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"KASTELLORIZO, in all it's glory"

**An exhibition of
photographs
&**

Giclee prints by

JACK CONDOUS

Sponsored by the Kastellorizian Association of
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**KASTELLORIZO,
Dodecanese Island, Greece**

**SUNDAY 15th MARCH
3-6 pm**

**Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
(entry via Hotham St),
South Melbourne
www.kastellorizo.com**

**Master of Ceremonies
Mia Greves**



Inaugural Art Exhibition



"For Con & Maria Nittes"

**An exhibition of
Water Colours & Acrylics
by**

**BERYL
GEORGAKOPOULOS**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

It hard to believe that we are already a third of the way through the year! And the Association has been up quite active since our November issue of the "Kazzie News". We are fast approaching our major event of the year St Constantine and St Helen's Day and the Kastellorizian Awards Ceremony. Thus it is with great pleasure that I would like to announce this year's recipients for the Kastellorizian of the Year, Youth Achievement, VCE awards and Honorary Life Memberships.

The, Kastellorizian of the Year for 2009 will be awarded to John Basil Salvaris, OAM, who I am sure that you will agree is a worthy recipient of this award and meets all the criteria as previously outline in the selection criteria.

John arrived in Australia a teenager and has never forgotten his Kastellorizian and Greek heritage. Not only did he establish a career in Science and Management, he also gave his time voluntarily towards community based activities for the Greek and Kastellorizian communities as well as the wider Australian community. You can read more about his achievements on page 5.

John, like the 17 other recipients of the Kastellorizians of the Year Award, is clearly a role model for the younger generation.

There is one young Kazzie that is clearly following the examples of the 17 Kastellorizian of the Year recipients and she is setting a standard for her contemporaries. So it with enthusiasm that I now announce that this year's Kastellorizian Youth Achievement award goes to Lisa Caripis.

Lisa was nominated for this award for her community involvement providing legal assistance on a voluntary basis and for contributing to the re-establishment of the Kazzie Youth.

Jasmin Urlik and Nicholas Antonopoulos are this year's recipients of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's VCE recognition awards.

At the November AGM, our members voted to acknowledge the long term involvement of Nicholas Zervos, Andrew Caripis and Christina Pavlou in the Association, by awarding each of them with an Honorary Life Membership. The presentation will also be held on Sunday the 24th of May.

It just remains for me to congratulate John B. Salvaris, Lisa Caripis, Jasmin and Nicholas on their accomplishments and their awards and to thank Nicholas Zervos, Andrew Caripis and Christina Pavlou for their tireless efforts and support over the years. I look forward to seeing them along with all of our members on Sunday the 24th of May.

Now I would like to focus on the social activities of the Association.

Following the AGM, in November the Megisti Club out did themselves yet again and presented a fantastic Tavern night. This evening event was held at our clubroom. The evening atmosphere was authentically Greek and one could be forgiven for thinking that they were at a tavern on Kastellorizo. Well done Christine and Cynthia and the rest of your helpers for your on enthusiasm and support. Well done Megisti Club!

The children were not disappointed either, as the Association put on our annual Christmas party. Once again the clubroom was filled with excitement and laughter when Father Christmas arrived at the clubrooms to help us start the Christmas celebrations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The first function for this year was the inaugural Art Exhibition. I have to admit I had a few reservations because it was the first time that the Association has embarked on staging such an event. But on the day it was clear that I needed not have had any doubts.

The first Artists to exhibit at this event were Jack Condous from Adelaide and our very own talented Beryl Georgakopolous. The calibre of their work was exceptional and each artist complimented the other, Jack with his photographs of Kastellorizo and Beryl with her predominantly Mediterranean influenced water colours.

The organization and communication of this event went smoothly and successfully. This was reflected in the greater than expected numbers of people that attended on the day.

Mia Greves was a ray of sunshine and made a wonderful Master of Ceremonies.

It just remains for me to thank Jack and Beryl for being the first Artists of hopefully many, to participate in this event. Thank you to Mia for taking time out from her very busy schedule as a Channel 7 TV journalist to be our master of ceremonies. And finally a big thank you to the committee for all their work that contributed to making the Art exhibition a success.

So what does the rest of the year hold?

Our next function is of course, our St Constantine and St Helen's day Celebrations and the Kastellorizian Association's Awards ceremonies on Sunday the 24th of May. As is customary, we will commence the day's proceedings with a Church service to celebrate the Saint's day of Constantine and Helen. We will continue the celebrations at our clubrooms, where we will also present our annual awards. All members are invited and we strongly urge you to make every effort to attend the church service as well as the celebrations at our clubrooms. All details can be found on page 9 & 36.

I am sure that our next function will appeal to both young and old. Therefore I am pleased to announce that we have invited Allan Cresswell from Perth, the creator of the Kastellorizian Genealogy Website to give us a seminar about our Kazzie heritage. The program can be found at page 10, and will take place over two days. I strongly urge you to assist us by registering for this event and to tell us if you can make it on either Saturday 27th or Sunday the 28th of June or on both days. This will help greatly with the design of the presentation and catering.

On Saturday the 27th of June we will be holding a Tavern night at Stathis Athenian Tavern, so book now to avoid disappointment.

We have a lot more lined up for later in the year, starting with another Megisti Club function in July, but I will leave that until July's newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to get some Administrative items out of the way. The Association has received official notification from the Department of Justice, Consumer Affairs Victoria, Registration Branch informing us that the changes to the "Rules of the Association" have been lodged and accepted and are currently effective.

The committee and I have been busy representing the Association at numerous functions. You can read all about them on page 8 and 19.

As we are now in lent, I would like to wish all our members a very happy.

I look forward to seeing you all at our future events and in particular on Sunday the 24th of May.

With warm regards

Xristos Anesti!

Michael Spartels.

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THE 2009 KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR

Mr. John Basil Salvaris, OAM



John Basil Salvaris was born on 23/05/30, in Port Said, Egypt to Kastellorizians, Vasilios and Evangelia (Miriklis) Salvaris. John spent his childhood and youth with his parents and younger brother, Andrew, in Port Said.

John attended the Greek Orthodox College of Port Said where he became fluent in Greek, English, French and Arabic. During this time John was also an active member of the Scouts. He completed his Baccalaureate in Egypt in 1948. This qualification gave him a place to study at the University of Athens, Greece and the University of Alexandria, Egypt. However the political climate in Egypt and Greece was unsettled and the family decided to follow the migratory path of Vasilios's brothers and sister to and immigrate to Australia. John was the first of his immediate family to arrive in Australia and a few years later was joined a by his parents and brother, Andrew. The family was active in the Greek community in Melbourne and would often visit the Kastellorizian Club in Lonsdale St.

John's school certificates from Egypt were not accepted in Australia and he enrolled in the equivalent of year 12 at George Taylor's and Staff College where he competed his Matriculation. John then studied Applied Chemistry at RMIT.

John's first job was at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (CSL) where he work as a Research Scientist on *polio myelitis*. Later in John's Scientific career, he became Technical Superintendent and Director of Research at Boral Kinnears. John's project at Kinnears included the investigation of materials and processes related to the design and manufacture of company products such as ropes and threads, synthetic fibres, carpets, artificial lawn and artificial ligaments for use in human surgery. During his career, he under took Post Graduate Diploma in Management at RMIT and was active member of the Royal Australasian Chemical Institute and Chair Person of Western District Productivity Group and a committee member of the Australian Standards Committee for the revision of Australian Standards for yarns and fibre ropes.

John married Stella Christopher, the second daughter Christos and Paraskevi (Theodore) Christopher. They have three children; Evelyn, Basil and Priscilla and two grandchildren, John and Christina. Their son, Basil lives in Sydney and is married to Josephine Lo Ricco. Priscilla and her Partner, Steve Newlands live in Melbourne.

However between John's career and family, he also dedicated time to the Greek, Kastellorizian and Australian communities.

In the 1970's John was an active member of the Hawthorn Lions Club and was a member of the Greek Professional Association and he later their Vice President.

Experiencing the passing of his parents and his participation in both Greek and Australian organizations, he became aware of the urgent need for facilities for the care of Greek speaking Elderly. He prepared and submitted to the Australian Government a report and plan of action, outlining and emphasizing the urgency for Ethno specific facilities for the care of migrant elderly and the need for financial assistance.

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He then established and registered an organization (The Greek Australian Society for the Care of the Elderly (GASCE) under the Patronage of the Governor of Victoria.

John was the Greek Australian Society for the Care of the Elderly Foundation President from 1976- 1987. During the 10 years of his Presidency, GASCE:

- raised by appeal from the Greek Community and the wider Australian Community, \$300,000;
- secured an Australian Government Grant of \$600,000 (In the 1980's these sums of money was substantial);
- purchased property in Clayton to build the Hostel Built and fitted out and commence running "Pronia Elderly Hostel" and
- applied for further government funding to extend the Hostel into a Nursing Home.

