



The KYTHERIAN

The Newsletter of the Kytherian Association of Australia
PO Box A203, Sydney South NSW 1235
www.kytherianassociation.com.au

MARCH 2010



Nicholas Anthony Aroney Encouragement Awards Night

We are inviting students of Kytherian descent to submit their Year 2009 HSC Results and UAI scores for the Nicholas Anthony Aroney Encouragement Awards.

This lovely Awards Dinner function will be held at :

Venue : Twin Reception Centre
560 Botany Street, Alexandria

Date : Saturday 10th April, 2010

Time : 7.00pm

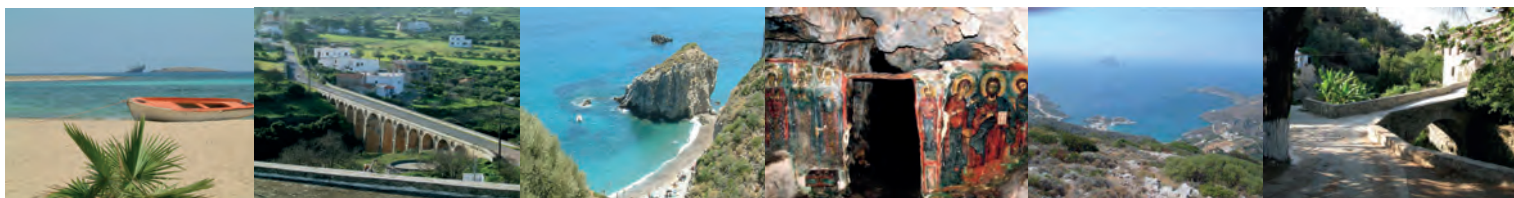
Cost : \$50 Adult & \$25 Children

Please send Results (copy of UAI result and Higher School Certificate marks) to:

Nicholas Anthony Aroney Encouragement Awards
c/- The Kytherian Association of Australia
PO Box A203 SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235

Any enquiries should be addressed to Victor Kepreotis on 0408 216 108 and for bookings please call Kathy Samios on 9349 1849.

The closing date for applications is 26th March 2010.





KYTHO CALENDAR

Fridays 5th Feb - 26th March 2010
Weekly Greek dancing lessons - Term 1
(details on page 15)

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th April 2010
Turon Gates Weekend Away (see page 4)

Saturday 10th April 2010
Nicholas A. Aroney Encouragement Awards (details on front page).

Sunday 4th April 2010
Easter Sunday (Pascha).

Friday 16th April 2010
KYMG Trip to Museum
(see page 12)



Wednesday 5th May 2010
Mothers' Day Function (see page 5).

Saturday 29th May 2010
Kytherian Debutante Ball at Star City.

Tuesday 2nd November 2010
Kytherian Ladies' Auxiliary Melbourne Cup Fashion Luncheon.

MUMS & BUBS

"Mums and Bubs" outings are to be held once a month on a Friday, for babies and children up to 4 years. For more information please call **Pamela**

Efstathis on 0409 987 789.



Editor's Note

Well the holiday season is over, school is back and the year is well and truly underway.

This year promises to be an interesting one with regards to our beautiful island.

There are environmental issues at hand (e.g. the wind-generators) as well as a number of initiatives being put forward (with our friend James Prineas leading the way) regarding the marking of walking tracks all over the island. The latter is a definitely a brilliant suggestion.

Last year, while holidaying on the island, my family and I spent an afternoon exploring (to give it a dignified description) the beautiful watermills of Milopotamo.

The entire area is like an oasis as there is nothing resembling it anywhere on the island (see'rj qq+.

The walking trail is marked by red and blue blotches of paint on rocks or trees. Red is the way down (I think) and blue is the way up.

If you are colour blind or not very observant...good luck! It may be simple in theory but extremely difficult in practice and it still amazes me that we managed to find our way back.

