Boyatzis families continued with Flora and the late Con Karageorge refreshing the interaction with Paul and Terri Boyatzis by the marriage of their offspring to members of the family of Angie and the late Emanuel Gelavis. As we say.....

“The World is a small place”!!!

Saint Constantine or Saint Nicholas?

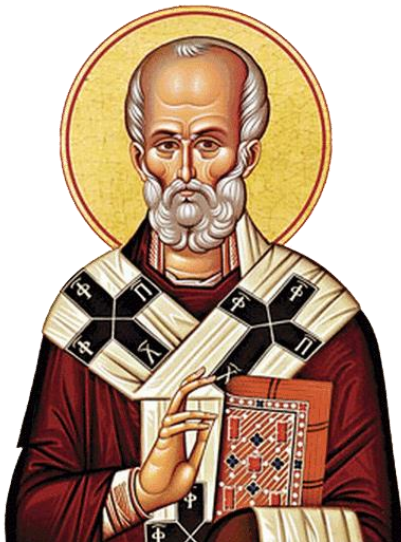
I love it when a topic ignites discussion and contradiction amongst the community. It is an opportunity to increase our knowledge. In the last edition of Megisti Messenger (June 2022) we asked the question: **“Why did the Kastellorizian Association choose the Feast Day of Saints Constantine and Helen as its celebration day?”**

Some weeks later I received a call from one of our community matriarchs, Kathleen Malaxos, who had a great story to share with us. She said that she remembers in the early days, the Association always held its annual celebration on the feast day of **Saint Nicholas** (6th December). This was because, historically as a seafaring population, protection of their livelihood at sea was of utmost importance – and who better to assist than St Nicholas, patron saint of sailors and merchants!

Kathleen recounted “We would hold an event each year. However, it was realised in the 1950s that there were a large number of people named “Nicholas” in the Cazzie group, and they’d be having their own family functions at home, and we were getting less people at the Association functions on 6th December. It was decided to change the celebration day to that of the Feast Day of Sts Constantine and Helen.”

Was St Nicholas the Patron Saint of Kastellorizo?

Now, we all know the link between Santa Claus and St Nicholas. But I wondered about the *particular* importance of Saint Nicholas to the islanders on Kastellorizo. I noted on the website of the “St Nicholas Centre” their claim that “St Nicholas is the patron saint of the island of Kastellorizo”.¹



This information, new to me, led to further investigation, and I came across a piece published in the Victorian club’s “Kazzie News” in 2008.² The author John B. Salvaris OAM was asking questions about the patron saint/s of Kastellorizo and I include an excerpt from his article here:

“Based on the legend, [...that Constantine the Great, Emperor of Rome and his mother Helen, sought refuge from a severe storm on Kastellorizo during their journey to the Holy Land...and built the church of St John...] one could be convinced that St Constantine and St Helen were the Patron Saints of Kastellorizo. However, there are many reasons to believe that St Nicholas is the rightful Patron Saint of Kastellorizo and not Sts Constantine and Helen. Historical evidence documented by Eusevius of Ceasaria, St Ambrose and

Rufinus of Aquileia, all detail the archaeological expedition and list the discoveries made by Augusta Helena on the way to, during and from the “Holy Land”. Their records: 1. Do not refer to the storm and trip to Kastellorizo. 2. They all claim that after Constantine the Great became Emperor, he did not visit the “Holy Land”. 3. They all list in great detail the names of the churches built by Constantine and his mother throughout the Byzantine Empire. However, there is no mention in the list of the church of St John on Kastellorizo.”

In his article John Salvaris continues:

“Evidence to support the claims that St Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Kastellorizo is:

- 1. St Nicholas was the Metropolitan of Myra of which Kastellorizo was a parish.*
- 2. The common seal of Kastellorizo features the Icon of St Nicholas.*
- 3. The oldest church in the old castle was dedicated to St Nicholas.*
- 4. The main festival of the island is held December 4, 5, and 6th known as “Nicolovarvara”, the celebration of Saints Barbara, Savvas and Nicholas*
- 5. Documented in the Kastellorizian folk songs, the Kastellorizians pray to St Nicholas and commence with St Nicholas with his curly beard - “Agia Nicola ton Myron met ta psara ta yenia”.*
- 6. St Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Sailors and the predominant occupation of the Kastellorizians was sailors.*

John Salvaris concludes:

“So, from my research it is clear to me that St Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Kastellorizo and not Saints Constantine and Helen. So, I ask why we celebrate Saint Constantine and Helen’s Day instead of St Nicholas here in Melbourne? Yet another Kazzie mystery!”

So now I am curious about what other Perth-Castellorizians think. What recollections from the past do you have to tell us? I look forward to hearing from you.

