

# The KYTHERIAN

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## PANAYIA MYRTIDIOTISSA FAMILY DANCE

**Venue:** Grand Barclay Reception Lounge

588 Princes Highway, Rockdale

**When:** Saturday 27th September 2008

*Time*: 7pm

*Cost*: \$50 per adult, \$25 per child (12 years & under)

Includes mezzethes and a 2 course meal with drinks

(except spirits).

Our Greek Dancing Classes will perform at this function.

(Children performing from Friday Greek Dancing will not be charged but will be given raffle books to sell. Dancers must be there at 7.00pm for dress rehearsal).

Payment can be made at Greek Dancing each Friday night.

Please book early by calling Kathy Samios on 9349 1849 or

Esther Calligeros on 9344 0298.

Please call Victor Kepreotis if you can provide a raffle prize on 0408 216 108

PANAYIA MYRTIDIOTISSA Liturgy at KOGARAH CHURCH Sunday 28th September, 2008 (See page 4 for details)

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## **LEGENDS** vs ALLSTARS

## Post Fathers' Day

Picnic and Soccer Match on Sunday 14th September, 2008 (see page 4 for details)

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### mums & Bubs

"Mums and Bubs" outings are held on the last Friday of each month, for babies and children up to 5 years. For more information please call Erenie on 0410 318 053.

#### **Kytherian Debutante Ball**

To be held at Star City on Saturday 30th May 2009

**Debutante Applications** 

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Enquiries to Esther Calligeros Phone: 9344 0298.

**Closing Date: 22nd December, 2009** 

### **Editor's Note**

August was a month spent in front of the TV watching the Beijing Olympics.

Personally, I found them a little

disappointing...probably because the last two Olympics were held in countries close to my heart.

The opening and closing ceremonies were amazing and I certainly enjoyed the first week of competition with all the swimming events.

However, the second week was boring for me, so much so, that I found myself watching sports that have never interested me before. I admit that I have always had the narrow-minded opinion that equestrian events do not belong in the Olympics. The horse is doing most of the physical work so why is it an Olympic sport? Strangely enough, I was not only watching the equestrian competition but also taking on the role of a judge, mind.

Strangely enough, I was not only watching the equestrian competition but also taking on the role of a judge...mind you, I feel that I am qualified as I have ridden a couple of donkeys in Kythera and Santorini.

Personally, I think that there are other Olympic sports in the 'entertainment challenged' department such as judo, synchronized swimming, rhythmic gymnastics and the 'walk'. As if these are not enough, they are now also considering golf for future Olympics! Can someone explain to me why hitting a stationary ball is considered a sport?

If you really want a challenging new sport, then I have the perfect suggestion. I have always been intrigued by the sight of shoes, tied together by the laces and thrown over telegraph lines in the middle of a road.

How do people manage to hurl the shoes so high without having them fall back and hit them square in the head, while at the same time avoiding oncoming cars? This sport could be a variation of the shot put and the height of the wires could be increased to make it more difficult. If the shoes fly over and do not get attached to the lines, then it is a foul. Three fouls and you are out.

I am sure that there are quite a few young men in Sydney who could easily compete in this sport, hence giving the word 'dope' in the Olympic context, a whole new meaning.

On a different note, welcome back to our readers who have been holidaying in Kythera. It is always interesting to hear of one's experiences on our beautiful island. On page 7, two of our younger members recount their holiday overseas. If anyone else has an interesting story or photos to share, please feel free to send it for publication in our newsletter.



## Wind-Generation on Kythera By Constantine Protopsaltis, retired engineer, NSW Board of Electricity.

The electricity system which we have at present was designed some time ago and consequently it is using subsystems which are well out of date. But we cannot discard what we have at present because it is likely to be very costly. At the same time we must avoid extending its use in its present form if there is a much better way which satisfies important criteria.

There is an effort to improve matters and there are suggestions around, like the wind generators, which at a glance may appear to be the answer to the problem of pollution on our planet. I tend to think always that the environment for us is not Parnitha which, if destroyed by fire, we will suffer in many ways. Most of us may never visit Parnitha, however our environment which we face everyday is what we see when we open our window and look across the way or when we go down the street. And this is something we do every day, day in day out. I don't suggest that we should forget about Parnitha but instead we should always strive to improve our environment.