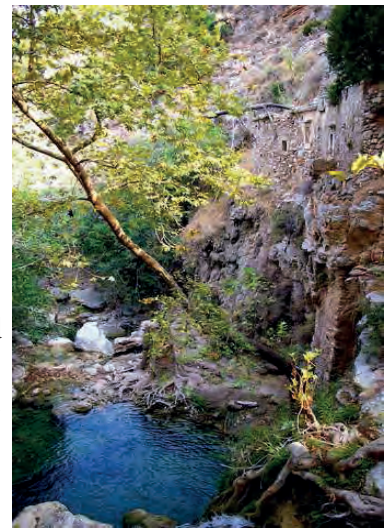
We climbed over rocks and fallen trees, crossed over creeks and often found ourselves at crossroads where a decision had to be made over whether or not something looked like a marker.

It was an extremely hot day and images of "Picnic At Hanging Rock" kept coming to mind. Luckily we carried water with us, as the walk that should have taken us only an hour, became a three hour marathon.

The point to this tale is that the island is full of walking trails and marking them properly is a wonderful idea. To be able to retrace our ancestors' footsteps without getting lost should appeal to all of us.

Hopefully, points of interest will also be marked along the routes so that the next time I trek around Milopotamo, I will be able to identify my grandfather's mill.

We should consider ourselves extremely fortunate that there are proactive Kytherians like James, who give so much of their time, to ensure that such necessary changes occur on our island.





Heritage Preservation Competition

The problem with the kind of cultural archiving on the internet which Kythera-Family.net encourages is that the richest heritage material, be it life stories, pictures or historical family documents, are often in the possession of older generations who rarely use the internet. Fortunately there are dozens of exceptions to this, but it is a problem none-the-less: how can we get the material from the elderly onto a medium mostly used by younger generations?

George Con Poulos, Angelo Notaras and I have come up with two ways to help overcome the technical generation gap. The first is to pay one or two "gatherers" who are well-versed in the internet and scanning who can visit elderly Kytherians and interview them, scan in their most important pictures relating to Kythera, and perhaps help them to put together a basic family tree. Is that something any of you might be interested in doing? Perhaps it could be a one-day-a-week job, spending a half a day with a candidate we suggest and another half-a-day uploading the material you've gathered? Once we have people interested in gathering we'd invite the community to make suggestions of whom should be interviewed. Interested? Send us a mail detailing your background and skill-set and we'll take it from there. This is important work: as George Poulos once put it, each time an elderly Kytherian passes away without us getting at least a snapshot of their lives on the site, it's like a library burning down. So this will be great way to earn some money and preserve Kytherian heritage at the same time!

The second idea we had was to set up a competition. We've called it the "Heritage Preservation Competition" with a first prize of A\$1000 and a second of A\$250. To win you have to create and submit 2 (or more) oral

history entries for the site. They can be transcribed interviews (with accompanying audio files, if possible) or journalistic styled articles about Kytherians. In English or in Greek. Just grab a recording device (most smartphones such as iPhones have free dictation programs in them, but you can do it without the recording device if you'd prefer to take notes) and encourage your elderly Kytherian acquaintances and family to tell you about



"This photograph was taken in about 1908. The girls and their teacher Katina are seated at the door steps of their school at Kondolianika. My mother Despina Leontsini her sister Eleni, her cousin Diamanta Leontsini and their closest friend Kyriakoula Leontsini the mother of the surgeon Manolis Kalokairinos and several other girls relatives and friends are posing and showing us how meticulously and properly dressed they are for the occasion. Note that this same teacher was still teaching in about 1942, when we were in Kythera, during the war, and she was my teacher too for one year." **George Argyropoulos, Athens, gdaygyropoulos@yahoo.gr**

their lives. Then transcribe the interview, clean it up and put it in the Oral History or Life Stories sections of the site. There are a number of exemplary life-story entries on the site already if you'd like to see what the finish product should look like. We've even put a list of question you could ask on the site in the HELP area or simply search for "Help in writing an Oral History Page" on the site. The submissions have to be made between February and February 2011. Should the number and quality of entries exceed our expectations we will be happy to double or triple the number of prizes.