In 1988 John received an OAM for services to the Elderly and Greek Community.

Despite his busy schedule, John also found time to actively participate in the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and he continues to do so today. John served as Committee member in the late 1980's and early 1990's. During this time he also took on the role of Treasurer.

It is ironic that during his time on the Kastellorizian committee, John was one of the key initiators of the Kastellorizian of the Year Award.

Following resignation from the main committee, John has continued to support of the Association through his involvement on numerous subcommittees including the Sub-committee for the review of the Rules of the Association (20007-8). He has given many historical lectures about Kastellorizo.

John is passionate about Kastellorizo and visited the island with his wife, Stella in 1996. He is an advocator of the preservation of historical and cultural knowledge about Kastellorizo. He is regular contributor to the Historical section of the Kazzie News, the official newsletter of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. He is also interested in the Kastellorizian diaspora in Australia.

He is keen to record and preserve how the Kastellorizians and their descendants have contributed to Australian history and society.

John's love of history does not end with Kastellorizian history. His other historical passion is Byzantine history. He combines this interest with his on going involvement in the Australian community as he is currently a voluntary Lecturer in Byzantine History for the University of the 3 Age (U3A) at the Swinburne campus in Hawthorn. John has held the lectureship at U3a position since his retirement.

John is also a Member of the Australian Association for Byzantine Studies and has written and presented papers to them on Byzantium.

John enjoys spending time with his family and visiting his grandchildren in Sydney.

KASTELLORIZIAN YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (KYAA)

The committee was very happy to receive the nominations for the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards.

The recipient of the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award is:

Lisa Caripis

In brief, **Lisa Caripis** has been nominated for the Kastellorizian of the year for her community service to the Australian community through her voluntary work at the Fitzroy Community Legal centre and in the Kastellorizian Community for involvement in re-establishing the Kastellorizian Youth.

Lisa is the daughter of **Andrew** and **Christine Caripis**. Lisa is currently studying a law degree.

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VCE AWARDS

This year we received only two registrations forms for the VCE awards. The recipients of the V.C.E award for 2009 are:

Jasmin Eve Urlik

Grace Loukides

Nicholas Vasilios Antonopoulos

Honorary Life Members

The Kastellorizian Association is pleased to announce that the following members have been awarded honorary Life Memberships for their long standing commitments to the Association

Christina Pavlou

Nicholas Zervos

Andrew Caripis

At the AGM held last October, Christina Pavlou a dedicated an long serving committee member and secretary resigned. This prompted a lengthy discussion by the attending members regarding the acknowledgement of her service to the Association. As the discussion unfolded it was clear there were also long standing and on going contributions made by Nicholas Zervos and Andrew Caripis for their roles in an honorary capacity as the Association's lawyer and Accountant. At the conclusion of this discussion, the attending members voted to award Christina Pavlou, Nicholas Zervos and Andrew Caripis for their dedication and long service to the committee with an Honorary Life Membership.

The Honorary life memberships will be presented at the awards ceremony held at the St Constantine and St Helen's day celebrations on **Sunday the 24th of May.**

The Committee asks all our members to join us on **Sunday the 24th of May to congratulate and celebrate with all the award recipients**

FUTURE ART EXHIBITIONS

The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association overwhelmed at the support given by our members and guest for the inaugural Art exhibition. The report on the Art Exhibition can be found on page 11. The success of this occasion has encouraged the Association to consider organizing the Art Exhibition as an annual event..

An application form for next year's Art Exhibition will be placed in our next (July) edition of the Kazzie News.

In particular, we are appealing to our young and up and coming artist. Involvement in the Art Exhibition will give a less experienced artist an opportunity to commence or extend their exhibition portfolio and CV. In the case of a more experience Artists it provides an opportunity for greater exposure and to show case your achievements and act as a role model or mentor for younger Artists.

Up to two artists will selected from the applications to participate in the 2010 Art Exhibition.

We strongly encourage all artists of Kastellorizian decent to put your applications, along with a photographic sample of your work. We will consider all Art forms (i.e. Sculpture, Modern Contemporary, Ceramics, Fashion Design, Textiles and Handicrafts etc).

The Committee also encourages members who wish to gain experience in events management or as a convener/curator, to come forward and assist with the organization of the Exhibition.

Anyone wishing to assist the convener, please contact Evelyn Salvaris on 0411 464 369.

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CALENDAR COMPETITION.

Following the success of the Art Exhibition, the Committee has decided to get all our members involved and organized a Calendar Competition.

In the July edition of the Kazzie News will be calling for members to submit their photos of Kastellorizo. The selection committee will then select up to 13 photos. The best photograph will appear on the front cover and the other 12 photographs will accompany the calendar for each of the 12 month of 2010.

The theme will be scenes of Kastellorizo, so get out your holiday snaps or make the effort to take some extra special one photos when you visit Kastellorizo on you holiday this year.

There will be three prizes: a junior prize (up to 17), a youth prize (18- 25) and an open category (25 and over).

Closing date for the competition will be Friday September 4th and the winners be announced in our AGM report and the prize will be present at the October AGM, when the Calendar will be available for sale.

OFFICIAL EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria was represented at the following official functions:

Michael and Dianne Spartels attended a cocktail reception for the celebrations for Greek Independence

Michael and Dianne Spartels, along with Evelyn Salvaris attended the opening of the Ambassadors of Contemporary Greek Art, "Three Generations of Painters" and Athenian Democracy "Speaking Through Its Inscription". Both events were held at the Hellenic Museum.

George Verginis attended the 25th of March, Greek Independence day celebrations and reported: "Yesterday I attended the celebrations for Independence day "25th March. ETA (visiting Greek TV) and local TV were there to capture a very well attended event of some 50 different groups such as Pan Dodecanese Federation,

Schools etc who marched down St Kilda Rd to pay homage at the Shrine ,where the Premier John Brumby laid a wreath together visiting Greek Ministers and spoke of the significance of the day before a very large crowd".

GREEK DANCING AND LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Association has been inundated with requests to hold **Greek Dancing classes**. Thus we are pleased to announce that we have arranged for Dean Liakos, the principle of the School of Hellenic Dance to give our members two introductory classes.

Classes will be held on on **Sunday the 14th and 21st of June at 2 pm** at Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne. Each class will run for one hour and the **2 introductory classes will be free of charge!**

Weekly dance classes will commence on either Tuesday the 14th of July at 7.30pm or Sunday the 19th of July at 12pm, numbers permitting and run for the school term.

Each class will be **1 hour** and the cost will be:

\$50/per student/term (financial members)
\$60/per student/term (non financial member)

In order to continue dancing classes on a regular basis we will **require a minimum of 8 students**.

For further enquiries and to register your interest please call **Evelyn Salvaris on 0411 464 369**.

LANGUAGE CLASSES:

The Association has also been investigating the possibility of holding Greek Language classes.

The classes will accommodate up to 6 students. The small class sizes are an advantage, giving each student the opportunity to practice orally. Anyone interested in Greek Language classes please call Evelyn 0411 464 369 to register your interest for next term (commencing July). Cost will be \$160 or \$175 per term depending on class location.

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GREEK DANCING CLASSES

FREE TRIAL

Date: **Sunday 14 & 21 June**
Time: **2 -3 pm**
Venue: Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne

TERM COMMENCES :

**Tuesday July 14, 7.30 – 8.30pm or
Sunday 19 July 12-1 pm**

COST/term: **\$50 per student (financial member)
\$60 per student (non financial
member)**

To register call Evelyn Salvaris 0411 464 369

THE MEGISTI CLUB

Theme: Kazzie Songs
“Singing is good for the Soul”

Date: **Sunday 26th JULY**
Venue: Kastellorizian Clubrooms
Time: TBA

For further enquires call:
Christine Dimer: 9592 9450
or 0432 915049
Cynthia Koutsoukis: 0402 253 244

Watch out for the next mail out for full details.

TAVERN NIGHT

Date: **Saturday 27th of June**
Time: 7:30pm until late
Venue: Stathis Athenian Tavern
Cost: \$55 per person and includes:
Banquet meal including seafood,
Wine, Beer and soft drinks
Private room and band

RSVP ESSENTIAL: Call Dianne Spartels on 9696 0047 for reservations

Places are limited so book early

ST CONSTANTINE AND ST HELEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Date: **Sunday 24th of MAY**
Time: **10 am** at
Venue: St Constantine & St Helen's Greek Orthodox Church, Barry St South Yarra
Time: **12:30pm**
Venue: Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne, 3205
(Entrance off Hotham St)
For a Cocktail Reception

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***“So you think you know who you are?
Or do you?”***

At some stage in our lives our children and grandchildren or even we will ask, "Where do we come from?" "Who are our ancestors?" and "Where can I find out more?" Regretfully, we wished that we had asked these questions whilst our parents and grandparents were still alive. Sometimes we do get the opportunity to find out but fail to record and preserve it for the generations to come.

