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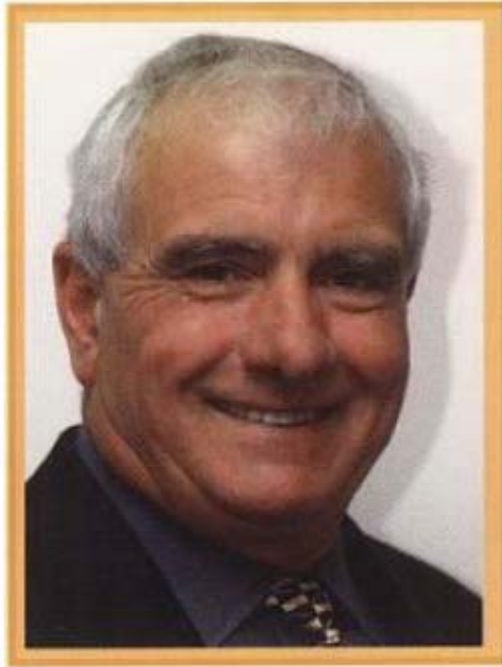
Evelyn Salvaris



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Michael Spartels



It is with great pride and pleasure that I once again accept the presidency of our association.

May I take this opportunity in thanking the previous committee for their work and initiatives and congratulate the appointment of the new committee.

The new committee, appointed by our members, has a mandate to attend to the following issues:

Revise the Constitution and clarify the status of honorary and life members (a subcommittee is currently being formed to attend to this matter).

Create a strategic business plan focusing on responsible and effective building management and future business concepts.

Cultivate fresh ideas and goals for the future of this association.

Encourage unity and a unique social environment that will attract participation from all age groups.

The committee has already begun to revise and update general issues that concern the association. Some of the issues we have attended to include:

1. Increasing the rental of our tenant by 4 %, to \$40,853.64 annually. He also pays for all outgoing expenses which amount to \$6,347 bringing the total to the \$47,200.64, we are happy to say that this matter has been finalized.

2. The Youth Achievement Awards; we will be expanding the VCE awards to include other personal achievements by our youth.

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Marika Bisas for being nominated as the Kastellorizian of the Year award 2007 and I look forward to joining Marika with members and friends in presenting her with the award at our St Constantine and Helen's Day function on Sunday May 27, 2007.

I sincerely hope this message finds everyone in the best spirits and health.

Michael N. Spartels

KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR 2007



Marika Bisas

We congratulate Mrs. Marika Bisas on being awarded the Kastellorizian of the Year 2007. As Marika Bisas's Curriculum Vitae indicates, she has been a very active contributor in the fields of multicultural affairs, the elderly, charity and general community.

Marika has also found time to be a loving and caring mother and wife to her children and grandchildren and to her husband Jack, whom she has also supported in his community contributions. We look forward to Marika joining us at the St. Constantine and

Helen's Day church service which will be held at St. Constantine and Helen Church, Barry Street, South Yarra at 10-11:30am, Sunday 27th May 2007 and to accept her award with a celebration luncheon to be held at our clubrooms, 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne

MARIKA BISAS's Curriculum Vitae

Marika Bisas was born in Port Said Egypt in 1929, the youngest of four children, to George and Evangelia Koutsoukis. Marika came to Australia with her family in the early 1930s and they eventually settled in Melbourne. Marika was educated at St Josephs and Kildara in Malvern.

Her interest in community was first inspired by her father George Koutsoukis who had a strong commitment to community and was a past president of the Kastellorizian Brotherhood. The entire family remained actively involved in the Kastellorizian community and in fact when researching for her curriculum vitae we came across an extract from "Megisti" News printed in Piraeus which reports that at a Kastellorizian picnic held at Canadian Bay, Victoria on 12th December 1939, Marika Koutsoukis finished first in the 50 yards dash.

One of Marika's earliest involvements in community activities was, as sports secretary, she was responsible for the formation of the Greek girl's basketball teams as part of the Olympic Athletic Club.

Marika married Jack Bisas on the 20th September 1953, and then had two sets of twins born in 1956 and 1959. She is also the proud grandmother of five grandchildren, Jacqueline, Simeon, Adriana, Jack and Spiro.

On July 15th 1961 the Kastellorizian Ladies society was formed. Marika was elected as its first President and remained in that role until 1964. She returned to undertake further terms as President in 1972 and 1973. Marika points out that with the support of a committed and hard working committee they, as did future committees of the Ladies Society, raised money to help pay off the mortgage on the club premises.