James Prineas, james@kythera-family.net



The Kytherian 4WD & Recreation Club

Upcoming Event

Turon Gates Weekend Away Camping or Cabin Accommodation 9th & 10th & 11th April 2010

It's on again. Come along and join us for what is a great weekend away. Great fun for all the family. You do not need a 4WD to be part of the fun.

For anyone who has thought about going camping but didn't feel confident this is your chance to try something different.

Our committee are there to help out if needed.

Here is your chance, just do it, your kids will love it and so will you !!!!!

This trip has been run for the last 10 years and has been a fantastic success every time. Come and join us in April 2010.

Website: www.turongates.com

Telephone: (02) 6359 0142, Cabin Bookings (02) 9969 3818

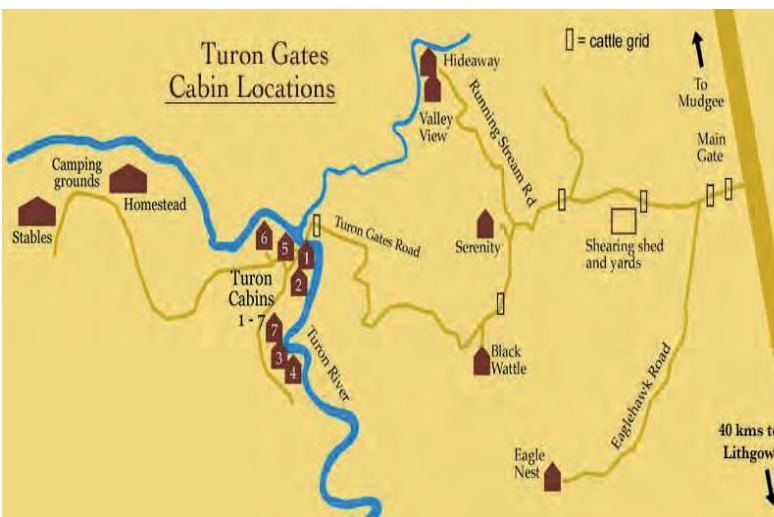
Address: Turon River, Capertee, New South Wales, 2846

How to get to Turon Gates:

At Lithgow turn right towards Mudgee. Turn off to the left just past Capertee. Refer Map below; Travel time is around 3 hours and can be travelled by conventional vehicles.

Cabins must be booked in advance.

Cabins to be booked and paid for directly on phone (02) 9969 3818. No booking required for camping however first get the best spots.



Please contact any of the committee members below if you are coming.

Committee Contact

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0417230743,

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Victor Alfieris 0407909294

THE KYTHERIAN LADIES' AUXILIARY INVITES YOU TO A

MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA

ON

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY 2010

AT

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SPECIAL REQUEST

My name is **Ourania Levantis** and I have a small request which I would like all Kytherians to consider.

I have a cousin in Brisbane, **Sevasty Souris**, who at the age of 47 has been diagnosed with leukaemia and the only cure for her is a bone marrow transplant. From the day that she told me about her leukaemia, all I could think about was how I can help her.

She told me that the Red Cross needs blood, lots of blood, so off to the Red Cross I went and donated my first bag of blood ever. I also requested that my bone marrow go on the register.

Please consider going on the register yourself as well as talking to your family and friends to encourage them to go to the Red Cross and join the bone marrow register.

All that is involved is giving a bit of blood for them to test.

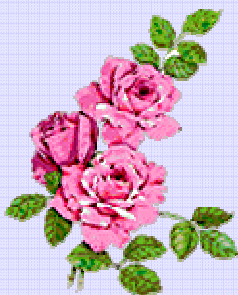
Anyone between the ages of 18-40 can go on the register. If you are over 40 and you tell them that you are from a Greek background, they will allow you to go onto the register because they are so short of these types of donors.

Unfortunately, my bone marrow was not a match for my cousin, nor were any of her siblings or family members, but the blood donation was certainly a start. Of course, she did not receive my blood but knowing that it would help someone else, gave me great satisfaction.

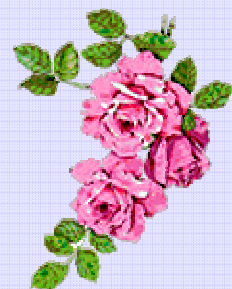
That is why I am making this small, but very necessary request to all my fellow Kytherians. Please go and give blood.

