



# Megisti Messenger

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Newsletter of the  
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Book Launch  
Cazzie Cooking Book  
Sunday Oct 9 2016  
3.30pm  
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Perth Glendi 2016  
Sunday Oct 23 2016  
11.00am to 8.00pm  
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Castellorizian  
Association AGM  
Sunday Oct 30 2016  
Commencing 3pm  
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## BOOK LAUNCH OF 'from our Greek Kitchen to yours'

See Flyer and Report on Page 6



## NICK ZORBAS CELEBRATES HIS 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

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Nick Zorbas with his grandchildren  
From Left: Emily Kerr, Sophie Delaire, Christopher Kerr and Chloe Delaire

# SOCIAL NEWS

## Births

- ❖ Congratulations to Michael and Regan Feighan (nee Kannis) on the arrival of their son **James Anthony Feighan** on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016. James is a second grandson for Kevin and Karen Kannis.

## Birthdays

Congratulations to the following who recently celebrated their birthday.

- ❖ **Nick Zorbas** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 80 years (see photo front page)
- ❖ **Bartley Kakulas** 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 83 years
- ❖ **Michael C Passaris** 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 81 years
- ❖ **Nick Zounis** 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 79 years
- ❖ **Nicholas C Nicholas** 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 1935 81 years
- ❖ **Jenny Zounis (nee Tsokos)** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 75 years
- ❖ **Pippen Parissis (nee Palassis)** who celebrated a 'Special' Birthday recently. Anthony and Kelly Kakulas came from Melbourne to help celebrate with Pippen's family and friends.

## Congratulations

- ❖ Congratulations to Lucas Baker for being a member of the victorious Claremont Colts Football side who won the WAFL Colts Premiership on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016. Proud parents are Matthew and Leah Baker (nee Papadoulis) and grandfather, Michael Papadoulis. Well done Lucas. See family photo below with Lucas wearing his Premiership Medal!

## Anniversaries

- ❖ Congratulations to Annette and George Macrides on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016.

## Vale

Deepest sympathy to the families and friends of:

- ❖ George Kalimeris 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016
- ❖ Maria Hadjimihalakis 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016
- ❖ Lucas Stambelos 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2016
- ❖ Dr Nicholas Antonas 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2016



**Claremont Colts  
Player  
Number 17  
Lucas Baker with his  
parents and sisters.**

**Proudly wearing his  
Premiership Medal.**

## OUR NEW ASSOCIATION EMAIL ADDRESS

Our Association has a new email address for our members to communicate  
[cazziewa@outlook.com](mailto:cazziewa@outlook.com)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This edition of the Megisti Messenger comes out less than two months after our previous edition. This is because we have a need to promote numerous events that are occurring during October 2016. The first is on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> at Castellorizian House. It is our exciting book launch of the Greek Cook Book. Details of the book launch and the purchasing of the book are on page 6 of this edition of the *Megisti Messenger*.

The next event is the Perth Glendi on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> which is detailed below on this page. We are in very urgent need of volunteers to help in our food stall. Please do consider helping, even if just for a few hours on the day.

The third event in October is our Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Full details of the AGM are listed on page 4 of the *Megisti Messenger*.

On page 5 is a request to our members from myself to consider joining our committee. There are indications that we will be losing committee members this year who will not be seeking re-election.

The exciting first edition of our e-News was sent on September 19<sup>th</sup> to all those on our email database. This is a great concept and will give regular news of forthcoming events and various happenings around our association and by our members and friends. It is not a pre-requisite that you are a member of our association to receive our e-News. So do provide to us any interested persons email address so we can distribute the e-News to them. Further details are on page 5 of the *Megisti Messenger*. Special thanks go out to Marilyn Tsolakis and Harley Mitaros for the preparation and release of our e-News.

*Please do support our request in the article below for volunteers in assisting with our association stalls at the forthcoming Perth Glendi 2016.*



**URGENT! URGENT!  
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The Perth Glendi 2016 will be held on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 along Parker Street and in Russell Square Park. Parker Street will be closed for the duration of the festival.