In 1974 Marika was appointed as Honorary Life Governor for the Royal Children's Hospital in recognition of her fund raising efforts. This inspired her to become more involved in community in particular in the welfare sector. She decided to volunteer as a welfare worker for the Australian Greek Welfare Society (AGWS). After completing a welfare volunteer training course she continued to work as a senior welfare officer, in a voluntary capacity.

It was during this period that she first developed an interest and a passion in an area of work that she would spend a considerable amount of her time working in, addressing the needs of Greek elderly in Victoria. She is proud to have established the first Greek Senior citizens clubs in Oakleigh, Richmond and Box Hill while working voluntarily at AGWS.

Her next major challenge was to enroll at RMIT, as a mature age student, to complete a Diploma of Interpreting and Translating. It was the first time that this course had been offered and represented an attempt to bring some structure, professionalism and recognition to the occupation of interpreters and translators. Marika successfully completed the course and became a fully accredited NAATI interpreter and translator. After completing the course she decided not to accept an offer to study at the University of Melbourne.

However completing the diploma marked the beginning of her professionally and voluntarily dedicating a significant amount of time ensuring that quality interpreter and

translator services were made available to Victorians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

As a volunteer her involvement included:

- Elected President of the Victorian Interpreters and Translators Association (VITA)
- Member of Ministerial Advisory Committee of Multicultural and Migrant Education
- Appointed to the Victorian assessment panel for translators and interpreters
- Member Victorian Working Party for the Structure and Coordination of Victorian Interpreter Services
- Appointed to the Greek Language Program Advisory committee for 3EA (where she was instrumental in pushing for the introduction of religious segments in the Greek programs).

Professionally, Marika was employed as an interpreter working with Greek families and children with special needs as part of the Victorian Government's Ashwood Counselling Guidance and Clinical Services. During this time Marika was appointed to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Board of Education and was eventually appointed as acting Coordinator for Interpreter services for the Ministry of Education representing the work of 34 interpreters across 15 languages.

In 1977 Marika returned to her passion of ensuring appropriate care for Greek elderly. In this year the Australian Greek Society for the Care of the Elderly (AGSCE) was established.

Marika was part of the leadership of the new organization and remained secretary for seven years. It was during this time that the society established the first Greek nursing home for the frail aged in Clayton. In recognition of her service to the society Marika was appointed as first Life Governor

of the AGSCE. In 1986 she resigned after having been a board member for ten years and foundation secretary for seven.

More recently Marika has been actively involved in "NEYMATIKH ESTIA", Greek Women's Cultural Association where she has been treasurer since 1995. Whilst she is proud of the many successful activities the Association has undertaken including poetry readings, concerts and guest lectures, the highlight for Marika was organizing an event which aimed to promote the history and

culture of Kastellorizo to the wider Greek and Australian community.

Marika has had a lifetime of commitment to community both directly through her own individual efforts and by supporting the significant community contributions of her husband Jack. She is proud and humble to be the recipient of the Kastellorizian of the Year award for 2007.

EVENTS



St. Constantine and Helen's Day will be celebrated on Sunday 27th May 2007.

The church service will be held at St. Constantine and Helen Church, Barry Street, South Yarra at 10-11:30AM. Following the church service a luncheon will be held at our clubrooms, 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne commencing at 12:30PM.

During the luncheon we will be presenting the Kastellorizian of the Year, VCE and Young Achievement Awards. We welcome all

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY

In response to the AGM held in February a working sub-committee has been established to reassess our current constitution. It is imperative that there is clarification of the status of the voting rights for honorary and life members. The sub-committee will be: George Dimer, Paul Gregory, George Papadopolous, Jim S Paltos (public officer), John B Salvaris, George Verginis, Jasmin Verginis and Nick Zorbas.

KASTELLORIZIAN YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (KYAA)

Since 1993 the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has presented awards to students who have completed their VCE certificates. The current committee will continue to acknowledge the achievements of young students who have completed VCE studies. In addition to this, the committee wishes to extend and acknowledge the success and personal achievements of our youth in other fields of endeavors and introduce the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards (KYAA). These new awards are to highlight the success of our youth up to 25 years of age in fields such as: completion of apprenticeships. The Arts (music, dance, theatre, film, fine arts etc), business and industry; community service; sports and tertiary education etc.

