



The KYTHERIAN

The Newsletter of the Kytherian Association of Australia
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KYTHERIAN BALL 2007

GUEST OF HONOUR

DR. GEORGE MILLER AO

BAFTA & Academy Award winner

DATE: SATURDAY 26TH MAY

VENUE: GRAND HARBOUR BALL ROOM
3RD FLOOR STAR CITY CASINO.

Bookings: Esther Calligeros 9344 0298

Kathy Samios 9349 1849

Tickets: \$180. On sale 13th, 18th, 20th & 25th May.

AFTERPARTY

(Details on page 10)

2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (see coloured flyer insert)

For

KYTHERIAN ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA

&

KYTHERIAN BROTHERHOOD of AUSTRALIA

Wednesday 30th May 2007 at South Coogee Public School
MOVERLY Rd. South Coogee. at 8.15 pm.

BUILDING INFORMATION NIGHT

see page 9 for details

Wed. 16th May 2007. 3rd Floor Hellenic House, Elizabeth Street, Sydney at 8.00 pm.

KYTHO CALENDAR

FRI. 27TH APRIL -29TH JUNE

Greek Dancing Lessons Term 2.
(details on page 17).

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

Ladies' Auxiliary 'High Tea'
(details on page 16).

SUNDAY 13TH MAY

Agios Theodoros Service
Parramatta Greek Orthodox Church
(see below)

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

Building Information Night &
Inspection Day (see page 9)

SUNDAY 20TH MAY

Eptanisian Day (see below)

SATURDAY 26TH MAY

85th Annual Kytherian Ball
at Star City Casino (see front page)
& "Afterparty" (see page 10)

WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY

AGM's (see front page)

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

KYMG Theatre night (page 11).

Editor's Note

Recently, our children gave us a "Skywalk" as an anniversary present. I had no idea what it was but sadly reflected that it probably would not be a restaurant reservation.



Knowing people who have done the Bridge Climb was cause enough to give me concern that the "Skywalk" would be something equally challenging, like abseiling from the top of the Sydney Tower.

Fortunately, it is nothing like that. All that is involved is a walk around the observation deck but from the outside, which at 70 storeys, can be a little intimidating if you have a fear of heights. You are suited up like an astronaut and harnessed to a railing, to ensure that when you finish the walk, you descend by elevator and not any other way.

The view is breathtaking..... on a clear day you can see Terrigal to the north, the Blue Mountains to the west and Wollongong to the south. Mind you, when we got there, it was pouring rain and extremely windy. Visibility was not seventy kilometres as promised but a mere twenty! We expected that it would be postponed and were stunned when they confirmed that we would still be going up. They only cancel the walk if there is lightning. However, despite the miserable conditions, it was an exhilarating experience. The weather finally cleared and we were able to enjoy the magnificent city that lay before us, reinforcing my belief that we truly live in the most beautiful city in the world.

ST. THEODORE'S (OF KYTHERA) CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 13th May 2007

**St John The Baptist
Church, 11 Hassall St,
Parramatta**

*As this is Mother's Day, there
will be no refreshments after
the service.*

SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2007 UNIFICATION OF EPTANISIAN ISLANDS WITH GREECE

*The Eptanisian Committee
invites members and friends to
take part in the Church service
(DOXOLOGIA) at the **Saint
Nicholas Church, Marrickville**
to celebrate the unification of the
Eptanisian Islands with the rest
of Greece. (21st May, 1864).*

LATE NEWS

The Priminister of Greece, Costas Karamanlis is to arrive in Sydney on Monday 21st May from New Zealand and leave on Saturday 26th May.

TRIBUTE

Let us remember **Coula Macarounas**, a long time member of the Kytherian Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, who sadly passed away on 16th March, 2007.

*A lovely lady passed away,
Smiling to all she met,
And as we know,
The smile will stay,
For many a long, long day.*

From brother Peter Cassimaty.

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for the world-wide Kytherian Community



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Thanks, Queensland

Many thanks to those 500 who attended the Brisbane "Launch" of Kythera-Family.net. Your support means a lot to us. After the launch there was a surge of activity on the site with over 200 new registrations and scores of new entries.

A series of new and improved features will be coming online on the site in the coming months. The "Advanced Search" tool has already been activated, the chat area, a video category and a "Favourites" page will follow. Small steps for the programmers, huge leaps for the world-wide Kytherian community.

James Prineas, james@kythera-family.net

Untold Treasures

By Crissouli

I wonder what they, the people of my grandparent's and great grandparent's generations, would think of the way we live today...

Would they be overwhelmed by what we consider necessities? As I helped in my daughter's new home, preparing things for packing prior to a move overseas, I couldn't help but ponder. I have the suitcase that my grandfather brought with him from Greece, carrying all he needed... not very large... and I was thinking of this, as we were working out how much 6 cubic metres would be. This is just the basic shipping allowance that had been determined to cover mainly the children's toys, a few small items of their child size furniture, books, dvds, etc. It didn't include the three large suitcases, plus assorted backpacks, cabin bags, etc. that would be taken on the flight as personal luggage, with possibly an extra suitcase to be added and paid for under excess baggage. Nor did it include the bulk of the family possessions that were going in to storage for the next two years.