Sourcing information about our Kastellorizo heritage is difficult as records on Kastellorizo were either destroyed or are written in Greek with Kazzie and Turkish terms which are meaningless now. The best way conserve this knowledge is to act now.

Allan Cresswell is Kastellorizian on his maternal side and spent many years recording his own family tree which he placed on the Web. The Association then approached Allan to create a separate Kastellorizian Genealogical Website based on the information he had already collected for his own family tree. Since the conception of the Kastellorizian Genealogy Website last year, the site now contains over 10,000 names and many photographs. The site can be found by visiting the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's web site www.kastellorizo.com.au

It is with great pleasure that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has been invited Allan to present a workshop to demystify and explain how to locate, use and add your family history onto the website. Please come along and learn and contribute before the information is lost forever!

***To answers many of your genealogical questions
or
contribute to our Kastellorizian heritage,***

come along to the

***Kastellorizian Genealogy Workshop
and Seminar***

Saturday on Sunday

27 & 28th of June

Presenter:

***Renowned Kastellorizian Genealogist from Perth,
WA***

Allan Cresswell

DAY ONE:

2.00pm to 6.00pm

- * Introduction***
- * Demonstration of the online Kastellorizian Genealogical Website***
- * How to gather information and the sourcing of records***
- * Question Time***
- Personal data collection and family photographs - for those people unable to attend day two***

DAY TWO

2.00pm to 6.00pm

- * Brief overview of Day 1 - for people who were not present on Saturday***
- * How to surf the Kastellorizian Genealogical Website***
- * Various ways to submit (add) information to the website***
- * Question Time***
- Personal data collection and family photographs - for those people not submitting same on Saturday***

To assist with program content and catering please fill out the registration form on the flyer and send to Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, PO Box 112, South Melbourne, 3205 by **Friday 20th of June**

REPORTS

Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

Inaugural Art Exhibition

On Sunday the 15th of March at approximately 2.30pm there was silence at Kastellorizian House. The Committee and Artists were all reflecting on whether the Inaugural Art Exhibition would be a success or failure. Half an hour later, at 3pm our first guest arrived, followed by the next one and the next one and the next one. This trend continued for the duration of the Exhibition. By the end of the day we all knew the answer to our earlier queries. Bingo! We pulled it off!

Mid last year, on a trip to Melbourne to visit his children, Jack Condous from Adelaide visited the Kastellorizian Association and showed us his photographic works.

After a lot of thought, the committee decided that an Art Exhibition would be a novel yet ambitious event to present to our members, in particularly the younger generation.

Thus the Committee then contacted Jack and Beryl Georgakopoulos, who's beautiful Mediterranean theme inspired water colours would compliment Jack's photographs of Kastellorizo well. We invited them to exhibit their works at our Exhibition. We were very pleased when both artists agreed to participate in our Art Exhibition. They were extremely happy for the exposure and on hearing the Kastellorizian Association was to sponsor the event and cover the costs, they both kindly offered to donate part of their sales proceeds to the Association.

As this was the first time that the Association had staged and sponsored such an event, the Committee considered the show as an experiment.

The planning to get to the exhibition took three months. With minimal funds, we had to source the best venue for our event. The obvious choice was our clubrooms.

Then there were many emails and phone calls with the artists to work out how many works would be displayed and the area of space was required and what would best support the works. Once this was calculated, it was time to shop for display stands.

After many quotes the display stands were book.

Hooray! Time to rest.

No way!

It was time to notify our members and guests.

The next major dilemma was how long do we run the event. Knowing that many art exhibitions take place over a few days to many weeks, it became clear to the Committee that it was not a possibility. Participation in the event was voluntary and we did not have the personnel to staff the event for an extended period of time. Also we would have to extended our insurance and we had no idea of whether this event would be well attended and of interest to our members. So one afternoon it had to be! No choice!

We now had Artists and their works, a venue, stands, a time and date. But before we were ready for the invitations we needed a Master of Ceremonies to open the event. This was a very important duty because if successful, this exhibition would be a historical event and the launch pad for an annual event.

Who would be the right person?

We needed a breath of fresh air, someone to help expose the Association to our younger members and a draw card. The choice was obvious.

Mia Greves of course!

With great enthusiasm Mia accepted the challenge.

Now it was time for the invites. To convey an air of professionalism to our guests and members, postcard invitations were designed and once the hiccups with the layout and template were worked out. Also the catalogues of the Artworks needed to be generated and after a few alterations, we were ready to go to the printers.

Guest lists were compiled and the Committee folded and address envelopes and Australia Post delivered.

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Inaugural Art Exhibition

And then came the wait.

Would our experiment work?

To answer this question we need to return to 3pm on Sunday the 15th of March. The guests poured in and at one stage we even had a queue that extended outside in to Hotham St. The committee can not recall when that happened last.

Despite a request for RSVPs only a third of the people attended replied. Based the number of positive replies, we expected that the size of the exhibition space would not be an issue. We thought that layout chosen for the display stands would work well and would allow for easy access for the guests to view the art works. However, we had not anticipated that more than double the number of expected guests would walk through the door! Unfortunately, this made it difficult for guests to view the art.

The atmosphere inside the Exhibition Hall was fantastic. It was a reunion for many guests. Some of the guests were of Kastellorizian background and yet it was their first visit to our clubrooms. It was so electrifying that the chatter drowned out the back Greek music that was playing background.

It was great pleasure to see so many young children. Some members may disagree with the attendance of young children at this function. But it must be noted that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria is a family based association and all age groups are welcome to participate. What a wonderful way to introduce and commence educating young children about art as well as exposing them the Kastellorizian Association!

About one third of the greater than 130 attending guests were Kastellorizian Association members. The other two thirds were invited guests of the artists and the Association. The event even attracted country and interstate guests. One of the interstate guests was Mia's mother, Christina Koutoupidis who came all the way from Brisbane.

The committee donated and catered for the exhibition in true "Greek Style", some would say in excess. Luckily we are brought up to cater for more, as it ensured that the extra guests that did not RSVP were catered for. By the end of the day there was not a morsel left for the committee to snack on whilst cleaning up.

At about 4 pm Mia made her way to the stage and officially opened the exhibition. Following on, the President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Michael Spartels gave a short speech. He thanked Mia for taking on the role of MC and along with his wife and committee member, Dianne presented Mia with flowers as a token of appreciation from the Committee for her involvement and time. Then Mia and Michael thanked the Artist for their participation and their generous donations and were presented with a souvenir poster of the Exhibition.

Mia then took to the stage once again and displayed her interviewing skills and she then interviewed Beryl and Jack about their Art, what inspires them and their Kazzie connections. During the interview, Beryl and Jack acknowledged the generous sponsorship of the Association and the help of the Art Exhibition Convener, Evelyn Salvaris. Following some housekeeping items, the guest dispersed to enjoy the art works and each others company.

Both Beryl and Jack sold art works and the Association received 10 subscriptions, with majority being new members.

At 8 pm the clean up was completed and the remaining Committee members had a quick coffee before heading home. At the April Committee meeting, the Art exhibition was reviewed and all agreed that the day was a great success and that the event should be repeated next year.

Below are some photographs taken on the day. You can also go to www.Kastellorizo.com.au to view photos of the event to view more.

REPORTS

Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report *Inaugural Art Exhibition*



Photographs taken by Evelyn Salvaris and Jack Condous Son-in-Law, Richard

Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday December 14 2008, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's clubroom was filled with anticipation as the children and their parents eagerly awaited the arrival of Father Christmas.

A clown performed balloon tricks and played games with the children whilst they waited. The after a sausage sizzle and some healthy snacks Father Christmas arrived and gave the children their gifts.

Father Christmas left to catch 40 winks before his next visit to the children on the 25th of December.



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MEGISTI CLUB UPDATE

By Cynthia Koutsoukis

Our last function for 2008 was an unforgettable tavern night held 29 November which was attended by 60 people. Stelios Tsiolas and Anesti Tsiaplias once again entertained with their beautiful music. The clubrooms looked gorgeous and the Greek Bouzouki music could be heard all the way down the street. There was dancing, singing, plenty of delicious food and a truly fun time was had by all. Our thanks to all those who supported us and helped us out on the night. held on 13 April at the clubrooms.



MEGISTI CLUB

**NEXT FUNCTION
SUNDAY
26/07/2009**

"Singing is good for the Soul"

Are you interested in joining a small singing group getting together to sing Kastellorizian songs which will be featured at our next afternoon Megisti Club function Sunday 26/07/09? The group is open to all, regardless of age. There will be a couple of rehearsals prior to the performance. We do hope that you may be interested in joining up for what promises to be a fantastic experience. Imagine how amazed your parents, grandparents or great grandparents would be to hear you singing their songs. I'd like to see that!

Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested.

**Christine Dimer Mob: 0432915049
or Home 95929450**

Cynthia Koutsoukis Mob: 0402253244

Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

WEBSITE UPDATE by John Karis

It has been an interesting period since the last report in July 08.

Tracking the website statistics since then has illustrated how established it has become as a reference tool and information 'hub'. As mentioned in the information below there was a slight downturn in activity during February which can be attributed to the fact that the website had not been updated with new and fresh information for a couple of months.

Therefore, we initiated a few innovations such as recording the Victorian Bushfire Disaster on our homepage so that local and international visitors could make contact with the appropriate authorities.

We also added a new Kazzie Customs section and updated the Greek Calendar with 2009 information. The results from posting the 2009 Calendar information has been remarkable with instant and repetitive access throughout March. We will be making sure we continue to provide this type of information as it is obviously one of significant interest.

The information supplied in this report is a follow on from the statistics reported in the July 08 edition which comprehensively tabled the source of visitors to our website and its overall performance.

As mentioned previously, as a Victorian based organization, we are very excited and proud to be able to provide information to such a global audience. This will be of great significance over time as we learn more about where Kazzies have settled and, at the same time, maintain our heritage.

Table 1: Most popular website pages visited from July 2008 to March 2009

Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
July '08	Travel	Links	Newsletters	Lost & Found
Aug	Newsletters	Genealogy	Links	Travel
Sept	Genealogy	Travel	Map of Kazzie	Links
Oct	Greek Calendar	Travel	Lost & found	Links
Nov	Greek Calendar	Newsletters	Genealogy	Travel
Dec	Newsletters	Greek Calendar	Home page	Genealogy
Jan '08	Greek Calendar	Map of Kazzie	Genealogy	Newsletters
Feb	Greek Calendar	Travel	Map of Kazzie	Newsletters
Mar	Greek Calendar	Events	Links	Newsletters

Table 2: The Average Statistic Range from March 1st to 27th

Note: Significant increase in Downloads due to the amount of information posted to the Website during March. This included: Events, Kastellorizian of the Year and Kastellorizian Youth Achievement and VCE nomination forms, Art Exhibition catalogues etc

Visits	1,450- 2,900	1,895	20% increase on Feb '09
Hits	10,500- 21,000	14,620	15% increase on Feb '09
Page Views	5,000- 11,000	6,201	20% increase on Feb '09
Downloads	1,200 -1,900	1,769	30% increase on Feb '09
Page Views/Visits	2.5 – 4.5 minutes	3.3 minutes	Even
Time spent/Visit	2.5 - 10 minutes	3.5 minutes	Even

WEBSITE UPDATE by John Karis

Table 3. Country Statistics by %

Oceania	38.96% of Total
Australia	100%
Europe	28.66% of Total
Switzerland	38.5
United Kingdom	22.4
Italy	8.33
Spain	8.33
Germany	4.69
Sweden	3.65
France	2.60
Denmark	1.56
Yugoslavia	1.04
Luxembourg	1.04
Romania	0.52
Hungary	0.52
Finland	0.52
Netherlands	0.52
North America	27.76% of Total
United States	93.01
Canada	6.45
Bahamas	0.54
Asia	4.18% of Total
Hong Kong	46.43
Japan	14.29
China	7.14
Indonesia	3.57
Saudi Arabia	3.57
Israel	3.57
Singapore	3.57
Malaysia	3.57
Cyprus	3.57
Syria	3.57
South America	0.30 %of Total
Brazil	50.00
Colombia	50.00
Africa	0.15
South Africa	100.00

Notes:

1. Figures for March fall within the normal ranges.
2. Feb 09 activity had shown a decline which we suspect is due to 'stale' content.
3. As a result of the Feb 09 statistics we added a considerable amount of new information and additional features such as:
 - a. Bushfires news items and updates on Homepage
 - b. Events information on the Art Exhibition, Youth Events, Kazzie of the Year nomination, the upcoming St Constantine & Helen's Day Celebration etc.
 - c. Updated Greek Calendar with information on significant dates for 2009 – **This was reflected in the Jan/Feb/March months as it achieved most popular page.**
 - d. Added Kazzie Customs section under "Culture" which will include what we do at Christenings, Weddings etc. in addition to common 'sayings' at these and other important events.
 - e. The Catholic Archdiocese of the University of Wollongong had 4 users logged on for an extended period and the page in question was the 2009 Greek Calendar section.

Our Statistics show
a large number of Website hits
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CAPITALISE ON OUR WEBSITE
EXPOSURE

Register your business on the
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on the Kastellorizian Website

Register now!

Call John Karis 0412 662 079

WEBSITE UPDATE

by John Karis

Definition of terms:

The above reports report shows the number of requests for files or "hits" logged during the selected report period. A hit is a request to your web server for a file such as a web page, image, CGI, header request, etc.

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Visits

This report reveals the total number of times that people have visited your web site during the selected report period. Observing this report on a weekly or monthly basis can help identify trends in our website's overall traffic.

Downloads

This report shows the total number of files (e.g. .exe, .pdf, .zip, etc.) that were downloaded during the selected report period. This report helps us determine the popularity of downloads with people visiting our website.

Length of time

The Time Spent per Visit report shows the average amount of time each web site user spent during a visit in the selected report period. This report can help us gauge the level of interest in our website's content.

Pages viewed

The Page Views per Visit report shows the average number of pages viewed by people per website visit during the selected report period. This report can help us identify changes in the overall level of interest in our website.

Country of Origin

The Continent Breakdown report shows how often people visited from the different continents during the selected report period. This report may reveal opportunities for geographically targeting our information and activities.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION inc by Christine Dimer

Senior's 2009 Agenda

Please note: Agenda is subject to change

Please make appropriate entries in your diaries.

MAY 6: MOTHER'S DAY OUTING

Subsidised by Seniors Club.

SAVOY VIBE, 630 LITTLE COLLINS ST. BE
THERE 11:45 FOR 12:00 NOON.

JUN 3: LUNCH AT CLUBROOMS

BBQ LUNCH WITH BINGO AND MUCH
CHATTER SPEAKER MAY BE ARRANGED.

JUL 1: LUNCH AT VOLCANO JOE'S

Subsidized by Seniors Club.

MEET at 11.30AM sharp at 415 WARRIGAL
ROAD BURWOOD.

AUG 5: LUNCH AT CLUBROOMS

May arrange guest speaker for this event.

SEP 2: LUNCH AT SANTE BUFFET CROWN

WE WILL MEET THERE
DETAILS TO BE GIVEN AT AUGUST
MEETING.

OCT 7: LUNCH AT CLUBROOMS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

NOV 4: SPRING RACING CARNIVAL BBQ.

SWEEP AND BEST OUTFIT OR HAT
COMPETITION.

DEPOSIT FOR XMAS FUNCTION TO BE
COLLECTED .
DECISION MUST BE MADE WHERE WE WILL
GO.

DEC 2: XMAS LUNCH –

VENUE TO BE DECIDED WITH MEMBERS, in
November.
MEMBERS WILL BE SUBSIDIZED BY
SENIORS CLUB.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

CHRISTINE DIMER on 9592 9450,
mob 0432 915 049

OR SYLVIA COATES on 9859 7784

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

[KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION inc](#) by Christine Dimer

2009 EVENTS AND CALENDAR. April, 2009.

It was great to see all our members back this year. We look forward to your ongoing support. We need more members, friends and volunteers. The success of our Seniors group depends on your attendances and your help.

Our first meeting for 2009 was held on the 4/2/09, which was very successful and our speaker Andrew, from the Alzheimer's Society was most informative. We also had two guests from AGWS who helped with explanations in Greek. Sincere thanks to Nina and Anthony.

Our visitor from Sydney Mrs. Maria Koutalis, was very welcome and we thank her for her generous donation to the Seniors Club.

Thank you, also, to Mrs. Maria Patiniotis for the beautiful homemade Vasilopita for 2009, which she so kindly brought along to share with us. Congratulations to Maria Pappas for winning the coin.

On March 4 , we went to Phillip Island by bus. We thank Michael Zervos for organising morning tea at the Echo Resort, Cowes, where we enjoyed a tour of their facilities. We then visited the Nobbies and Seal Rock, and later the RSL Club, for an excellent lunch . On the way home we stopped off at the Chocolate Factory.

Photographs from the Kastellorizian Senior's Association recent functions

Melbourne Cup (BOTTOM LEFT) , Christmas and Phillip Island day trip (RIGHT PANEL).

Photographs supplied by Christine Dimer, the President of the Kastellorizian Senior's Association Inc.



AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

92ND ITHACAN PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY BALL

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

The annual Ithacan Ball was held on Saturday 25th of October, 2008 at "The International Brighton Receptions"

Over 230 people enjoyed a wonderful evening of first class food, merriment and kefi.

