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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2010 and once again it is shaping up to be an eventful year.

Last year we ended our successful social calendar with an extremely popular Megisti Club function. Once again a heartfelt thank you to Christine Dimer and Cynthia Koustoukis on their continued efforts in making these events both popular and enjoyable.

I would now like to take this opportunity to announce and congratulate Nicholas G. Pappas on being awarded the 2010 Kastellorizian of the Year award. After reading Nicholas's CV, you will appreciate that he is a most worthy recipient of this award. I look forward to presenting Nicholas with his plaque.

Also I would like to invite our youth who have completed their VCE award to join us in our celebrations and accept their award in recognition of their VCE achievement.

The awards presentation will take place after the church service held at St Constantine and St Helen's Greek Orthodox Church, Barry St, South Yarra, at our clubrooms on St Constantine and St Helen's Day luncheon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May

Moving on to some administrative matters, there appears to be some confusion regarding membership fees. To clarify the situation all persons and spouses of Kastellorizians and their descendents between the age of 18 and 65 must each pay an annual \$10 membership fee to be a financial member with voting rights. To be eligible to be a non-fee paying member (over 65s) with voting rights you must have been a financial member for 3 years prior to receiving the non-fee paying status. Also non-fee paying members must register each year to keep their voting status. If you require further information you can refer to the newly modified "Rules of the Association" or contact myself or any committee member. Membership information can also be located on page 8.

I would also like to remind everyone that this year is an election year and to be eligible to vote or participate on the committee you must be a financial or a registered non-fee paying member.

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Diane and I attended the Ithacan Philanthropic Society's annual Ball held at Leonda Reception. The President , Mr. Nick Varigos presented to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, two laminated photo prints from the late Stathi Raftopoulos's collection, one was of the old "Leski" in Lonsdale St. In acceptance of these gifts, I mentioned how over many years, both our Associations have shared a most cordial and respectful relationship.

As this year is the 85<sup>th</sup> year of our Association, we will celebrate by holding a dinner dance at the Kooyong Tennis centre. I would like to advise members to book early as places are limited to 250, so for further information please refer to page 5.

I look forward to seeing you and your families throughout 2010 and I hope that you continue to support the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in its 85<sup>th</sup> year and beyond.

Your Sincerely

Michael Spartels.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Kastellorizian Association of Victoria*

### Kastellorizian of 2010

It is with great pleasure that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria announces that the 2010 Kastellorizian of the Year will be awarded to Mr. Nicholas G. Pappas from Sydney. Many members will know Nicholas either through one of his many books on Kastellorizo, his web site, [castellorizohistory](http://www.castellorizohistory.com) or from the article in the "Cool to be Kazzie" section (November 2007) in our very own Kazzie News.

For those of you who don't know of Nicholas's achievements, read his following CV and we are sure you will agree with the selection committee that Nicholas is worthy of the title, Kastellorizian of the year, 2010.

Nicholas Pappas is of Kastellorizian descent as his parents were born on Kastellorizo. Nicholas was born in Sydney in 1961 and obtained his law degree at the University of NSW and began practicing in 1984. In 1996 he established his own law firm Nicholas G Pappas & Company. Nicholas has also completed a PhD on Economic History from the University of Sydney. Nicholas is married to Helene, a lawyer, and they have twins, George & Marina.

Nicholas has two passions. The first is NRL football, primarily the Rabbitos and second, Kastellorizian History. Nicholas has had a long standing association with the Rabbitos. He was the Club's legal adviser in its battle for reinstatement to the NRL after its exclusion from the competition in 1999. In 2003, he became chairman and, in 2006, he supported and oversaw the Rabbitos's partial privatisation by Russell Crowe and Peter Holmes a Court.

All Kastellorizians have benefited from Nicholas's interest in Kastellorizian History through his many books and publications as well as his website, [www.castellorizohistory](http://www.castellorizohistory.com)

On a professional level, Nicholas can add the following to his ever increasing list of credentials  
Chairman, Laiki Bank Australia (since 2006)  
(Director since 2001)

- President, Board of Trustees, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney (The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences) (since 2003, Trustee since 1999)

- Chairman, South Sydney District Rugby League Football Club Limited (the Rabbitos)
- Governor, The Steve Waugh Foundation - Australia
- Secretary, Archdiocesan Council, & Trustee, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Consolidated Trust

Nicholas's publication list is as follows:

- *Castellorizo: An Illustrated History of the Island & its Conquerors*, Halstead Press, 1994
- *Embers on the Sea: The Empire Patrol Disaster*, 1945, Halstead Press, 1995
- *Near Eastern Dreams: The French Occupation of Castellorizo, 1915-1921*, Halstead Press, 2002
- *An Island in Time: Castellorizo in Photographs, 1890-1948*, Halstead Press, 2010 (forthcoming, with Nick Bogiatzis)
- *Various* articles in academic journals and other publications on European history, the Law and *rebetika*.

With such a varied CV, we all look forward hearing more about Nicholas on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

### Kastellorizian VCE Recognition Awards, 2010

Once again it is with great pleasure that we celebrate the achievements of our youth and recognise their VCE achievements. This year, **Karissa Kostoglou**, **Cassandra Zervos** and **Nicholas Paltoglou** will be presented with the Kastellorizian VCE recognition award.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria would like to thank those members who placed nominations for the Kastellorizian of the Year.

Seven nominations were received. Unfortunately this year we did not receive any nominations for a Victorian Kastellorizian and more disappointingly we did not receive any nominations for the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement award, so no KYAA will be presented this year.