The downsized apartment that they are moving to would have seem so luxurious to my ancestors... my grandfather built his family's home in a small country town, with some aid from his eldest son, then aged 13. It consisted of a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom, added to over the years to include a veranda, lounge room and an office, tiny as it was, with beds on the verandas. It was considered quite adequate to house a family of 11, yet the whole place would have more than happily fitted into the downstairs floor of my daughter's home.

It was built of timber slabs, the gaps in between the

timber were caulked with old newspapers, torn and pasted with a mixture of flour and water. It didn't have a fan forced oven, just a wood stove which was always alight, always with a kettle boiling on the side and, it seemed, a stockpot, or large pot of soup. The cakes and scones that came from that oven were incredibly mouth-watering... no thermostat or temperature controls, just years of experience that led to production of the perfect biscuits or the tantalising roasts.

No foyer chandeliers, just hurricane lamps, or candles, lit the home, prior to electricity. Yet what a wonderful atmosphere they provided. I always loved nights at my grandparent's home, I always felt cosy and safe.

A copper served the laundry needs of this large family, as well as providing hot water and coming in very handy at Christmas for boiling the puddings. Try doing that in a water-saving fully automatic washing machine! Would they have happily swapped their meat safe, cooled by wet hessian bags draped from the top and over the sides for a stainless steel refrigerator/freezer combination that delivers ice in cubes or crushed, as well as perfectly chilled water, without having to open the door? I'm sure my grandmother would have been taken aback by the buzzer that warns that the temperature is rising as the door has been opened too long!

My own home is also much larger, though by no means a large home. We feel crowded with three adults, admittedly we have two households and all that entails, stored in one. Yet we have room for computers, several sound systems, televisions and all the paraphernalia considered normal today.

I grew up in what was basically a two room house, with a laundry/shower and a small extra room that was used for a bedroom, though it barely held a 3/4 bed. There was always room for family and friends to stay though. We had some great times when my aunt and uncle and three sons came to stay... it seemed there were bodies everywhere, but what fun we had, and what a great excuse to giggle a lot.

As each generation prospers more than the last, it is not the trimmings or the gadgets or the size of the home that matters, rather the treasures within are what they have always been: the love and respect that is taught and fostered within a family. That, my friends, is the true treasure of a home.

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You are the authors! Kythera-Family.net - the online cultural archive for Kythera - aims to preserve and reflect the rich heritage of a wonderful island. Members of the community are actively invited to submit their family collection of Kytherian stories, photographs, recipes, oral histories, and home remedies etc. to the site. Uploading directly to the site is easy and free. Thus we can help make available valuable and interesting material for current and future generations, and inspire young Kytherians to learn more about their fascinating heritage.

Queensland "mega-event". 15th April, 2007.

By George C Poulos

The *panayiri* was held on Sunday the 15th April, 2007, from 11:30 - 5:00pm. It proved to be the greatest of Kytherian-Brisbane-Queensland events.

The mega-event was the largest gathering of Kytherians in Brisbane for a quarter of a century.

The panayiri was co-sponsored, by the *Kytherian Association of Queensland Inc.*, www.kythera-family.net, the *Kytherian Association of Australia*, Sydney, & the *Karavitiko Symposium*, Sydney. The fact that 4 major Kytherian institutions combined in this way to conduct a major event, is quite unique. Importantly, the *Nicholas Anthony Aroney Trust*, Sydney, heavily subsidised the event, in order to ensure a substantial attendance. There is no way of adequately expressing our thanks to the Trustees. They have done so much for the preservation and enhancement of the Kytherian ethos, tradition and heritage around the world.

The event was held at the *Cyprus Club*, also known as the *West End Club*,

Organisers had to move the venue from the original *Kapsali Restaurant*, on Brisbane's South Bank, because of the unprecedented demand for seats. *Kapsali* can accommodate a maximum 330 people, and this number was exceeded in the week leading up to the event. As numbers climbed towards 500, a decision was made to re-locate the event to the *Cyprus Club*, which has a maximum capacity of 480. Almost all attendees were personally advised of the change of venue, and *Radio 4EU* advertised the change constantly for 5 days. As a result the transition from *Kapsali* to *Cyprus Club* was surprisingly smooth, with very few prospective attendees arriving at the *Kapsali*. The necessity for the change of venue was a supreme compliment to the organisers. The initial projection of numbers was - "maximum 60". *Famous last words*.

George Kalligeros, proprietor of *Kapsali Restaurant*, and a lynch pin for *Kytheraismos* in Brisbane and Queensland, performed at a level above and beyond the call of duty. He relocated his staff to the *Cyprus Club* (even wife Paula, who was going to relax and enjoy a Kytherian-Queensland event of great magnitude, was seconded to the kitchen, and spent the entire day there). For lack of space in the Club, George Kalligeros, also had to serve the food, rather than maintain the original "buffet" format. The quality of the food was also raised considerably, to "...a banquet fit for a Governor". The event could not have been staged without George's generous, intelligent, inspired, and indefatigable efforts.

There were obviously minor inconveniences created by moving venue, and catering for such a large audience, with so little notice. These paled into insignificance, however, when considering the amount of goodwill, and the intensity of *the spirit of Kytheraismos*, that was generated by the event.

The Governor of Queensland, Ms Quentin Bryce, AC, and her husband, Michael Bryce, AM, and Her Excellency's Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Commander Mathew Rowe, RANR, attended the event.