What has this to do with the electricity supply which we have at present and which will be made 'intense' if we turn the island into a power-supply centre? Anyone who seriously thinks about pollution must surely be aware that the visual pollution of all the power poles which have been planted in the past into the ground and the overhead cables don't do much to enhance the appearance of our island. And there is not much said about the electromagnetism effects of the high voltage overhead cables.

The power generation we use at present is very old technology and equally old is the wind generation technique. I remember wind generators which were used before the second world war domestically. It was not sophisticated but provided their owners with light at night. The wind generators of to-day range from small domestic and semi-industrial, which are very widely used in USA, to the monstrous machines which unfortunately, for their imposing massive appearance, don't produce much power.

To provide a system using such large turbines requires massive foundations for stability, they require a lot of steel for the construction of the tower and they also require mechanicals which must be installed in difficult locations. To install 100 such units would require about 30,000 cubic metres of reinforced concrete, possible rock anchoring with steel cables, about 1,000 tones of reinforcing steel, and lots of crane capacity to erect it all. That would require around 2,000 concrete mixer trips as well as many trucks delivering various items of material.

Are we sure that our island road system can stand up to this sort of treatment? Who pays for the restoration of the road system? And what about the road congestion and the disruption to the local traffic? Can we imagine this sort of traffic going through Potamos to deliver to Gerakari?

Added to the nonsense mentioned above we must consider that we will also have the additional power poles and the cables on the island creating so much more pollution, visual but significant, and worse of all we would be stuck with a system which is old and at the end of 20 years we will own nothing, we would have paid for every unit of electricity that we have used and we would then be looking for another system which we would be expected to finance, making some others rich and so on. And on top of all this we will then have to put up with the nuisance of removing all the offending structures, which by then will be rusted and useless, and to remove 30,000 cubic metres of reinforced concrete which will have to be reprocessed because it would be impossible to dump it. Just think of the dust this will create regardless of where the crushing plant is located. And to think that I could not be connected to the power grid because my front door was painted white instead of the traditional blue. And to paint my window which measured Im x 0.5m I had to submit my proposal to the architectural committee in poleodomia in Pireaus. Has the poleodomia heard about this wind-farm proposal? What about the archeological section? And to think that both of these sections are under the same minister.

An environmental impact study is essential before we start talking any further about wind generators. Also a 'cost effective' study should be undertaken since this will not only concern our island but all the islands which are at present dependent on power supply from thermal plants and according to the ministers' direction must accommodate one wind generator per square kilometre.

I believe that the individual electricity generating voltaic units combined with domestic wind generators will be a more sensible solution. The existing overhead cables can be sold as scrap and the power poles sold to the Japanese to use as wood chips for the production of paper and cardboard. The cost of providing these units would be amortised in ten years and in the meantime there should be no charge for power because the units will be owned by the home owners. And the countryside will look so much better.

Nothing was said here so far about the noise that will be generated by the wind force on the structures and by the rotating wings. A study of this effect would be essential to show further that this sort of proposal is not consistent with an island of the size of Kithira which has a large number of small villages scattered all over it. Of course we don't know which parts of the island are going to be developed next and how soon.

We should be petitioning the minister to retract his directive and consider the means of financing the provision of self contained power production units for all new home building construction on the island, as a start, and encourage financially existing home owners to also install such units. Perhaps it makes lots of sense to establish small industries to produce the power production units or parts of them and perhaps there could be a demand of these units by other countries. **Con.saltis@three.com.au** 

#### PANAYIA MYRTIDIOTISSA LITURGY & PANAYIRI

**SUNDAY 28th September 2008** 

Kogarah Greek Orthodox Church (Belgrave St. Kogarah)

**Kytherian Dancing Groups to perform from 12.00 noon in front of** church at end of the service.

Dancers must be dressed and ready by 12.00 noon at back of Church.

## LEGENDS vs ALLSTARS

**Sunday 14th September** 

Post Fathers' Day

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**Matraville Sports High School Franklin Street Chifley** 

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Soccer and 4WD & Rec Kick off for main game is 12 noon. **BBQ LUNCH** provided by Soccer and 4WD & Recreation Club.