Also this was the first year that we officially invited each of the other state run Kastellorizian Associations to nominate a candidate for Kastellorizian of the Year. The selection committee was extremely disappointed as they did not receive a nomination or an acknowledgment of the invitation to participate from any of the other state run Kastellorizian Associations.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *Kastellorizian Association of Victoria*

### OFFICIAL EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE COMMITTEE

by Dianne Spartels

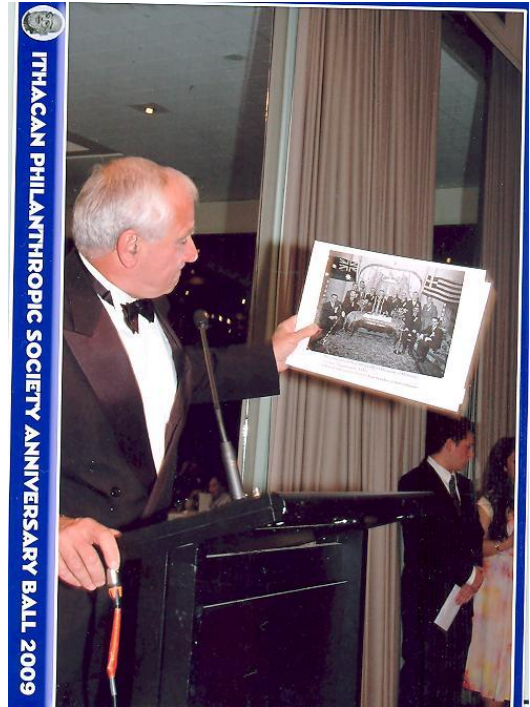
Last year, Michael and Diane represented the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria at the annual Ithacan Philanthropic Society Anniversary Ball. The function was held at Leonda Receptions Hawthorn.

The event was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the evening. During the speeches, the President of the Ithacan Philanthropic Society, Mr Nick Varigos presented the President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria with two photographs of the old "leski" that was located in Lonsdale St in Melbourne. The photographs were part of a photographic collection of Nick Varigos's father-in-law, Mr Stathi Raftopoulos. In Michael's acceptance speech, Michael made mention of the close and long lasting relationship which the Kastellorizian and the Ithacan communities share.

Other Kazzies attending the event were Peter and Lina Coates.



Pictured above is: Mrs Varigos, The President of the Ithacan Philanthropic Society Mr Nick Varigos, The President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Michael Spartels and wife and committee member Diane Spartels.



Above: Michael accepting one of the two photographs of the old Leski.

**2009-2010 Memberships  
are still accepted!**

**Membership Subscription Fees:**

**Financial Membership**

**\$10 PER PERSON  
18 TO 65 YEARS OF AGE.**

**Non-Fee Paying Memberships:**

1. Must be >65 years of age
2. No monetary fees required

**To ensure your voting rights,  
you must register and return your forms**

**Voluntary donations by non-fee paying  
members to our Association are gratefully  
accepted.**

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## *Kastellorizian Association of Victoria*



### NEWS FLASH: Saturday 14th August 2010

#### DINNER DANCE

To celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.  
at the newly refurbished  
**Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club**

Special door prizes for members and guests on the  
night include a trip for two to Kastellorizo.

Only **250 seats** are available at **\$120 per head**.  
Superb food and beverages. Tickets will be sold in  
tables of ten so organise your table now. Don't miss  
out!

Bookings-:

Katina Garrick: 0402 985577 or 9749 6240

[kgarrick127@gmail.com](mailto:kgarrick127@gmail.com)

Or

Christine Mastores: 0414 822234 or 9853 0866

Dress: Men - Lounge Suit,  
Women - Beautiful

## St Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations

Date: **Sunday 23rd of May, 2010**

Venue: St Constantine and St Helen's Church,  
Barry St, South Yarra

Time: 10am and following at 12.30pm

Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne, 3205  
(Entrance off Hotham St)

2pm: Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Award Presentations:  
Kastellorizian Of the Year  
Kastellorizian VCE recognition awards

Finger food provided.

# ***Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports***

## **Katoumaria Day Report**

By Evelyn Salvaris

On Sunday 13th of September The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held a Katoumaria demonstration to demystify the process of making Katoumaria and to pass down the traditions and recipes to the younger generation.

Katoumaria as we all know, is a sweet specialty of Kastellorizo. It is made to celebrate the happy occasions for example “logos”, engagements, weddings and births. The process of making Katoumaria is a time consuming process that that requires a lot technical skill. Both the technique and the recipes are shrouded in mystery and secrecy and are often passed on to the next generation from mother to daughter or daughter-in-law.

In a “MasterChef” style “pressure test”, Connie Gregory and Evelyn Salvaris both demonstrated their skills and shared their family recipes with about 30 members of the Association.

Connie demonstrated her skills using the traditional method, kneading by hand. Evelyn took on a more modern approach using modern kitchen appliances. Melbourne Katoumaria expert, Vera Constance, then examined the Katoumaria for the Chefs authenticity, the flakiness and appearance and taste of the Katoumaria. Vera judge harshly, disapproving of the modern techniques and announced that the traditional method produced the best Katoumaria.

Everyone who attended enjoyed the Katoumaria irrespective of how they were made.

Photo 1. Connie Gregory (Left) and Evelyn Salvaris (Right) demonstrating the “Art” of making Katoumaria to the members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

Photo 2. The Judging of the Katoumaria  
Left to Right: Connie Gregory; Michael Spartels, President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria; Judge, Mrs. Vera Constance; Vera’s daughter and Evelyn Salvaris

Photo 3. The final product

This article was also submitted and appeared in the November 2009 edition of the “Kastelloriziaka Nea”



**Photo 1.**



**Photo 2.**



**Photo 3.**

# Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

## Megiste Club by Cynthia Koutsoukis

### The Megiste Club presenting the “Kalanda” Xmas 2009

On 26 July 2009 it started with “Singing is good for the Soul”, a function where the Megiste Koukles were launched.

