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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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May 20 - 27 2012***

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## **President's Report**

**President .Jim Manifis**

Firstly I would like to say Happy Easter to all our members, and their families. I hope it was a very enjoyable one.

The Centenary Celebrations have begun. On Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> was the launch of the history book. It was a tremendous success. I would like to thank Dr John Yiannakis for the tireless effort that he has contributed in writing the book. I can't imagine the amount of hours that John has contributed to the research and publication of the history book; his services were all on a voluntary basis. I would also like to thank Professor Byron Kakulas for launching the history book. On behalf of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia, I thank both of them very much. We are very fortunate to have someone like John within our association. A statement was made by Professor Byron Kakulas in identifying that Castellorizians are so very proud of both their Castellorizian descent and that of their Australian citizenship. We have blended into the Australian way of life and contribute immensely to the achievements of Australians. The publication of the history book is of the highest order. I believe the history book should be a publication which all Castellorizians should purchase.

It is very important that all our members realise that all our functions at the Centenary events will be only pre-sold tickets at entry. The Gala Dinner has already been sold out and many of the other events have limited tickets available. Members will need to fill out their registration form as soon as possible to be guaranteed a ticket. The registration forms can be found on our website and in this current newsletter.

We are very fortunate with the guest speakers for our conference week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, they are John Mangos, Nick Pappas, Dr John Yiannakis, Allan Cresswell and Marilyn Tsolakis. It is an event all should attend.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Steering Committee for their contribution over the last three years in planning the Centenary Celebrations. The association is looking for volunteers from our members during the celebrations. If you are interested please contact me because your support would be appreciated.

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# SOCIAL NEWS

Compiled by Tina Kyros and Allan Cresswell

## Births

- **Christina Michael** arrived 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Proud Parents are Geoffrey (Son of Marcus and Christina Michael) and Flora (Daughter of Andrew and Chrissie Liveris - Darwin).
- Congratulations to Louis and Evangeline Anastasas (nee Athanasiou) on the birth of their daughter **Marina Eve Anastasas** on 5 March 2012. Granddaughter of Father John and Presvitera Marina Athanasiou and Steve and Helen Anastasas.

## Christenings

- **Eva (Evangelia) Jade Nicholls** was baptised at St's Constantine and Helene Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Apr 2012. It was followed by a reception in the lesser hall of the Hellenic Community. Parents George and Helen Nicholls, Grandparents Anthony and Yvonne (Christodoulou) Nicholls and Robert and Marion Young.

## Engagements

- Congratulations to **Regan Kannis** and **Michael Feighan** who celebrated their engagement on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 2012. Regan is the daughter of Kevin and Karen Kannis.

## Weddings

- Congratulations to **Nicolina Catherine Yiannakis** and **Andrew Boyle** who were married at the Chapel of St. John the Theologian in Prevelly WA, on Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 2011. The Koumbara was Christina Ann Yiannakis (Sister of the Bride). Younger sister, Katherine Angela Yiannakis, was the other Bridesmaid. Flower Girls were Zoe and Emily Yiannakis. Proud Parents of the Bride are Dr John Yiannakis and Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannaikis. Proud Parents of the Groom are Mr William Boyle and Mrs Wendy Boyle.
- Congratulations and best wishes to **Cosimo Faiello** and **Katie Lucas** (daughter of Tony and Maria Lucas) on their recent marriage.
- Congratulations to **Alexandra Papadakis** (granddaughter of Laz and Maria Mandalis) and **James Bonner** who married on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral – The Annunciation, in Redfern NSW with a reception at the Sebel Pier One overlooking Sydney Harbour. The bride, daughter of Helene Papadakis (nee Mandalis) and Manos Papadakis (dec), was given away by her uncle, Constantine (Dinny) Mandalis (formerly of WA).

Those attending from WA were Mark and Ula Panotidis (nee Mavros), James and Pamela Larkins (nee Auguste), Leon and Val Dodd (nee Auguste) and Athan and Imogen Mirmikidis as well as Irene Wright, daughter of George Stamatiades (nephew of Laz Mandalis) and husband, Graeme Wright. Other former Western Australians attending were Dominic and Jenny Musto (nee Auguste) and the bride's aunts, Alexandra Mandalis and Loula Kondos. From Sydney Costa and Allyson Barris (nee Malaxos, formerly of WA) and their family, Tsicos and Evangeline Galettis (nee Barris) with their family. From Queensland, Loula Kondos' family, Drs Chris and Lisa Kondos, Dr Leon and Letitia Kondos, Marea Kondos and Mark Kondos. From Canberra, Jim and Melissa Taylor (nee Mandalis – Dinny's daughter). The couple honeymooned in Malaysia.