The Castellorizian Association of WA will be conducting stalls at this event. We are urgently seeking volunteers to go on the roster to work at the food stall in various roles such as serving customers, taking money, and preparing food.

Last year we did not provide sufficient volunteers to work the stalls and those in attendance worked very long hours. This first Glendi for all of us in 2015 was a learning year and this year we will be better prepared to cope with the huge crowds in attendance. We are creating rosters so that working hours can be staggered throughout the day.

This is our number one fundraising event for the year and we look forward to sufficient volunteers from within our membership to spread the workload.

Contact Jim Manifis on 0433165601 to register your support to assist on the day!

**PLEASE DO CONSIDER DONATING JUST A FEW HOURS TO  
HELP ON OUR FOOD STALL ON THE DAY!**



# **CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 Commencing 3.00pm  
at Castellorizian House  
160 Anzac Road Mount Hawthorn  
Afternoon Tea Provided**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and opening of meeting**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Recognition of absent members**
- 4. Minutes of previous AGM**
  - 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes**
  - 4.2 Matters Arising**
- 5. President's report**
- 6. Treasurer's report**
- 7. Election of Auditors**
- 8. Election of Trustees**
- 9. Kastellorizian Council of Australia**
- 10. Notice of motions received**
- 11. General business**
- 12. President's Award**
- 13. Election of committee of management**
- 14. Close**

In accordance with clause 6(d) of the Association's constitution any notices of motion must be received at the above address by Sunday October 9th, 2016.

Copies of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM, the Association's Constitution and the 2016 Agenda are available to be viewed by our members at the following website address:

[www.castellorizo.org/agm](http://www.castellorizo.org/agm)

# URGENT!

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED

By Allan Cresswell

On the previous page is the notice of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting. An indication has been received from a number of current committee members that they will not be seeking re-election at the 2016 AGM. It is appreciated that some committee members have been on the committee for many years and they feel it time that they stand down. Others have informed me of their increased work commitments that leaves them unable to attend meetings and perform various association tasks required at functions and events.

It has been identified that there is an urgent need for other members of our association to seriously consider joining our committee. The association is financially sound, has regular incoming income and a membership of approximately 500 persons. New committee members will bring new ideas and suggestions to our association and assist in ensuring our association remains relevant to all our member's needs.

Please do consider joining our committee. We are a group of Cazzies who all work well together and have a common focus on preserving our heritage, by recognizing important yearly Church events, social events and mixed nights of entertainment and guest speakers.

If you would like to discuss this further with me please do contact me on 0413958500.

### Members Email Addresses Needed

By Kevin Kannis

The Castellorizian Association of WA has a list of email addresses for its members but only about half of our members are on this list. Email is the most effective way for the Association to keep members advised of upcoming events so we are requesting that our members provide us with their email addresses. While the *Megisti Messenger* is our primary way of providing information some members do not find out about those events that occur with short notice or between editions.

**The benefit of providing us with your email address is even more important with our e-News up and running from September 2016. Did you receive your copy?**

If you want to provide us with your email address please send an email to [cazziewa@outlook.com](mailto:cazziewa@outlook.com) quoting your **MEMBER CODE** in the subject line, no other information is necessary (Your Member Code appears at the bottom the address cover sheet of the *Megisti Messenger*). The reverse side of the address cover sheet also has a form to update or correct your member details.

Also please consider sending through family members and friends who may be interested in receiving our e-News.

Please note that we have recently changed the email address the correct address is [cazziewa@outlook.com](mailto:cazziewa@outlook.com)

A full colour version of this edition of the *Megisti Messenger* (and also the previous 28 editions) can be viewed at: <http://www.castellorizo.org/newsletter/>

Download the newsletter and view on your PC, Laptop or iPad.