Thankfully, they have found a donor from Germany. However, her treatment has been delayed a few months as the leukaemia returned a week before her scheduled transplant.

So please, as you read this, think of my cousin **Seva** and go and donate blood. It may not help my cousin directly but you may well help save someone else's life.



FOR SEVA, FROM OURANIA.



TO MY MOTHER

You carried me for 9 months, giving me life.

I was a child who spent much of her life ill and yet you cared for me, never complaining.

You were always there for me, even offering me an organ when it was suggested that I may require this, yet you did not hesitate.

You raised me to respect others, to be a good giving person.

You taught me right from wrong.

You taught me to be a good person and to contribute to society.

You and my beloved father spared no expense to ensure that I received the best education.

The many months when I was confined to my bed as a young girl, eight months in all, along with the many years of ill health, you nursed me through, never begrudging one moment of your time. You never left my side.

You cared for me, offering to sleep on my bedroom floor, your only thought was for my needs.

Your only concern was that you would be there to attend to my every need.

You bathed me daily, you did everything humanly possible to make the months pass more easily, not sparing a thought for yourself. You were a wonderful mother.

There were times as I was searching to find myself, you and my father supported and guided me. For all this I thank you.

I remember as a small child, as you held me in your arms, I held a flower to your nose at the Botanical Gardens, introducing me to the beauty and the scent of flowers. This photograph was one I was looking at, only two days ago.

I thank you for being my mother, instilling in me values to carry me through life.

I may not have seen you physically for many years, yet you never left my heart and thoughts.

God has reached his hand out to you my beloved mother, a merciful God who chose to reunite you with my beloved father.

I pray that when you are reunited as I believe you will be, the years will have fallen away.

You will have become again the young couple you were when you met and fell in love, beginning your lives again with the grace of God.

Rest in peace my beloved mother. You have always been in my heart, through difficult times and in times of happiness, but my love for you has never waned.

My father ("Ntendi" is something only you and a few others will understand) has been waiting for you and by the grace of God, you are now reunited, making the pain a little easier to bear for the loved ones left behind to mourn our loss.

Rest my beloved mother, rest, knowing that I have never stopped loving you and I will keep you close to me, knowing that you are watching over me. Reunite with the love of your life, my beloved father.

Rest my dear mother. You were tired and God saw this and chose this time to release you to be reunited with my father.

I feel you close to me as I feel my father, my grandfather and my beloved uncle Nick. You are now reunited with your parents, your sisters and your brother.

Rest my beloved mother, knowing you will never leave my heart and soul.

You were a good mother and I know that you are with my father who looks over me, protecting me.

Each year, on the anniversary of his passing, I light a candle and now I will light the candle for both of you.

My love for you will never diminish Mami mou. I believe that we will be reunited one day as my beliefs are very deep, recalling the teachings of your father, my grandfather.

May God bless you Mami mou and keep your spirit and soul forever with him.

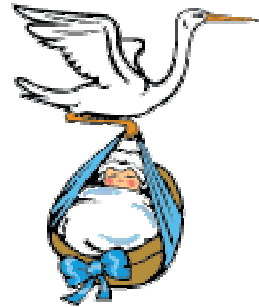
Η κόρη σου η Μαρία.

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Social News

Births

Congratulations to **Gregory & Erini Karedis** on the birth of their son, **Dimitrios (James)**, a brother for **Anastasia**. Proud grandparents are **Dimitrios & Anastasia Karedis** of Maroubra, **Bill & Mary Economos** of Greenacre and great-grandfather is **Nicholas Economos**, also of Greenacre.
Να σας Ζήσει.



Birthdays 90th

James Kanaris of South Coogee celebrated his 90th birthday with family and close friends at a private lunch at South Sydney Juniors. A lovely lunch was had by all.