**Note:** Many will remember Laz Mandalis, a prominent member of the Greek community in WA for many years, who formerly lived in Nedlands with wife Maria and family (nee Auguste), one of 6 daughters and 3 sons of Athanasios Auguste, the inaugural President of the Association), The Mandalis family, Alexandra, Eris (Loula), Helene (Calypso) and Constantine (Dinny) later moved to Sydney.



James Bonner and Alexandra (nee Papadakis) Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2012



The Mandalis Siblings at the Bonner - Papadakis Wedding  
From Left: Alexandra Mandalis, Constantine (Dinny) Mandalis,  
Eris (Loula) Kondos and Helene (Calypso) Papadakis

## Birthdays

### 100<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Queenie Coufos** (nee Sertis)
- ❖ **Eleni Coufos** (nee Galettis) of Sydney (see photo below)



West Aussie Cazzies visiting Thea Eleni Coufos, her brother, Max Galettis and their sister-in-law, Eva Galettis, in Sydney 2011.

**Back:** Allan Cresswell, Despo Moulatsiotis, Con Kailis, Evelyn Koutsamanis and Eva Galettis (nee Stavrianos – formerly of Perth)  
**Front:** Max Galettis, Rose Kalaf, Thea Eleni Coufos and Olga Kailis

### 90<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Mary Pitsikas** (nee Katavatis)

### 80<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Rose Michelides** (nee Kalaf)
- ❖ **Kathleen Malaxos** (nee Kakulas)
- ❖ **Betty Neates** (nee Vallianos)
- ❖ **Chrys Anastas** (nee Diamantarus)
- ❖ **Byron Kakulas**

## Congratulations

- ❖ To Ellis Leigh Xanthis who was recognised for his academic achievements in the 2011 academic year and WACE examinations, featuring on four occasions in this year's Curriculum Council's awards list.

Ellis was awarded the prestigious General Exhibition, a Certificate of distinction in both Economics and Chemistry and was recognised with a Certificate of Excellence for his outstanding performance over Year 11 and 12 at Christ Church Grammar School in Claremont.

Ellis achieved an ATAR score of 99.9. He plans to head to an Australian University of his choice to embark on his tertiary education.

Ellis is the son of Garry and Maria Xanthis.

## Vale

Deepest sympathy to the families and friends of:

- ❖ **Manos Papadakis** Sydney Jan 4 2012
- ❖ **Ioannis Boutsis** Jan 27 2012
- ❖ **John Barboutis** Jan 29 2012
- ❖ **Mena Christodoulou** (nee Fotiades) Jan 30 2012
- ❖ **Evelyn Palassis** (nee Xanthis) Jan 31 2012
- ❖ **Michael Mitchell** Feb 8 2012
- ❖ **Apostolos Zervos** Melbourne Feb 19 2012
- ❖ **Marie Apostoles** (nee Christou) Mar 5 2012
- ❖ **Dulcie Koutsoukos** (nee Brown) Mar 12 2012
- ❖ **Mitchell Constantine** Mar 18 2012
- ❖ **Antonios Kalimeris** Mar 28 2012
- ❖ **Anastasia Diamond** (nee Kambouris) Sydney Apr 14 2012

### **VALE Apostolos (Paul) Zervos**



Paul was born on Castellorizo on August 26<sup>th</sup> 1926, the son of Kominos Zervos and Panagiota (nee Boyatzis). His nine siblings are Con Zervos (Dec), Helen Athans, Despo Moustaka, Maria Karp, Nick Zervos, Evangelia Kalaitzis (Dec), Dorothy Mangos, Steve Zervos (Dec) and Dialecti Zervos (Dec). He was the brother-in-law of Chrissie Zervos, Arthur Athans (Dec), Kosta Moustaka (Dec), John Karp (Dec), Peter Calaitzis, Con Mangos and Maria Kominos, Kevin Kominos (Dec), Rita and Stathis Sakelloropoulos and Michael and Dianne Spartels.

After the Second World War in 1946, Paul and his family came to Australia and settled in Melbourne. He commenced work at the Kanis Café in Richmond. Through his association with the Kastellorizian Brotherhood of Victoria, he met and married Peggy Spartels on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1953. They had two children, Kevin and Nicholas and four grandchildren. Paul and Peggy were married for 59 years.

Paul and Peggy operated a number of businesses, a Fruit Shop in Brunswick, a Fish and Chip business in Balwyn, a Fruit Shop in Carnegie, a Fruit Providore, The Tasmanian Coffee Lounge in Bourke Street and a hotel for 10 years. Peggy was always at Paul's side supporting him, and they were inseparable.