And sing with soul they did, the traditional Kastellorizian songs. As well as for enjoyment, it was seen as a way of keeping the songs alive for future generations. This led to the idea to perform the “Kalanda”, the Christmas carols.

An afternoon Christmas party was held on Sunday 13 December 2009 presenting our Megiste Koukles who entertained the 100 strong audience with a collection of Kalanda. The songs were sung in Greek and English. The first song “The Little Drummer Boy” was given a traditional touch with Katherine Gekas playing the introduction on her drum. The rest of the repertoire was sung with great passion and brought back memories of bygone times when the young went visiting Kastellorizian homes to sing The Kalanda. The practice was common amongst other Greek communities and also the Greek Scouts and Greek Girl Guides. The singing ended with a beautiful song about Kastellorizo called “Ta Galana Tou Aegeou Nera” and everyone joined in. There was a delicious afternoon tea with champagne and fantastic Christmas hampers which were raffled off.

Special thanks go to our Megisti Koukles comprising of Eleni Amantas, Christina Christofas, Christine Dimer, Gina Gekas, Michelle Hondros, Cynthia Koutsoukis, Flora Pearce, Irene Vassiliadis and Eve Verginis who all put in many hours rehearsing and learning the songs and also to Katherine Gekas for the drum and keyboards.

Many thanks to all our supporters who helped to make this a memorable occasion and which we hope to repeat at the end of the year.

For further info contact

Christine Dimer Mob: 0432915049 or Home 95929450

Cynthia Koutsoukis Mob: 0402253244



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Photo 3.

Photo 1 and Photo 2. The Megiste Koukles in action

Photo 3. The a full house

# Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

## Membership Report by John Karis and Sandra Varvodic

As of 15th March 2010, the Kastellorizian Association has 364 recorded entries on its mailing list. Figure 1 shows the percentage of members on our mailing list. A total of 223 members are eligible to vote on any issues that will be raised at the 2010 AGM. This represents 61% and includes fee-paying and non-fee paying or former "honorary" members.

This percentage has increased significantly since last year due to list revision as a result of out-dated address details and 'non-Kazzie' registrations. It is also been impacted by a concerted effort to ensure members renew registrations based upon the fiscal year Jul 09 to June 10 and the new rate of \$10 per person which was introduced to simplify the process.

The reduction in the size of the mailing list has also meant that we can reduce some costs associated with mailing out the Newsletters and other correspondence. Due to the nature of the membership demographics the majority of people prefer a copy to be mailed to their home address.

It would, therefore, be a great assistance if you could provide an email address, either your own or a family member, to which we can email the Newsletter and all other information throughout the year. This will reduce our postage and administration costs plus enable us to provide a more modern Newsletter which can be viewed in colour and contain additional information in a 'link' format. That is, you can assess this additional information if and as required.

Remember: If you are not registered as a paid-up member or not paid your subscription for the 1st July 09 to 30th June 10 please do so immediately as the next financial year subscription is due soon. If you are uncertain as to your membership status please contact John Karis on 0412 662 079.

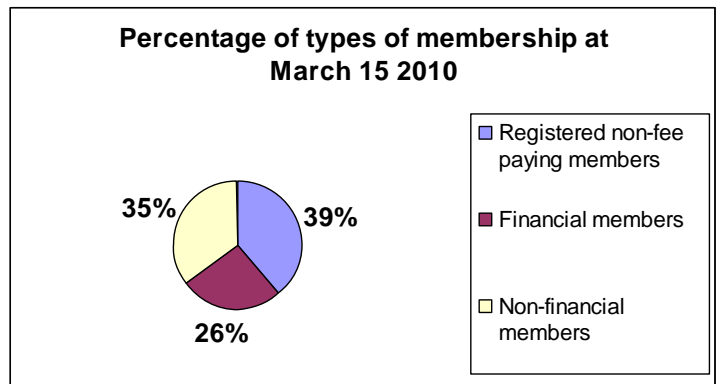


Figure 1 – Percentage types of members as at 15th March 2010

Disclaimer: All data included in the above Membership reports have been diligently compiled from records made available by the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

## Calendar Competition Report

By Evelyn Salvaris

For the first time, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held a photographic competition. The theme was "modern day scenes of Kastellorizo". The winning photographs were then selected to produce our first Calendar.

The winners of the calendar competition were: Lisa Caripis (Youth Prize), George Katris (Open Prize) and Anastasia Redlich (Overall and Cover Prize).

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria is proud to inform members that Calendars were a great success with sales of over 150 calendar, including sales from interstate and the US.

The below is the front page of the 2010 Calendar Kastellorizo/Megisti, Greece





# Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

## Website Report by John Karis

It continues to be a challenge to work towards making [www.kastellorizo.com.au](http://www.kastellorizo.com.au) a major website for information and news of Kastellorizian nature. The main audience is Australia and Australian Greeks, however, we still receive strong interest from overseas.

The challenge has been to continue to maintain our presence on search engines such as Google in an endeavour to achieve the highest possible rankings. This has involved the following strategies:

### Search Engine Optimization Marketing

This is basically how we can improve our Google/Yahoo etc rankings so that we are listed first or near the top of the list when visitors search for 'Kastellorizo' or 'Castellorizo' or 'Megiste' or 'Megisti' or 'Greek Orthodox calendars' or 'Greek Name Days', 'Kazzie immigration' and so on ... It's what you key into the search criteria that uses this to find websites showing relevant information. However, this is only one aspect as there are important considerations such as having relevant information on the website which represents what the visitor expects to see. So, good content is also critical.