The Master of Ceremonies was Ithacan, James Razos, who provided an entertaining night for all guests, with much laughter and fun. James's sister, Toni Razos sang two songs, "Agapa Mei" and "ti Einai Afto Puo Leni Agape", the song from the film, "Boy on a Dolphin".

The Band Jazz provided a superb standard of Greek and English Music. The much respected Past President, Peter Paxinos was surprised with a cake for his birthday.

Kastellorizians in attendance were Peter and Lina Coates, Evelyn Salvaris and Peter and Anna Miriklis-Defteros



Left: Peter and
Anna Miriklis-Defteros

Below: Anna with friends
Evelyn Salvaris and Sophia
Stanitsas



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Daughters of Penelope

ATHENA CHAPTER #2

You are cordially invited to attend a
"Mother's and Daughter's" Afternoon Tea

Sunday 3rd of May, 2009

At

Mercure Hotel

13 Spring St, Melbourne

2.30pm (SHARP) to 5pm

\$40 per person

Bookings essential

Contact Marika Bisas 98856233

HELLENIC BOWLS CLUB OF VICTORIA

Lawn Bowls with the Maltese Social Bowls Club

23rd of April, 2009

At

Princes Park Bowling Club

1 Bowen Cres, North Carlton

6 pm (Under Lights)

Bookings

Contact Herb Kyriakos 9531 3108

Nominated Mixed Triples

Sunday 26th of April, 2009

At

Oakleigh Bowling Club

87-93 Drummond St, Oakleigh

12.30pm for 1pm start

\$10 per person

Bookings

Contact Herb Kyriakos 9531 3108

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

[Australian Friends of Kastellorizo](#)

Would you like to participate in the Student Exchange program and study in Kastellorizo in October 2009?

The Student Exchange program is a reciprocal program, where students from Australia can attend school in Kastellorizo. This year is the first year that the program is offered to Australian students. Successful students will spend a 10 days in Kastellorizo this October during the Australian school holidays. Based on the selection criteria, Australian Friends of Kastellorizo will subsidise 50% of the students travel costs.

Application forms are available on the new AFK website or by contacting me at this email address.

The closing date for applications for this exchange program is the 30th April.

The following criteria will be considered in the first round of selection for students who may be interested in applying for exchange from Australia to Kastellorizo in October 2009 school holidays for 14 days:

- a. a knowledge of the Greek language
- you should be able to speak some Greek;
- b. 15 years of age is the preferred age;
- c. Australian Kastellorizian students who otherwise may not have the opportunity to travel to Kastellorizo;
- d. the preference would be for Kastellorizian descent which fits into the AFK charter;
- e. Being responsible, reliable, honest - qualities that demonstrate integrity and community spirit; willingness to help others.

Interested students must complete the application form and send it to AFK at mazzmacc@tpg.com.au no later than the 30 April.

CAN YOU HELP?

Accommodation for Kastellorizian Exchange Students wanted

**Melbourne:
3rd to 11th of August, 2009**

Student Exchange Billets wanted for two 16 year old girls, **Chrisovalandi Niti** and **Eleni Dionoydi** from Kastellorizo,

visiting Perth on the 25 July for 8 days

then going on to Melbourne from 3rd August for 9 days

and finally arriving in Sydney 11th August for 10 days.

The student's English is limited and therefore, English lessons will be provided.

If you can assist the girls with accommodation during their stay in Melbourne, please contact Marilyn Tsolakis ASAP at: mazzmacc@tpg.com

Also the girls need supervision from Australia (ex Sydney, Melbourne or Perth) to Greece around 23 August. Can you assist?

If you or you know anyone who can escort the girls returning to Greece, please let AFK know ASAP by email (mazzmacc@tpg.com).

Regards
Marilyn Tsolakis

FEATURE ARTICLES

GREEK CULTURE

The Sin of Strabon: Kisthini the Lost City

The geographer, Strabon (67 to 23 AD) reported that on an island in the Lycian Sea there was a city called "Kisthini".

For a long time, many geographers and historians questioned whether the city was located on the island of Megisti (Kastellorizo).

This question arose due to the interpretation of Strabon's manuscript. The translation from Strabon in Geographia XIV 3,7 reads "between the many islands and ports referred to in our sailing account is an island Megisti and a city with the same name "Kisthini". As it reads, the passage is ambiguous. One can not be sure if the word "megisti" is used as a noun or an adjective.

If "Megisti" is used as a noun, then it represents the name of the island on which there is a town named "Kisthini". However, if "megisti" is used as an adjective, then the word megisti means a large island on which there is a town "Kisthini" that shares the same name as the island. It is obvious that there is a "Lagouma" or omission in the text in which the scribe omitted one or more words. There is no way of verifying this, then Strabon must carry the sin.

Other ancient travellers mention in passing the name "Kisthini" but according to Adamtios Korais, a leading 18 century intellect, they were misled by the sin of Strabon. Later travellers also mention Kisthini as an island, somewhere in the Lycian Sea and Amish Tarieu writes "Sailing by the shores of Lycia, we can identify the island, Megisti which has one town by the same name and in addition one island named Kisthini"

A. Diamandaras a Kastellorizian school teacher spent many years surveying the Island for evidence of an amphitheatre mentioned by Strabon or the use of the name Ksthini" but alas found neither. Another school teacher at the turn of the century was so enthusiastic that he changed his name to "Kisthinos"

In 1996, Dr Normal G Ashton of the University of Western Australia published a manuscript "Ancient Megisti, the forgotten Kastellorizo". He reports the results of a surface archeological survey of Kastellorizo conducted under the guidance of the Australian Archeological Institute in Athens. Archeological evidence dating from the BC era were established but nothing indicated the existence of a theatre or town named Kisthini.

Dr Ashton's archeological survey did confirm the existence of submarine archeological remains in the Bay of Mandraki. This site was first reported in the Palameria region by P.Pirazzoli in 1987. He reports the presence of an ancient ramp and roadway that leads down to where the ancient shore line, docks and boat building site of once existed. These ancient structures in the Bay of Mandraki supports the idea the submerged area may have also consisted of a town. Further excavation is required to confirm this. Perhaps here below the modern day shore line, with further archeological excavations, we may discover that Strabon's city of Kisthini did exist on Kastellorizo.

By John B Salvaris OAM

This article is interesting lead into our next feature.

You may recall the request by in Lost and Found section of the 2008 July edition of the Kazzie news by Marianne Kisthinos from Sweden asking about her relatives in Australia.

The article generated a lot of activity as was reported in the November 08 edition. As a result the Lisa, Peter and Kathy Christofas have all made a new friend in Marianne. The story was up and Marianne was contacted and asked "How and why did a Kastellorizian Family migrated to Sweden". The following is her story.....

FEATURE ARTICLES

GENEALOGY

The history of the Kisthinos family of Sweden

By Marianne Kisthinos

About a year ago I had a sudden “urge” to look up my last name on the internet and see what Google could tell me. Since I knew that my family was the only family on this planet with the last name Kisthinos I was very happy to see that a sister of my grandfather was to be found in the genealogical pages of Kastellorizo presented online by Allan Cresswell in Australia (www.castellorizo.org/). Her name was Chrisanthi Kisthiniou. What a lovely moment to understand and find out that through her I was connected to people that now had names and sometimes photos presented on this lovely site! I quickly found out that I was related to the families Malaxos and Karantonis.

Now finding this site brought back all kinds of memories and stories I was told as a child by my father and my aunt. Stories about my grandfather



Grandfather, Nicholas Kisthinos

Nikolaos Kisthinos from Kastellorizo (born around 1900) that left Kastellorizo to study in Russia to become a doctor. Stories about my great grandfather Ioannis (a priest) and his father (Emmanouil) being a teacher just like my father Ioannis that unfortunately passed away eighteen years ago!

So here I sat in Sweden, thinking of how I ended up here. Well, as many family stories our story is a story of people moving from one place to another finding opportunities or circumstances that suited them better in one way or another.

The story I was told, was as I mentioned having a grandfather (Nikolaos) from Kastellorizo that went to Russia to study, then marrying Thalia from Kos and having four children, three of them born in Paris where my grandfather worked. Later on they left and went back to Greece this time to Athens. Unfortunately Nikolaos died and left his wife and four children in an as we all know desperate time in Greece (1940 approximately). My father was the second of these children and was of course devastated. He was by the time 10 years old. Later on, as a young adult he went to study in Switzerland where he met my mother from Sweden; Anna-Lena. So now you know how I ended up in Sweden...later in life!



Ioannis Kisthios, Marianne's father

I emigrated to Greece (to find my roots), stayed for 10 years but returned to Sweden since my genes from Kastellorizo shouted loud and clear; YOU NEED TO STUDY!!! I think you will not be surprised to find out that I'm a teacher at the University of Malmö, Sweden today.