Also in attendance was Mr Jim Raptis OAM, Honorary Consul for Greece in Queensland, and Chairman & Managing Director of one of Queensland leading Property Development Corporations, Raptis Group Limited. Jim was accompanied by his beautiful & elegant wife Helen (Elleni).

Two of the three regional Queensland Kytherian Mayors also attended, with their wives. Mr Peter Freeleagus, Mayor of Belangalo Shire, and Mr Peter Coronos, Mayor of Gladstone. Peter Cronos was presented with 14 new silk ties, in order to take his personal collection of ties over the 1000 mark!

Two of Brisbane's Holy Fathers of the Greek Orthodox Church, Father Constantine, and Father Athanasios, formerly of the "Kytherian" church at Kogarah, Sydney, also attended with presviteres, and children.

Professor Manuel J Aroney, AM,OBE and Dr Archie Kalokerinos also attended as special guests.

Ms Angelika Pentsi, MA student at the Free University of Berlin, flew the 30 hours from Germany, to attend the event. Angelika's thesis will centre on Kythera, and Kytherians involvement with www.kythera-family.net.

Many attendees travelled 1000's of kilometres to attend the event. They travelled from Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, & regional NSW & Queensland.

The Spalletta Dancers of Brisbane, under the guidance of their teacher, (Aspa)Sia Poteri (also, Treasurer of the Kytherian Association of Queensland Inc.), danced for the Governor's pleasure. They looked stunning in their authentic and superb spalletta costumes.

Highlight of the day was the Greek dancing of the professional group, the *Kapsali Dancers*. Sons of George Kalligeros, Manolis, Vassilis, & Grigori. They generated so much "kefi" in the room when they danced, that attendees could hardly breathe

Her Excellency was so imbued by the *spirit of Kythera*, that when the dance floor was opened, she danced the Klamatiano.

The occasion became known as the Brisbane *panayiri* and mega-event.

It began with an acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land, the indigenous Australians of the Turbal language group.

This was followed by 30 seconds silence for all departed Kytherians & Philokytherians in world history. Special mention was made of recently departed Nina Vamvakaris, (Ayion to mimni tis.)

The mega-event was held for 3 reasons:

1. to mark the official Queensland launch of www.kythera-family.net
2. to mark the official Queensland launch of *Katsehamos and the Great Idea*.

3. to forge a new and inviolable union between the Kytherian Association of Queensland Inc, and the Kytherian Association of Australia, (ostensibly the Kytherian Association of NSW).

There were 3 supplementary reasons

4. to increase the relatively low participation rate of Brisbane's and Queenslanders on www.kythera-family.net - to "engage" them with the site - and to allow them to take some "ownership" of the site.

5. to prove beyond all reasonable doubt that Kytherians in Brisbane & Queensland really do want to congregate together - and that they wish to do so in great numbers.

6. to continue the spirit of *Kytheraismos*, as laid down by Athenian-Kytherian visionary Elias Massellos, and as expressed in Greek, by Master of Ceremonies, George C Poulos:

Kiries ke Kyri

Hara kai timi mas nas sas kalosorizome simera stin episimi parousiasi tis Kytheraikis istoselidas, pou afti ti stigmi ine monadiki ke protopora ston kosmo. Kai to spoutheo vivlio Katsehamos ke ti Megali Ithea, tou Panayoti Prineas (Koutsafti: parachoukli, Mitata, Kythera, ke Darlington, Sydney).

Skopos olon mas ine to ksanazondanema stis shesis, ti synergasia, pou tha enosi ta thio somatia, ton Kythererion tis Quenslnathis ke tis Neas Notias Oualias.

Kalos irthate.

Sas Efharisto.

In the presence of the Head of State of Queensland; the font of power of the Queensland Flag, the two Presidents of the Kytherian Associations in Queensland & NSW, Mr Peter Samios and Dr Victor Kepreotis were involved in a ceremony in which the flags of Queensland and NSW were exchanged. This symbolized the new and inviolable unity (enosis), between the two Associations. This symbolic gesture is unprecedented in Kytherian-Australian history.

The Karavitiko Symposium, represented by Treasurer Theo S Poulos, & President George C Poulos, displayed the icon of Ayios Haralambos in the Church, preceding the mega-event. Father Constantine also held the icon of Ayios Haralambos while chanting a liturgy to bless the food and the event. The icon of Ayios Haralambos, was prominently displayed in the Cyprus Club, throughout the duration of the event. As the Muslims say - "...if the Brisbane's won't come down to Ayios Haralmbos, Ayios Haralmbos will come up to the Brisbanites."

Flags of Australia, Greece, NSW, Queensland, the Greek Othodox Church, & Karavas, were displayed prominently throughout the event, as were the banners of the Kytherian Association of Queensland, www.kythera-family.net, and the Kytherian Association of Australia.

A number of Kytherians brought many historical artefacts, paintings & icons to display.

Mr Angelo Notaras, delivered the *Keynote Address*. He emphasized the need to preserve the Kytherian ethos, heritage, and history, & described his own involvement towards this end, beginning with the publication of Hugh Gilchrest's, *Greeks & Australians*, Vol 1. He asked all who could help by contributing financially, to please do so.