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Kathleen Malaxos (nee Kakulas) is currently president of the Hellenic Women’s Association. Her father, Paraskeva Varthalamos Kakulas, was president of CAWA as well as other Greek organizations. In fact many members of her family are well known for their service to the community and currently her nephew, Michael Kakulas, chairs the renovations sub-committee of CAWA.

Home

By Lefki Kailis

It's going to be a scorcher. The summer sun streams through the window as Athina, up early, is peering closely into the magnifier observing the cobweb of wrinkles developing around her large honey eyes. She's already dressed in a crisp-collared white shirt, an A-line skirt and an impressionist cotton scarf to tie her outfit together.

Today like every other she is shepherding Andrea, Stella and Maria through the morning routine of rising, dressing, preparing lunch, packing bags and sitting together for a family breakfast. The teenagers feel the pressure of the day's duties and obligations - but they are schooled to co-operate rather than resist.

Athina goes through the motions – kids to school, shopping - home to store the food in the cool on this super-hot day then drive the thirty minutes to be with her mother. Why did she allow her mother to be relocated into care? Isn't this worse than having her at home? Isn't the everyday drive taking a toll on her own health? It's true her doctor had stressed that checking into the hospital was not a permanent solution to falls and health incidents. There were no circular swing doors in *this* hospital. He had insisted that a solution be found.

Life with a husband whose working hours left her to carry the domestic responsibilities as well as three children had weakened her resolve. Her mother's needs and demands were weighing her down. She kept thinking about what life quality *she* had running hither and thither in the car dropping off here, picking up there. When the last fall occurred and there was blood and cuts it all seemed too much.

And her mother had become troublesome, requiring assistance every little while, needing her presence most of the day. It was her daughter who knew her intimately and who would give her the best care; not, as her mother Olympia saw it, those over-zealous carers with their special banter for oldies. *She could see straight through them.* Athina laughs to herself as she recalls the one who told her mother on the first day of service "I love you Olympia". She remembers the stunning silence – then Olympia's snap curt response "Oh! Love at first sight is it?" That was it - the carer never came back! Her mother's intelligence and sometimes acerbic comments pierced Athina's heart like a dart, tying her up in knots.

The policy of the New Home was to ring Athina every morning to report on how Olympia had passed the night and to inform

Athina of any requests or needs her mother had. Though Athina asked for this to happen and praised the Centre for always giving her full feedback, on this particular day with the heat, the driving and the anxiety, she began to feel nauseous.

Her mother had deteriorated to the extent that her food was now pure-ed and her mobility was limited. *My poor dear mother, thought Athina her mind is so sharp, yet she is trapped in this feeble body. Why my dear Lord do we cling to life at any cost? The drive to live is very strong!* She prayed that she herself would be the 'drop dead variety'. There were 'heart conditions' in the family and she hoped she'd be here today and gone tomorrow when the time came.

As she pulled up at the Centre, she wiped her brow and freshened herself up a little. She anticipated her mother's keenness to see her and she pulled herself together, added a little blush and fresh lipstick. 'Mum, good morning! How are you? Did you sleep well? Your lunch will be coming soon.' Her mother has been propped up on a number of pillows. She's in a delicate pink, pintucked nightie. Her cheeks are flushed, and her face is plump and full. She looks beautiful in her daughter's eyes.

'Oh! You mean that pure-ed mush?! Tell them I want some grilled fish with greens and chips.' 'It's difficult for you to swallow mum, let's add a few condiments to bolster it up a bit?'

"Filletted fish is no problem for me, they dump all of us into one basket."

The tray arrives with the pumpkin puree, the commercial stewed fruit and a punnet of ice cream. "I'll just have the ice cream today."

"Have a little of this pumpkin first mum. You need the vitamins," Athina says, questioning the rationale of it in her own mind! She bends over close to her mother to encourage her to open her mouth and co-operate. Her mother looks at her with a steely eye, suddenly grabbing her scarf and pulling her down.

Athina can hardly breathe. She can't call out. She's astonished at the strength of her mother's grip.

She goes limp - her head is on her mother's knees.

Olympia pats her daughter's head and says, "please take me home".

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CAZZIE TRIBUTE

Compiled by Anita Verne



Lilliane Gomas AM – “Kastellorizian of the Year” 2022

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria (KAV) has named Melbourne-born Lilliane Gomas as the Kastellorizian of the Year for 2022. Her achievements will be celebrated at the KAV Gala Dinner on Saturday 15 October.

This year's awardee has connections to Western Australia as her mother, Mary Koutsoukis, was born in Fremantle in 1916. Lilliane Gomas's maternal grandparents, Iakovas K. Koutsoukis and Evangelia T. Economides, were both born on Kastellorizo.

Lilliane arrived in Darwin with her husband, Theofilis, in 1967. She became a strong advocate for community support and welfare and in 1974, as a member of the Greek Women's Philanthropic Society, she raised money for the Northern Territory's elderly, the Greek Orthodox Church and its school.