Now all these years later I tried to remember everything I knew about Kastellorizo...for example that there was an ancestor called Malaxoudia (true or false) that played an important role during the occupation of the Turks. I dug up some photos supposedly of my grandfathers home in Kastellorizo. All these stories, photos and memories blurred into a somewhat magic feeling about that island far away. At this time I also saw the famous movie “Mediterraneo” and was fascinated. How I would like to take my son (his name is Ioannis of course) to Kastellorizo. I also remembered a “strange” newspaper that was sent to my father every now and then called I think “Ta Kastelloriziaka Nea”.

GENEALOGY

The history of the Kisthinos family of Sweden

So even though my father never himself lived in Kastellorizo he got the news from Kastellorizo! When I think about it now, it is amazing that his connection to this wonderful island was that strong and apparently he left this heritage to me since I'm now writing an article in a newsletter called "Kazzie News"!



Kisthinos family home on Kastellorizo



Many facts have been lost during the decades and I can hear myself saying as so many before me...why didn't I ask my father and aunt more questions about Kastellorizo and my heritage before they passed away? Well...I suppose this is part of the history too...Anyway, now that I have found new friends and family in Australia perhaps you can fill in the blanks!

My new friends in Australia are the Christofas family in Melbourne and their daughter Lisa now living in Malmö, Sweden! We were brought together by this lovely newsletter, since I wrote a mail just mentioning that I was coming to Australia, Melbourne to work at La Trobe University for a couple of weeks. My mail was published and while being in Melbourne, Lisa in Sweden mailed me after reading it! Is this coincidence? I think not.

Perhaps my great grand father Emmanouil is still looking after us and our Kastellorizian heritage, making sure that we are connected even though we live in different parts of the world.

I had a friend in Greece, he was from the island of Kefalonia, he told me that there was a saying about people coming from his island. "If you turn a stone anywhere in the world you will find somebody from Kefalonia"...I suppose that could go for people from Kastellorizo too...

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Marianne Kisthinos



Marianne with her son, Ioannis

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GENERAL INTEREST

Avid travellers have used and respected the information provided in the "Lonely Planet" travel guides for years.

In Australia, Lonely Planet is the preferred travel guide over Let's Go & Fromers as they are an Australian travel guide with the offices right here in Melbourne and more importantly they are written with the Australian traveller in mind.

Lonely Planet has provided many of us with easy to find and reliable accommodation when the travel information office at the travel destination is closed. To this day, the traveller guided by a Lonely Planet guide was always sure as to which country a town or island belong to, at least until now.

In December 2008, Lonely Planet launched their travel magazine and in the first edition, they featured Turkey. The picture (below) is from that edition and it has been circulating via the email. At first glance, the photo with a Turkish mosque used by Lonely Planet with the title "how about Turkey for Christmas" could be anywhere in Turkey. However the astute reader and traveller can see the presence of two Greek flags (circled) and that the photo is in fact KASTELLORIZO. This misrepresentation of Kastellorizo has caused great concern to Kastellorizians and Greeks all over the world.

However the internet is a wonderful research tool and all Kastellorizians and Greeks can calm down. On the blog site, Skyscrapercity forum troubled Greek

from Thessaloniki sent a letter of complaint to Lonely Planet. Lonely Planet responded with an explanation and apology in response to the letter. The following article can be found at <http://www.skyscrapercity/showthread.php?p=30793840> January 15th, 2009, 10:52 AM, Θεσσαλονίκη, "Dear*****,

The editor is going to include a clarification and apology in the March issue of the magazine and in the meantime he's written this statement:

From: Peter Grunert, Editor, Lonely Planet Magazine
I'm sorry that our magazine feature titled "How about Turkey for Christmas?" created the impression that Kastellorizo might be a Turkish island." "I was aware and ensured we stated that Kastellorizo is Greek. With hindsight we could have made the nationality of the island even clearer. I apologise to anyone who felt offended by this. Our intent was entirely to help travellers discover some beautiful places to visit, including the Greek island of Kastellorizo with its beautiful St Nicholas church."...."In our March issue (as our February issue has just gone to print) we will publish representative examples of the letters we've received with a clarification. We hope our actions will go some way to repair any offence the article has caused. Best wishes, Malcolm O'Brien, Talk2Us Team Lonely Planet Publications Pty Ltd"

So look out for the March edition of the Lonely Planet Magazine for the clarification. After which I am sure that "Lonely Planet" travel guides your back on our travel literature lists!

Best wishes for your magazine, Lonely Planet!



REGULAR FEATURES

COOL TO BE KAZZIE

Rebetika is equivalent to the Blues in Greek Music. Originating in Asia Minor and often depicts the desperate life of the Greeks in the early 1900's and in particular during the exchange of the Greek-Turkish populations that occurred in the 1920's and 30's. The Rebetika movement then made it way to the then "Slums of Athens" where it developed an underground following. Eventually it surfaced into the popular music form that we hear today. The songs and music is very soulful, historical and full of emotion.

So it is very "cool" to find that the "Rebetika" movement and the events of that time has inspired theatrical play set "**Cafe Rebetika!**"

The production is an original performance that unravels the love story of Areti and Stavrakas. It is set at the height of the Rebetika movement. The characters include musicians, anarchists, refugees, communists, prostitutes and mangas, all of which are connected through their passion for life and defiance to survive and to create the perfect world.

The cast features award-winning actor Tony Nikolakopoulos and is supported by the internationally acclaimed band Retiki (Achilles Yiangoulli, Argyris Argyropoulos, Tony Iliou and Takis Demetriou).

The production was the idea of and Stephen Helper who also directs the production. Helper has numerous Australian and Broadway credits. The design team is led by Tony Award winning lighting designer, Nigel Levings.

The world premiere season of Café Rebetika! Will be staged at the Arts Centre, Fairfax Studio, 22 April - 9 May 2009. Tickets are \$30-50 and are available through theartcentre.com.au or 1300 136 166 Don't miss it!

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In time for ANZAC day, "Forgotten ANZAC- the campaign in Greece 1941" by Peter Ewer . This book is a non fictional account of the ANZAC involvement in Greece during the second world war. A recommended read for any patriotic Aussie, Greek or Greek-Australian.

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When the "world is your oyster ", a string of luxury hotels is an obvious accompaniment to any string of luxurious pearls.

Marilynne Paspaley has jumped from one oyster to another, adding a string of luxury hotels to her business portfolio.

Marilynne named her hotel chain, "Pinctada". Pinctada is the shell that give rise to the luxurious South Sea/Broome Pearls that that the Paspaley family has made famous

Pinctada Cable is the fourth Hotel in the chain and the third for Broome. When the new venture opens this May, it will consist of :

72 rooms,
a luxury spa,
a restaurant menu created by Greg Malouf from Melbourne restaurant, Mo Mo
and the hotel grounds designed by Jamie Durie's company Patio.

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Finally , the latest winter fashion statement for women from Country Road is a faux fur gilet. Now every trendy woman will look just a little bit Kazzie – It's cool to be in Vogue!

Evelyn Salvaris

KAZZIE KERASMA

Easter has arrived!

In the Greek Orthodox calendar, Easter is the most revered, spiritual and “celebrated” time of the year. During this time, a series of rituals, traditions and culinary delights are performed under the governance by the Greek Orthodox faith.

The observance of the Greek Orthodox Easter period commences 40 days prior to Easter Sunday, with the Great Lent.

The scriptures as interpreted by the Greek Orthodox Church guides the participants through this time of year. It commences with Apokries, or “meat fare” and is held on the Sunday before Katharo Theftera (clean Monday), the first day of lent. Aporkries is last day of indulgence in food and celebration and is also known as Mardi Gras.

The following week is “cheese fare”, during this time the participant cannot eat meat but can still eat dairy, eggs, fish, shellfish, wine and oil¹.

The weeks following leading up to Eater Sunday are considered days of “strict” fast and a vegan diet is followed and excludes meat, fish, eggs, dairy, wine and oil¹. If the participant wishes to take communion prior to Easter, this “strict” diet must also be followed.

There are a few exceptions to the “strict” fast. On Saturday and Sunday during Lent, wine and oil can be include in the diets, whilst Palm Sunday and the 25th of March fish can also be eaten¹. The fast is broken on Easter Sunday with the announcement that “Christ has Risen” or Xritos Anesti.

The motivations to follow the “Great Fast” is one of personal choice and the reasons may range from religious and spiritual beliefs, traditional and cultural ties or simply a desire to follow a more healthy diet.