# LAUNCH OF A NEW GREEK RECIPE BOOK

CASTELLORIZIAN HOUSE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

COMMENCING AT 3.30pm



We are delighted to inform you of our exciting new recipe book *from our Greek Kitchen to yours*, which developed from the Saturday afternoon cooking classes at the Castellorizian House in Mt Hawthorn, Western Australia. Helen Anastasas organised these classes and many participants offered their recipe for the book that have been trialled and workshopped.

Interesting and nostalgic stories accompany each recipe. At only \$40 you can purchase your copy by either pre-ordering, or purchasing at the Book Launch on the 9<sup>th</sup> October and the Glendi on 23<sup>rd</sup> October in Perth.

If you would like to pre-order now to guarantee your copy/copies, then please contact Anita Verne Filmer on 0407 922 783 or email at [anita@halmac.com.au](mailto:anita@halmac.com.au)

Come along on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 3.30pm for the book launch, *from our Greek Kitchen to yours*, at the Castellorizian House, 160 Anzac Rd, Mt Hawthorn, Western Australia. Wine, meze and afternoon tea will be provided. The food served will allow you to sample some of the recipes from the book.

You will be very impressed with the quality of the book and recipes that you can create. It will also make an ideal gift for friends and family.



# CAZZIE COOKING CLASSES

Photos and Article Courtesy Helen Anastasas

On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September the Cazzie Cooking class had two workshops in preparation for the Glendi. They were both very successful and everyone that came along were very keen to help and great food items were made on each day. There are 3 weeks of workshops starting from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and already the rosters are filling up with wonderful supportive ladies. Everyone is looking forward to another successful and enjoyable day at the Glendi.

The launch for the exciting recipe book from the Cazzie Cooking Classes *from our Greek Kitchen to yours* is on 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Castellorizan House at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

## Kourabiedes Workshop for the Glendi – Photos





## Katoumari Workshop - Photos





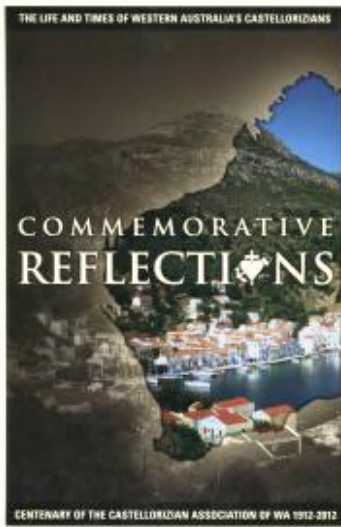
## Katoumari Workshop – Photos Continued



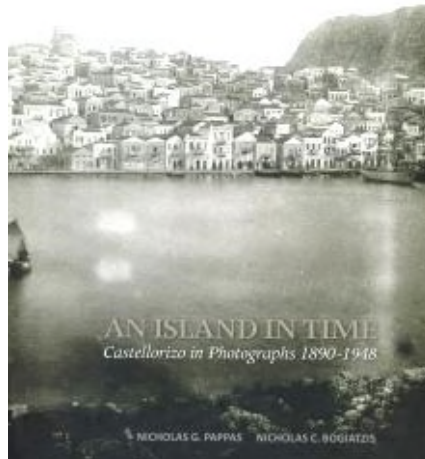


# CAZZIE BOOKS FOR SALE

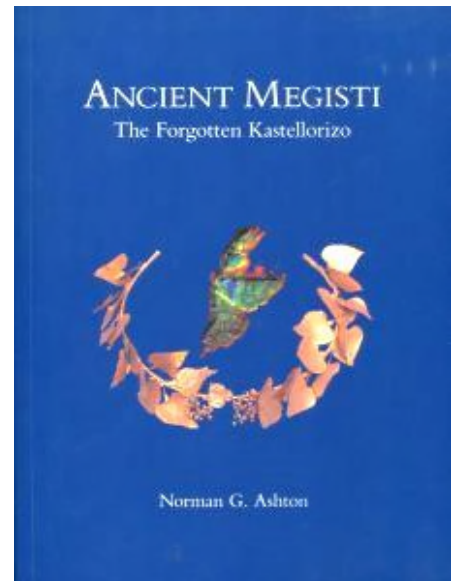
The following books relating to Castellorizo are for sale at **Castellorizian House**. Save on postage by collecting direct from our association.