Following this prompt, George C Poulos conducted a call for sponsors to the Kytherian World Heritage Fund ((KWHF), This Fund is managed by The Kytherian Association of Australia. From those assembled in the Hall, contributions of \$1000 or soper person were sought. The response was an emphatic endorsement of the programme of the KWHF. Over \$10,000 was pledged by those present at the mega-event.

Peter Vamvakaris, auctioneer, and Committeeman, Kytherian Association of Queensland, auctioned the limited edition, & signed, cartoon of Academy Award winner, George Miller, created by renowned artist Rocco Fazzari. The auction realised \$1000, to be donated by the 4 organising groups to the Ayios Nikolaos Aged Persons Facility, in Brisbane.

A host of Mitatotes attended the mega-event. Hence, Queenslanders purchased 46 of Peter Prineas's book.

One of the "epi-centres" of the book, is Mitata.

Sandy McNaughton, the Manager of the Roxy Theatre in Bingara, spoke about an exciting new "Kytherian" development, in the North Western NSW town.

Our President, Dr Victor Kepreotis conveyed to the assembled multitude the current strength of the Kytherian Association of Australia, in Sydney. Peter Samios, President of the Kytherian Association of Queensland, responded by thanking all who helped to organise the mega-event, particularly the Aroney Trust, the Committee of the Kytherian Association of Queensland, the Committee's, of the Kytherian Association of Australia, www.kythera-family.net, & the Karavitiko Symposium. He also thanked Mr George Kalligeros & chief organiser George C Poulos.

George Poulos also thanked all these organisations, but singled out for special praise, Angelo Notaras, George Kalligeros, Ms Sia Poteri, and Mr John Carras.

"Aagh.....Queensland. Beautiful one day....KYTHERIAN the next!"

Numerous photographs and reports of this mega-event can be viewed at www.kythera-family.net.

Many many thanks to those who donated funds to stage this event and also to those who pledged their support, financially, to the Kytherian World Heritage Fund. This account has been established to collect funds for various Kytherian projects like the translation and publishing & printing of books from Greek to English.

Photos of the event appear on page 12.

The British Museum and the Parthenon Marbles: defending the spoils of empire



On 19 April 2007 the director of the British Museum, Neil MacGregor, gave an interview which was reported widely on the internet and in some English and Greek newspapers. In the interview with Bloomberg News, it was reported that MacGregor appeared to open the door to a compromise. Asked whether the trustees would consider a request from Athens to borrow the Parthenon Marbles, he replied: "There is no reason why any object in the museum, if it is fit to travel, shouldn't spend three months, six months, somewhere else. So, in principle, absolutely yes."

But MacGregor went on to sound an ominous warning:

"The difficulty at the moment is that the Greek Government has formally, and recently, refused to acknowledge that the trustees are the owners of the objects ... The issue has always been about the permanent removal of all the Parthenon material in the BM collection to Athens."

The reaction to these comments was unfortunately premature and betrayed a fundamental ignorance of how the British are playing the game to suit their own interests.. According to *The Times* newspaper, Greek authorities hailed his comments as unprecedented. One source in fact told *The Times*: "This is the first time they've ever said they'd let them out of the museum. We've said we're not disputing the ownership."

Victoria Solomonidis, the cultural counsellor at the Greek Embassy in London, was quoted as saying: "The words of Neil MacGregor are most welcome news. The Greek side is interested in the reunification of the Parthenon and the issue of ownership does not come into it."

Eleni Cubitt, of the British Committee for the Reunification of the Parthenon Marbles, said: "It's the first time Neil MacGregor has made a proposition of this kind." Culture Minister Voulgarakis' full response, as reported in the Greek press and in the *International Herald Tribune*, was that he read MacGregor's comments "with great interest but this was not something official".

In the 22 April 2007 on-line edition of *Apogevmatini*, the front page headline screamed "Kati trece" (which roughly translates to "something's happening") with the Parthenon Sculptures. It was also reported that representatives from Britain and Greece, including museum officials, would be meeting in London on 4 May 2007 to discuss the mechanics of a loan of the sculptures.

Less than 48 hours later, on 21 April 2007, the British Museum issued an official press release (go to www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/news/parthenon_sculptures_21april2007.doc) in which the Museum made a familiar backflip. The press release, in part, reads as follows:

In the light of recent statements from the Greek Embassy in London and in order to avoid misunderstanding, the Trustees of the British Museum wish to restate their position on the Parthenon Sculptures in the Museum's collection.

The Trustees have for years been looking to see if there is any reasonable ground on which a way forward with Greek colleagues might be constructed. To date, this has sadly not proved possible. Among many problems has been that successive Greek government have publicly disputed the Trustees' unquestionable legal ownership of the Sculptures. This has made any meaningful discussions virtually impossible.

The Trustees see the sculptures as an integral part of the Museum's collection in London, part of the unique overview of world civilizations that the British Museum exists to present. In consequence, they have always made clear that they cannot contemplate the removal of all of the Parthenon sculptures to Athens, even for a short period of time. This remains their position. The idea, first floated by the previous Greek administration in 2000, of a British Museum outpost in Athens, is therefore neither new nor a viable way forward, as was made clear then and on a number of occasions since.

