

# Megisti Messenger

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*Newsletter of the  
Castellorizian  
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Mixed Social Night  
Castellorizian House  
Fri October 12<sup>th</sup> 2018  
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KCA Conference 2019  
Sydney  
Jan 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

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# SOCIAL NEWS

## VALE

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

- ❖ James Prastidis 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018
- ❖ Robin Manolas Aug 2018
- ❖ Katie Anastasas 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018
- ❖ Lorna Antonas 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018
- ❖ Stanley John Barboutis 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 2018
- ❖ Eleni Hondris (nee Macrides) 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018
- ❖ Nicholas Moursellas 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018



Costa and Athena Demetriades dancing at our Dance Party held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018. During the evening it was announced that Costa celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations on your Birthday!

- ❖ Costa Demetriades 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018 70 yrs (see photo below)
- ❖ Nick Zounis 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018 81 yrs
- ❖ Jack Kailis 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 83 yrs
- ❖ Nick Nicholas 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 2018 83 yrs
- ❖ Jenny Zounis 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2018 77 yrs



Anita Verne and Florence Livery in Melbourne Museum Magic

Florence Livery met with Anita Verne and Steve Filmer in Melbourne in May. Florence is the archivist for the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. She discussed her experience with learning about museums and passed on some valuable advice. The Victorian 'Kazzie Club' also supported the sale of our recipe book ([www.kazzieclub.com](http://www.kazzieclub.com)). Thank you Florence and Connie.

## FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

As we get closer to the start of Kitchen Renovations where Castellorizian House will close for some months it has been decided to hold an open Family and Friends Friday Night. The first will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 commencing at 6.00pm. Children are most welcome.

If successful we will hold additional Family and Friends nights in November and December if renovations have not commenced.

Please ring 0433 165 601 to let Jim Manifis know if you are attending. Cost is \$35 Adults and \$15 Primary School Children.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



President Stan Kailis

## **Cazzie Dancing Class Function**

Congratulations to the Social and Culture and Heritage Committees for the fabulous dance party on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> magical. Special thanks go to Anita Verne, Stephanie Meagher, the dancing teacher Tony Tsilivis and all the others that made the event such a success. I also thank CAWA Committee members that attended. Those present including the Cazzie Dancing Class certainly demonstrated that Greek Dancing is alive and well. The success of the event was evident by the level of participation in the dancing, the number of younger persons attending and that a valuable financial gain was made on the night that could be directed towards future cultural activities.

## **Meeting with WA Greek Association Presidents**

I met with some of the WA Greek Association Presidents at a meeting chaired by Savas Papasavvas to discuss the fundraising dinner On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Hellenic Centre to raise money for the Greek fires. Each Association was asked to invite 8-10 members. Many CAWA members attended as did myself and Lefki.

## **Meeting with Students at St Andrews Grammar School**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September. I was invited with Lefki by the Greek Consul, Mr Antonios Koliadis, to attend a presentation of gifts from preschool children on Castellorizo to preschool children at St Andrews Grammar School. The Castellorizian children had prepared various jams and herbs produced from fruit trees and plants on the Island. I was impressed by the positive response of the SAGS students. They are going to send cards and photos of the presentation. Of interest to me was that the SAGS preschool cohort was represented by many nationalities as well as Greek students who were able to sing Greek Songs including one on making koulourakia.



## **Meeting with Trustees re CAWA draft Constitution**

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> September, the Constitution Subcommittee met with the Trustees (Bartley Kakulas, Nick Nicholas and Peter Kanganas) to discuss the Draft CAWA Constitution. They were very supportive of our efforts, the quality of the documentation and endorsed the proposed additions and changes. The draft Constitution document will be endorsed by the CAWA Management Committee meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and a motion will be put forward to present it at the October AGM. On behalf of CAWA I wish to thank the Trustees, John Metaxas, Kevin Kannis, Anita Verne and Steve Filmer for the time and effort they put towards producing this important document.

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

**Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 Commencing 3.00pm**

**At Castellorizian House**

**160 Anzac Road Mount Hawthorn WA**

**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 – (Three Year Term)**
- 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 notice of motion must be received at the above address by Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Copies of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM, the Association's Constitution and the 2018 Agenda are available to be viewed by our members at the following website address: [www.castellorizo.org/agm/](http://www.castellorizo.org/agm/)**

# **SPECIAL GUEST AT OUR AGM AFTERNOON**

Our special guest at our AGM afternoon on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 will be Kastellorizian of the Year 2018 - Basil Zempilas. Basil and his family will be attending Melbourne on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 where he will be presented with the Kastellorizian of the Year plaque.

Basil has kindly accepted our invitation to attend Castellorizian House on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 where Western Australian Castellorizian members can meet and congratulate Basil on his award and to acknowledge his numerous wonderful achievements.

Please do attend this important day.

## **AGM NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED**

In accordance with Clause 20 of the Constitution of the Castellorizian Association of WA, I hereby give notice that I will move the following motion to be adopted by the Members voting at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at Castellorizo House at 3:00pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018. President Stan Kailis.