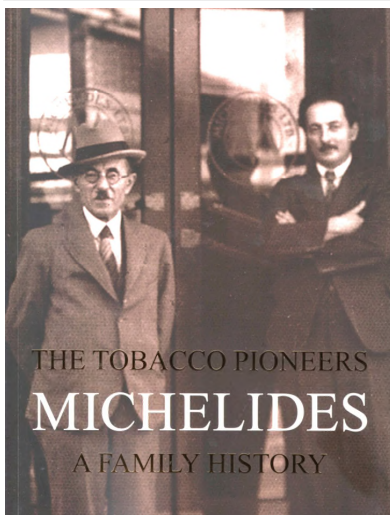
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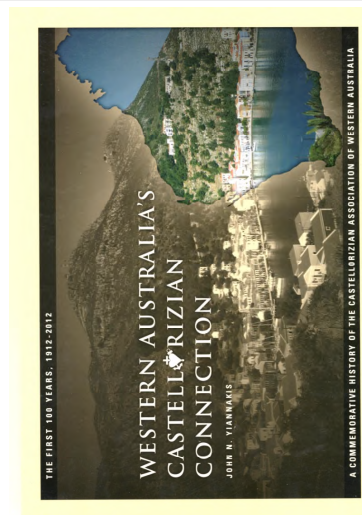
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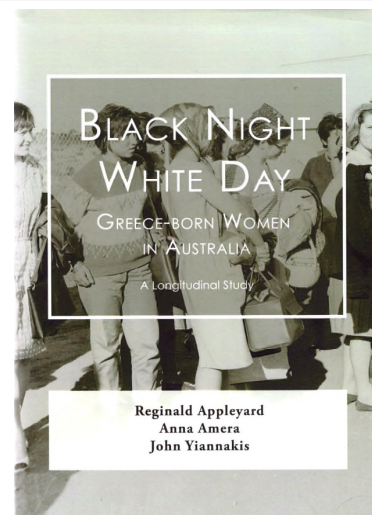
**Clearance – Only \$20**



**\$50 – See Review Page 12**



**Reduced – Only \$40**



**Only \$45**

## OUR ASSOCIATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you sent in your questionnaire yet? Our questionnaire, included in our previous *Megisti Messenger*, seeks information from our membership so that we can plan for forthcoming events and obtain ideas and suggestions for the future direction of our membership. Your support is sought by asking you to complete the questionnaire and returning to us asap.

If you require additional forms or have misplaced the copy forwarded in our newsletter you can download another copy from the Internet. The link is at:

<http://www.castellorizo.org/WACazzieForms/Questionnaire.pdf>



# CASTELLORIZIAN LADIES IN TRADITIONAL COSTUMES

Photo Courtesy KAV Archives



FROM LEFT: Katina Penglis (nee Hatzigiaccumis), Eva Spartels (nee Zanailis), Mina Kanis (nee Amonis) and Rosie Malaxos (nee Fermanis)

## Tserkina Bracelet from Kastellorizo (worn in above photo)



**Such gold or silver cuff bracelets were given at Kastellorizian betrothal or wedding ceremonies, usually engraved with initials on the escutcheon style clasp.**

This jewellery often came in sets of three, with two cuff bracelets, and a 'lemo' for the neck. The latter does not lie flat, but sits up like an upturned collar. The dowering to brides of cuff bracelets is traditional in the middle-east, including parts of India today.

Over time, often to be able to dowry multiple daughters, sets have been split, sometimes with the lemo cut in half to make two cuff bracelets, or a double bracelet separated to make two single ones. The illustrated one is a double.

The traditional ones from the island are dated usually in the late 19thC or early 20thC, which reflects the downturn in the island's economy after that period.