#### AYIA ELESA LITURGY

On Sunday 3rd August, 2008 the Feast Day of Kythera's Ayia Elesa was celebrated at Kogarah's Greek Orthodox Church. The Icon was carried around the church in a beautiful service. At the end of the liturgy, many Kytherians met for coffee across the road from the church.







#### The following email is from a fellow Kytherian in the United States.

My father came from Cerigo Island. His name was Peter Mavromatis. He was born in August of the year 1893. He lived to be 89 years old. He came to the United States as a teen in the year 1910. I believe he first lived in either NY City or Boston, Mass. He spent most of his life living in Buffalo, NY.

Considering how small the Island he came from was, is there any chance of finding any of his living relatives?

When I was born, I was given up for adoption. This is why I have a different surname. As far as I know, my father had no other relatives living here in Buffalo, NY. He worked for the City of Buffalo. He was quite involved with the local Greek (Helenic) Church. He was a member of the AHEPA Society and served as, along with many other positions, vice-president of the Buffalo McKinley Chapter.

Any help would be appreciated.

Michael Bordonaro Buffalo, NY USA michaelbordo@yahoo.com



#### <u>Upcoming Event</u> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008

The **Kytherian Young Mothers Group** together with the **Kytherian 4WD and Recreation Club** are holding a day trip to the Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk.

The Illawarra Fly is a 500 metre long, 25 metre high elevated tree top walk ascending at a gentle grade and suitable for visitors of all mobilities.

Nestled amongst the temperate rainforest of the Southern Highlands the treetop walk takes you along the picturesque Illawarra escarpment and offers inspiring views from Shellharbour to Bass Point, Lake Illawarra and the South Pacific Ocean.

The Illawarra Fly is located near Robertson in the Southern Highlands approximately 2 hours from Sydney.

For Enquiries please call:

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 Maria Notaras
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#### Our Holiday to Kythera

During the last school holidays we went on our first family holiday overseas. We first flew to Rome where we met Dad who had been cycling in the northern part of Italy. We stayed only five days in Rome and saw all the popular sites there. We even saw the Pope but we don't know what he was saying. The best thing in Rome was having gelatos and seeing the Trevi Fountain. Another highlight was visiting the Colosseum and having a photo with the Roman Gladiators.

After Rome, we flew to Athens where we stayed for six days. It was fun going on the tourist train with Papou and Yiayia up to the Acropolis and seeing the Parthenon. We also met new cousins that we had never seen before. Even so, it was extremely hot in Athens and we couldn't wait to go to Kythera.

On Kythera, we stayed in our grandparents home in the village of Alozianika which is in the middle of the island. We loved staying in a small village having many close neighbours. This was something we had never experienced before. We had lots of fun feeding Thea Maria's goats and chickens. Patrick enjoyed playing football with the local village boys in the platea and we even had donkey rides.

Each day we went to a different beach, some days we went to two beaches. Our favourite beach was Agia Pelagia because of all the high waves. We also loved having diving competitions off the high rocks at Avlemonas.

Another beach we had fun at was Kaladi where we went on a flying fox that James Prineas organised for us kids. Even some of the parents had a ride.

We visited lots of churches in Kythera and even saw a wedding at Panayia Despina. Our favourite church was Agia Sophia near Milopotamos because we went on a tour inside the cave. It was quite beautiful!

On Sundays, we loved going to Potamos to see everybody and to have a yummy ice-cream. We also loved going out each night to a different taverna with lots of friends. Our favourite restaurant was Katerina's at Aroniadika where we often went with Papou and Yiayia, Uncle Angelo and Melina Andrew, James, Pia, Jasper and Louis Prineas. We even had home delivered 'chicken souvlakia' which were delicious!

It was sad to leave Kythera after three weeks holiday. We had such a fun time with family and friends and have lots of beautiful memories.

After leaving Kythera, we spent another day in Athens before flying to Bangkok. We stayed in Bangkok for three days and saw many interesting things. We loved going on the Tuk Tuk Taxis although they were very dangerous. So was the snake show at the Snake Farm. The massages were the best!

This holiday was a great experience for us because we had never been overseas before and we learnt about other people in the world and the way they live and speak. The best part was going to Kythera. We can't wait to go back!