James did not ask for gifts but instead asked for donations to the Hellenic Lawn Bowls Association of NSW, which has recently been established to promote bowling amongst the Greek community. **James** and his family were very grateful for all the generous donations. We wish **James** all the best for the future and may he have many more healthy years.



Christenings

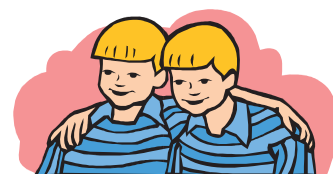


Congratulations to **Emmanuel & Despina Kontoleon** of Leichhardt on the Christening of their daughter **Victoria Vasiliki**. Proud Godparents are **Nick & Kathy Haros** of Kingsgrove. The Christening was held at St Gerasimos Greek Orthodox Church, Leichhardt, followed by a beautiful reception at St Gerasimos Greek Orthodox Church Hall.

The proud Grandparents are **Vasiliki & the Late Andreas Kontoleon** of Bexley and **Theo & Maria Cassimatis** of Rydalmere.



Births



Nick & Gina Travassaros of Peakhurst welcome with great joy into their home and hearts their beautiful twins boys **Johnny & Stephen Travassaros**, born on Friday 11th September 2009, third and fourth grandchild of **John & Maria Travassaros** of Carlton and fourth and fifth grandchild of **Stephen & Maria Gianakis** of Peakhurst.
Να σας Ζήσουν.

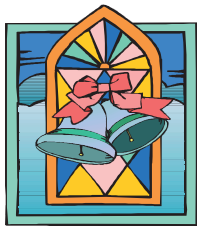




Anniversary

Congratulations to **Con & Katina Souris** of Hurstville who recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They married in Tamworth in 1950, and have been thrilled to receive letters of congratulations from Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and other members of Parliament.

They celebrated with their family and friends, some of whom travelled from Brisbane. Congratulations on your diamond wedding anniversary.



Wedding

Matthew Mallos, son of **Michael & Carol Mallos** of Maroubra recently married **Melissa Touchard**, daughter of **Linda Touchard** of Condell Park. The service was held at St Mary's Cathedral with a wonderful reception following at The Tearooms, Queen Victoria Building. We wish **Matthew** and **Melissa** a long and happy life together.





BLAST FROM THE PAST! WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?



(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)



The Kytherian Association has in its archives, copies of most ball programmes dating back to the 60's. In view of the fact that most readers enjoy the social news, a new page has been added.... "Blast From The Past". It will include random photos scanned from those programmes.

Answers: 1) **Helen Zerefos OAM** 2) **Prof. Emanuel Aroney AM OBE**. 3) **Saphira Caravousanos** 4) **John Prineas**.

PS. Watch this space....you never know when your photo might appear!

RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA



The committee of Greek Returned Soldiers, the Greek RSL Sub Branch recently held a lovely New Year's luncheon on Sunday, 24th January 2010 at the Μέγας Αλέξανδρος Club, Marrickville. Our very own Corporal **John Veneris** (Aust. Army) who recently served in Afghanistan, is in the centre of the photo (top left) with **Victor Kepreotis** and Petty Officer **Nick Alexandratos** (H.M.A.S Melbourne). An enjoyable time was had by all.



Australian Museum
nature culture discover

Amazing Backyard Adventures

Date: Friday, 16 April 2010

Time: 10.30am

Location: Australian Museum, 6 College St, Sydney

Cost:

- \$10 Adult
- \$15 Child (5-15 years)
- Child under 5 years free (must be accompanied by an adult)

- Event Includes:
 - Entry to General Exhibition
 - Amazing Backyard Adventures Exhibition
 - 1 hour guided activity for children (5-15 years) with Education program led by a Museum educator (details to be advised)
 - Picnic lunch at Hyde Park or Museum if raining
 - Re-entry to the Australian Museum after lunch



Bring your own blanket and food for picnic.

Bags may be stored at the Museum while viewing exhibits.

Recommended for families, particularly for children 8-15 years.

There are a limited number of places available for this event. Please book early.

Amazing Backyard Adventures is a family-friendly exhibition designed to encourage budding young scientists to 'see the unseen' in the natural world found right outside their door!