They are often thought of as uniquely Kastellorizian, although some Turkish jewellers identify them as Armenian, and it is not certain where they were manufactured in the Ottoman empire.

Their structure is like a woven macrame, where a set of threads is tied to a line of nails, and then 'plaited' together. The plait, with heated metal wires in this case, is such that they may have been machine made. Modern variants on the style can be purchased.

*Material supplied by Connie Gregory, Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, based on description supplied by Nicholas Bogiatzis*

# POEM

*EDITOR'S NOTE RE THE POEM: Elizabeth Philippou (nee Karasavas) from Adelaide SA embarked on a journey to re-build her family home on Castellorizo. The project included many problems, holdups, delays and other various issues before it was finally completed. Liz was determined to have the project completed in honour of her ancestors and to provide a legacy for her three sons and her grandchildren. Liz is a committee member of the SA Castellorizian Association of WA and is the editors third cousin.*

*In this poem Liz highlights her emotional connection with her ancestors after re-building the ancestral home. The poem also assists to identify and capture in words the bond that many of us have, both with Castellorizo and our Castellorizian families who came before us. Well done Liz!*

## "I've rebuilt your family home...I so want you to know!"

By Liz Philippou of Adelaide

I had a dinner party late last night, 12 special guests arrived  
Each greeted me with hugs and tears  
As they sat with me to dine.

My father sat beside me close by me to the right  
His mother sat right next to him  
With her husband by her side.

One by one the chairs were taken by people I had never met  
There was such a strong family connection  
Something I could not forget.

I had so much to tell them and they too had so much to say  
But we all just sat there knowingly looking  
Hoping no one would ever go away.

I could see glimpses of myself there in them  
See my sons and grandkids too  
Who were these strangers that had come to see me and what were they here to do.

There was a warmth around our table that embraced us all so tight  
Eyes connected hearts connected  
We all knew that this was right.

One by one they shared their story, one by one they shared their life  
Answering questions that I asked them  
Sharing light upon their life.

Flickering pictures flashed before us revealing pain and hope and pride  
These were people that had come before me  
Generations from my side.

I heard of their years of anguish as they fought to stay alive  
Famine sickness pain and sorrow  
Just like everybody else's life.

These were my people, my ancestors going back four hundred years  
I could see glimpses of myself there in them  
As I wiped away the tears.



After everyone had spoken it was finally my turn to speak  
What could I possibly tell them  
I felt they knew where I had been.

They all knew of my life's passage every aspect every turn  
They were always there beside me  
Guiding me or held my hand.

And as I rose to leave the table I looked across only to see  
That my father and his mother  
Had been glowing with a grin.

Thank you darling they said softly  
Thank you sweetheart oh so much  
Rest assured our souls are soaring to unfathomable heights.

Travel dear girl as you're going always do what you feel is right  
We all know what you've been up to  
You have built a guiding light.

Soon you will take your spot at this same table in another frame of time  
Greeting newer generations  
Helping their lives to untwine.

Love is what brought us together  
Love will always show what's right  
Travel sweet girl on your journey  
Travel sweetheart to the light.

## **SCHOOL TOILET PROJECT**

*Drasi Kastellorizo*

### **ADVANCE NOTICE OF A CALL FOR DONATIONS**

**By Prof Byron Kakulas**

**The Primary School toilets on Kastellorizo are in urgent need of repair being in a very run down and dilapidated state.**

The not -for -profit body "Drasi" (Action) Kastellorizo has called for assistance to meet the cost of the work. The "Drasi" which presently runs the Recycling Project and the Business Centre was established to improve conditions on the island for issues which cannot be met from other sources. In this case the Ministry of Education is unable to provide the funds for the repairs and it is out of the jurisdiction of the Council which has many other matters to contend with.