The committee welcomes nominations/registrations. Please complete the enclosed form, or forward your details to:

“The Secretary” either by post (PO BOX 112, South Melbourne 3205) or by email to: info@Kastellorizo.com.au by **Tuesday 15th May 2007**.

The inaugural awards, together with the VCE and Kastellorizian of the Year awards will be presented at St Constantine and St Helen’s function to be celebrated on **May 27th at 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne commencing at 12:30PM**, following the church service.

The committee looks forward to receiving many nominations/registrations and your subsequent presence on Sunday 27th of May.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS 2007

Four Greek Australians were honoured for services to their country in the Australia Day honours awards delivered by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, on Australia Day, January 26, 2006. Victorian, Nicholas Patinioitis, for services to the Greek community through organizations providing assistance to the elderly. Nick was awarded an OAM (general division).

Associate Professor Constantine Nicholas Aroney from Aspley, Queensland, was made a member of the Order of Australia for work in cardiology.

A.C.T’s, Aristidis Eric Koundouris, was awarded an Order of Australia for work in community and business.

NSW, Paul Antony Pholeros, an OAM for work with the indigenous community.

Australia’s honours began in 1975 with OAM to recognize service additional areas of service valued Australians. Prior to 1975, Australians were honoured by awards in the British honours system.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAN DODECANESE ASSOCIATION

A church service and luncheon was held on the 11th March to celebrate the anniversary of the union of the Dodecanese Islands. The luncheon was held at the Rhodes Social Clubrooms in Fairfield. Our society was represented by George Verginis (our representative on the Pan Dodecanese Association Committee), Michael and Dianne Spartels, Nick and Maria Patiniotis, and Sandra Varvodic.

BIRTHS

Cherry Anne Paltos.
Andrew Paltos (son of Jim and Jane Paltos) and his partner, Belinda, welcome their second daughter into the world, born on 9/12/06. A sister for Bella.

Earlier this year, Michelle (Zorbas) and Christophe Delaire became proud parents of a Daughter. Congratulations to the first time parents and grandparents Marie and Nick Zorbas.

Noel and Marissa Leon (nee Spartels) celebrated the arrival of a beautiful baby daughter on the 21st April 2007. 6th grandchild for Michael and Dianne Spartels and 4th grandchild for Nick and Stephanie Leon. 6th Great grandchild for Maria James.

BIRTHDAYS

60th Birthday

Jim.S.Paltos (son of Stephen Paltoglou) celebrated his 60th birthday in style at "The Sandringham Club". Over 100 people were in attendance. The 60's rock band, Ron Charles and the Retro Bandits played until the wee hours.

50th Birthday

Congratulations to Peter Eustathios Defteros, who celebrated his 50th Birthday on Valentine's Day 2007. A 50th birthday cocktail part was held at "The Merrimu Room" of Merrimu Receptions. 80 carefully chosen family and friends celebrated the occasion with DJ and open bar. Peter's wife Anna Miriklis – Defteros organized a cake, the map of Ithaca (Peter's origins) with the Kastellorizian symbol of "faith, hope and charity" as a seal of approval. "Na ta ekatostisis"



WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Basil A Salvaris and Alessandra Giunta for their marriage on the 3rd of June, 2006. The wedding was celebrated in both the Catholic and Orthodox churches and was followed by a beautiful reception at the Regal Ballroom in Northcote. The wedding was attended by many members of the family and their friends. Interstate relatives included members from the Bolkus, Dwyer (nee Bolkus), Livis, Koutsis (nee Livis), Diamond, Kalaitzis,

Moschakis, Penklis and Salvaris families. Basil is the second son of Andrew and Tina (Pitsikas) Salvaris. Brother John was best man and the bride's brother, sister and nephew were also in the wedding party. The couple spent their honeymoon in Italy and Greece.



Basil A. and Alessandra Salvaris, cutting their Wedding cake that was made by their cousin Evelyn Salvaris.

In Adelaide on the 30th of December 2006, Catherine Moschakis married Justine Nugent. Catherine is the daughter of Charles and Fifi (Platis) Moschakis. The Wedding was celebrated at St Syridon, Unley and was followed by a reception, at the Nugent Family winery "Bird in the Hand". The wedding was attended by members of the Platis, Agyropolous, Salvaris, Karkyriakos and Moschakis families from Melbourne.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Sam and Cherrie (Christofas) Alexander for celebrating 50 years of marriage in January.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Home in Melbourne to help celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Christina and Demetrios Pavlou was George Papatotis, brother of Christina. We wish them both many years of health and happiness.