### Megiste page

We found that searches on "Megiste" did not bring up our website at all so we added a special page devoted to 'Megiste'. This means that now when you search on 'Kastellorizo Megiste', for example, our website appears first on Google searches when previously we didn't rate at all.

### Blog

In keeping with 'social networking' proliferation we have also added a BLOG page to the website so that visitors can post information about a subject and invite others to respond.

### Facebook

There is an opportunity here to 'tap' into other groups and demographics who may not visit our website or be aware of its existence. We are aware that there is a 'Kastellorizians around the Globe' Facebook group which has 690 odd members so I became a member of this group in order that I could ensure they were aware of us in an attempt to 'drag' them to our website. This is an opportunity to also advise them of the Genealogy section which appears to be a common conversational topic within this Facebook group.

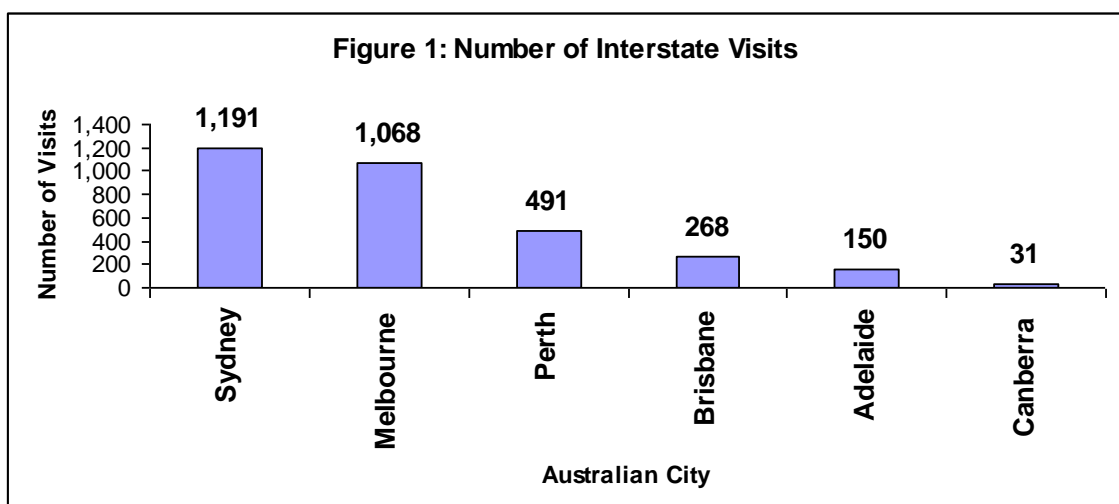
## Website Statistics for the period 1st July 09 to 12th March 2010

### Visitors

The website has received a total of 4,583 visits from July 1 to the present. The most visitors to the website is from Australia with 3,295 visits followed by the US, UK, Greece and Italy with 255, 193, 165 and 78 visits all other countries have less than 70 visit/country

### Country Usage

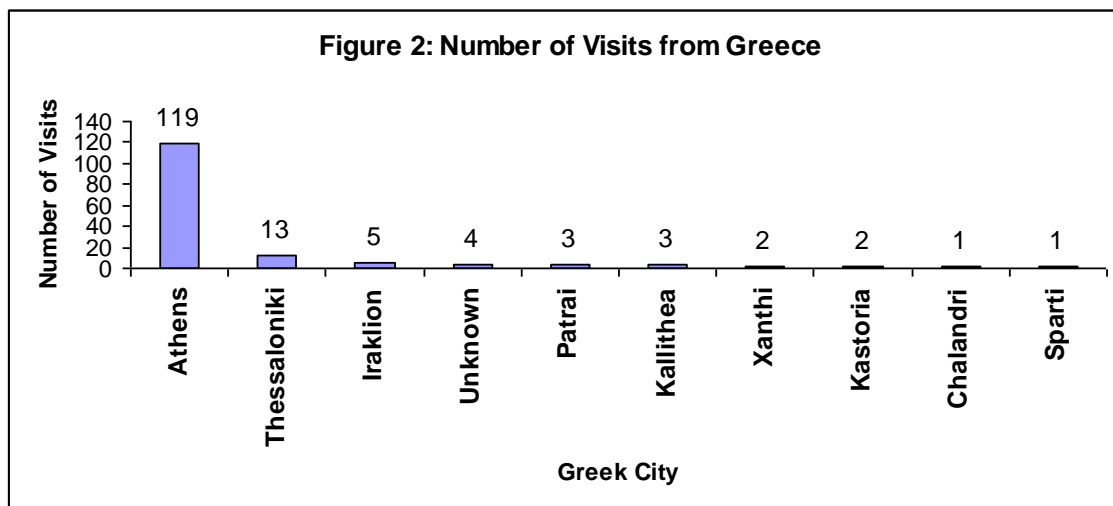
The graph below shows which cities within Australia (figure 1, below) and Greece (figure 2, page 10) accessed our website.



# Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

## Website Report by John Karis

Country Usage continued.