MOTION: That effective from the date that Consumer Protection confirms in writing that the document has been accepted, the constitution of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia (Inc) 2013 be replaced by the new constitution of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia (Inc) 2018.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

1. A new act, known as the Associations Incorporations Act 2016 (WA) (the Act), which covers incorporated associations, came into force on 1st July 2016.
2. The Act includes 19 matters (known as the Schedule 1 requirements) that need to be addressed in the Rules of an association. The new constitution incorporates all of these requirements.
3. The Act requires all associations to review their existing Rules and ensure that they conform to the provisions of the Act. These revisions must be undertaken before 1st July 2019.
4. There will be a delay between the acceptance of this motion and the operative date of the new Constitution to allow the Association to lodge the new constitution with Consumer Protection. Once Consumer Protection confirms in writing that the document has been accepted, the association can start using the new rules.

The proposed constitution changes have been placed online at:

<https://www.castellorizo.org/agm/>

The 14 page constitution is also available at Castellorizian House on Friday's between 4pm and 7.30pm. Copies will also be available at the AGM.

NOTE: Proposed changes to the constitution are shown in italics.

# Dr Stan's Mediterranean Corner

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## Mediterranean Herbs and Cuisine – Part 2 (Read Part 1 in Megisti Messenger No 3 Vol 11 2018)

**Basil** (βασίλικό) belongs to the mint family and is well known for its use in Italian rather than Greek cuisine. Basil is one of the primary ingredients in: Italian pesto sauce also known as pistou in France - a mixture of aromatic herbs including basil, salt, garlic, olive oil, cheese, and sometimes nuts ground with a mortar and pestle to form a paste; *Margherita* pizza - typical Neapolitan pizza, made with tomatoes, fresh basil, salt and mozzarella garnished with extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar and salt. There are several types of basil, which differ in taste and smell but they all contain aromatic essential oils. Sweet or Genoese basil is the most commonly used basil in Italian food. It has a strong clove scent because of its high concentration of eugenol also found in cloves. Basil should be added at the end of cooking. Note that dried basil loses most of its flavour, and what little flavour remains tastes like hay, very different to fresh basil.

**Dill** (άνισον / άνησον / άνηθον / άνητον) These names are confusingly used for both dill and anise) Dill is a member of the parsley and celery family. Apart from flavouring pickles with its seed, finely chopped dill leaf is often added to: lamb collations; seafood dishes – salmon and tuna; yogurt sauces such as Greek tzatziki; Greek pies such as spanakopita; potato salads; beets and asparagus; egg dishes; and pea soup. Like Basil, dried dill leaves have less flavour.

**Mint** (Spearment): Spearmint (δυσόσμος) is most commonly used in food preparation. It is extremely versatile and can be incorporated in sweet and savory collations. Spearmint contains an aromatic oil of which carvone a major component, gives this herb its distinctive aroma. In Mediterranean cooking, freshly chopped mint matches especially well with lamb, meatballs and fish fried in extra virgin olive oil. Mint also adds a refreshing experience to many dishes, including cheese, salad, and rice dishes. Steeped fresh mint in hot water is also a favorite herbal tea.

**Rosemary:** Rosemary (δενδρολίβανο) is a bitter and astringent versatile herb with a woody, piney flavour. Sprigs of Rosemary enrich a large range of foods, especially roasted lamb, pork, turkey and chicken as well as fish fried in extra virgin olive oil. Rosemary is also used widely in: stuffing for lamb and chicken; marinades and dressings with extra virgin olive oil and wine vinegar; breads such as olive bread and atop focaccia; vegetable and lentil soups; casseroles and stews; and roasted vegetables, especially potatoes and pumpkin. Herbal tea can be made by infusing leaves in boiling water.

**Sage:** Sage (Φασκόμηλο), a member of the Salvia family. It is a perennial broad-leaved herb that is widely cultivated for its leaves, which have an aromatic, slightly bitter flavour and are used as seasoning for: meats such as pork, lamb and sausages; stuffing and marinades; cheeses and various drinks. In Italy, it is finely chopped and mixed with melted butter, and served stirred into pasta or gnocchi. Crisped up in a pan with a little extra virgin olive oil and sprinkled with sea salt, fried sage is a remarkable hors d'oeuvres, and also serves as a tasty garnish for any number of dishes. Known since antiquity, it has been illustrated on the Minoan Frescos in Knossos, Crete. Sage can be found in almost every Greek household. It has medicinal properties and as an infusion is used as a tonic or for ameliorating symptoms related to chest and stomach ailments.

**Thyme:** Thyme (θυμάρι) is a fragrant, small-leaved, woody-stemmed culinary herb that is used frequently in Mediterranean, Italian and Provençal French cuisines. Sprigs or leaves are used to flavour meat, poultry, fish and especially mushrooms. It is traditionally included in a bouquet garni, a bundle of herbs used to flavour soups, stews, stocks, and sauces. Thyme is one of the main components of Herbs de Provence, along with marjoram, rosemary, summer savoury, and, sometimes, lavender. Za'atar, a spice mixture common in Eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisines, is comprised of a combination of ground dried thyme, oregano or marjoram, ground sumac, and toasted sesame seeds. As a garnish, it is mixed with extra virgin olive oil for dipping bread or combined with traditional yogurt and extra virgin olive oil.