To anyone with an interest in food, this time of year is a culinary delight. The Lenten diet is one where the participant embarks on vegetarian and vegan diet. This diet makes up the bulk of what is considered the Healthy Mediterranean Diet. But the true vegan Mediterranean diet takes time to prepare. There is a need to soak many of the pulses, legumes and lentils overnight. However modern life in Australia is very hectic and involve a heavy work and school schedule making it difficult to participate in the rigors of Lent and the preparation of the such a diet.

¹ Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of American, www.goarch.org

One other problem faced by young families is the difficulty to convince young children to eat vegetables, legumes and lentils. It is also hard to prepare lunches for school with out alienating them from there peers in the school grounds.

As Easter in Australia is synonymous with Chocolate and is often a child’s favourite sweet. I have selected to share with you a Chocolate recipe that that fits the criteria for Lent. This cake is also a great school lunch treat, makes a great birthday cake and one which every chocolate loving adult will also enjoy.

Lenten Chocolate cake with Oil

560 g sifted all-purpose flour
600 g white sugar
85 g unsweetened cocoa powder
235 ml vegetable oil
710 ml water
15 g baking soda
3 g salt
45 ml vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), and grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan.
2. In a large bowl, sift together flour, cocoa powder, soda and salt. Add sugar and mix together
3. Add oil, water and vanilla and mix thoroughly for 2-5 minutes using a mixer.
4. Pour into a 9x13 inch pan.
5. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for an hour or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.
6. Sprinkle with icing sugar and serve

Kali Orexi! Evelyn Salvaris



KYC:KAZZIE YOUTH COLUMN

There are other YOUNG KAZZIES in Melbourne?

I'll be honest: prior to August last year I didn't really socialise with Kazzies. That wasn't necessarily out of choice. Having few relatives or family friends of Kastellorizian descent meant that I simply hadn't had a chance to get to know any other Kazzies my age.

It was quite exciting, then, to meet Colin Tarlamis, Alex Spartels, Katherine Gekas and Cassie Zervos at the "Future Directions of the Association Summit" in August 2008.

As we've grown up in different parts of Melbourne, have very different interests and are part of quite different social groups, I'd normally never have had the opportunity meet any of them. But the shared connection to that little island in the Dodecanese brought us together.

It was decided that we'd try to bring all the other young Kazzies together and so we created a Facebook group <Kazzies in Melbourne>. In just over approximately 6 months the number of members in our group has grown to 67. I had no idea there were so many of us out there!

We've held two informal events so far. These functions were held at the Union Hotel in Prahran (see photo below).



From my point of view, it's been great to meet other people with whom I share that common heritage. But it hasn't really been about working out how we're distantly related (or not!) but about getting to know one another: exchanging stories about travel experiences, interests, studies, work, mutual friends.

We plan to run more formal events in the future: cocktail evenings, dinners and whatever else there's interest for.

Come along. You never know who you might meet.

If you would like to get involved or have any suggestions or comments please get in touch: lisa_caripis@hotmail.com or 0416 436 652.

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PROVERBS, SAYINGS & RELIGION

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

Orti guniss, thuvriss

Whatever you give out, comes back to you

Olla inei dihera kai grumena

Everything is destined and written

Na mi se mutyiaso

Not to “eye” you

Hitpa xilo

Knock on wood

Otun mbis sto horo, prepi na horepsis

When you get into the dance you must dance

Kunei dto kalo, kai rixhto sto yialo

Do a good deed and cast it into the sea

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

With every adversity we face in our lives, it gives us an opportunity to turn to our Orthodox faith. The following is a brief summary of the “first Six Miracles of Christ”

The first Sign

The wedding of Cana at Gaililee

When wine has run out for the guests at the reception, Christ blessed the six stone jars of water transforming them into wine.

In remembrance of this miracle, a cup of wine is shared by the bride and groom at their Orthodox wedding ceremony, as a blessing.

The second Sign

The healing of the nobleman’s son

A certain nobleman had a sick son at Caperaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea and into Gaililee, he went up to them and besought that he would heal his son. During this encounter with the gentile noblemen, he gives his life to this dying purpose of his ultimate purpose – the gift of life to the world.

The Third Sign

The paralytic

Jesus indicates healing is just only the beginning, not only will he be cured, but also rise from the dead. The paralytic was paralysed for 38 years and confined to his bed. Many who surrounded the paralytic did not have true faith. The man’s patience did not just bring him a man to help him, but brought him the “anthropos” (good man) Christ.

From him he found health, through the words of the Lord “ Rise, take up your bed and walk”

The forth Sign

The feeding of the five thousand

Jesus told the men (about five thousand) to sit down and from two fish and five loaves he multiplied the bread to satisfy the five thousand and filled exactly 12 baskets, which corresponded to the twelve Apostles.

The fifth Sign

The blind man

The blind man did not have sick/faulty eyes, but was born without eyes. In order to create eyes of the blind man, he did what he did when he created Adam. The Lord made mud when he spat on the soil and applied it to the face where his eyes should have been. He then ordered him to go and out water on his face from the pool of Siloam. When he had finished, he asked the blind man to obey because without obedience, nothing could be done. The blind man obeyed. Such a miracle was never seen anywhere.

The Sixth Sign

Raising of Lazarus.

Celebrated on the Saturday prior to Palm Sunday.

When Jesus came, he found Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha. He was dead in his grave for four days. The Lord assures his sister Martha that Lazarus will rise again.

Jesus not only know where Lazarus was buried, and that he would turn his grief into joy. Jesus tells them to remove the stone from the entrance of the burial cave, he prays and says with a loud voice “Lazarus come for the” which he does.

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CHRISTENINGS

On Tuesday 10th February, **Elia and Anna Dimer** christened their son, **George Thomas Dimer** at the Greek Orthodox Church St Raphael at Benteigh. The godmothers were **Georgina Mingos** (daughter of Irene and Chris Mingos) and **Fiona Pascoe** (Anna's sister). Grandparents George and Christine and Christine's Dad Steve Paltos were all very proud of their offspring. We wish Anna, Elia, Archie and George all the very best on their departure to Brisbane for six months. Good Luck from all the family



the children and the grown ups did not miss out either, they were entertained by pianist Trevor Jones and then later danced to the music of the Rat Pack with headliner "Dean Martini" playing the unforgettable songs of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. Ethan's eldest **sister Madisson** gave a speech about her little brother and used the letters of his name to tell guests a little about her him E is for excellent, T is for terrific, H is for happy, A is for absolutely gorgeous boy, N is for nappy changes YUK!



Ethan's Christening: On the rights are Godparents ; Rena Mihalopoulos, Jay Hamilton and Jason Fry

CHRISTENINGS

On Saturday 7 March 2009 the christening of **Ethan Jorge Eammon Hamilton** took place at St Constantine & Helen's Greek Orthodox Church, South Yarra. **Ethan** is the second child of **Flora (nee Adgemis)** and **Eammon**. **Godparents** were **Rena Mihalopoulos, Jay Hamilton and Jason Fry**. Ethan was christened Jorge after his **grandfather George J Adgemis**. His grandparents **George & Maria** reside in Athens Greece. Following the christening an after party dinner was held at their premises Red Scooter in Balaclava, where the event was "Bigger than Ben Hur". The theme was EJ goes to Hollywood. On entry into the premises guests had photos taken with Marilyn Munroe and Charlie Chaplin on the red carpet, there was an amazing fare ranging from Peking Duck to Yum Cha stations followed by an amazing sit down Dinner and completed with a larger than life dessert buffet featuring a chocolate fountain and a special appearance by Willi Wonka. Their was a magician to entertain



Ethan's christening - Eammon, Maddison, Flora & Ethan

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

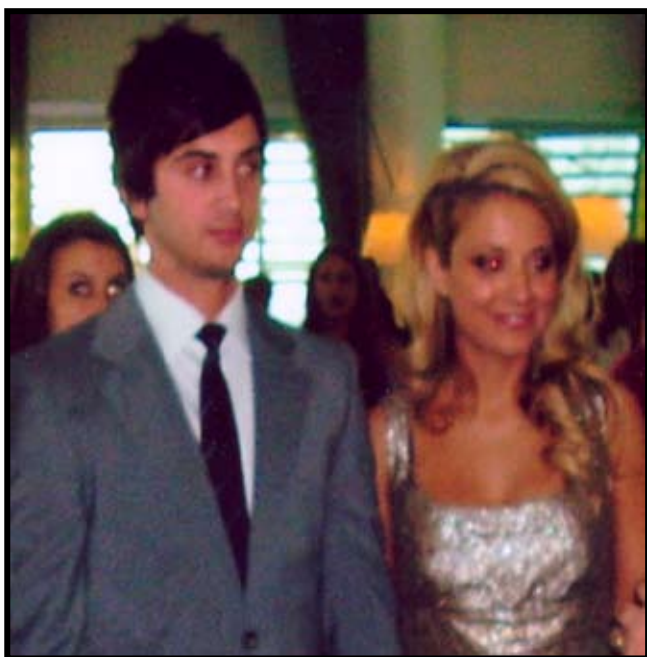
ENGAGEMENT



Congratulations to **Irini Piperogolou** on her engagement to **Dean (Konstantinos) Vasilopoulos**. A well selected group of guests attended the "Waterfront" in Port Melbourne to celebrate the engagement of Irini and Dean. A blessing was held by Rev. Father Minas (parish priest of the Evangelismos). From Canberra for the event **Uncle Stan** and **Aunt Thenia Piperogolou**.