**Most popular pages visited** – these results are fairly consistent however it is interesting that the new Megiste page, which was introduced in Dec 2009, has quickly moved up the rankings, indicating its popularity

| Month  | 1st            | 2nd            | 3rd            | 4th                                   |
|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jul-09 | Genealogy      | Travel         | Kazzie map     | Newsletter                            |
| Aug-09 | Greek calendar | Newsletter     | Genealogy      | Kazzie map                            |
| Sep-09 | Greek calendar | Travel         | Genealogy      | Kazzie map                            |
| Oct-09 | Greek calendar | Genealogy      | Travel         | Links                                 |
| Nov-09 | Greek calendar | Homepage       | Genealogy      | Links                                 |
| Dec-09 | Greek recipes  | Genealogy      | Greek calendar | Homepage – article on Greek Migration |
| Jan-10 | Homepage       | Genealogy      | Greek calendar | Links                                 |
| Feb-10 | Homepage       | Genealogy      | Greek calendar | Megiste                               |
| Mar-10 | Homepage       | Greek calendar | Newsletter     | Megsite                               |

Finally, this information can provide an enormous amount of data which enables us to analyse the performance of each website page and the content. This is provide through Google Analytics and is completely free.

If your require any further information on any of the above statistics or have any questions regarding the website at all please contact John Karis.

# Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

## Newsletter

By now you would have had a chance to flick through your newsletter and you would have noticed some major changes. It is more concise and a number of the features are not included.

You may ask why has the newsletter has taken on this format?

If you attended last year's AGM, you would be a wear that there was great debate about the outgoing costs of the newsletter in 2008-2009.

Last year's AGM Report compared the newsletter expenses for 2008-2009 with 2007-08. The **2008-09 expenditure appeared to be greatly increased**. However the value quoted in the AGM Report for the 2008-09 expenditure headed "newsletter" was the **total cost of the printing for 2008-09 and not just the newsletter expenses**. It should be noted that these costs included the expenditure of all flyers, the Art Exhibition invitations and catalogues, the AGM Report etc as well as the newsletter. When the breakdown of the costs was explained to the members, the explanation was ignored. The members concluded that cost of the newsletter was too high and over budget and must be reduced.

It is difficult to understand how the newsletter expenses could have exceeded the budget when a newsletter budget has never issued by the committee, despite the subject being raised on a number of occasions.

It is also amazing that the members present at the AGM cannot justify spending the money on the newsletter or understand the importance of this document especially when:

1. The Newsletter has received national and international acclaim from other Kastellorizian Associations.
2. Has generated interest amongst, and received many good comments from the younger members of our community.
3. Provides a valuable and extensive source of information for the Website
4. And is a means of documenting our history (past and present), customs and traditions for future generations

### So how can the cost be reduced?

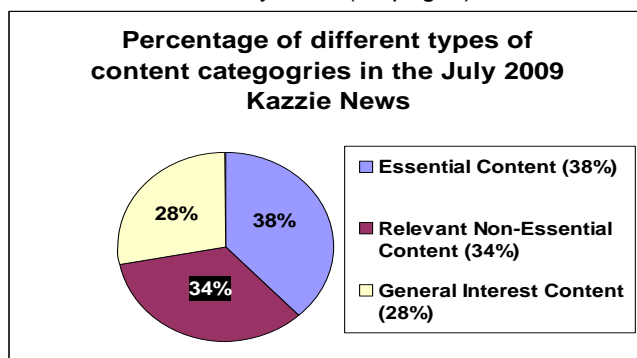
The **first** way to abide by the decision made at the AGM, is to act on the second criticism received from some members and that is that the "newsletter is too long!" and not all of the content of interest (to them). Please note the first criticism is the costs.

### But what should be removed?

To answer this, a brief analysis indicates that the newsletter content can be divided into to 3 categories:

1. **Essential Content** – Announcements and reports of the activities of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.
2. **Relevant but not essential Content** – this includes website report, Affiliated Associations functions and reports, News from Kastellorizo and Social announcements
3. **General interest** – History, Customs and traditions, Proverbs and sayings, Cool to be Kazzie, Kazzie Kerasma, Lost and Found, photos and the Cover.

The graph below illustrates the breakdown of proportions of Essential, Related Non-Essential and General Interest Content that appeared in the last of the Kazzie New in July 2009 (32 pages).



Each category is essential for making the "Kazzie News" a high quality newsletter and it is with **great disappointment** that the **General Interest Content will no longer appear**.

Also commencing with this edition, the **Relevant Non-Essential Content will be reduced/highly edited**.

**In doing so, the content of this edition of the newsletter has been reduced by 37.5%, compared to July 2009. This reduction is at the expense of quality.**

In the next edition, the **second** approach will be introduced to **further cut costs**, by **restricting the photographic content** submitted to **1 to 2 photographs per submission**.

And **thirdly**, the **mailing list will be reviewed**, yet again, to further reduced the number of copies printed and mailed out.

If you believe that the quality of the newsletter has been **comprised for the "sake of a few dollars"** or you **disagree with this new format** or the decisions taken to reduce the costs of the Kazzie News, **please formalise your disapproval in writing** to the committee at **The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, PO Box 112, South Melbourne, 3205** or email to [evelynsalvaris@gmail.com](mailto:evelynsalvaris@gmail.com)

**Your response is keenly awaited!**

# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

## KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION inc

by President Christine Dimer

### ATTENTION MEMBERS: RE: MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

The April meeting to be held this Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Any Seniors interested in attending our Mother's day Luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup> please ring, Christine Dimer, Sylvia Cotes or Peter Christofas for further information and bookings (contact details below).

Costs \$20 for members, \$31.50 non-members. Full payment due on the day

### 2009 Christmas Party for Seniors held at Crown - Conservatory.

A fabulous luncheon was had by all on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate Christmas.

Some photos taken on the various people there. Also visiting from Sydney to see her brother (Steve Paltos) was Mrs. Betty Theodore who came along with her brother. In the photo is Vera Constance, Steve Paltos, Christine Dimer, Betty Theodore and George Dimer. Everyone left with smiles on their faces when Crown presented every member with a drink pack to take home. Thank you all for your support during 2009 went home very happy.



### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2010.

Please note: Agenda is subject to change

FIRST WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH:  
11am to 3 pm  
AT CLUB ROOMS,  
250 DORCAS ST SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC  
3205  
Phone: 613 9699 7875.

- MAY 5** MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH ,  
VIBE SAVOY  
Cnr Spencer and Little Collins St  
11.45am in Foyer for 12pm  
lunch  
\$20 Members,  
\$31.50 non-members
- JUN 2** LUNCH AT CLUB ROOMS. .
- JUL 7** VOLCANO JOE'S  
SMORGASBORD, BURWOOD.  
Arrange own transport.  
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# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

## *Australian Friends of Kastellorizo* by Marilyn Tsolakis

### **Student Exchange Program**

The Student Exchange program is a reciprocal program, where students from Australia can attend school in Kastellorizo. This year the program is offered to two Kastellorizian students who will spend time in Australia between July 26 – 16 August, 2010.

**The two Kastellorizian Students, Konstantinos Amygdalos and Ilias Martalas, will only visit Melbourne if accommodation can be found within the Melbourne Kastellorizian Community.**

The dates that are set aside of a possible Melbourne visit is **4 to the 11 of August, 2010.**

If you can assist in this important educational program please contact Marilyn directly (see contact details at end of article).

### **Launch of a New Limited Edition Children's Book in May –June 2010**

You all must have either children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and godchildren who would love to read a delightful picture book that tells the history of Kastellorizo from the ancient times to the modern. The land tells the story because it was present throughout its history. Look out for the book that will be launched in May 2010. You can pre-order to secure a limited edition of this very special hardcover book at a cost of \$34.95.

Australian Friends of Kastellorizo has produced this book to make sure that the story of this very special island is told for all future generations.

All proceeds go to Australian Friends of Kastellorizo to help fund this project and many others such as the Empire Patrol Project, the quarterly newsletter, Filia, Student Exchange and Environmental projects. J Andrew Johnstone and Marilyn Tsolakis have written the book and the illustrations were painted by Dr Platon Alexiou, an Athenian artist. Nick Pappas, Norman Ashton and Nick Bogiatzis have proofread the children's book and their historical knowledge is crucial to its historical accuracy.

Who is going to be around in the future to tell the story to the children? This book is for the children and it will engage their interest because of the beautiful words and pictures. To purchase a copy of the book, please contact Marilyn directly (detail below)

### **Megisti Primary School Requires Financial Assistance! Can you Help?**

If you require further information on hosting or can provide accommodation for the boys, please contact Marilyn directly on:

The Principal of the Primary School in Kastellorizo, has sent requests for help to the Australian Friends of Kastellorizo to improve the delivery of education to their students.

They are under-funded and given the austerity measures in Greece at the moment because of their economic crisis, they are not likely to get any further assistance. If you can help out, please contact the Australian Friends of Kastellorizo via Marilyn Tsolikas who will all coordinate and pass on all donations to the Liaison Officer who lives on the island, Irina Karavelatzis to buy the items on Rhodes.

We already have one second hand laptop donated.

If your association or any of your members can help, please contact Marilyn who will coordinate the Australian donations.

To assist you with your donation a letter in Greek from the school outlines the items which are required by the school and include a First Aid Kit, children's books, bookshelves, science equipment, gym equipment, new class room chairs, white boards, plasma TVs, ladder, tool kit, photocopier, fridge, microwave benches, office chairs, etc. It is probably a more practical option to contribute with a monetary donation which can then contribute to one or more of these items.

**For further enquiries on any one of these items or to assist with student accommodation please contact Marilyn as soon as possible at:**

[coordinator@australianfriendskastellorizo.org](mailto:coordinator@australianfriendskastellorizo.org)

or on **0423 776 896** (mobile) or **08 9387 1681** (Perth)

# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Births



**Colin** and **Valerie Fermanis** would like to announce the arrival of their family's first Grandchild. Pictured above is **James Alexander Kent Fermanis**, who was born on 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2009. James is the son of parents **Noel** and **Melissa Fermanis**. Noel is the son of the proud Grandparents.

Submitted by Colin and Valerie Fermanis



Congratulations to **Jason** (son of **Paul** and **Connie Gregory**) and **Jenny Gregory** on the birth of their first Child **Zoe Rose Gregory**, born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2010. Both parents and Grandparents are overjoyed to have a girl in the family.

Submitted by Connie and Paul Gregory



## Happy Birthday

### Nina Zographou's 85th Birthday.

A good time was had by all at the celebration of **Nina Zographou's** 85th birthday, started off at 11.00a.m. with nibbles and drinks, followed by a three course meal, with a well thought after speech given by her son **Vasso Zographou**, then other speeches made by other members of her family, including **Nick Lolatgis**, her older son.

Following the festivities at the birthday, followed on when Aunty Nina thanked everyone for attending, continuing on at the home of Nick and Anne Lolatgis, for coffee and cake and more speeches and the opening of the presents.

There were a multitude of guests, both family and friends, Vasso gave a few impressive anecdotes, which caused some amusement, and the grandchildren spoke of their impressions and stories of their grandmother/yia-yia.

It was a lovely day and thoroughly enjoyable. This was on her actual birthday which was the 15th August, 2009.