**Your Olive Tree** – This time of the year you will notice new growth and flower buds on your olive tree. Soon the buds will open and flowers will become prominent. Only 2-3 of 100 flowers make fruit.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Castellorizian Association of WA (CAWA) welcomes the following new members who have joined in the last ten months and wishes you many happy years of friendship. We invite you to participate in the functions we hold and encourage you to make the most of the facilities available.

|           |         |           |                     |            |                   |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|
| BOYATZIS  | Jane    | KAILIS    | George Efstathios   | MOORTHY    | Julie             |
| BOYATZIS  | Paul    | KAILIS    | Anastasia Gabrielle | MOURSELLAS | Irene             |
| XANTHIS   | Colin P | KAKULAS   | Pamela              | MURPHY     | Sandra Joy        |
| ANDONY    | Phyllis | KAKULAS   | Michael             | MURRELL    | Rene              |
| BAVIN     | Jodi    | KAKULAS   | Amanda              | OKIS       | Isabel            |
| BROSNAN   | Penny   | KING      | Christine           | OKIS       | Jaroslav          |
| BROSNAN   | Craig   | KOVACEVIC | Maria               | PALASSIS   | Evelyn            |
| DICKINSON | Edwin   | MAYNARD   | Michael             | PALASSIS   | Stan              |
| EMMANUEL  | Peter   | MEAGHER   | Phillipa            | PAPADOULIS | Susan             |
| FATOUROS  | Kate    | MICHAEL   | Con                 | SAUER      | Sue               |
| FERMANIS  | Gayla   | MICHAEL   | Pauline             | STAMATIOU  | Anastasia         |
| GLAVINAS  | Vay     | MICHAEL   | Rose Anne           | VOGAS      | Chrisoula (Soula) |
| HARMAN    | Roslyn  | MOORTHY   | Rajan               | ZOUNIS     | Fiona             |

The AGM will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> and the membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June. Membership fees are due on 1 July each year. The current CAWA Constitution (2013) can be found on the facebook page:

<http://www.castellorizo.org/agm/>

The benefits of membership include the following:

- A quarterly Megisti Messenger newsletter both by mail and online
- Access to social events (such as Apokries celebration, Cazzie Cooking Class, Men's Happy Hour, Dancing for Fun sessions, father and daughter dinners, various exhibitions, book launches and many others)
- Information about and contact with your Castellorizian heritage, customs and traditions
- Discounted hire fee for use of Castellorizo House (such as lunches, seminars, reunions, book launches, or regular activities such as Bridge clubs).

Castellorizian House Hire: Contact Sion Xanthis on 0417326271 or email [sios@iprimus.com.au](mailto:sios@iprimus.com.au)

| TYPE OF HIRE                                  | RATE  |         |       |
|---|-------|---------|-------|
| Casual hire, seminars etc., up to 3 hours     | \$150 | Members | \$100 |
| Casual hire, parties, etc., 3 hours and over. | \$350 | Members | \$250 |
| Extra for kitchen use and cleaning            |       |         |       |
| Bond required for extended events             | \$500 | Members | \$350 |
| Regular weekly or monthly hire.               | POA   |         |       |

As a valued member of our association we encourage you to bring in new ideas and to provide the committee with feedback.

Feel free to ring us for a chat or for information:

Stan Kailis (President) – 0414 271 644

Allan Cresswell (Treasurer) - 0413 958 500

Jim Manifis (Vice-president) - 0433 165 601

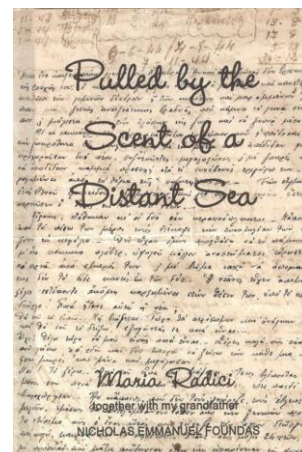
Anita Verne (Assistant Secretary and recipe book contact) - 0407 922 783, [anita@halmac.com.au](mailto:anita@halmac.com.au)

# OUR RESOURCE CENTRE – BOOK PROFILE

Radici, Maria (2017) *Pulled by the scent of a distant sea*. Self published.

Profiled by Lefki Kailis  
Librarian of the Castellorizian House of WA Collection

September 2018



Like many of us Maria Radici was driven to research her family history when her grandmother died suddenly leaving much of the Foundas story untold. Oral history can be forgetful, selective or mute and intentions of probing deeper are often put aside for another time. The telling spans the epoch of the shrinking Ottoman Empire and the First and Second World Wars making this story like all our stories particularly powerful and poignant. Over the course of her meticulous investigations Maria was to discover that fervent love, resentment, dislocation and tragedy were entwined in the history of those who came before her.