In 1960 he was elected President of the Kastellorizian Brotherhood of Victoria. During the late 1980's he annually returned to his family home on Kastellorizo, known as the 'Blue House' and established a rooming house known as 'Paul's Mediterraneo Apartments'. The Blue House featured in the Italian movie 'Mediterraneo' and later many Italian tourists would visit the island to see the house. In 2009 Paul was honoured by the Italian Government and made a Knight (Cavaliere) of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity. This was in recognition of his contribution to tourists and was instigated by Italian tourists who had visited Kastellorizo and were overwhelmed by Paul's generosity and support.

Paul was very proud of his immediate family and their achievements. Despite the adversities of life that he endured he always retained a strong constitution and the respect he obtained was widespread. Paul passed away on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.



# CENTENARY WEEK UPDATE

Prepared By Kevin Kannis

## THE EVENTS

Have you sent your registration form in yet?  
The Gala Dinner is sold out and other functions are filling up fast.

A registration form is enclosed so don't miss this last chance to register - get your payment in to let us know which of the following events you would like to attend.

Entry will be *strictly* ticket only due to catering requirements so we cannot guarantee entry unless your registration and payment is received by May 6<sup>th</sup>

Forms to be sent to 160 Anzac Road Mt Hawthorn 6016 or to [centenary2012@gmail.com](mailto:centenary2012@gmail.com)

### Sunday 6 May.

Registration day for locals; this is an opportunity for Perth people to pick up their tickets early and minimise delays on the main registration day when the visitors from other states will be joining us on May 20. Be there at 4:00PM.

### Sunday 20 May.

This will be an opportunity for a casual catch-up and join our interstate visitors at a barbecue when they check in. Locals are encouraged to attend but please *book* to assist in catering arrangements. (Let us know if you have any special dietary needs). Be there at 4:00PM to hear further detail about the week's events.

### Monday 21 May.

There will be a service at the church of St Constantine & Helene starting at 8:30AM.

The service will followed by a lunch starting at 12:00PM in the Hellenic Community Hall. This is the start of our Centenary Week to be officially opened by Dr Ken Michael, the former Governor of Western Australia. Bookings are essential as there are no door sales.

**If you want to form a table** email us at [centenary2012@gmail.com](mailto:centenary2012@gmail.com) with the names of the people you want to sit with. Just make sure they have a ticket. We don't want anyone to be disappointed.

### Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 May Speaking Forums

Join us for two days of presentations by nationally prominent Castellorizians as they share their thoughts with us. Interstate delegates will be picked up from one of the city hotels at 8:30AM for arrival at Castellorizian House 9:15AM on each day. Those with their own transport can make their own way to Cassie House.

TUESDAY MAY 22		WEDNESDAY MAY 23	
Start	10:15AM	Start	9:30AM
Dr Nick Pappas	10:30AM	Mr John Mangos	9:45AM
Dr John Yiannakis	11:45AM	Morning tea	11:00AM
		Mr Allan Cresswell	11:30AM
Lunch	1:00PM	Lunch	12:45PM
		Reflections & Overview by Marilyn Tsolakis	1:45PM
Transport delegates back the city	3:30PM	Transport delegates back to the city	4:00PM

#### Tuesday

Dr Nick Pappas Leaving the Rock - Emigration from Castellorizo 1880-1939  
Dr John Yiannakis Courting Controversy - A not so celebratory commentary about Perth's Castellorizians

#### Wednesday

John Mangos Kassie Culture-Dilution or Demise  
Allan Cresswell Preserving Today - Our Heritage, Photographs, Stories and Genealogy  
Marilyn Tsolakis Reflections & Overview

Registration is essential for this fully catered event so again it is important to let us know if you have any special dietary needs.

### **Wednesday 23 May**

One of the special events for the Centenary week is the Civic Reception being hosted by the Honourable Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi from the City of Perth. This will be a great opportunity for our City to be showcased to our interstate visitors.

As the guest list has limitations due to limited numbers, certain criterion has been met. Past Presidents, Life Members, current committee and eastern states delegates are being invited. With this criterion, we hope that all members accept the process as it was difficult to include all members. We look forward to your support for the events of the rest of the week.

### **Friday 25 May**

Booking is essential for the two events on Friday as they are filling up fast.

Lunch at Kailis' Fremantle

Interstate delegates will be picked up from one of the city hotels at 10:00AM for departure to Fremantle.