An e mail sent from the island "Drasi" outlines the work to be done, with photographs and three quotes for the work. The best of these is in the order of 11000 Euros

**The work required at the school** includes upgrading antiquated "hole in the ground" type toilets with pedestals, repair of the plumbing (sewerage overflows in winter) .new wash basins, fixing the leaking roof, repair of the internal woodwork including new doors and windows, adding paving externally and painting, inside and outside.

***Editor's Note: On the return of Byron Kakulas from Castellorizo it is intended to form a fund raising committee with the aim to explore various avenues to raise the required funds.***

# 2016 LAWN BOWLS TRIP TO BRISBANE

By Con Kailis

There were 42 Hellenic Lawn Bowls Players including wives who travelled from Perth to Brisbane on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 for the Hellenic Interstate Lawn Bowls Championships.

On our arrival from Perth on the Friday we were well greeted by the officials of the Brisbane Bowling Club. On Saturday evening we attended a caberet at the Greek Community Centre. On both Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday we attended the excellent Brisbane Glendi.

On Monday and Wednesday the Hellenic Interstate Lawn Bowls Championships were held and the results of the championship were as follows:

FIRST - QLD 18 points

SECOND - WA 15 ½ points

THIRD – VIC 13 points

On Tuesday we visited the Gold Coast and on Thursday we were treated to a wonderful presentation farewell Dinner and Dance. It was a very enjoyable trip to Brisbane.







## HELLENIC LAWN SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB

The 2016 - 2017 bowling season gets under way for the Hellenic Bowling Club on **Wednesday 2nd November** at our regular venue, the Osborne Park Bowling Club in Park Street, Tuart Hill. The newly elected Men's Committee has put together an interesting 'calendar of events' including a number of social activities which we hope will bring much enjoyment to the Membership.

**Social membership fees, (playing and non playing) are just \$ 20 for the entire season's activities - wonderful value for what is being offered. Fees must be paid by the 7th December 2016.**

Guests and new players are welcome and can play 3 games free of charge and enjoy coaching under the supervision of a division one bowler. Bowls will be supplied by the Club.

Why not come along and give lawn bowls a try - not a bad way to spend a hot summer's night under the stars.

Should you be interested, please contact any of the Committee mentioned below.

President	Secretary	Captain
Mike Litis	Michael Pampacos	Tony Bellos
9368 1489	9440 4752	9245 4404
0418 957 806	0439 951 070	0400 245 766
m.litis@bigpond.com	mpampacos.com.au	montybellos@inet.net.au

## HELLENES SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB

The Hellenes season also commences on **Wednesday the 2nd November** at the same venue and at the same time as the men - 7.00 pm. New bowlers are welcome and are entitled to 3 free games with coaching and bowls supplied by the Club.

Anyone interested in coming along to give bowls a try are invited to get in touch with President - Nicholette Litis on any of the contact information given below.

home 9368 1489                      mobile 0408 919 378                      e mail m.litis@bigpond.com

## The Following is an extract from the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's KazziE-Bulletin for September 2016 presented by President Nick Lolatgis

### Dates for your Diary *(details below)*

October 8 KOY Dinner at Yianni's  
October 23 AGM  
November 13 George Pappas talk  
December 4 Kids Christmas Party

Please help us celebrate our  
**Kastellorizian of the Year for 2016,**  
**Allan (Agapitos) Cresswell**, at Yianni's  
Tavern on **Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>**.  
**Booking deadline extended but please**  
**hurry as we need final numbers soon.**

### From the President

It gives me much pleasure to announce that the **Kastellorizian of the Year for 2016 is Allan (Agapitos) Cresswell** who has demonstrated excellence in the field of genealogy. His achievements in the field of genealogy are awe-inspiring and he is a household name throughout Australia for those who are descendants of Kastellorizians.



Allan Cresswell was born in Nedlands, WA, on 19 November, 1943, to Cynthia Pamela (Karasavas) and Ronald Wallace Cresswell. He was baptised Agapitos Ronald Cresswell. He married Jean Mary (nee Marshall) in 1966 and they have five adult children and five surviving grandchildren. He and his wife have now retired to Quinns Rocks, WA.