GET WELL

To Irene Piperoglou, after a stay in hospital.

To Irene Mingos, who was unfortunately knocked over by a motor vehicle.

We wish both our members a speedy recovery.

ACHIEVEMENTS

ALEXANDER WYATT, grandson of Peter and Eva August/Augustis and son of Sandra and Ray Wyatt, has established an international environmental company based in Shanghai and London. Its aim is to reduce carbon emissions.

Alex, a Rhodes Scholar, has a double honours degree in Law and Computer Science from Melbourne University and a Masters of Philosophy in Oriental Studies and an MBA from Oxford University.

JULIAN WYATT, Alex's younger brother, has recently been awarded the Government of Switzerland post graduate scholarship and he is now in Geneva doing a Masters of International Law.

Julian has a double honours degree in Law and Arts from Melbourne University and prior to going to Switzerland worked for three years in litigation law at Minter Ellison.

FEATURE ARTICLES:

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY: HISTORY OF THE REVOLUTION

By Anna Miriklis-Defteros

March 25 is the “Fourth Of July” equivalent for the Greek population. Greece’s modern revolution began on March 25, 1821, with a declaration of Independence from the Ottoman Empire and subjugation since 1453. A well known theory was that Greece was declared free when Bishop Germanos of Patras, Greece, raised a flag over the Monastery of Holy Laura “Ayia Lavra.”

Although Independence was granted in 1829, fighting continued until 1833. The war devastated the Ottoman Empire including Smyrna, Cyprus and Chios. The Greek cause eventually captured the imagination of “Philhellenes” (lovers of Greece) throughout the world that contributed money and time and sacrificed their lives to secure freedom for the birthplace of democracy. For Greeks today all around the world, the liberation from the Ottoman Empire evokes great pride and passion for their oppressed and courageous ancestors. It also explains the continuing animosity between Greece and Turkey today.

In Melbourne, on March 25, all Greek Orthodox Churches celebrate the occasion with traditional services. The Greek and Australian flags are at the front of “Evangelismos Tis Theotokou” Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, as well as the 2nd Archdiocesan Church, “St. Evstathios” at 221 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne, with the annual “Glendi” function at Lonsdale Street, Melbourne CBD

In Greece, on March 25, white and blue flags decorate villages, towns and cities through-

out the country. Observance is made with a National Public Holiday, with church services, parades, speeches and parties. School children dress in their best clothes or in national costumes to participate in the marches.

Many children wear the foustanela, the traditional uniform adopted by the military men in central Greece and the Peloponnesus during the time of the occupation. The costume with its short, white pleated skirt (foustanela) includes a hat with tassel, blue jacket and red shoes with pompoms (tsarouhia). It has become a national symbol and is worn by a popular group of soldiers known as “evzones” who guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the parliament building in Athens.

Although it was sanctioned as the official costume after liberation, there are other popular costume styles, including the “vraka” baggy pants that stop short at the knees and are worn primarily in the Islands- the Dodecanese and Ionian, in particular.

The girl’s costumes are more diverse, reflecting the different regions of Greece. Most costumes are handed down through the generations or may be purchased in Greece. The largest selection may be found on Pandrossou Street in the Monstiraki area in Athens.

Pictures of the revolutionary heroes as Kolokotronis, Bishop Germanos and Bouboulina decorate the walls and Greek music and folk dancing often complete the program. Inspired audiences shout “Zito I Ellas” (Long Live Greece!) and robustly sing the Greek National Anthem “Ethnikos Imnos” by Greek poet, Dionysius Solomos.

ETHNIKOS IMNOS (GREEK NATIONAL ANTHEM)

I know you by your cutting edge of your
dreaded sword,

I know you by your look that fiercely scans
the land.

Risen from the bones,

The sacred Greek bones,

And brave as of old,

Hail, Oh liberty, hail.

“Se gno-ri-zo a-po tin kop-si tou spa-thiou tin
tro-me-ri,
Se gno-ri-zo a-po tin op-si pou me via me-trai
tin yi,
Ap’ ta ko-ka-la vgal-me-ni ton El-li-non ta
iera,

Ke san pro-ta an-thrio-me-ni he-ro, he-re e-
lef-the-ria

Ke san pro-ta an-thrio-me-ni he-ro, he-re e-
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lef-the-ria.”

Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

Members young and old please follow Anna’s
lead and submit your articles of interest. Try
your hand at writing a short story, poem or
informative piece. On the other hand, if you
are artistic, photographs or illustrations would
also be greatly appreciated.

*****SHARE YOUR NEWS*****

We strongly encourage our Kastellorizian
community to share their news with our
members by way of emailing the information
to our email address:

info@kastellorizo.com.au.

This would certainly save us valuable time in
retyping your news. Encourage your children
or grandchildren to type your item of news or
to scan your photos and to email them to us.
What a great way to get them involved!!!

As a community, we are often left in the dark
as to who is ill in hospital, as to who has
passed away, as to who is here for a visit
from overseas, fundraising events and
personal and academic achievements. The
situation which we can all relate to, can
become a little embarrassing. Let’s not
assume that the Kastellorizian Community
and Committee know your news. Let us know
of what’s going on!

We also accept legible hand written items
from our members who do not have access
to a computer or to the internet. Please pass
your items of news (with your name and
contact number) post or contact any member
of the committee and we would be only too
happy to process it for you. We look forward
in hearing from you very soon!

“COOL TO BE KAZZIE”

For all you lovers of rock music, how cool is
this.....

David Gilmore, lead vocalist and guitarist for
Pink Floyd visited Kazzieland and was so
taken by our little island that he titled, his
third solo album “On an Island”. The Album
was released last year through EMI and

Columbia Records. What is even cooler is that the first track on the album is called "Castellorizon" based on a night he spent on Kastellorizo. The composition is a rock instrumental and received a Grammy nomination for best Rock instrumental last year.

It is cool contributing to the rich history of our Nation.

The "Good Weekend" section of "The Age" on the 10th of March, 2007 published an article entitled "When the boat came in" by John Huxley. In brief the article highlights journey of a number European immigrants that arrived in Australia aboard the ship, SS Misr and their subsequent arrival and life in Australia. Among the featured immigrants are Kazzies: Paul Boyatis, George Papanastasiou (Pappas) and Paul Zervos. The article is a very interesting read for all those interested in the Kastellorizian diaspora and gives an insight into how these and other Kazzies have contributed to shaping Australia's history through immigration. A passenger list of the SS Misr and video interviews of some of the passengers can be found at:
theage.com.au/multimeadia/misr

Even the Australian Woman's Weekly thinks it is cool to be Kazzie....

The April edition of the famous magazine features an article on our favorite celebrity journalist, John Mangos. The article shows John and wife, Tanny celebrating Easter with Tanny's family. In Sydney to help celebrate Easter with John was sister, Angela and her two children, Tahlia and Connor and sister-in-law Mary with son's Corey and Christopher. The photographs illustrate that a great day was had by all and the recipes are enough to make your mouth water.

For those of you who missed out on this edition of the Australian Woman's Weekly, the recipes can be found at www.aww.com.au/food

If you are traveling to Sydney and enjoy cooking you can catch John demonstrating and passing on his entire mum, Dorothy's cooking secrets on April 19 at the Sydney Seafood School at the Sydney fish market, Pyrmont. John demonstrates with great passion and enthusiasm. Well worth a visit. Bookings and other class times can be found at www.sydneyfishmarket.com.au

"Cool to Be Kazzie" by Evelyn Salvaris will a regular feature in the newsletter.

The aim of this feature is to highlight:

1. Topical issues of interest, related to Kastellorizo and Kastellorizians;
2. The impact that Kastellorizo and Kastellorizians have in today's society;
3. To promote a sense of awareness and pride in our heritage

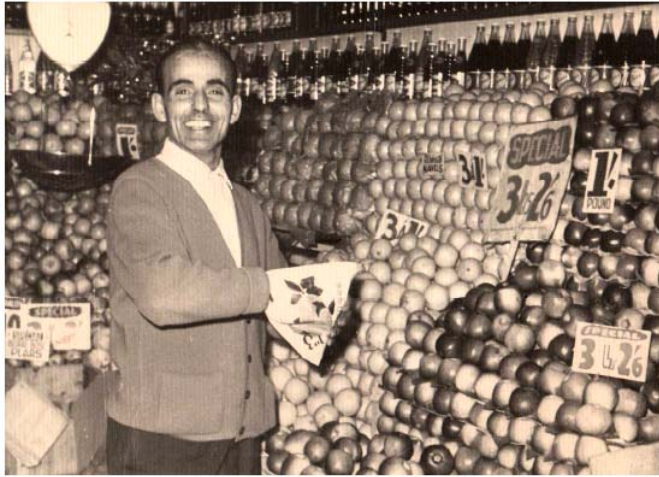
We welcome your feed back on this feature.