Trots at Gloucester Park at night.

All delegates will make their own way to main gate for dinner at the Radiant Oro Room at 7:00PM.

### **Saturday 26 May** Gala Dinner. Booked out.

The grand finale of the Centenary Association's events held over 2011 and 2012 goes out with a big bang at the Centenary Gala Dinner, held at the Burswood Entertainment Complex on May 26<sup>th</sup>. This event will bring together a number of distinguished guests including representatives from the Greek Orthodox Church, State and Federal Parliament and past and present Association Presidents to celebrate the Association's 100th anniversary.

The evening will feature pre-dinner drinks, a delightful three course meal with premium wines, a selection of speakers and live entertainment playing traditional Greek and modern favourites to dance the night away.

An event of this magnitude is not possible without the generous contributions of the Association's sponsors and donors, as well as the continued efforts of the hard-working Centenary Committee who have given their time and expertise over the previous 2+ years to raise funds and organise not only this event, but all of the events leading up to the Gala Dinner.

The great event is already fully booked, the Centenary Committee wishes the lucky 500+ attendees a fantastic evening!

### **Special Dietary Requirements**

For those lucky 500+ it is important to let us know if you have any special dietary requirements, such as the following.

- Vegan
- Gluten free
- Lactose free
- Dairy free
- Nut free

The venue can only accommodate you, or those of any of your friends, who have special dietary requirements if you let us know by writing to us at 160 Anzac Road Mt Hawthorn 6016 or emailing to [centenary2012@gmail.com](mailto:centenary2012@gmail.com) before May 14. You cannot do this verbally as we cannot help unless you tell us by post or email of your requirements and give us your name and telephone number.

## **SPONSOR & DONORS**

Over the last four years the Association has been preparing for the week of celebrations for our Centenary. The organising committee recognised the need for sponsorship if the events were to be at the standard the occasion deserved while making the occasion as accessible as possible for our members.

Nicky Nicholas and Bartley Kakulas were the spearhead of our fund raising efforts and targeted \$50,000 as an appropriate amount to work towards. We are delighted to tell you that the target had been exceeded at the time of this publication. The estimated cost of the Gala Dinner per person is close to \$200, it follows those tickets at a sale price of \$140 are subsidised to the extent of \$60 each.

The organising committee, on behalf of the members, is grateful to our sponsors and donors whose generosity has helped make this momentous event possible.

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

When we published the membership list in the last edition of the *Megisti Messenger* there were a number of members who advised us of spelling errors and others whose Christian names was not their preferred name. We need to get the list of members as correct and complete as possible including your preferred title. We would also like to have your email addresses as a more efficient and timely way of advising you of upcoming events.

Please use the membership form on the reverse of the address sheet so we can update our records with the best information. We only need you to complete the top panel but of course the form can also be used for new members who are welcome to join our 436 current financial members.

The form can be emailed to [centenary2012@gmail.com](mailto:centenary2012@gmail.com) or posted to 160 Anzac Road, Mount Hawthorn WA 6016.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2012/13 ARE DUE ON JULY 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

Members are reminded that subscriptions are payable on the July 1 of each year. Please make sure your membership is current before then.

## COMMEMORATIVE BOOK CORRECTED PAGES

As a result of omissions in two of the pages of the Commemorative Book the Association has reprinted the offending pages. Those who were directly affected by the omissions have been contacted and provided with the pages. For other members, who made contributions to the book, sufficient copies of the corrected pages are enclosed with this edition of the *Megisti Messenger*. If you require additional copies of the corrected pages they can be collected from our headquarters at 160 Anzac Road, Mount Hawthorn.

## USE OF CASTELLORIZIAN HOUSE

Members of the Castellorizian Association are reminded that the headquarters in Mount Hawthorn is available for hire for small family functions and community gatherings.

Anyone interested in using the facility should contact the house manager, Mr Tony Samiotis on 0402063463.

The building has food preparation and serving facilities as well as access to catering services if necessary. There are some restrictions on the use of the building and kitchen area which will be advised by the house manager.

The cost to members for use of the building is \$200 and \$250 for non members. Prices are negotiable for smaller non social events.