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Minor Premiership for a Second Year in a Row and poised to for Grand Final glory

Last year left a bitter-sweet feeling for the Soccer Team. We won the 6<sup>th</sup> division minor premiership and were promoted to the 5<sup>th</sup> division, but we failed to make the grand final as a shortened finals series led to an unlucky 1-0 one off semi loss to the Lions. This year the team aims to make amends for last year's disappointment.

Despite the promotion to the higher division, the Kytherians have again snared the Minor New Premiership (or "Champions" according the Brits at the Eastern Suburbs Football Association as they  $oldsymbol{\mathfrak{G}}$  still struggle with the Australian Tradition of Semis). The Kytherians finished the regular season with 12 wins, 4 draws and only 2 (naturally undeserved) loses with the best attack (60 Goals) and best defence (Goals 21) in the league!!!!!

More than half the goals were scored by our dynamic forwards of George Roins, Emanuel **Papapetros** and our Captain **Paul Raissis**, who in between scoring important goals this year also 🚱 managed to get married and have a honey moon on Kythera – Na Zisete. Josh and Sacha Kepreotis 🏵 Anthony Notaras, Peter Conomos, Peter Mallos, Andrew Cardamis and Iraklis Pitsis led a midfield that not only created but scored a record number of goals, many being amongst the most spectacular long range efforts the Kytherians have ever seen. And of course, the meanest defence in the League with the Cassimaty boys (Anthony and Nick), Con Raissis, the Tzannes Cousins (Peter and Charles), George Vergis, Vice Captain Alex Papamanuel, Nick Alfieris and Goal Keeper Con Nakousis who also got engaged this year – there was a lot of *lurve* going around in 2008

The team has had a determined and tough final four weeks of the regular season winning all four tight matches to secure the top spot. With our Kythera vacationists back and endless physiotherapy sessions ensuring the return of our injured, the Kytherians will start the finals campaign in September at almost full strength. Unfortunately Anthony Notaras will join the select group of Kytherian Legends who have had knee reconstructions as a result of their passion for the Sky Blues. We wish Anthony a speedy recovery so that he can grace the hallowed jersey again next season.

If we make it (cross your fingers), the Grand Final will be on **Sunday September 7**<sup>th</sup> a

If we make it (cross your fingers), the Grand Final will be on **Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> at Hensley Athletic Field**, Wentworth Ave, Eastgardens at 1:30pm.

#### Post Father's Day Picnic – Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>, Noon

Even if the Kytherians manage to win a fifth Grand Final in their 30 years, the undisputed biggest game of the year will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> when the current team matches up against the Legends, the distinguished ex-players that have hung up their boots – except of course for the Sunday after Fathers Day every year.

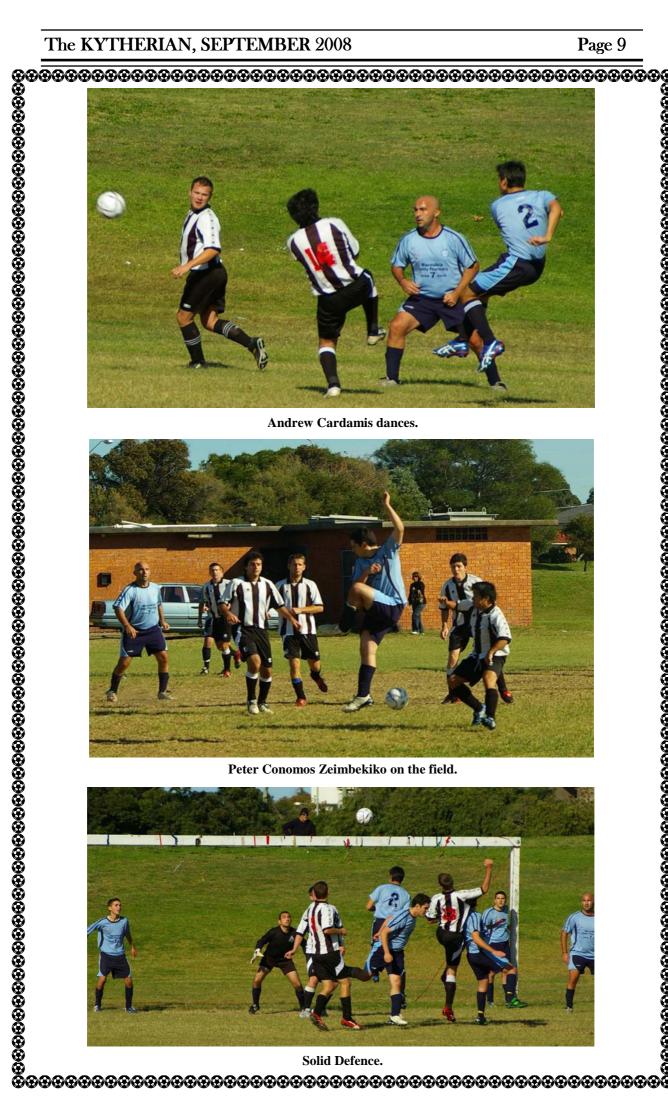
That's right. It's that time of year again - The Post Fathers Day Legends vs Allstars Picnic on Sunday September 14th. You will hear plenty glory stories from the Legends and also see them display their prowess on the field. Please join us at Matraville Sports High School, Chifley to enjoy a picnic and celebrate Fathers' Day with Kytherian Dads.