The family saga hangs on a poem and a diary written by Nicholas Foundas, a wistful, romantic yet controversial character reared on Kastellorizo in the era of Italian occupation. Radici delves into the past by imagining herself there in the social, political and cultural milieu of the time evoking atmosphere and authenticity by alluringly inviting you, the reader to join her. “Close your eyes and smell market day in Levissi. ... The heavy scent of spices and roasted nuts fill the air. Incense wafts past. The faint smell of hashish is in the background. ... Hear the chatter of the market goers bargaining, laughing, and gossiping...”. We are in Levissi (Kayakoy) near Macri (Fetiye) in Anatolia where the scene is set.

The author imagines you as an observing character as she is, bearing witness to the events that unfold. You are not taking part in the action, though many times you ache to do so! “You wish you could comfort this poor woman ... The terror in her eyes is palpable.” You are a shadowy ghost-like figure not seen, not omniscient yet witness to nearly all that goes on. You are there to weigh up the evidence and come to your own conclusions about all that happens.

There are many strands entwining to tell the tale. English quotations from Nicholas’ diary that guide the personal actions and events. Nicholas’ poem that provides the framework for a love story that is the energy force of the saga. Historical background information mostly drawn from Nick Pappas’ seminal works on Kastellorizo and Paul Boyatzis’ book on the Empire Patrol. Stories told to her by family members and the imaginative threading of the narrative by the author herself.

Unsurprisingly it is the rise of nationalism in Turkey and the growing revulsion of non-Turks that sparks disruption, causing tragedy for this family. Manoli Foundas’ wife Pipina (Despina) is shot and killed in Levissi, leaving a baby boy Nicholas (the leading character in the story), Manoli’s father and a brother are killed by the Turks leaving him angry and vengeful. The remaining family is particularly vulnerable because Manoli is suspected of spying for the Greeks against the Turks. They escape and make it to Kastellorizo in 1916 shattered but alive.



Nicholas' grandmother Despina takes the boy to Rhodes to finish his schooling. On return to the island he is drafted by the Italian military to serve in Kalymnos. Meanwhile life for the locals has deteriorated on Kastellorizo. Jobs and rights have been curtailed. His opportunities are limited. A προξενιά has been arranged between himself and Irene Andreou a local Kastellorizian woman and there is pressure to provide for his new wife and baby son Emanuel. The diary says "the reality is that Nicholas must bend and sway with the wind to survive." He accepts an administrative job with the Italian establishment. The Italians view him as a cooperative and committed citizen. This of course raises the ire and indignation of local Greeks who see him and his family as a 'collaborator' an accusation that will be directed at him through life and that will have consequences.

In 1943 when civilians are dispersed to protect them from the bombing of the island the Foundas family find themselves in Gaza, Palestine in a refugee camp. The shock of dislocation is compounded further when Nicholas is informed that because of his 'collaboration' activities he will be relocated to Sudan. This brings two years of separation from Irene, Manuel the baby and Irene's mother Evangelia Papanastasiou. To this trauma the loss of Irene and Nicholas' second child Evangelia and tragically the drowning of Evangelia Snr in the fire and sinking of the Empire Patrol is almost too much to bear. At the young age of 33 Nicholas succumbs to a bacterial infection and dies leaving Irene with two little children, without financial support and virtually alone. It's a tragic story.

The love poem is the promise of hope throughout. Although Nicholas' marriage has been arranged in the traditional manner it is he who chooses Irene, though his passion is kindled and maintained in secrecy. His devotion is only exposed when in true Romeo style he is guided by his slightly inebriated friends to the address of the young woman he has been dreaming about. He serenades her with sweet violin and songs at their prompting.

The focus on the lovesick Nicholas is crucial because it is the love poem that the story is cradled on. Radici spends time detailing the courting procedure to explain the traditional Greek way of the marriage proposal ritual. The negotiating is a 'delicate matter' to be handled with great diplomacy and protocol. "It is not considered acceptable behavior in their community for young men to pursue young women without chaperone or parental intervention." This age old custom is performance as fascinating as a peacock's mating dance. So, moral virtue, significant dowry, class parity, physical attractiveness and homemaking, all these qualities are taken into consideration by both parties.

The story follows Irene to eventual migration to Australia and the lineage to the current generation. It shows us the context of this family's actions and although it does not make excuses it reveals the complexity and circumstances of life in times of love, war, dislocation and family tragedy. It raises the question 'How does one reconcile a puzzling past?' 'Does the reconstruction of the period, being there and bearing witness to the past help us to understand the motives and necessary life choices that have been made in past generations?' Maria has imagined the time, place and circumstances of her ancestors so she and the reader can make their own judgments.

Included in the text are English sections from Nicholas' diary, with beautiful poetic phrases in Greek interlaced. The poem is written in full at the end of the book and references are acknowledged.

The story from this perspective has barely been told. It is a valuable piece of the jigsaw still under construction of the history of the Island of Kastellorizo.

The book is self-published. It has not been produced for commercial circulation. However, we are fortunate to have permission to place it in our Resource Collection and we thank the Foundas family.

If you wish to read 'Pulled by the scent of a distant sea' please contact me and I will arrange a loan.