## Cazzies 2012

A wonderful centennial poem  
written by Anthony Bartley Kakulas

On  
one special island  
on the eastern point  
of Greece  
nestled below  
the southern coast  
of turkey  
lived  
brave men & women  
who crossed continents  
braved oceans  
transcended language  
with empty pockets  
&  
a dream of a better life

With faith  
hope  
and charity  
burning from  
their homeland  
in their souls  
They came  
infiltrated  
grew life  
in a new land  
They fought  
if they had to  
Toiled hard  
so now  
a century on  
we celebrate those pioneers  
who made way for us  
gave us  
hope  
opportunity  
& freedom  
saved us  
from despair  
taught us  
resilience  
& a century on  
we are many  
proud of our heritage  
our roots  
our individuality  
we have crossed  
all borders  
covered  
all professions  
may that spirit  
still be with us  
in  
another hundred years

# BOOK LAUNCH

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S CASTELLORIZIAN CONNECTION

By Allan Cresswell

On Friday April 20 2012 John Yiannakis' wonderful new book, Western Australia's Castellorizian Connection – The First 100 Years, 1912 – 2012, was launched at Castellorizian House. With a large audience in attendance Professor Byron Kakulas officially launched the book with an inspiring address, acknowledging both the contribution of Castellorizians through migration, settlement, adaptation and achievement in Western Australia and that of Doctor John N Yiannakis in producing this commemorative history of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia.

The book is in full colour, contains numerous photographs and is hard cover with 144 gloss pages. All financial members of the association are listed at the back of the book. It is available from the Castellorizian Association and costs \$60.00. Doctor Yiannakis provided his services free of charge to research and write the book and is to be commended for his wonderful contribution in this our centennial year.

At the Book Launch representatives of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia presented our President, Jim Manifis, with a cheque for \$10,000.00 as a contribution to our centenary and to acknowledge a shared centenary with them.





# PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE

## The Story of the 'Empire Patrol' Continues

An Article by Veronica Gelavis

Veronica Gelavis chose to write on the book "Embers on the Sea" as the subject of her Year 7 project. The criterion was to discuss an object relating to something of the past and which involved migration to Australia. She considered that this book written by Dr Paul Boyatzis and Nicholas Pappas was appropriate.

Veronica, with her family connections, is very familiar with Castellorizo and specifically with the Empire Patrol Disaster which relates to Castellorizians in the immediate post Second World War period. Furthermore Veronica visited Castellorizo with her parents, brother Samuel and her extended family in September 2010 to commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the extensively documented tragedy. My wife, Jean, and I were also present for the commemorations.

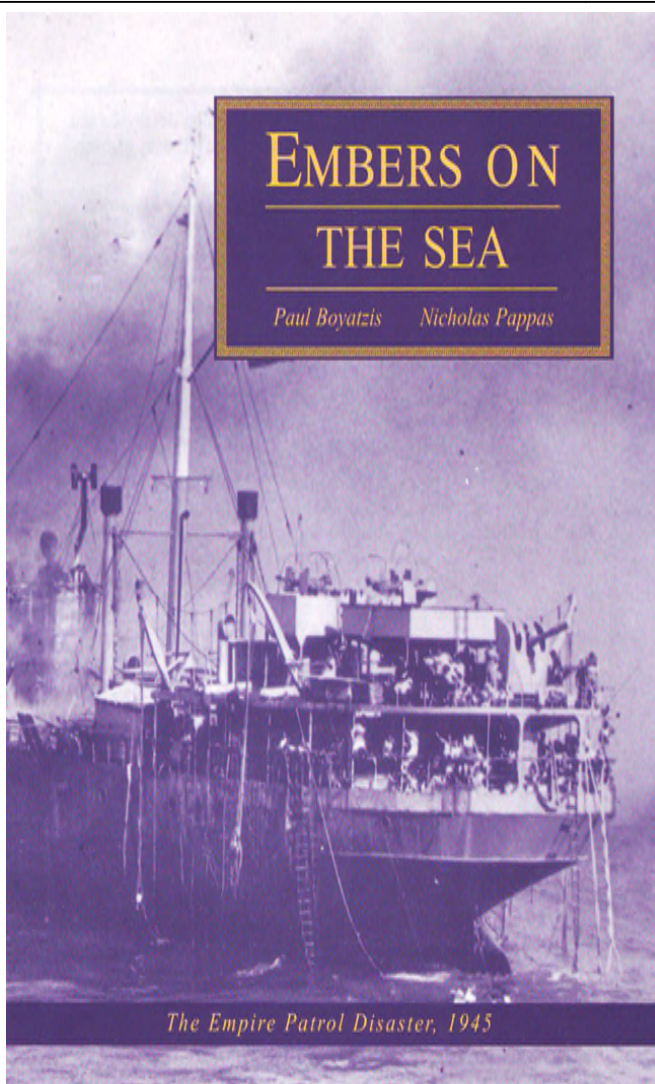
Veronica is the daughter of our members George and Angela, granddaughter of Angie and the late Manuel Gelavis, and of Paul and Terri Boyatzis.