The Trustees frequently lend objects from the collection to museums all round the world. In the last year alone they have lent 4,400 objects to hundreds of museums worldwide. They will consider (subject to the usual questions of condition and fitness to travel) any request for any part of the collection to be borrowed and then returned. The simple precondition is that the borrowing institution acknowledges the British Museum's ownership of the object.

The British Museum has yet again proven to be disingenuous and uncompromising. Over recent years it has carefully re-positioned itself as a so-called universal museum, the Museum of the Enlightenment, the "collective memory of mankind", the "cache of civilisations", the museum "at the centre of a conversation with the world" and so on. It is part of a concerted campaign to minimise the risk, as it describes it, of having the Museum's role in advancing cultural understanding undermined by cultural property disputes (British Museum Three Year Funding Agreement, 2001-2004 page 11).

The irony of all this should not be forgotten. In 2002 the British Museum coaxed a number of other so-called universal museums - including the Getty, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts - to put out a declaration on the importance and value of universal museums. Those same "universal museums" are now reeling under claims of illicit trafficking in cultural property and in some cases have been forced to return cultural artefacts to Greece and Italy. The much-publicised return of the Euphronius Krater from the Met to Italy and the well-known trials and tribulations of the Getty and its former director, Marion True, have highlighted a worldwide interest in the return of cultural property.

It is clear to me that the British Museum's press statement essentially comes down to this:

Provided the Greek Government unequivocally recognises and acknowledges the British Museum's legitimate ownership of the Elgin Collection of Parthenon Marbles then, and only then, might it consider a very short term loan of a small part of the collection. Certainly the idea of a long term loan or other reciprocal arrangements which would see all the Elgin sculptures in Athens, is out of the question as far as the English are concerned.

What I find particularly offensive is the insulting and dismissive description in the press release of the concept - which has been floated several times - of a joint venture between the New Acropolis Museum (which is nearing completion at the foot of the Acropolis) and the British Museum. The Trustees refer to the idea as some kind of "British Museum outpost". The Trustees obviously could not help themselves by this crude and unfortunate appeal to empire.

The British Museum by its latest statement has merely reaffirmed that it is still fundamentally a citadel of colonialism and not prepared to enter into meaningful negotiations or discussions with the Greeks. As one commentator has written, the British Museum is an institution in which the "stratified layers of its own past persist in the present". It just wants to hold on to its mummies and marbles.

The Parthenon (Elgin) Marbles are obviously the jewel in the British Museum's crown and are inextricably tied to the British Museum's view that it is the repository of knowledge. The Elgin Room has even been referred to as the "central place on earth"! And yet the historical imagination of the Parthenon and, in particular, the incomparable frieze, has been lost in a sterile, uninspiring display of the sculptures in the British Museum. In order to fulfill its own self-deluding historical destiny the British Museum will resort to any argument to justify the continued retention of the sculptures.

When it has been completed, the New Acropolis Museum will provide an appropriate context for understanding the accomplishment of the Parthenon complex itself. And the Parthenon Gallery, once the known surviving sculptures are reunited from the British Museum and elsewhere, will become the most famous single room of Classical Greek art in the world.

The British Museum will rue the day the new museum in Athens is completed and is up and running. The pressure for the eventual reunification of the Parthenon sculptures will be relentless.

George Vardas

Secretary, *Australians for the Reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures*

Report by the Property Steering Committee

Following the Committee elections in October 2006, a new Property Steering Committee was assembled. The members of the Property Steering Committee are:

Dr George Caponas (Chair)
Mr Angelo Notaras
Mr John Prineas
Mr Michael Mallos

The Association has over \$2,200,000 in cash investments, as a result of the sale of Kythera House in 2003. The Committee and membership have previously decided that a commercial property investment best suits the Association's objectives of providing a secure, long-term return for the members.

The Property Steering Committee has been working to identify properties for the Association that are suitable for purchase, undertake an interim analysis of their investment potential and make a recommendation to the Main Committee.

We are now pleased to advise that an investment property has been identified that we feel suits the Association's objectives and may satisfy the wishes of the members. The Main Committee have agreed and unanimously authorised negotiations on the property to commence. The Committee's aim is to have a proposal in place to present to the members at the next AGM, 30th May 2007.

The Committee will host an Information Evening on Wednesday 16th May at The Hellenic Club (level 3) at 8pm, where details of the property will be presented, along with a financial analysis. The floor will be open to questions and discussion. The following Saturday (19th May) the building will be open for an inspection by the members. For those who are not able to attend the Information Evening, the details of the Open for Inspection can be obtained from Spiro Coolentianos (0418 213990) or myself (0412 892561) after the 16th May.

Members will then be able to cast their vote on the proposal at the AGM on Wednesday 30th May.

Specifically, at the AGM, there will be two Resolutions presented to the members for their consideration. The text of these resolutions are contained within the advertisement for the AGM elsewhere in this newsletter.

Resolution 1 is based on the Resolution which was passed in February 2006 and which has now lapsed. Although the Committee is hopeful that the sale process will succeed, there are no guarantees that this will happen, even if the purchase is approved by the membership. For this reason the February 2006 Resolution needs to be reactivated. This Resolution provides the Committee a degree of flexibility in the purchase of a property without the need to specifically seek membership approval.

This authority would allow the Committee to effect a purchase in circumstances like an auction or tender, where the time required to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting may compromise the sale process. It would still be the Committee's intention to inform and seek approval from the membership of any proposed purchase that falls within the guidelines of the resolution, should circumstances allow.