# Message from your Kastellorizian Council of Australia President

The second KCA Conference is to be held in Sydney from 25 – 27 January 2019. I encourage as many Kazzies across Australia to join us. One of our goals from the 2016 Conference in Brisbane was to stay connected. This conference will be one way for fellow Kazzies to connect once again. The three-day program is full of a diverse range of activities.

This newsletter contains the following documents:

Official invitation (page 11)

Program Day 1 (page 12)

Program Day 2 (page 13)

Registration Form (page 14)

Accommodation Information (page 15)

All information for the conference will be on our KCA website and will also be sent to all State Associations. There will be limited bookings for the Yiamas Greek Taverna and the Dockside Gala Dinner Dance. So, do not hesitate, start booking now!

George Pizanis

President

Remember to view our website for all details for the KCA Conference 2019:

[www.kazziecouncil.org.au](http://www.kazziecouncil.org.au)

**INFORMATION ON THE 2019 KCA CONFERENCE IS IN THIS EDITION OF THE MEGISTI MESSENGER FROM PAGES 11 TO 15.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**TINA KYROS      0418 933 306**

The registration form on page 14 can be either photocopied or downloaded from the KCA Website at:

<http://kazziecouncil.org.au/crftp1/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/KCA-2018-CONVENTION-REGISTRATION-FORM.pdf>

The Conference details are also available at the following internet link:

<http://kazziecouncil.org.au/conference-2019/>

## News from New South Wales

By Victoria Kazaglis (Committee member Castellorizian Association of NSW & K.C.A. Delegate)

KASTELLORIZIAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

"GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS"

25 – 27 January 2019

On behalf of the KCA 2019 Conference Organising Committee, we cordially invite you to Sydney, NSW. Our conference will be a forum for discussion, exchange of knowledge and experiences in a friendly environment at the Bonnie Doon Golf Club Pagewood, one of Sydney's best golf courses and one of the oldest in Australia.

The theme for this year's conference is GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS. The program is organised in a thematic stream of presentations focusing on migration, migrant populations, diasporas and the wider impact of human mobility.

In GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS, we remember those who have gone before us. When we move away from our homeland and on to "bigger and better things", we often forget who we are and where we came from. Instead of forgetting where we came from let's embrace it, embrace the tiny island Kastellorizo, our ancestral home, affectionately known as the "Rock".

Our conference program will comprise invited talks and presentations, exhibitions and documentary film screenings, one of which in particular will be screened for the first time in Australia.

The History and Archives Committee of the Castellorizian Association of NSW will be launching a new book, Castellorizian Migration Stories. Castellorizians in NSW were invited to share their personal or family story of migration and immigration. The book is full of photos, tales and anecdotes that tell the stories of where they came from, what shaped their lives and the importance of friendship. These stories are an important part of our heritage.

*The following speakers have accepted our invitation to speak at the conference.*

### Dr Nicholas G Pappas AM



Lawyer, published author in Castellorizian History and Past President of the Castellorizian Club, NSW.

### Costa Vertzayias AM



Consultant Lawyer, writer and Past President of the Castellorizian Club, NSW.

### Ms Anna Koutsis



Consultant Audiologist, published author in Audiology and Migrant Welfare. History and Archives Committee, Castellorizian Association of NSW.

### Ms Victoria Kazaglis-Gallagher



Faculty member, Catholic Education Office, Sydney. Member, Board of Directors Castellorizian Association of NSW. History and Archives Committee, Castellorizian Association of NSW.

### Ms Marilyn Tsolakis



Co-ordinator of Friends of Kastellorizo. Published and co-writer of Kastellorizo: My Odyssey. Her professional background is in Education, specialising in English and Literature.

### Ms Michele Kiosoglous



Lawyer, published author on a series of children's stories books on Kastellorizo. Her work involves resolving commercial, tax, property, succession and aviation matters.

We welcome your participation in this conference and look forward to seeing you in Sydney, connecting with other delegates at the various presentations, documentary film screenings and exhibitions and at the Welcome and Gala Dinners.

**Mr George Pizanis, Ms Victoria Kazaglis - Gallagher, Ms Anna Koutsis, Ms Patricia Sechos.**

**The Kastellorizian Council of Australia 2019  
Conference Organising Committee.**

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**Conference - Sydney - January 25 - 27, 2019**  
**"Going Back to our Roots"**

Bonnie Doon Golf Club - 38 Banks Avenue, Pagewood

**PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1 - FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019 - Bonnie Doon Golf Club**

10:00 am **Registration** - Coffee and Tea

**Welcome speeches**

10:30 am **Mr George Pizanis**, President of Kastellorizian Council of Australia and  
President of the Kastellorizian Association of NSW

**Morning session**

10:45 am **Dr Nicholas Pappas AM**  
Castellorizo in the 19th and 20th Century  
An experience through unpublished photos and documents - **Discussion**

11:30 am **My Little Kastellorizo** - screening of documentary film

12:15 pm **Lunch Break** (Lunch included at Bonnie Doon Golf Club)

**Afternoon Session**

1:30 pm **Ms Victoria Kazaglis-Gallagher**  
Castellorizian Migration Stories: An insight into Castellorizian families of Sydney  
**Presentation and Book Launch**

