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MANILLA, TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH 2013

Very enjoyable morning to celebrate Senior's Week



The Manilla Memorial Town Hall was packed for the Senior's Week concert and morning tea last Wednesday.

Special guests were Tamworth Regional Councillor Helen Tickle and Indigenous Elder Mr Neville Sampson who also presented 'Welcome to Country'.

The National Anthem was preformed by Mr John Brand (left) and Mr Rex Dallas who were also part of the entertainment along with school students from the Manilla Central and St Michael's following the awards ceremony.

Those in attendance were welcomed by MC's for the occasion Mrs Belinda Laws and Mrs Sarah Thurn who then went on to introduce the nominees for the Senior Week Awards.

Nominated for the group award were Manilla Hospital Auxiliary, Manilla Hospital Gardeners, Visitor Information Centre and Manilla Senior's Cards Group.

Clr Tickle had the honour of naming joint winners of the group award as Manilla Hospital Auxiliary and Manilla Hospital Gardeners.

Nominated for the individual award (service to seniors) were Dot Allwill, Vera Coupland, Daphne Tiberi, Bev Wells, Paul Calakerinos, Jim Maxwell, Norm Carter, Jean Jensen, Pat Jehner and Bob McDonald.

The winner was announced by Clr Tickle as Mr Norm Carter. Clr Tickle also presented all nominees (individual and group) with a certificate to mark the occasion.

Clr Tickle congratulated the winners and the other very worthy nominees on their involvement with the seniors in the Manilla community. Clr Tickle also thanked the organisers of the concert, morning tea and also those who attended the wonderful event.

Following the awards ceremony a lovely morning tea was enjoyed by all in attendance before being entertained by Manilla school students.

Photo: Individual nominees (left to right) - Bev Wells, Daphne Tiberi, Paul Calakerinos, Dot Allwill, Norm Carter (winner), Jim Maxwell and Clr Helen Tickle.



Big day for the Canberra Cafe



Helen, Paul, Kathy and John. Inset is Mary who was away when the main photo was taken

This coming Easter Sunday - March 31 - will mark a further milestone in the history of Manilla's Canberra Cafe.

Celebrations are planned to mark the 63rd year of ownership and operation of the cafe by Mr Paul Calokerinos and family.

Paul Calokerinos would be Manilla's oldest and longest operating businessman. The celebrations will also be an early 80th birthday recognition for Paul. His birthday is in early April.

The renovations carried out over the last six months or so have seen the cafe back to its original state and to make it feel more like the 'olden days'. The restoration works have included fixtures and fittings - using a number of items collected by Paul from long-gone traditional cafes around the region. Photographs have also been framed and are displayed to remind patrons and others of some of the history of the premises.

The Canberra Cafe is one of the last remaining Greek establishments in Australia and highlights include lead-light and old wooden wall framing of days gone by. Fish and chips, pies, hamburgers, milk shakes, cordials, fruit 'freezers' - eat-in or take-away - are still the favourite fare of the Canberra. Fruit and vegetables have been available and a wide variety of olive products are now produced by Paul at his Tamworth Road Alexandrades property and sold through the cafe.

There was once five cafes in Manilla's main street the numbers diminishing after the hey days of the building of Keepit Dam which was concluded in 1961. The Canberra is the sole survivor today in the main street.

More than 1000 people are expected to attend the Easter

Sunday celebrations. These will include several invited guests along with members of the Calokerinos family who will be travelling here from Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane.

The invited guests will include the Member for Tamworth, Mr Kevin Anderson MP, the Mayor of

Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Col Murray and artist Sandy Thorne, recognised author of 'Old Timers' and several other notable books will also be performing and presenting her 'bush yarns'.