Resolution 2 is an authority for the Committee to complete the purchase of the building currently under negotiation. A summarised presentation of the building will be given at the AGM.

There will be an opportunity at the Information Evening & the AGM to discuss both resolutions further.

Please see coloured flyer for resolutions.

The Committee urges all members to take part in this important undertaking and have their vote counted.

Dr George Caponas
Property Steering Committee

Property Investment Announcement

The Committee of the Kytherian Association of Australia invites all interested members to an Information Evening where a proposal to purchase a particular Investment Property will be presented and discussed.

Information Evening:-

Date: Wednesday 16th May

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Level 3, Hellenic Club, 251-253 Elizabeth St, Sydney

An Open for Inspection has also been arranged for:-

Date: Saturday 19th May

Time: Midday

Address: To be announced at the Information Evening

A vote on the proposed purchase will occur at the AGM on 30th May (see AGM notice for details).

**Contact: Dr George Caponas 0412 892 561
Mr Spiro Coolentianos 0418 213 990**

KYTHERIAN BALL 2007 *AFTER PARTY*

DETAILS

Date: 26th May 2007

Time: 1.30am - 4.30am (Sunday am)

Venue: Carrington Café
50 Carrington Street,
Sydney



**Spinning the funkiest RnB, Greek Dance, Hip Hop and
House tunes**

DANCE BOX DJ - DIMI K

TICKETS - \$25 Includes - Mezethes, Unlimited Soft Drinks,
Security at Venue and Transport by **Party Bus** from and to Star City.
Pick up commences at 1.00am from Valet Drive Way, Star City to Carrington Cafe. Return from Carrington Cafe to Star City commences at 4.00am. **Own transport arrangements can be made.**

Bookings

Toula

0412 610 472

9588 5673

Ticket MUST be presented at the door
Alcohol available (ID Required)

LIMITED TICKETS - BUY NOW!
BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY
19th MAY 2007



TIME: Afternoon session (to be confirmed)

PLACE: **Hoyt's Cinema - EASTGARDENS**
Westfield Shopping Centre
Level 2 (opposite Big W)
152 Bunnerong Road

COST: **Adults \$10.00** (ticket only)
Children \$15.00 (includes small popcorn & drink-water or coke)

NB: Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult!

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BOOKINGS & PREPAYMENT ARE REQUIRED BY 10 JUNE 07

Social News

Births

Congratulations to **Anna & Gus Avgoustou** of Earlwood on the birth of their second daughter, **Stavroula (Stephanie)** on 21st February. A new sister for **Chloe**. She is the sixth grandchild for **Violet & the late Harry Dimitratos** and fourth grandchild for **Christodoulis & Chloe Avgoustou**.



Congratulations to **Maria & Bill Sioulis** of Beverley Park on the birth of their third child, **Chrissy** on 12th March. Proud grandparents are **John & Chrissy Cordato** of Lakemba and **Andigoni & Socrates Sioulis** of Melbourne.

Congratulations to **Marilyn & Nectar Nikolitsas** of Bella Vista on the birth of their second daughter **Maria (Mia)**. Proud grandparents are **George & Mary Notaras** of Bella Vista and **Ireni & Jim Nikolitsas** of Merrylands and great grandmother **Mrs Tsigaros** of Greystanes.

Engagements



Congratulations to **Stephanie**, daughter of **Mike & Margaret Micos** of South Coogee, who has announced her engagement to **George**, son of **Con & Christina Mormanis** of Dover Heights. We wish them well. **Kala Stefana!**

Photos from the Queensland Book & Website Launch.



Manolis, Vassilis, & Grigori, sons of George Kalligeros of Kapsali Restaurant, Sth Bank Brisbane



Her Excellency Ms. Quentin Bryce AC and Prof. Manuel Aroney AM OBE with Mr. Jim Raptis OAM and Mr. Peter Samios



Excess people milling at the entrance to Cyrus Club.

Photographs courtesy of Mr John Carras and Mr Stephen Tryfillis.

Congratulations

Marina Calligeros is a member of the Macquarie Illusions Junior Synchronized Ice skating team sponsored and endorsed by Macquarie Ice Skating Rink.

Having come third in the National Competitions in Brisbane in August 2006 they were given the opportunity to represent Australia in Europe.

On Sunday 4th February Marina flew to Europe with 17 of her ice skating team members (18 all up) to represent Australia in two ice skating competitions.

The first one was the Spring Cup in Milan Italy where 10 countries were represented including Italy, USA, Croatia, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Japan, Germany, Austria, and Sweden

The second competition was held in Neuchatel, Switzerland.

Unfortunately we didn't fair well, coming last in each competition **but** the atmosphere was exhilarating and the team appreciated the opportunity to represent their country on such a grand scale as a once in a life time experience.

The welcoming acceptance of our girls by their competitors was marvellous and the interaction amongst these children was extraordinary.

Well done Marina!