Allan had a long, varied, and unblemished, career as a Police Officer and received a Commendation Award in 1998 whilst working with the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence and in his later years moved to administration including strategic planning. Following his retirement from the Police Force, he was employed by the Justice Department of WA (2007-2012) often supervising juries on high level trials.

Allan has been active in genealogy for thirty years, and over the last nine years has concentrated on the Castellorizo Family

History website – Castellorizo genealogy pages - <http://www.castellorizo.org> which he created in August 2007. He currently works almost full time on the website, as well as being active officially within the Kastellorizian community in Perth – most recently as current President of the Castellorizian Association of WA (for three years to date), and prior to that served as Vice President for six years.

He was inspired to create the website when researching his own Kastellorizian roots in honour of his mother Cynthia Cresswell (nee Karasavas), who was born in 1923 on Kastellorizo to Agapitos Spiro Karasavas and Anastasia (nee Xanthis). In addition to the website he has created a "Castellorizian genealogy" Facebook site, produced several videos and is very active in promoting family history and all things Kastellorizian.

His approach is unique in the field of genealogy. Not satisfied with submitted data he checks and double-checks official records wherever possible: births, deaths, marriages, (databases purchased at his own expense) cemetery records, ship arrivals and other data, and constantly looks at more creative ways to record the family history of Kastellorizians. He has collated an extensive media library to accompany his entries, and produced videos. He has visited every mainland state of Australia to collect data and photographs, much at his own expense.



Anybody who accesses the site is absolutely amazed at the wealth and depth of information and associated documents. Allan has always made himself available, free of charge, to anyone requiring information and assistance in their endeavours to either research their family history or to preserve whatever information they have already amassed.

**Some statistics of the website <http://www.castellorizo.org> as at 2/9/2016.**  
*(The statistics grow daily).*

All information and media on the website has been manually entered by Allan Cresswell over nine years.

'Unique' (different PC's) visits to website since creation in Aug 2007:	386,742
Total persons listed on the website:	28,429
Media (photos/doc/etc):	7,574
Sources (where info obtained from):	835
Videos produced (Documenting Kastellorizian weddings in Kastellorizo and from various states in Australia)	8

In addition Allan administrates the Castellorizo  
Genealogy Facebook page. Registered members: 1,005

In this age of technology where so much information, not always substantiated, is available on the net, Allan's genealogy website is a very much trusted resource, and incredibly detailed and easily accessible.

The enormity of the task that Allan set for himself when he set up the website, and his determination to carry it through to what it is today, is a remarkable, excellent, and honourable achievement. It is a true inspiration to all in that anything is possible if you truly commit to it. He has made a selfless and outstanding contribution to the Kastellorizian community/diaspora, not only through his genealogy website and associated genealogical activities, but through his commitment to the Kastellorizian community. For example –

Administrator of the Castellorizian Association of WA Facebook Page; Webmaster of the Empire Patrol Disaster Website (In association with Dr Paul Boyiatzis); Creator of the Castellorizo Virtual Museum Website; Vice President of Castellorizian Association of WA for six years; President (current) of Castellorizian Association of WA for three years; Editor of the Megisti Messenger Newsletter for nine years; and heavily involved in the Centennial celebrations of the Castellorizian Association of WA, and actively involved the Castellorizian Association of WA in the Glendi festival in Perth.

He also has an ongoing involvement with the Borneo POW Relatives Group of WA, holding several positions and since 2006 has continued in the role of Research and Liaison Officer.

Finally, we should all be thankful to Allan Cresswell who has reinforced in many people a genuine pride in knowing 'who we are' and has inspired not only the older generation, but also the younger generation to seek out more information on their background and take pride in their heritage

## CAZZIE TRIBUTE



Adapted and compiled from a submission to Government House Canberra in nominating Barthalamos (Bart) Peter Kakulas QC for an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) by Tony Bellos. Together with a supporting letter from Dr Kenneth Michael.

