

20th August 2010

Theodoros Koukoulis
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Dear Dimarchos Koukoulis

Between our two communities, Kythira and Bingara, an amazing unique link exists; the Roxy Theatre and Cafe.

The Roxy story began in your village of Mitata, the birthplace of three men in the 1890s who later became partners; Peter Feros, Emanuel Aroney and George Psaltis.

These men created an entertainment complex in Bingara that was unparalleled throughout our region. The enterprise included a modern café that seated 140 patrons; three independent main street shops; a guesthouse; and at its heart, a cinema that was 'the most modern theatre outside of the city'.

History saw the eventual demise, and then renaissance of this complex. Today the Roxy Theatre and Café is again a regional icon and cultural gem.

Gwydir Shire Council extends to your community an invitation to build upon this link and investigate creating a friendly city relationship between our two communities.

The Roxy Theatre and Café is but one of many connections which our communities share:

Each area is physically beautiful, rich in fauna and flora and extremely diverse.

Each holds a special affinity with water; Kythira's Ionian Sea and Bingara's mighty, fresh water Gwydir River.

Each actively encourages, welcomes and values tourism.

From the desk of the Mayor

Each community is safe, content and enjoys a low crime rate.

Each community values the contribution of every one from the very young to its senior citizens.

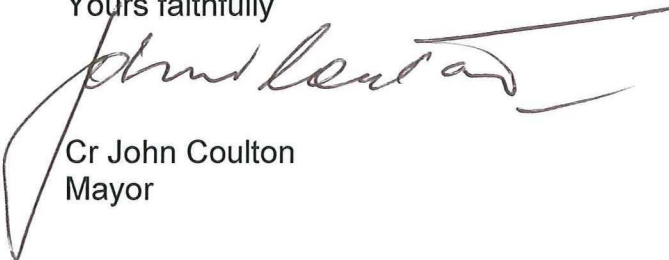
Each is a community, though small in number, which is strong and spirited.

Each values the best of tradition and is focussed on positively shaping its future through environmental initiatives and lifelong learning.

Would you please consider accepting our invitation to establish a friendly city relationship with a view to developing a wide range of educational, cultural, sporting and economic exchanges between our residents.

It is envisaged that our friendship will benefit the residents of our two areas and further strengthen the existing strong links between Australia and Greece.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Coulton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cr John Coulton
Mayor