Submitted by Katina Garrick

*Happy Birthday to you  
Happy Birthday to you  
Happy Birthday to Nina  
Happy Birthday to you*



# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



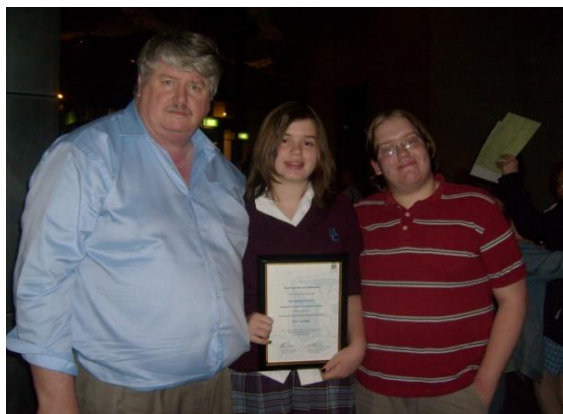
## Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholarship Award

On Monday December 7th, 2009 **Samantha Garrick** daughter of **Peter & Katina Garrick**, sister of **David Garrick** and grand-daughter of **Mrs. Helen Koutsoukis & Joan & Jack Garrick**, was awarded at Hoppers Crossing Secondary College's Award's Night a Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholarship award for when she finishes Year 12 to attend Melbourne University. As well as on the night she Achieved top of her Year 10 level in Academics and in Arts subjects.

We are all very proud of her achievements. The night was attended by Peter, Katina and David Garrick and grandmother Helen Koutsoukis, Congratulations Samantha. Submitted by Katina Garrick



Top L to R: Mother Katina Garrick, Samantha Garrick and proud Grandmother, Helen Koustoukis  
Bottom: Father David Garrick, Samantha and brother David Garrick



## NEW JOB

**Geoffrey Conaghan** (son of **Amy Stavrianos** from Sydney) has recently been appointed Commissioner to India by the Victorian Government and is now in the southern city of Bangalore. His new role is to increase Victorian exports to India, develop Indian investment in Victoria and nurture the cultural and social links between India and Victoria.

A week before he left he received the Qantas Award for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual at the 2009 Victorian Tourism Awards. The accolade recognised his 25 year career across the tourism industry, including 15 years at Melbourne Airport in international airline development and marketing and 5 consecutive appointments to the Board of Tourism Victoria.

Submitted by Maria Katris

## Atherinos/Peronis Cousin's Reunion

On Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> of 2009, a cousin reunion was held at Stathis Athenian Tavern in Box Hill. The night was successful and memorable to have the grandchildren (first cousins) of **George and Zaphiro Peronis**. Currently, the family Tree consist of 12 Grandchildren (6 boys and 6 girls), 24 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great-great-grandchildren. Much food, dance and "Kefi" was enjoyed by all and we look forward to the next one.



Left: George and Zaphiro (Peronis) Atherinos.

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# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Atherinos/Peronis Cousin's Reunion continued



Left: Andonis, Panayotis and Trantafillos Stambelos

Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

## Visiting Melbourne

On Sunday 27th December 2009, **Angelo, Despina Hatzitouris** and two of their sons, **George** and **Nicholas** visited their Uncle **Steve Paltos** on their annual visit to Melbourne.

A good afternoon was had by all.



In the above photo (back row left to right) Despina Hatzitouris, George Dimer, Christine Dimer. Front (left to right) Steve Paltos and Angelo Hatzitouris



Above bottom row: Steve Paltos and Angelo (bottom row) with Angelo's sons (top row).

## Visitors from Adelaide and Tasmania

An afternoon tea was held at the home of **Con** and **Chrissie Paltoglou's** home for **Dr Tony Gardiner (Geminis)** from Tasmania, who was in Melbourne to visit his daughter, **Stacey**.

Dr. Gardiner was born in Kastellorizo and migrated to Australia when he was four years of age with his family.



In the above photo is Chrissie Paltoglou's mother, **Mrs. Irene Penglis** who spent Christmas/New Year in Melbourne.

Seated in the for ground is Irene Penglis, Chrissie and Dr Tony Gardiner, and in the background is Stacey Gardiner and Con Paltoglou

Submitted by Christine Dimer



# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Interstate Travel

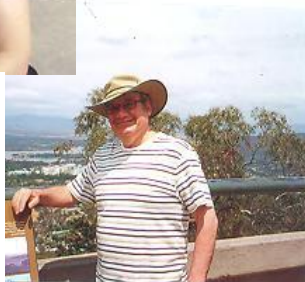
**Peter and Anna Miriklis-Defteros** travelled to Brisbane, Merimbula and Canberra. During their travels they visited Koumbari, friends and cousins including **Basil and Zephie Barbouttis**, **Stanley** and **Parthenia Piperoglou** and friend **Sophia**.



In Canberra

Above: Anna Miriklis-Defteros & Parthena Piperoglou

Right: Stanley Piperoglou



In Brisbane

Left: Anna Miriklis-Defteros  
Bill & Zephie Barbouttis

## Overseas Travel

**Evan and Zefi Evangelou** and family visited America,

**Anthony and Rosa Stabelos** visited Greece, in particular Volua and Athens. Also visiting Greece was **John A Stableos** and daughter **Ophelia**. In Greece on a school trip was **Stephanie Scopece**.

Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros.

## OVERSEAS TRAVEL

### BROTHERS RETURN

My brother, Jim and I returned to our mother Christina's birthplace Kastellorizo, after driving throughout mainland Greece and the islands of Corfu, Lefkada, Crete and Rodos.

In Rodos we met up with our niece, Roslyn Calmer who was to experience Kastellorizo with us, for her first time.

We met for coffee with Maria Katris with her daughter Louise and I also met Prof Ernest Hondros and his wife. The next day we left Rodos by boat for Kastellorizo.