Irini is the daughter of **Dr Michael and Mrs LEMONIA Piperoglou** and grand daughter of the late **Vasilios (Bill) and Irene (nee Miriklis) Piperoglou**. **Dean** is the son of **George and Elizabeth Vasilopoulos**. George, is from Kalamata, and previous, was President of South Melbourne Hellas for a number of years. Elizabeth, is from Florina, in Northern Greece, and together with George has two other children, Nicholas and Marissa.

Congratulations, good health, happiness and prosperity to them both.



WEDDING



Congratulations to **Phillip Georgoulas** and **Christine Dais** on their marriage Saturday, 10th January, 2009. **Phillip** is the eldest son of **Nick and Maria** and grandson of **Nina** and the late **Spiro Mangos**.

The wedding ceremony was at St. Anargyrios Orthodox Church and the reception was held at Lincoln of Toorak which was attended by many family members and friends.

Koumbaro was brother **Ross Georgoulas**.

Interstate relatives that attended the wedding from

ADELAIDE

Mr. Con and Mrs. Mary Mangos, Arthur, Cherrie, Nicholas Mangos, Con and Tassie Mangos, Kerry and Lucia Mangos, George Mangos and Sylvia Lelos.

QUEENSLAND

Ms. Eva Lucas.

PERTH

Mrs. Joyce Loucas and Anna, Carol and Richard Panaia, Julie and Brett Halvorson, Manuel and Soula Loucas, Conley Manifis and Vanessa Bouhlas.

A great night was enjoyed by all.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in the Maldives. We wish them a lifetime of health and happiness.



VISITING FROM SYDNEY

In Melbourne for the Christmas Holidays was Angelo Hatsatouris, who visited his Uncle Steve Paltos. Angelo has a wonderful time, chatting for hours with his Uncle Steve and Cousins Jim Paltos and Christine Dimer



SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



PAUL ZERVOS RECEIVES "CAVALIERE ORDINE DELLA STELLA DELLA SOLIDARIETA ITALIANA"

Paul Zervos honoured by the Italian Government
One of Castellorizo's well known elders, Paul Zervos, was recently honoured by the Italian Government and made a **Knight (Cavaliere) of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity (ORDINE DELLA STELLA DELLA SOLIDARIETA ITALIANA)**.

The Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity was originally instituted in 1947 to recognize the achievements of those Italians and Foreigners who had played a distinguished role in the contribution to the Italian Republic.

In a ceremony performed by the Consul General of Italy in Melbourne, Paul Zervos was conferred with the title of Cavaliere of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity. He was presented with a certificate and a medal formalizing him as a knight of this prestigious Order.



The title was awarded to Paul with the approval of President Giorgio Napolitano and the Prime Minister of Italy. In fluent Italian, Paul responded by thanking the Italian Government for the honour and spoke of the bond between Greeks and Italians that had developed over the years and the friendships he had formed with Italians on Castellorizo.



By his side was his wife of 55 years, **Peggy**. Also present were his son, **Nic**, grandson, **Paul**, and **Michael** and **Diane Spartels**.

Paul's eldest son **Kevin**, who is Hong Kong based, flew down for the occasion and for the celebration after the ceremony. "A Cavaliere of this Order is one of the high honours of the Italian Republic, so obviously I feel very humble in receiving this award" said Paul at the ceremony. The title is given for meritorious work for the Italian Republic. It is a personal recognition by the Italian Republic for those people who provide assistance to Italians both at home and abroad. This award was instigated by Italian tourists who have visited Castellorizo on many occasions and were overwhelmed by Paul's generosity and support that led them to nominate him for this award.

The citation reads "Mr. Zervos has contributed enormously to assisting Italian tourists on his Island of Castellorizo and the manner in which he welcomes Italians who visit this Island."

Paul is one of the well known personalities of the Castellorizian Community both here in Melbourne and in Castellorizo.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a young boy growing up in Castellorizo he was taught Italian, a linguistic skill that has remained with him all his life. He came to Australia with precious little after the War and after many years of hard work became a very successful businessman. His yearning for and devotion to Castellorizo had him return there some 30 years ago.

He restored the family home, the famous Blue House, and he with wife Peggy and his sons and family regularly spend summers on Castellorizo. Paul also established on Castellorizo, the Mediterraneo Apartments that are located adjacent to the Blue House. He was fortunate enough to feature in the Italian movie "Mediterraneo" which was awarded in 1991 an Oscar for the best foreign movie. Paul's generosity and hospitality are legendary and he regularly helps out Italian visitors who have flocked to the Island in recent times. His warmth and helpfulness has greatly impressed many Italians and this honour by the Italian Government is in recognition of one of Castellorizo's great ambassadors and personalities.



RECENT STAYS IN HOSPITAL

Mr Andois (anthony) Stambelos.

Mr Basil Barbottis.

Despina Lucas.

We wish them a speedy recovery

THANK YOU:

I would like to thank my family and friends that came to visit me during my stay in hospital after an operation on my hip. I would also liked to thank all those that called and sent cards.

From Despina Lucas

VALE

Deepest sympathy to **Basil and Zephie Barboutis** and family on the passing of their beloved mother, **Rosa**, on January 1st, 2009 in Brisbane.

Leo Caripi passed away in Rosebud. The funeral was held on January the 2nd. Leo is survived by his wife **Peggy (Piperoglou) Caripi**.

Evangelia Bolkus passed away on January the 10th in Adelaide. Evangelia was the wife of the late Michael Bolkus and mother of Anna and former Senator, Nick Bolkus.

Deepest Sympathies to the families.

KAZZIE COSMOS.....

news from around the world

KASTELLORIZIO

by Louise Katris-Karagiannis

APOCREAS

The **Karagiannis** family attended the Apocreas celebrations at Vara's kindergarten in Trianta - "Paizo kai Matheno, in Rhodes. **Vara and Mia** are with their, parents **Louise (Katris)** (picture 1) and **George Karagiannis** (picture 2) and kindergarten friends (picture 3).



We look forward to hear more news form Kastellorizo in July

AND

RHODES

by Louise Katris-Karagiannis

25TH OF MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Attending the 25th March celebration in Rhodes are Vara & Mia Karagiannis (daughters of Louise Katris) and their nephew Anastasis Ahlariotis. The parade was held down the main street of Rhodes.



SYDNEY

The Castellorizian Ladies Auxillary in Sydney have been very busy with organizing many activities.

Their next major function will be the **57th ANNUAL SPRING BALL** on **Saturday 5th September 2009**. During the Ball, the debutantes will make their debut.

For further information on this or any of the other function please contact the **Castellorizian Ladies Auxiliary, P O Box 513, KINGSFORD 2032**.

KAZZIE COSMOS.....

news from around the world

PERTH, WA

In March, Allan Cresswell attended the Hellenic Bowls Club Bowling tournament that was held in Perth. Allan has sent two photos from farewell function for the Victorian Hellenic Bowling Group held at Perth on Saturday 28 March 2009.

The four Victorian chaps in the top photograph are:

Panayotis Pandelidis
Angelo Alateras
Michael Christidoulou
Andy Alexandou

and

4th from the left is **John Kingley Pitsikas** from Western Australia



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LOST AND FOUND

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

Many Kastellorizians from interstate and overseas have been contacting the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria through its website. They have contacted us in order to seek genealogical information or to reunite with relatives that they have lost contact with due to the Kastellorizian diaspora. Here is another example we have received recently.

Details Submitted: 9 Nov 2008 10:16:24

Message: Hi, I'm not a resident of Victoria, however I've been trying to find out about my family history and my Grandfather's birth certificate says he was born on Kastellorizo. He died when I was about 10 and I really don't have a lot of information about his family or his migration to Australia etc. I wondered if anyone from your organisation recognised my surname as possibly being from that region? Any information you could provide would be appreciated.

Many thanks !Kate Agioritis

Should you be able to assist with these enquiries please contact **John Karis** on **0412 662 079** or **Katina Garrick** on **0402 985 577** or at info@kastellorizo.com.au or **PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia**

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KAZZIE NEWS
July

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Friday July 3rd

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*The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria invites
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to
The Saint Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations
and the Awards ceremony for the
2009 Kastellorizian of the Year Awards
2009 Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards and VCE Awards
Honorary Life Membership*

Sunday 24th of May, 2009

*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
Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards
And VCE Awards*

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