Kytherian 4WD & Recreation Club Club Kotsobolyo (News)

Trip Report – Turon Gates 13th, 14th and 15th April 2007

Once again our annual trip to Turon Gates proved to be an excellent event for all who attended. This year there were 14 families in attendance. As always there were plenty of activities to keep the children entertained (including horse riding and adventuring the nearby Turon River) and the great weather experienced over the three days enabled everyone to enjoy the beautiful surrounds and the fresh country air. It was also great to see some new faces coming along and supporting the event including Chris (Yes, I am Kytherian) & Tina Levonis and family. As always Sophia Poulos provided entertainment for the ladies with her Coffee Cup readings. The camp was also attended by members of the KYA Soccer team who had to rush back to Sydney on Sunday morning to play in their resounding 5-0 victory. The camp ground and surrounding areas also provided a good area for 4WD Learner Driver Training. Congratulations to Persefani Ambele on her first successful river crossing under the watchful eyes of John Faros.



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30th Season and looking for a 5th Title

After the success of 2006, where the Kytherian Soccer Team won its fourth title, the first since 1999, this year team is keen to achieve something we've never attained before - Back to Back Championships!!!!

In a first ever, Pre Season training started in January!!!! The Legends feel that this supremely athletic transformation brought by younger generation is sacrilege to the Team's traditions. However, this effervescent generation of young Kytherians quickly won over the Legends, when on the first training session, they arrived on Maroubra Beach at 8:30 am Sunday morning literally wearing their clothes from the previous nights clubbing!!!! The energy from these *Gen Y* Kytherians has been contagious and the older members of the team, not possessing an ego capable of being left behind, are fitter than they've ever been.

The effort has been rewarded with great pre-season resulting including a 4-1 victory over fellow Greek Islanders, the Kalymnians. This momentum has carried over to the beginning of the regular season where the Team has won its first three games, scoring 11 goals and only conceding 2.

On the player front, George Roins has been in exceptional personal form. Of the 11 goals, George has scored or set up all but one. Similarly in defence, Kon Nakousis has joined the team and is a formidable goal keeper ensuring that we achieved our first clean sheet in defence in over 2 seasons. He has been supported by defender, Peter Tzannes, who despite his tender age, is displaying seasoned qualities on the field. His cousin, Charles Tzannes, the other new addition to the team, has proven to be a versatile player and has already played in every position so far this year. This year we also welcome back George Vergis who has returned to further strengthen the defence.

Unfortunately, not everything has gone the Team's way. Just off the plane from his University Study in Boston, last year's most valuable player, Peter Conomos, tore every ligament in his ankle and will miss most of the season. Peter just celebrated his 21st birthday with plaster and crutches and we wish him a speedy recovery.

This year we took a European approach to the team's Leadership roles. The players voted Paul Raissis as their captain and George Roins as the vice captain. Legends, John Tzannes and Victor Alfieris have joined the 2007 campaign in a coaching capacity.

Thanks to the generosity of John Venetoulis (Maroubra Family Pharmacy), this year also marks a return to the Team's original colours. The sky blue shirts are once again gracing the soccer fields of the eastern suburbs. We'd also to thank the Kytherian Association and the Kytherian 4WD and Recreation Club for their ongoing support.



Photo: 2007 Team on the first day of the season

Right to Left – **Back Row:** Con Raissis, Nick Cassimaty, Peter Tzannes, Emanuel Papapetros, George Roins, Kon Nakousis

Front Row: Paul Raissis, Peter Mallos, Charles Tzannes, Alex Papamanuel, Nick Alfieris, Emmanuel Alfieris.

Not Pictured: Peter Conomos, Kon Karras, Sacha Kepreotis, George Vergis

The Kytherian Ladies' Auxiliary invites you to a

MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA

on

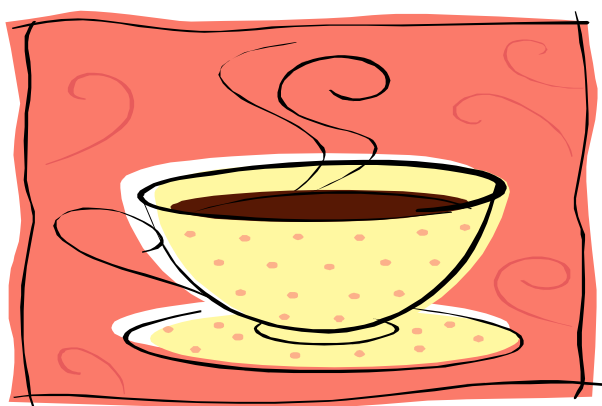
WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY 2007

at

VAUCLUSE HOUSE TEA ROOMS
WENTWORTH RD, VAUCLUSE

10.00am to 12.30pm

Cost: \$35



Includes High Tea enjoying the beautiful
Gardens of Vacluse House

Free parking

Bookings: Mary Moutzouris 9310 0420

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**Books & CD's for sale -
can be purchased from the
Kytherian Association of Australia:**

- *History of Kythera* by Peter Vanges **\$30**
- *The Greeks in Queensland-A History from 1859 to 1945* by Denis A Conomos (RRP \$49.95)
- *Ta Tessera Spitia* by Jim Saltis **\$20**
[Jim Saltis 47 Market Street Randwick 2031]
email saltisjim@optusnet.com.au
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- *Katsehamos and the Great Idea*
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by Peter Haniotis **\$39.50**
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Phone: 4429 3564 (BH)
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\$17.50 including handling & postage.
- *Journey to Kythera* CD-ROM for Apple Mac
ActionPoints@hotmail.com or 0417 590 194]

For details contact George Poulos on 9388 8320.