Allan Cresswell

### Embers on the Sea

#### Written by my grandfather

By Veronica Gelavis 7.5



**EMBERS ON THE SEA**—The conflagration which destroyed the *Empire Patrol* after World War II took with it more than just the lives of many Greek refugees.

For most of the survivors, their prospects of returning to normal peacetime homes went down along with the ship and their worldly belongings, and any physical evidence which might have revealed who was to blame. 50 years on, **EMBERS ON THE SEA** provides the first clear analysis of what went wrong before and during the journey, in the lax rescue operation, and at the British Naval Inquiry which followed.

PAUL BOYATZIS, a Perth doctor who survived the voyage, and Sydney lawyer and historian NICHOLAS PAPPAS, have teamed to piece the whole story together in text, pictures and interviews.

Tracing the historical background since the turn of the century, they explain how it is that a single shipwreck spelt the end of a Mediterranean town and set off a wave of migration to Australia.

Paperback, 128 pages

Illustrated with map and photos

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- Number of copies required
- Name and delivery address
- Cheque or money order made out to:

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The book was written by my grandfather Paul Boyatzis and Nicholas Pappas. It was published in New South Wales by Halstead Press. It was and still is being sold to the public in selected bookstores.

The book has been handled well and is in very good condition. It is a paperback and tells the story of the tragedy of the Empire Patrol. There are also maps and pictures that relate to the text inside. The cover has a photo of the Empire Patrol which is blue and the authors- Paul Boyatzis and Nicholas Pappas written in yellow. The title of the book is 'Embers on The Sea'. The book is 128 pages long.

The co-author of this book is my grandfather. The other co-author is Nicholas Pappas who teamed up with my grandpa to write the book. My grandfather was onboard the Empire Patrol and he came to Australia when he was 10 in 1947. This was because his dad was already in Australia.

The boat Empire Patrol had onboard some of the population of a tiny Greek island called Kastellorizo. It was used by the British to transport the population to Kastellorizo following its bombing during the Second World War. The boat caught on fire on its way to Kastellorizo. Someone had left a stove on simply when they were warming up some milk.

A lot of the passengers had to jump off the boat, such as my grandfather and when doing so he bumped his head on the side and still has a small bump on his head next to his eye. A lot of the passengers also died because they either couldn't get off or they drowned.

This book is very special because it reminds my grandfather of his assistance to record why the Empire Patrol went down. It also eases the pain of those who lost family and friends in the tragedy because not knowing what really happened but still knowing they did not survive is a terrible thing and thanks to him and Nicholas Pappas they now know.



Veronica Gelavis and her brother, Samuel, admiring the Kastellorizian Harbour – ship *Diagoras* of Blue Star Ferries is anchoring

# SURPRISE VISITOR TO THE CAZZIE COOKING CLASSES

By Helen Anastasas

What a surprise it was to have Peter Manifis celebrity chef in Western Australia (presently Executive Chef of Beluga and Incontro Restaurants) join the Cazzie Cooking Class on February 18. On the day he was recognised by many present and also introduced to others and especially to Sef Lazarakis our expert Dolmatha maker and what a wonderful job she did that afternoon.

Peter joined in so easily that afternoon and all participants were excited to have him present. He showed a keen interest in the way Sef was preparing the filling, rolling the vine leaves and the intricate cooking process so the dolmathes cooked to perfection. He did not hesitate to ask questions during the class and Sef was happy to answer them and Peter was very grateful.

Michael and Lyn Manifis are Peter's parents who lived in Perth when he was a young boy and then the family moved to Onslow where they are presently living. Peter is professionally dedicated to the hospitality industry especially in Perth and due to his cultural background Greek cuisine is very special to him. In conversation during the class, Peter mentioned that he fondly remembers his Yiayia (Panayiota) and aunties in the family kitchen making traditional Greek and especially Cazzie food that tasted so wonderful.

Before leaving Peter said he enjoyed himself so much that he was really interested in coming along to our next class and we are looking forward to seeing him again. We may even be lucky enough to have Peter demonstrate to us one day.





## MORE CAZZIE COOKING CLASSES PHOTOS



## CASTELLORIZO GENEALOGY WEBSITES

Have you visited the Castellorizo Genealogy Website recently? There are 21,846 persons listed and nearly 3,700 media items. Persons and photos added every day! Additional info or corrections always welcomed.