### **Barthalamos (Bart) Peter Kakulas OAM QC**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia on behalf of The Governor-General presented Bartley Kakulas QC with the Order of Australia Medal (OAM). The award was titled – ‘For service to the Greek community of Western Australia, and to the legal profession.’ Bartley’s guests were his wife, Nellie, sons Peter and Anthony and daughters Pelagia and Pamella. Anthony and Pamella came from Melbourne and Pelagia came from Busselton. Also present was Ken Michael and his guest Tony Bellos.

Mr Bartley Kakulas has had a distinguished and respected career within the law profession. Born in Perth in 1933 of Castellorizian migrants, Paraskeva Varthalamos Kakulas and Pelagia (nee Theofilis), he was the first Queen’s Counsel and second solicitor of Greek origin in Western Australia. Although his legal work extended over a period of more than 40 years and involved him in a broad range of activities, he never lost sight of the need to apply his professional advice in support of others. He offered advice and support on a pro-bono basis whenever needed. Giving back to his profession was a fundamental consideration in whatever he chose to do. This is further demonstrated with his commitment to his profession and, particularly, in improving the quality of law and the betterment of his profession as a whole. He worked within the Law Society as a means of achieving improvements within his profession and ensured appropriate standards were met through his involvement with various bodies, such as the Barristers’ Board and Disciplinary Tribunals.

He served on Boards and Committees related to his profession and the community, including as a member of the Board of Management of the South Perth Hospital for more than 10 years, a service for which he received life membership.

Bartley appreciated the need to prepare for the future by supporting and encouraging law students, imparting to them the need to follow the profession with integrity, dignity and pride. Such involvement occurred in a number of ways, particularly through the Law Society of Western Australia and especially by personal example. To this end, in recent times, he and his wife, Nellie, supported the establishment, in perpetuity, of a fund to provide a scholarship in the Faculty of Law at The University of Western Australia. While offering the support to his profession in this way, the scholarship supports those students in financial need, yet again showing the compassionate reflection by Bartley in helping others by giving back to his profession, a profession he served with distinction.

This community support extended beyond his professional involvement. Bartley Kakulas remained close to his local Greek community as well. Reflecting the closeness of the community in his early years, he sought ways in which he could offer support to the Greek community, while maintaining his involvement



within his profession and the broader community in general. This included support of Greek youth for which he was honoured with life membership of the Hellenic Youth Association.

In addition to supporting the Greek community in general, he offered particular support to the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia for some 58 years. A Past President of the Association, Bartley has been honoured also for his extended active service by being made a Life Member of the Association.

The Castellorizian Association of WA was established in 1912 and is the second oldest ethnic association in Western Australia. Bartley has remained active within the Castellorizian Association to this day and was actively involved in celebrating its centenary in 2012, including the publication of the history of Castellorizian Greek families, who migrated and settled in Western Australia, including his parents. Acknowledging our cultural heritage adds to the richness of the society we all enjoy today and Bartley has played an important part in achieving this within the community.

Another significant community role undertaken by Bartley, which extended over a period of 15 years, was being responsible for overseeing the distribution of funds and the successful completion of the Greek Orthodox Prevelly Chapel in Margaret River in the south-west of Western Australia. Not only did Bartley contribute substantial funds for religious artefacts and furniture for the chapel, but he was also Chairman of the Greek Orthodox Prevelly Chapel Scholarship Fund.

Bartley Kakulas has had a long and distinguished legal career and has had a strong commitment to the betterment of our society by making a difference, by helping those in need, by helping those wishing to embark on a legal career, by maintaining high-principled and ethical standards and by continuing to provide compassionate support within our community to this day.

The Castellorizian Association of WA applauds Bartley Kakulas for his recent investiture and the richly deserved recognition of his contribution to the legal profession, the Castellorizian Association of WA and the wider Greek Community.



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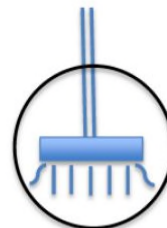
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