Take a journey inside a magnified backyard lawn and find out how it feels to be smaller than a blade of grass.

For further details and bookings, please contact Kytherian Young Mothers Group:

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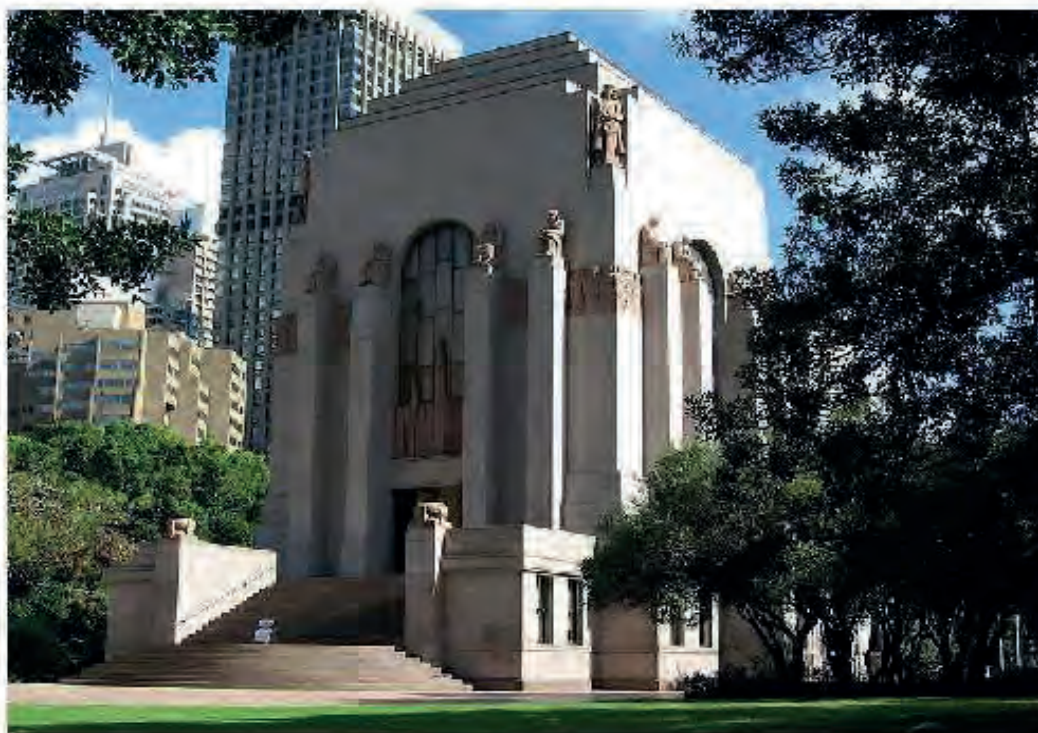
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AT

Anzac War Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney

by Dr. Maria Hill, Military Historian
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Tuesday 6th April 2010

6.30 – 8.30

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<http://www.thebelles.com.au/>

*Light refreshment will be served at the conclusion of the launch.

*Books will also be available for sale on the night signed by the author

RSVP: Thursday 1st April 2010 (before Easter long weekend)

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The deadline for articles is the 18th of each month.

Printing in colour requires an extra 10 days at the printers.

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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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- *A Touch of Greece. The Greek Café Owners of Junction St., Nowra* by Robyn Florance.
 phone : 44293564 (BH)
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- *Journey to Kythera* CD-ROM for Apple Mac
 ActionPoints@hotmail.com or 0417 590 194].

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GREEK DANCING CLASSES 2010

FRIDAYS 5th FEBRUARY - 26th MARCH 2010
(TERM 1)

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

<i>Infants</i>	7.00pm-7.45pm
<i>Primary</i>	7.45pm-8.30pm
<i>Junior High School</i>	8.30pm-9.15pm
<i>Senior Group</i>	9.15pm-10.15pm

Students who have finished school are welcome to attend.

Please note that all need to have current membership of the Kytherian Association of Australia to attend classes. For more details, please contact **Kathy Samios** on **93491849** or **Esther Calligeros** on **93440298**.



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