Suggestions are welcomed for this feature and can be forwarded by post or email. Please mark "Attention Evelyn"

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VALE



Con J Adgemis

30 August 1916 - 4 March 2007

Con Adgemis was born on the 30th August 1916 in Kastellorizo. He was one of eleven children born to both Despina and John Adgemis.

His family migrated to Australia in 1927 when Con was 11 after his father and eldest brother Vic came out 12 months earlier in search of a better life. During his family's three-month voyage they spent some time in Egypt, before arriving in Melbourne.

Upon migrating to Australia the family lived in Lygon Street, Carlton, where Con attended school in Fariday Street for two months before being pulled out so that he could start working. "My uncle got me a cart and he gave me five to six boxes of oranges and I went around selling them earning 10 shillings a week." This is where Con's long love of fruit came from, but more importantly, it is an example of the family's determination and passion to succeed in their new home.

They left Carlton in 1932 and opened a fruit shop in Bridge Road, Richmond, in 1933,

where they all lived in the back of the fruit shop until the family moved to Hawthorn in 1941. It was at this time that Con married Chrissie Mangos daughter of Maria and Arthur Mangos and they lived in South Melbourne along Clarendon Street. In 1943 he joined the Home Guard as a cook and was based in both Pukapunyal and in Darwin. In 1944 he was discharged from the army and brought the Mentone Fruit shop, which he proudly owned and ran for 30 years. During this time he and Chrissie had three children Despina, Maria and John.

He enjoyed Greek dancing and entertaining many of the newly immigrated Greek community, often hosting memorable parties at his house in Mentone, working towards assimilating the Greeks into the Mentone community and helping them to adapt to their new life in Australia. During this time he also had the wisdom and foresight to co-found the Greek Orthodox Community of Mentone and his work as its president helped to build one of the most beautiful Greek churches now known as the Taxiarches War Memorial Greek Church. Con was always proud to say that this church was responsible for conducting the first ever Blessing of the Waters in Mordialloc.

He had a love of horse racing, which saw him enjoy a number of successes with horses such as Gay Gambler, Early Edition and Our Maria. Throughout his life and especially during his retiring years Con loved nothing more than his early morning swims with the Mentone Icebergers and his regular visits to the numerous fruit markets around Melbourne. He also loved tending his garden and was known in Mentone for his exceptionally beautiful roses. Until his passing, he grew all his own vegetables, made his own olives, pickled-cucumbers and onions.

Con had an incredible memory for detail, listening to talkback radio every day. He was always up to date with the latest news stories and political and sporting details. He had a well-rounded general knowledge, especially in relation to his Beloved Blues.

Con was such a strong, determined man who didn't let anything get in his way. His love for life and dedication towards his family will be sorely missed by all.

Con Adgemis's biography was submitted by George Katris on behalf of the Adgemis, Katris and Lucas families.

VALE

On Sunday 8th of April 2007, Spiro A Mangos ("Spitizy") passed away. Spiro was husband of Nina (Loucas) and father of Maria, Nick Georgoulas, Julie Mangos, Stella and Lou Messimeris. Spiro was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren.

The 40 day memorial service for Spiro will be held on Sunday the 20th of May at St Haralambos, 190 Porter St Templestowe.

Savvas Mavrothalasitis passed away on July 10th 2006 after a long illness on the island of Kastellorizo. He is survived by his wife, Evangelia, his two sons Dimitri and Diamanti, and his daughter-in-law, Monica.

In November 2006, Mrs Maria Catacousinos passed away. Maria was the mother of Hellas, mother-in-law of Michael and grandmother of Melissa and Chris Christopher. Maria is also survived by her two her daughters Fofa and Andriana and their families.

Alec Bisas passed away in February, 2007. He is survived by his wife Maria (Chrisochous), sons and their families. Alec was the brother of the Jack, Steve and the late Nick Bisas.

Our deepest sympathies to the families.