Kick off for the main game is at noon.

#### **Emmanuel Alfieris**

🚱 PS. According to all the players, **Emmanuel** is the very humble and hard working manager/coach/player who with the assistance of **Vic Alfieris** organises the matches every week. His efforts are greatly appreciated by the entire team.

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26 August 2008

#### Press Release no. 8

From **21** to **24 August 2008** the **Institute of Kytheraismos** organized on the Island of Kythera, the **3**<sup>rd</sup> **International Symposium of Kytheraismos** on the subject:

#### Hetero-Kytheraismos:

Kytheraismos in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (from Kytherian Identity to Kytherian Heterocity (diversity).

The Symposium was opened, in a modest event, by the new **Australian Ambassador to Greece**, **Mr. Jeremy Roger Newman**, in the courtyard space of the Monastery Panayia Myrtidiotissa, with compatriots, emigrants and visitors to the island that travelled for this Symposium, attending.

The proceedings of the Symposium held at the Kytherian Association Hall in the capital of the island, Chora, and in the Cultural Center "Zeidoros" in Kapsali. Apart from the emotional opening event in the sacred area of the Panayia Myrtidiotissa Monastery, a number of exhibitions were also organized for the participants. These included at the Festival at Fratsia, rooms of a traditional house of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and implements of agricultural production, and in Potamos a photographic exhibition with the work of the late Kytherian photographer Manolis Sophios and an exhibition of books which were printed in Australia at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century related to Kythera as well as part of the archives of the two Kytherian newspapers "Kytheraiki Idea" and "Kytheraismos" over the last 30 years. These exhibits form the framework of "Kythera: Cultural Capital of Kytheraismos all over the world for 2008-2010".

The theme of the Symposium echoed the views of our times and included eight thematic units, amongst which were the different heterocities (diversity) that are interwoven with Kythera and the Kytherians. These include the migratory, cultural, political and economic heterocity of the Kytherians, as well as their historical, geographical, folkloric and ownership peculiarities, tradition and legacy, the burning issue of Kytherian youth everywhere, philokytheraismos and voluntarism until the master plan of the next generation and the corpus of Kytheraismos (an indepth description of the island's priorities for the 21<sup>st</sup> century).

In the framework of this Symposium, speakers from all over the world had been invited and spoke, and in particular from distant Australia (where there is a significant Kytherian community), North America, Europe, Kytheroupolis in Athens and distant Japan.

In the cultural event that we realized traditional dance groups from the "Lyceum of Greek Women" (the Keratea branch in Attica) and the Centre of Greek Dances "Dodoni" from Piraeus performed Greek and some particularly Kytherian dances. Also Kytherian youth dressed in traditional island costume were present.

It must be noted that from the first Symposium it had been resolved to hold this event every four years on the island and every two years elsewhere in the world where there are Kytherians and philokytherians.

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Institute of Kytheraismos



Mr Elias Marsellos.