2:00 pm **Ms Anna Koutsis**  
Farewell to Anatolia, Exile from Llvissi and presentation of documentary film -  
"**Sorrow - Homeland of Separateness**"  
**Discussion**

3:00 pm **Ms Patricia Sechos**  
'It's All Greek to Me' - Presentation of the artworks of Maud Guterstam,  
on the Greek islands and specifically Castellorizo

**Mr John Barbouttis**  
Celebrating the artwork of mother and daughter  
Exhibition by artists Karen Barbouttis and Antoinette Barbouttis

**Free Time**

7:00 pm **Welcome Dinner , Yiamas Greek Taverna**  
1/1-5 Princes Hwy, St Peters (Cnr May street and Princes Highway)





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**DAY 2 - SATURDAY 26 JANUARY 2019 (AUSTRALIA DAY) - Bonnie Doon Golf Club**

10:00 am **Registration - Coffee and Tea**

**Morning Session**

10:30 am **Mr Costa Vertzayias**  
Castellorizian History Revisited - **Discussion**

11:30 am **Youth Representative**  
My Castellorizian Heritage Konnor Panselinos & George Peter Calopedos

12 noon **Michele Kiosoglou**  
Greek Property Law recent changes

12:30 pm **Lunch Break (Bonnie Doon Golf Club)**

**Afternoon Session**

1:30 pm **Ms Victoria Kazaglis-Gallagher**  
Kastellorizian Heroes and Characters - **Discussion**

2:00 pm **Ms Marilyn Tsolakis**  
Friends of Kastellorizo - A current insight into the project

**2:15 pm Kastellorizian Council of Australia Meeting**

**Free Time**

5:30 pm Departure by coach from St Spyridon Church, Gardeners Rd, Kingsford to  
Dockside Cockle Bay Wharf, Wheat Rd, Sydney

6:30 pm Arrival at Dockside Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney

7:00 pm **Dockside Gala Dinner Dance**

11:45 pm Departure by coach from Dockside to St Spyridon Church, Kingsford

**DAY 3 - SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019**

9:00 am **Church Service, St Spyridon Church Kingsford**  
At the conclusion of the service, there will be a viewing by Mr George Pizanis and  
Mr Nick Anastasas of the Castellorizian Association Site in progress (optional)

11:45 am **Mr Nicholas Malaxos**  
Visit and Guided Tour to St. Sophia Church Darlinghurst (optional)  
Departure by coach from St Spyridon Church

**END OF CONFERENCE**



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Conference - Sydney - January 25 - 27, 2019

### REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY

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### PACKAGES: (Please Tick)

#### Package 1

Registration + 2 Day Conference + Yiamas Dinner + Day 3 Free ☐ \$225  
(Yiamas dinner 'Greek Banquet' including wine beer and soft drinks and music)

#### Package 2

Registration + 2 Day Conference + Yiamas Dinner + Gala Dinner at Dockside + Day 3 Free ☐ \$350  
(Yiamas Dinner and Dockside Gala Dinner 3 course meal with Drinks)

Bus Package Return trip to Gala Dinner, Dockside & St Sophia tour. ☐ \$40

There are limited places at Yiamas and Dockside so please book early.

Transfers from the Airport to Hotels we offer - Let it Ride Sydney Shuttle

For Prices call Mark - Phone 0421841353

TOTAL registration cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)

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1. Cheque enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

2. Direct Payment to Conference Account ☐

BSB: 084447 Account Number: 713573052

Please include last name on Direct Debit entry, and forward completed form to  
KCA Conference, % 153 Eastern Avenue Kingsford NSW 2032 or email to [sydkca@gmail.com](mailto:sydkca@gmail.com)

All registrations and payments MUST be received by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018.



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### Conference - Sydney - January 25 - 27, 2019 Accommodation Packages

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| Heritage Suite (no balcony)                | \$210               | \$168                         |
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| Luxury Queen Balcony                       | \$240               | \$192                         |
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Organising Committee: Victoria Kazaglis, Anna Koutsis, Pat Sechos, George Pizanis



# CAZZIE DANCE PARTY

Article courtesy Anita Verne and photos courtesy Steve Filmer

What an awesome time we all had at the Cazzie Dance Party, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We had many positive comments about how much people enjoyed it.

This function was held by the Castellorizian Association 'Dancing for Fun' class with the help of the Tony's Tuesday night class (held at Floreat Athena) with the purpose of sharing dancing with friends, family and other members, and to thank the dance teacher, Tony Tsilivis for his great work and enthusiasm. With a large dance floor, I doubt we could have fitted any more in. It was attended by 75 adults and about 6 children.

Stephanie Meagher and Roslyn Harman helped me buy material and make new black tablecloths and white & black table runners. I would like to thank Ros especially, a new member to the Association, who sat at her machine all day to sew them all.

Tony Tsilivis is not only a wonderful dance teacher, he also organised the sound for the event. Tony spent many weeks finding the right music for the party and this was one of the keys to the night.

I'd like to thank everyone for coming and bringing food to share. And special thanks goes to the dance group for being such reliable and dedicated members of the team, for working together and making it fun. That's why the evening was such a success!