The celebrations will also include recognition of the man who

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	Thursday 28/03/2013	Friday 29/03/2013	Saturday 30/03/2013	Sunday 31/03/2013	Monday 1/04/2013	Tuesday 2/04/2013
Customer		Good Friday			Easter Monday	
Ray Walsh House, Tamworth	8.30am - 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5.00pm
Barraba	8.30am - 12.00pm 1.00pm - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 12.00pm 1.00pm - 4.30pm
Manilla	8.30am - 12.00pm 1.00pm - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 12.00pm 1.00pm - 4.30pm
Nundle	8.30am - 12.00pm 1.00pm - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 12.00pm 1.00pm - 4.30pm
Airport Kiosk	5.30am - 5.30pm	Closed	5.30am - 2pm	8.30am - 5pm	5.30am - 5pm	5.30am - 5pm
Botanic Gardens	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours
Tamworth Community Centre	8.30am - 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5.00pm
Kootingal Community Centre - Cockburn Cottage	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Barraba HACC Office	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Environmental Laboratory	8.30am - 5.00pm					8.30am - 5.00pm
Landfill Sites						
Barraba	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Closed
Bendemeer	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed
Dungowan	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed
Duri	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed
Kootingal	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	7.30am - 12.30pm
Manilla	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed
Nundle	8.00am - 12.00pm	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed
Somerton	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed
Tamworth - Forest Road Landfill	8.00am - 4.55pm	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	8.00am - 4.45pm
Libraries						
Barraba	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Kootingal	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Manilla	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Nundle	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
South Tamworth	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Tamworth	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Marsupial Park	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours
Powerstation Museum	9.00am - 1.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9.00am - 1.00pm
Tamworth Capitol Theatre	10.00am - 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10.00am - 4.00pm
Regional Gallery	10.00am - 5.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10.00am - 5.00pm
Tamworth Pound	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	9:00-9:30am	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Tamworth Sports Dome	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating Hours
Year Round Care						
East Tamworth	Normal Operating hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating hours
South Tamworth	Normal Operating hours	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Normal Operating hours
Youth Centre (Youthie)	12.00pm - 6.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	12pm to 6pm
Swimming Pools						
Barraba	Normal Operating Hours	Closed - End of Season	Closed - End of Season 28/03/2013	Closed - End of Season 28/03/2013	Closed - End of Season	Closed - End of Season 28/03/2013
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Visitor Information						
Barraba	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours
Manilla	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours
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Tamworth	Normal Operating Hours	Closed	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours

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established the Canberra prior to it being bought out by Mr Calokerinos and his family, Yannis 'Jack Smiles' Kalokerinos.

During the first World War 1914-18, Jack Smiles came to Manilla as a cafe proprietor from Walgett. His cafe was situated where Sevil's butcher shop now stands.

Jack Smiles built the Canberra Cafe premises in 1927. He was joined by a cousin Phillip Feros. Jack operated the Canberra Cafe and Feros was installed into the York Cafe - now the Manilla Bakery. The York had operated until 1965 and then closed, a victim of the business downturn after the completion of Keepit Dam.

The Canberra Cafe was so named from the opening of the Old Parliament House which was unveiled in Canberra the same year.

Operating next door to the Canberra Cafe is the Skylight Restaurant established by Paul Calokerinos and his wife Helen and venue for many celebrations and meetings for the past 20 years.

Paul married Helen on the Greek island of Kythira in 1962. They have reared three children in Manilla. John is the right hand man in the business which also sees youngest daughter Mary assisting. After her early days in the cafe and schooling here, Kathy lives and works in Sydney.

Paul has two sisters - Maria and Kety - in Canberra along with a brother Jim. A second brother Vince had resided in Canberra also but passed away a few years ago.

The forthcoming celebrations will also serve as a family reunion with up to 50 descendants expected. Such reunions are very scarce, Paul said.

Originally owned by Kytherian-born John (Jack) Kalokerinos, the cafe was bought by a trio of relatives - Paul, his uncle Bill Glytsos and Paul's cousin John Trevasaros.

Emigrating to Australia from Greece in 1948 at the tender age of 15, Paul Calokerinos was sponsored by his uncle Bill who lived in Tamworth.

Paul spent 18 months working at the Walcha Cafe, cleaning, cooking, chopping wood and serving customers. He then spent about six months at Tamworth's Ritz Cafe before he and his relatives pooled their resources and bought the Canberra Cafe in 1950. Paul was just 17 years of age.

Bill sold his share of the business in 1954 while John opted out in 1965. Paul had operated the York Cafe until its closure and transferring to the Canberra. John is now retired and lives in Sydney while another cousin Peter who started in Manilla with Paul lives in Tamworth and formerly operated a cafe in Peel Street opposite the post office.



All residents are invited to take part in the celebrations on Sunday between 2 and 5pm.

Photo: Paul pictured with Reg McMillan during a return visit for a reunion a few years ago. Mr McMillan with his family had conducted a cafe here opposite the Express for more than 20 years up until it closed in the 1970's.

NOTICE

MANILLA Team Penning raffle results drawn Sunday 24th March - Jewellery & Tapestry raffle 1st Jane Martin, 2nd Sheree Gray, 3rd Jeanette Moss. Hampers & Feed raffle - 1st Jason Newman, 2nd Phil Cox, 3rd Helen Knox. Many thanks to all for your support.

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