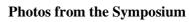


















#### The Third International Kytheraismos Symposium

The Third International Symposium of Kytheraismos was held on Kythera on 21-24 August 2008 to build on the success of the second international symposium held in Canberra back in 2006 and in tapping into what Elias Marsellos described as the dynamic new spirit of the Kytherian *diaspora*. The idyllic island of Kythera was indeed an ideal setting for the conference. The official opening took place in and around the grounds of Panaghia Myrtidiotissa. In the presence of about 200 onlookers, the symposium was officially opened by the newly-installed Australian Ambassador to Greece, Jeremy Newman, who flew to the island and spoke (in Greek) about the wonderful achievements of the Kytherians. Ambassador Newman was later given a tour of the island and left with many great impressions. The island's beloved *Metropolite*, Bishop Serafeim, also spoke of the spread of the Kytherian diaspora and the love which Kytherians – wherever they may be – have for this island.

Over the ensuing three days more than 40 papers delivered on a wide range of topics in Greek and some English, based loosely on the central theme of the Kytherian identity both at home and abroad, termed by Elias as our "Kytherian Heterocity".

I am in the process of preparing a detailed conference report. However, the conference provided an insight into a number of issues of interest to the Kytherian *diaspora*. Highlights included a fascinating night at the Zeidaros arts complex at Kapsali where interesting presentations were given on Kytherian and other Greek folkloric costumes as well as Kytherian dancing.

Melina Mallos, the Curriculum and Education Program Officer at the Queensland Art Gallery, presented a most entertaining paper on the naïve artist, James Fardoulys, who started painting after he turned 60 years and whose paintings recall some of his memories and experiences on Kythera before he left at the age of 14, never to return.

Melina also read a paper by Mary Londy, a young Kytherian who had attended the second symposium at Canberra in 2006, on the achievements of four young artists of Kytherian heritage in Queensland – further vindication of the future directions of our Kytherian youth.

A group of young Kytherian medicos, Drs Jim Aroney, Paul Condoloeon and Noel Leon, together with psychiatrist, Dr George Poulos, held a most informative session on medical and related issues. A number of delegates, particularly from Queensland, spoke proudly and passionately about their Kytherian roots and the history of their forbears, Galakatos, Coroneos, Freeleagus, Cominos. Another of the entertaining presentations was by the resident Kytherian-Australian journalist and born-again Kytherian, Anna Cominos, who described her 12 month "sabbatical" on the island. Entitled "*Chronoymisma*: 52 weeks in Tsirigo" Anna recounted her experiences of relocating to Kythera for the long term and provided the conference delegates with a month-by-month account of what it is like to live on Kythera.

Dr George Argyropoulos gave a most interesting talk on Kytherian immigration in Asia Minor, notably Smyrna, where there was a strong Kytherian presence until the disaster of 1922. This talk was particularly relevant for the writer as my late uncle, Nicholas Poteris, fled Smyrna as a young boy and I am currently reading an enthralling account of the destruction of Smyrna, "Paradise Lost, By Giles Milton.

One of the endearing highlights of the symposium was a paper delivered in Greek by a visiting Japanese academic, Soichiro Negishi (nicknamed Sotiris), on the life of the famous poet, Lefkadio Hearn who was born in the Ionian island of Lefkas of a Kytherian mother, Rosa, and moved to Japan in 1890 where he became one of Japan's most famous national poets. Although the connection with Kythera is purely an accident of birth, namely his mother's, nevertheless it was instructive to hear of the exploits of one of Kythera's sons in the late nineteenth century. According to Soichiro, Hearn loved both Greece and Japan although he was enchanted by Japanese civilisation which he saw as being similar to Greek culture.

Three of the current directors of the Kytherian Association also presented papers. George Poulos spoke enthusiastically about the many publications which are in the process of being printed or which are planned to be printed, including the impressive English version of *Life in Australia* – the first Greek directory of life in the new country.

Victor Kepreotis, the long-serving president of the Kytherian Association, surveyed the history of the Kytherian Association and in posing the question as to whether the idea of Kytheraismos will be around in 50 years' time, pointed to the association's encouragement of our youth as the way of the future. This writer had prepared a lecture of the English occupation of Kythera in the first half of the nineteenth century and the historical quirk of fate that saw a British penal colony gradually unfolding at the same time across the world in a place called New South Wales. But in reality it became a talk about that bridge. Penelope Samios, attending the conference as a representative of our youth, spoke about the various activities of the Kytherian Association in Sydney and other Greek organizations in their attempts to involve our youth.

There were also interesting papers presented on the desirability of sustainable development on the island and some of the problems, both bureaucratic and otherwise, that have been encountered.