## **KASTELLORIZIAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE AT:**

<http://kazziecouncil.org.au/crftp1/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Newsletter-Sept-2018.pdf>

Contains interesting articles from associations in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.



# MORNING TEA WITH A GREEK MUSE

Article Courtesy Anita Verne and Photos Courtesy Steve Filmer

When children's book author, Phillippa Adgemis, said she was visiting Perth we jumped at the opportunity to have a morning tea at Cazzie House where friends could meet for a coffee and a chat.

Phillippa offered to come disguised as a Muse, ready to weave some myths from the pages of her children's book, "Melpomene and Andonis" illustrated by James Blake. It was the school holidays, so Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September was chosen as the date for the event. Phillippa brought the story to life and kept the audience enchanted especially when she sang most beautifully during the story.

Phillippa's co-author, Michele Kiosoglous, said "We hope to encourage the Greeks of the Diaspora to remember their history and culture, to embrace the lessons of their ancestors, and to teach their children the stories of their ancestral lands."

After the reading, the children asked some searching questions, and book sales and signing were available. The children had fun delving into the 'Treasure Chest', finding costumes to dress up as Greek Muses and they did some colouring in of Muses. The event was also attended by members of the St Basil's Aged Care. A lovely time was had by all.

I would like to thank everyone who helped enthusiastically with the event and those who contributed a delicious morning tea. We all wish to thank Phillippa for coming to WA and presenting us with the gift of her talented book reading and sharing her time with us. Check out more at Phillippa and Michelle's website - [www.storiesofmegistikastellorizo.com](http://www.storiesofmegistikastellorizo.com)

Books can be purchased for \$25 from the Castellorizian Association of WA.



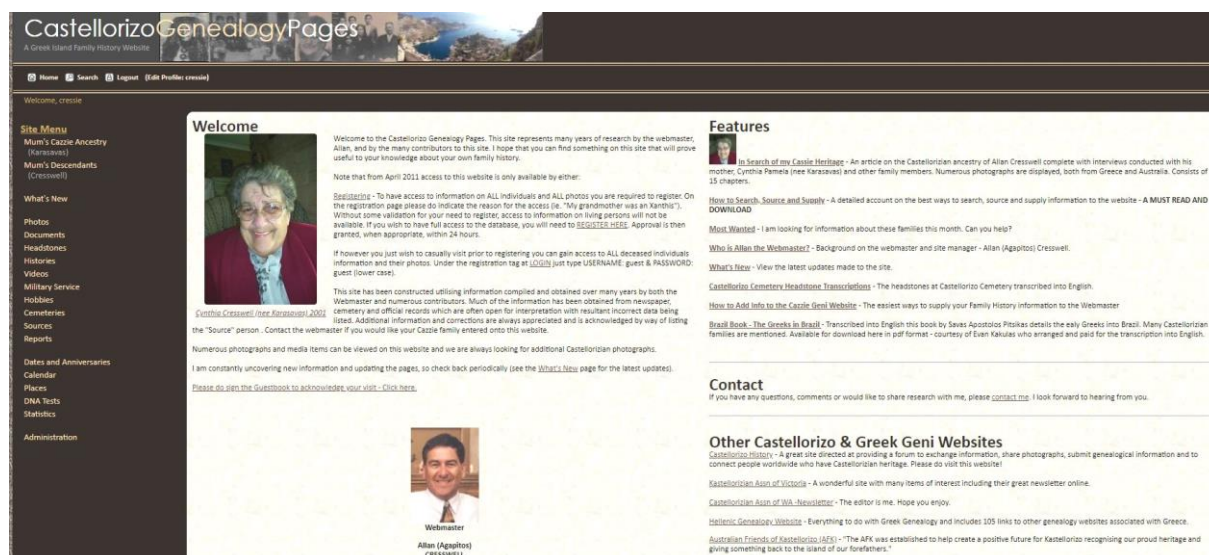






# CASTELLORIZO GENEALOGY WEBSITE

Article Courtesy Allan Cresswell



Castellorizo Genealogy Website <https://www.castellorizo.org>

The Castellorizo Genealogy Website has been available now for over twelve years. During that time, it has grown from a small database in 2007 of just over 1,000 persons to a current total of 32,292 persons. The database details and documents the genealogy of nearly all Castellorizian families.

In addition to the family trees of Castellorizian families the website displays a total of 9,402 media items such as photographs, documents and videos.

The website has over 2,700 registered users, many of whom have contributed family history information and photographs to the website. Many have then gone on to document their own family tree in books and genealogy websites such as Ancestry.com and My Heritage. It is pleasing to see that in many instances the Castellorizo Genealogy Website has been the catalyst for others to go on and research and produce their own family trees.

The website has been compiled from information available throughout the world from researching newspaper death notices, cemetery records, birth, death and marriage records, genealogy websites, National Archive records, shipping documents, visiting cemeteries to extract headstone information and family information submitted by numerous supportive persons.