On entering the Kastellorizian harbour there was much excitement with crowds to greet us on the pier.

John Con Adgemis met us with his nephew, George Karayianis to take us to our apartment in George's boat.

Kastellorizo was a beautiful picture to see, in spite of the obvious changes, as it is on the move with new homes and some roads being built.

I met up with Kazzies from all over Australia, Anna (Pavlidis) Paull and son Colin (NSW), Barbara (Moraitis) Morris (NSW), Prof' Byron and Val Kakulas (WA), Bronwyn Paltoglou(Vic). Amy and her son Geoffrey Conaghan who is now Commissioner (for Australian Government) in India, Peter and Bianca Kaillis with daughter Candy (WA), Yvonne Kyriakou & Christina (Mangos) Mcauliffe (Vic), also Mr & Mrs Andronicus, Mr & Mrs Katsouri, Lisa daughter of Tom Penglis (NSW), Patricia Lambiropoulos (Mayor's Wife) and Kosta Mayafi the local "historian"

We left this unique beautiful Island with both wonderful memories yet sadness for leaving, but promise to return.

# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OVERSEAS TRAVEL

### BROTHERS RETURN continued

On our return to Rodos we met Kazzie twins from WA, Anna Mitchell and Jessie Zempilas who were in Kastellorizo for Basil Zempilas' wedding.

Just before leaving Athens for home we fortunately visited George and Maria Adgemis.

I'm so glad we made this trip. What great memories!

Submitted by George Verginis



Above: George and Jim Verginis enjoying a drink at Megisti Harbour with John C Adgemis and friends.

## News from Perth

**Allan Cresswell** from Perth is busy setting up an **Empire Patrol Disaster website** in conjunction with **Dr Paul Boyatzis**.

Allan has lots of info and photos to upload that have surfaced since the book, *Embers on the Sea*. The basic outline is the data will be progressively added over the next three months.

Allan will be going to Castellorizo in Sep for the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the disaster, where a memorial is being sculptured. Paul Boyatzis and his family is also going. It will be exciting for them to be part of the ceremony.

The site is at [www.empirepatrol.com](http://www.empirepatrol.com)

Submitted by C Gregory

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## Vale

**Reverend Father Vasilios Christofis** the passed away last year.

Deepest sympathy to **Mary** (Presvetera) and family. The ceremony was held at the church of "Raphael, Nicholas & Irene" Centre Road, Bentleigh where he resided as the priest. Father Christofis was well known amongst the Kastellorizian community.

Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

**Mrs Anastasia Bollos** passed away 10<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral was on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 at St George's Greek Orthodox Church, West End, Brisbane, Queensland.

She is survived by her only daughter **Anna Pagis**, son-in-law, **Peter** and grand children **Erin** and **Andrew** and two great grandchildren.

Her funeral was attended by:

Her sisters from Melbourne; **Mrs Katina J Miriklis** and **Mrs Christalla Bisas** and nieces **Vivienne Kostoglou**, **Anna Plafadellis** and nephew **Savva Miriklis**.

Her sister from Townsville, **Mrs Bogiatzis** and Mr **Mick Bogiatzis** and their children **Christine** and **Mark Lee**, **George** and **Vayla Bogiatzis**, **Con** and **Mark Bogiatzis** and her niece **Barbara Krisohos**

Submitted by Peter Christofas

## Donations received "In Memory"

The following donations were received from:

Mr & Mrs Con Mangos, and Mrs Chrissie Zervos in memory of Prociops "Peter/Taki" Carayannis

And from:

Mrs C Bisas, Mrs K. J Miriklis, Mr M & Mrs A Bogiatzis, Mr & Mrs C Mangos, Mrs N Mangos, Mrs N Zombos, and Mr & Mrs S Alexander in memory of Mrs Anastasia Bollos

# Letter from the Editor

## Newsletter Submissions

There has been a lack of response following constant requests for assistance with the newsletter, this has resulted in a change in the submission process. Thus the **submission process for newsletter articles will change, active immediately.**

The process for submission will only be by email to [evelynsalvaris@gmail.com](mailto:evelynsalvaris@gmail.com)

The submission will only be accepted as a **Word 2003 document.**

All **photos** must be scanned by the author and emailed as a high resolution **JPEG file.**

Written or typed submission, and photographs received by mail will **NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED** and will **NOT BE PRINTED** in the **NEWSLETTER.**

Evelyn Salvaris.

**WE ALSO WELCOME CONTACT FROM ANY OTHER KASTELLORIZIAN ORGANISATION, IN AUSTRALIA OR WORLD-WIDE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR NEWS WITH OUR MEMBERS,**

PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR,  
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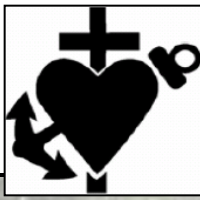
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**NEXT  
KAZZIE NEWS  
July/August**

from the  
**Kastellorizian Association of Victoria And Megisti Club**



*The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria invites*

*All members and their families,  
to*

*The Saint Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations  
and the  
Awards ceremony for the  
2010 Kastellorizian of the Year Awards  
2010 Kastellorizian VCE Recognition Awards*

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2010*

*The program will commence at 10 am with a church service at  
The Greek Orthodox Church of St Constantine and St Helens  
Barry St South Yarra*

*The Celebrations will begin at 12.30 pm at  
The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Clubrooms  
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne  
With a "Cocktail Reception"*

*2:00 pm Awards Ceremony  
Kastellorizian of the Year  
And Kastellorizian VCE Recognition Awards*

*Followed by speeches  
Photo session with awardees, committee and distinguished guests  
Afternoon tea*