Also if you visit You Tube there is a video of Western Australian Castellorizian Weddings. Go to:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNa3m6eWWVk> (access is hidden and you need to enter this URL)

Another video is of early Western Australian photos and is titled 'Castellorizians and Friends' at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQjLYMGg1is> (access is hidden and you need to enter this URL)



# HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS

This is a regular feature in the *Megisti Messenger* in displaying photographs from Castellorizo and Australia depicting people and events from times gone by. Submissions always welcomed and photographs always returned.

The first two photographs below are typical of the photos of the time where grandmothers proudly displayed their grandchildren in photographic form. Appropriately in our centennial year we present the grandchildren of Arthur and Panaula Auguste and Efstathios and Chrissanthi Palassis. The first photo is courtesy Evangeline Galettis (nee Barris) of Sydney and the second courtesy of Paul Gregory of Melbourne.



**Panaula Auguste (nee Komninos) with Eleven of her Grandchildren**

From Left - Standing: Loula Mandalis (later Kondos), Arthur Auguste, Alexandra Mandalis, Robert Auguste and Dino Mirmikidis

From Left - Sitting: Dinny Mandalis, Ula Mavros (later Panotidis), Alex Mirmikidis, Pam Auguste (on Grandmother's knee) George Mavros and Helene Mandalis (later Papadakis)



**Chrissanthi Chrissoroy Palassis (nee Petridis) with Eleven of her Grandchildren**

Back Row: Chrissanthi Gravas (later Mavros), Diomantaris G Kailis, Christos Christodoulou, Irene Gravas (later Barboutis)

Front Row: Paul Gregory, Maria Gravas (later Lucas), Stanley G Kailis, Stanley Gregory, Nina Christodoulou (later Varvakis), Georgina Gravas (later Chatzidakis). Seated on Floor: Peter Gregory

The first wonderful photo on this page shows the family of Peter S Michelides and his wife, Pearl (nee Dodd). The photo is courtesy of Marilyn Johnston (nee Michelides).



Peter Spiro Michelides with his wife, Pearl Ethel (nee Dodd), and their five surviving Children  
**From Left:** Daphne Michelides (later Leroy), Emmanuel Michelides, Helene Michelides (later Paroulakis), Michael Michelides and Spiro Michelides



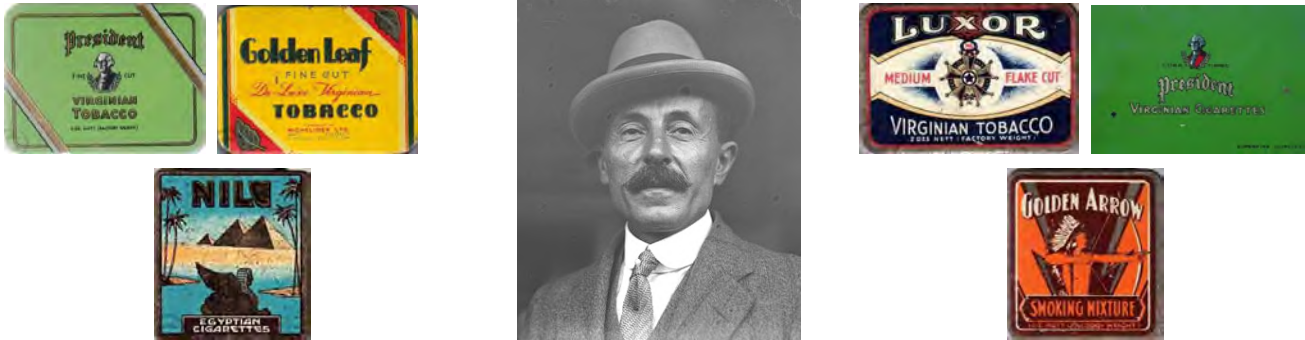
This second photo is that of the Hellenes First Basketball Team in 1948. The photo is courtesy Christina Drimatis (nee Lucas)  
**Back Row:** Venus Delaveris, Mary Liveris (nee Stavrianos), Vangy Salakas (nee Mallis), Mary Sofoulis (nee Pitsonis), Sevv Pynes (nee Gelavis) and Julie Pitsonis (nee Coroneos)  
**Front Row:** Artemis Stavrianou (nee Coroneos), Hermoine Meagher (nee Coroneos), Kath Levey (nee Papadoulis), Effie Gourdis (nee Kyriakakis) and Jasmine Gourdis

# CAZZIE TRIBUTE

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## PETER SPIRO MICHELIDES

Father of the Greek Community in Western Australia



Peter Spiro Michelides was born on May 21<sup>st</sup> 1878 on the island of Castellorizo, the son of Spero Michelides from Samos, and Jasmine (nee Hatzipetrou). (Some records state that Peter Michelides was actually born in Samos and that may be the case. However when he applied for naturalization and completed a statutory declaration on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1906 at Perth WA he nominated Castellorizo as his birthplace). The family moved to Egypt when he was seventeen years old and Michelides began an apprenticeship, without pay, at a cigarette manufacturing company in Cairo. Here he learned skills which would stand him in excellent stead in later life. Michelides arrived at Fremantle circa 1901 aged twenty-three.