Greek Dancing Classes

**TERM 3 Fridays
27th April - 29th June
2007**

Matraville High School cnr
Anzac Pde & Franklin Sts,
Matraville.

Class Times:

Infants	7.00pm-
7.45pm	
Primary	7.45pm-
8.30pm	
Junior High School	8.30pm-
9.15pm	

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Kythera-Family.net

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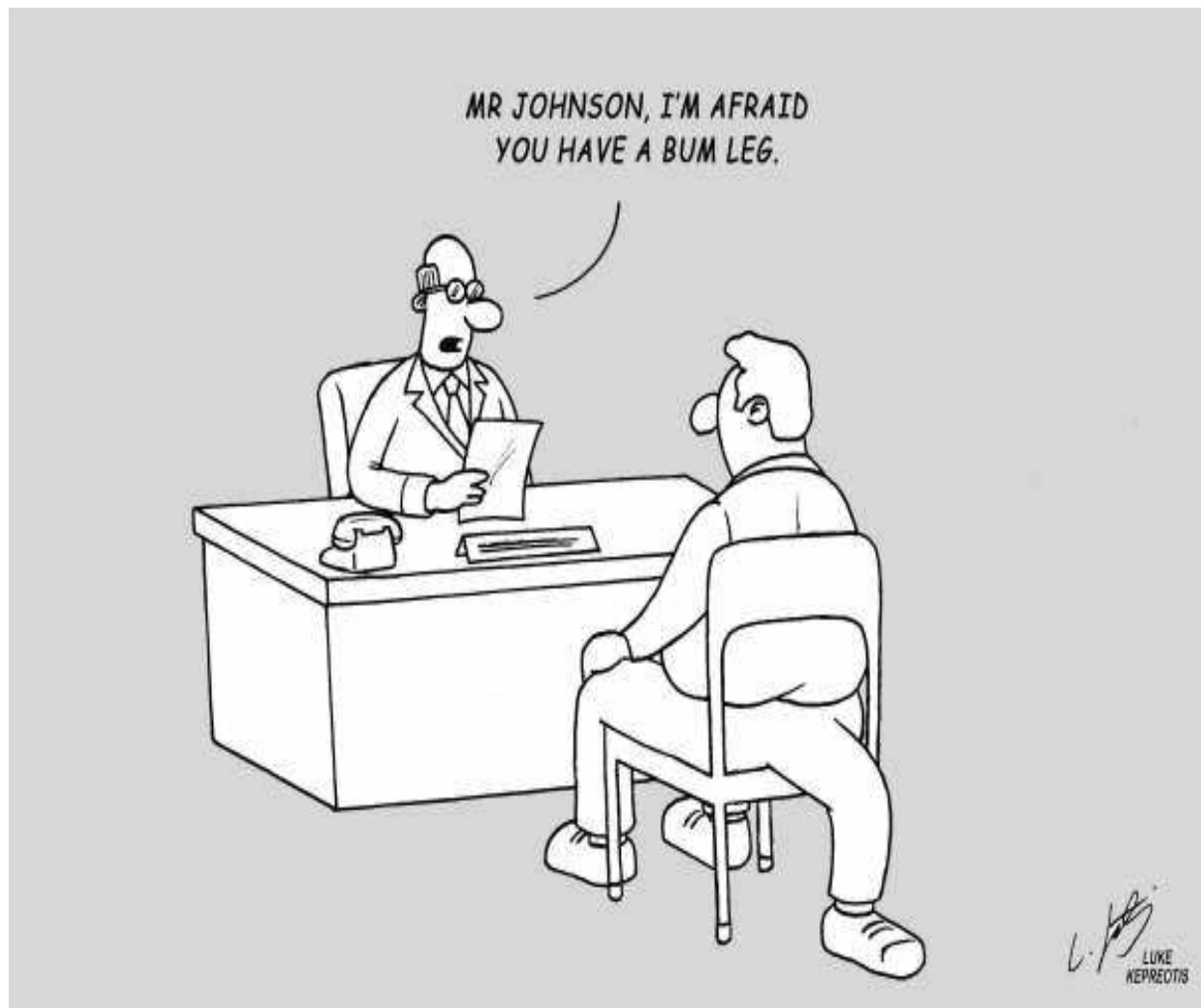
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Please Note: Those submitting articles to this
Newsletter are advised that these articles may
appear on the *Kythera-Family.net website*
**The deadline for articles is the 23rd of each
month.**



BREAKING NEWS

The 25 April 2007 edition of *Eleftherotypia* - in an explosive revelation - reports that three landowners in Kythera, including a member of the local municipal council, have been arrested following the discovery in a quarry on the island of one ton of explosives, a large amount of wick and four detonators. According to the report, the explosives - which have now been confiscated by the authorities - were concealed in the quarry and had not been used for the reasons given for their supply in the first place. The police investigation is continuing and the three suspects are to appear before the Piraeus prosecutor on charges of possession of explosives and breaches of safety regulations.

GEORGE VARDAS.

PLEASE NOTE

All those members who have not renewed their membership by the 23rd of May 2007 will not be eligible to vote at the AGM. They will be taken off the mailing list and no longer receive this newsletter.

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