In 1987 Lilliane Gomas became the first female president of a Greek community in Australia when she took on the role as president of the Greek Orthodox Community of North Australia (GOCNA). In this position, she oversaw the completion of the third stage of the Greek Orthodox school and an upgrade of the church. In 1988 she was a co-founder of Darwin's iconic *GleNTi*. This Greek festival is renowned across Australia and in recent years it has been recognised overseas due to live streaming as one of the premier events of the Northern Territory.

Lilliane Gomas's excellence in her field of endeavour was acknowledged Australia-wide in 2019 at the Queen's birthday

awards when she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the Greek community of the Northern Territory.

The KAV said on social media that “Lilliane epitomises the importance of grassroots welfare of Kastellorizians and Greeks in Darwin, personifying the spirit of the original Cazzie *philotimo* – brotherhood. She has been instrumental in preserving and embedding Greek heritage in Darwin, contributing to Australia's vibrant multicultural society.”

“Lilliane's legacy and goodwill shown to her community has encouraged family members and inspired others to continue the traditions she established over 20 years ago. Her work and values thus live on through younger generations in their support of the welfare of the wider Greek community, representing the KAV's ethos of ‘Faith, Hope and Charity’.

“By acknowledging Lilliane and her contributions to society, we show that we value those who continue to work at the grassroots level, devoting time and hard work to their communities.”

Our Western Australian Kastellorizian Association congratulates Lilliane on her award and salutes her for the longstanding service, commitment and contribution to the Greek community of the Northern Territory.



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June 2022	Nicholas & Theona Mitaros
June 2022	Byron & Valerie Kakulas
June 2022	Kannis Family – for House emblem
June 2022	GREENACRES TURF and Peter Pitsikas
July 2022	NEW LOOK DRYCLEANING: Larry & Moira Doropoulos
July 2022	Arthur Auguste



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CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF W.A. INC.

Application for Membership

www.cazziewa.org.au
[Email: cazziewa@outlook.com](mailto:cazziewa@outlook.com)
MAIL:

Forward the form and payment to:
The Castellorizian Association of WA
PO Box 174
Mount Hawthorn WA 6915

EFT TRANSFER:

Account Name: Castellorizian Association of WA
BSB: 066 129
Account: 00800217
Reference: your surname

- 1. TYPE:** Application is for a SINGLE ☐ \$30 OR a HOUSEHOLD ☐ \$40
Fees are payable upon application then on 1st July of each year.

Title	Family name of primary applicant	First name/s of applicant	Year of Birth
		Preferred Name:	
MOBILE Number:		Email:	
FOR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP AT SAME ADDRESS:			
Title	Family name of spouse/partner	First name/s of applicant	Year of Birth
		Preferred Name:	
MOBILE Number:		Email:	
Street			
Suburb		State	Post Code
Home telephone		Business hours telephone	

- 2. CATEGORY:** (Tick box below, as appropriate.)

I make application for membership of the Castellorizian Association of WA as:

	Primary	Partner
Regular member (Persons born in Castellorizo or descendants of a person born in Castellorizo)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinary member (Persons married to Castellorizians or to Castellorizian descendant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate member (Other persons)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 3. YOUTH AFFILIATE:** Children under 18 years of age (free) - list names below:

Youth Affiliate Names	Year of Birth

- 4. APPLICANT:** In making this application I certify the above information is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

5. NOMINATION BY CURRENT MEMBER

NOMINATOR: I, (PRINT NAME) _____ am a current financial member of the Castellorizian Association of WA and nominate the applicant for the category of membership as indicated above and certify that to the best of my knowledge that the applicant meets the requirements of that category of membership.

Phone No. _____ Signature _____ Date _____

(Form last updated May 2022)

ASSOCIATION USE ONLY: Application approved / not approved, at meeting held ____/____/____ Sign _____

PAYMENT: by cash / cheque (receipt number _____) or EFT, on (date) _____ Sign _____

JOIN the CLUB

If you would like to join this vibrant Castellorizian Association, please complete the membership application on the previous page, and scan and email it to the treasurer, cazziewa@outlook.com or hand it to Tony Kostarelas. Alternatively, it can be posted to: PO BOX 174, Mt Hawthorn, WA 6915.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the following members who have joined the Castellorizian Association since September 2021. Perhaps you have joined because you have a passion and love for Greece and Castellorizo, or because your ancestral roots or family ties are there. We welcome you and wish you many years of friendship. There are numerous benefits to being a member. We hope to see you at the activities and functions that the Cazzie Association holds. Please feel free to ring members of the committee for information at any time.

Our **CONSTITUTION**: find it on our website www.cazziewa.org.au under 'About Us'.

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BALASIS	Christine	KLEPEC	Evdokia	PANOTIDIS	Julie
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BATTALIS	Chrissie	KOUNIS	Lois	QUACKENBUSH	Chrissie
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