Peter Michelides entered the local cigarette-making business. In the first year he worked alone rolling cigarettes by hand, occasionally employing helpers when orders were larger than he could handle. Once established, he brought out his younger brother Michael from Egypt in 1904 and a few years later his parents and four sisters.

Initially the cigars and cigarettes were made in a wooden shed in central Perth, and replaced in 1924 by a large building on the corner of Lake and Roe Streets in Perth. From this plant many brands of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco were produced including Luxor, President, White Oak, Nile, Golden Leaf. By the early 1950's Michelides Tobacco was the third largest manufacturer of cigarettes in Australia.



Michelides Limited at the corner of Lake and Roe Streets Perth (1939 Factory)



Michelides Limited Retail Outlet

In 1929 the company opened a retail outlet in Forrest Place on the southern side of the Perth railway line. The business was very successful. Michelides Ltd then bought their first fifteen acres of land at Manjimup in 1931, having previously bought tobacco from local growers in the district. By 1937 some 350 acres of tobacco leaf was under cultivation, and by the end of the 1930's the company was employing about 500 workers at the various plantations, the Perth factory and their retail outlet.

In 1910 at Fremantle Michelides married Pearl Ethel Dodd and they raised three sons (Spiro, Emmanuel and Michael) and three daughters (Jasmine, Helene and Daphne). Jasmine was to die aged only 19 years of age.

Meanwhile, Peter Michelides' influence in Perth's Greek community grew. His sway was clearly evident by the outbreak of World War I, when he was appointed French Consul in Western Australia, followed by appointment as Honorary Consul for Spain and Tsarist of Russia, and the consular appointments continued beyond the Second World War. Michelides also liaised with the Greek, Australian and British governments during the 1916 anti-Greek Race Riots, representing the Greek victims. At the same time he was a very influential member of the local Greek community, becoming the longest serving president of the Hellenic Community of WA for the years 1924–1925 and 1926–1941.



While President of the Hellenic Community of WA he was instrumental in the site selected along Parker Street Northbridge for the construction of a Hall and Sts Constantine and Helene Greek Orthodox Church. Michelides then acquired the Australian rights of *Rizla Papers* during the mid-1930's which further contributed to his company success.



**Rizla Papers Loaded on Truck outside the Factory**



**Michelides in Uniform**



**Peter Michelides at his Office**

By World War Two the company had approximately 1,000 acres under crop which was more than two-thirds of Western Australia's tobacco production. In 1939 Michelides Ltd built a new factory on the Lake and Roe Streets site.

Michelides and his wife, Pearl, received the Order of the Silver Medal of the Greek Red Cross, conferred by King Paul for the work they did for Greece during the Second World War. As well as being President of the Hellenic Community of WA, he had also served as President of the Castellorizian Association during the War from 1940 to 1943 and again from 1945 to 1949. His contribution and concern for the local Greek community resulted in further recognition with the "Certificate of Friendship of the Castellorizian Brotherhood", presented to him on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1949.



**Michelides at Manjimup Michelides outside Sts Constantine and Helene Church**

**Peter Michelides with Family and Friends**

In November 1958, the 80 year old was awarded the Gold Cross (Officer) of the Royal Order of the Phoenix. The official communiqué from the Royal Greek Legation to the Department of External Affairs acknowledged the award was "in appreciation of the distinguished services rendered by him during the long years of his association with the Greek consulate and as Greek Consul since 1954.

Peter Michelides was well known, both within his own ethnic community and that of the broader business and political world. Along with his brother Michael, he created a company that brought wealth and prosperity to Western Australia. He helped to establish an agricultural, industrial and community infrastructure of significant proportions. Michelides contributed much to the welfare and progress of his fellow Greeks. There is no doubt that his contributions to Western Australia, the Hellenic Community and that of the Castellorizian Community were outstanding.

Peter Michelides retired to his Mounts Bay Road home at the foot of Mount Eliza. He died on November 17<sup>th</sup> 1966 aged 88 years and is buried at Karrakatta Cemetery. His wife, Pearl, predeceased him, passing away on September 24<sup>th</sup> 1961.

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