John Stathatos, of the Kytherian Cultural Centre and curator of the magnificent Fatseas photographic collection, spoke about the work in locating and restoring the negatives and exhibiting the best photographs of the Fatseas collection at the Benaki Musem earlier this year. The exhibition had moved to Hora but unfortunately had finished five days earlier to make way for another art exhibition. We also had an opportunity to discuss John's ongoing work on the Fatseas collection and proposals for publishing a further book reproducing more of Fatseas' portraits which provide a poignant vignette of Kytherian social life in the 1930s and 1940s.

At the conference some of the delegates became concerned about the state of the island's archival records kept in Hora. These records, which go back hundreds of years, are gradually bring written up by hand but what is needed is a state of the art scanner to start scanning and recording digitally this incredible historical resource. Already some \$20,000 has been pledged by delegates attending the conference. To our collective dismay, we discovered that the archaeological museum at Hora has been closed since it suffered significant structural damage in the January 2006 earthquake which flattened part of Mitata. In that time funding has not been obtained from the Ministry of Culture to undertake the necessary restoration and rectification works to enable the museum to re-open. This state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue. The Kytherian Association of Australia will be making a formal submission to the Hellenic Minister of Culture to remonstrate about this glaring inequity.

This is but a brief snapshot of what took place over 4 hectic days in Kythera in late August, 2008. Of course there were also the Greek folkloric dancers; the fantastic agricultural exhibition and *glendi* at Fratsia; the networking; the very fact that we were on Kythera. It was a triumph of the collective will and spirit of Kytherians and testimony to the vision of Elias Marsellos.

A full report will follow.

George Vardas Cultural Officer, Kytherian Association of Australia



### More photos from the Symposium











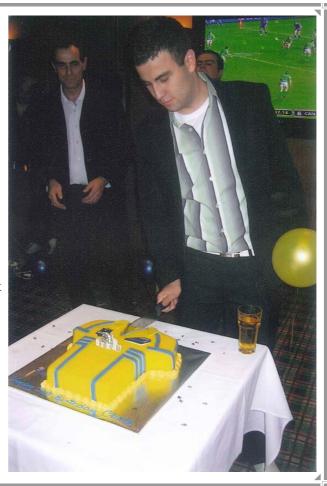


## Social News

## Birthdays \*21st\*

Congratulations to Christopher Psaltis, 3rd son of John & Anna Psaltis of Carlingford who recently celebrated his 21st birthday with family and friends at the Ranch Hotel, Marsfield.

Chris is the grandson of ex-president Emanuel & Matina Casimatis of Kingsgrove and the Late Mick & Effie Psaltis.





## Births

Congratulations to **Peter**, **Gloria & Polita Tzannes** on the latest addition to

their family.

**Victoria (Vasiliki) Tzannes** was born on Thursday 7th, August.

Victoria is the second grandchild to Vasiliki & the Late Andrea Kontoleon and the tenth for Politimi Tzannes & the Late Kosma (Charlie) Tzannes. Welcome Victoria, congratulations to all and good luck Peter... three girls vs one guy!

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Alexandra
Venardos, daughter of Angelo &
Poppy of Queensland,
granddaughter of Kate & the Late
Mick Venardos of the Gold Coast
and God-daughter of Theodore &
Phylia Simos of Maroubra.

**Alex**, who graduated with an LLB, has now moved to Sydney to work as a solicitor in Crown Law.





## Birthdays \*90th\*

**Peter Cassimatis** of Penshurst recently celebrated his 90th Birthday with his family. Happy Birthday kai na ta ekatostisis!

## **Congratulations**



Congratulations to **Irene Faros** from all her family and friends on her promotion to Principal of Lethbridge Park Public School. **Irene's** commitment and hard work has been channelled towards her career as a dedicated teacher rewarding her with this well earned appointment.

**Irene** has contributed to the Kytherian movement on numerous occasions in the past as a Kytherian Association Committee Member and through the Kytherian 4WD & Recreation Club.

Congratulations **Irene!** 

#### 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
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(TERM 3)

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Infants

7.00pm-

7.45pm

**Primary** 

7.45pm-

8.30pm

Junior High School

8.30pm-9.15pm

Senior Group

9.15pm-10.15pm