Although over 400 persons have contributed to the website special mention must be made to the following persons who have made exceptional contributions both for family information and ongoing moral support to this most important project. They are Nicholas Pappas, Senya Kranitis, Steve Zervos (Dec), Jim Condylis (Dec), Evelyn Salvaris, Eva Koutsoukos, Connie and Paul Gregory, Jasmine Verginis and my late mother Cynthia nee Karasavas. Special mention must be made of the contribution from my wife, Jean, who in addition to being dragged around cemeteries throughout Australia has always supported this most important project.

One of the difficulties in documenting the genealogy of Castellorizian families is that many families seem reluctant to provide their known family history for the website. This known information will be soon lost forever if it is not recorded now! As our Cazzie heritage dilutes so will the information and stories of our ancestors be lost forever!

Contributing family history information and photographs for sharing with the wider Castellorizian community will ensure that other members of your extended family will have access to this information.

The website will have errors and omissions but needs feedback from family members to correct.

Ring me on 08 93057954 or email [cressie@castellorizo.org](mailto:cressie@castellorizo.org) if you can contribute, or wish to be involved.



# DONATIONS 2018

Compiled by Anita Verne

## IN MEMORIAM

We look forward to planning a beautiful Memorial Garden in the near future and the donations, in memory of loved ones, will be used for this worthwhile purpose.

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On behalf of the members of the Castellorizian Association of WA we would like to thank the following donors for their generosity – these will assist with special projects at Castellorizo House such as the purchase of archival files for photographs and newspapers; the protection of the beautiful federation ceiling; or the costs of building a website for the Association.

| DATE        | DONORS                                       |                |
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| 9 November  | Castellorizian Ladies Association (Megisiti) | To Association |
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# MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the last edition of the *Megisti Messenger* membership subscription invoices were enclosed for the 2018/2019 period. If you did not receive an invoice then you have already paid your subscription fees in advance. Current year membership is for the period July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Unfortunately, some membership subscriptions still remain overdue for the 2017/2018 period even though overdue notices were included in the last *Megisti Messenger*. Invoices indicate whether this is the case.

The cost of producing and mailing our newsletter four times a year is considerable and membership subscriptions only just cover this cost.

If you have any queries re your membership please contact our Treasurer Allan Cresswell on 93057954 or 0413958500, or email [cressie@castellorizo.org](mailto:cressie@castellorizo.org)

# ANTONI AND MAREA PASSARIS IN THE MURCHISON

Article and Photos Courtesy Kevin Kannis

Antoni and Marea (nee Economou) Passaris, spent a number of years in the Murchison District of Western Australia at the turn of the last century but we, their grandchildren, had only heard disjointed stories of the time before they moved to Perth.

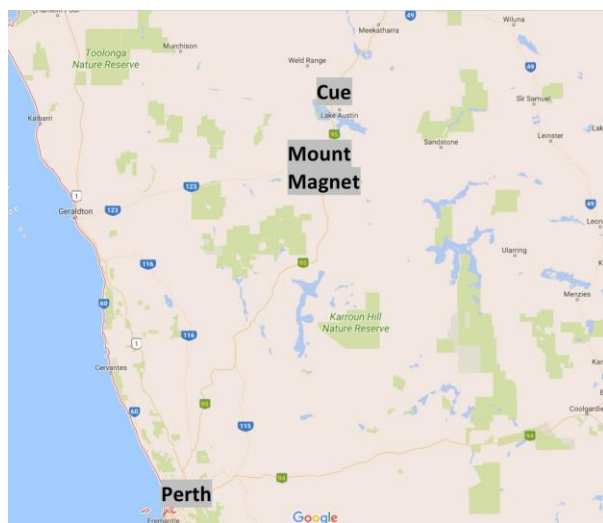


**Antoni and Marea Passaris with their six daughters (Mid 1920s) (L to R Despina, Zoye, Effie, Anne, Evangelia and Dorothy)**

We had been told that the two eldest daughters were born at Mount Magnet and there was a son who died at birth but these details were just a part of a series of unconnected events to us. Eventually, using what remnants of information we had, a group of their grandchildren decided to “retrace” their grandparents steps and try to connect the events on a journey to Cue and Mount Magnet in September 2018. Two of their grandchildren travelled from Sydney to be part of the trip.

We started the celebration at a mixed Friday night function at Cassie House which was an opportunity for the Sydney sidlers to meet some of our parent’s cousins. The following day we had a tour of some of the significant family sites in Perth followed by a lunch with our extended families again at Cassie House. After lunch we had the opportunity to learn more about our family tree using some excellent information provided by Allan Cresswell.

On the Sunday we left Perth on a journey that covered about 2,000km leaving from Perth up the Great Northern Highway to Mount Magnet, then west to Geraldton and back home.



**The travellers at Paynes Find enroute to Mount Magnet**

Although we planned to “retrace” their steps, there were a number of major differences between our mode of travel and where we slept compared to Antoni and Marea. The ten of us travelled in an air

conditioned bus that was just big enough to accommodate our luggage, other “necessities of life” and linen in case the accommodation was a bit dicey. The air conditioned accommodation at Mount Magnet was basic but clean and comfortable so it was a lot different to the corrugated iron buildings Antoni, Marea and their young family lived. We don’t know exactly what their living conditions were but dirt floors were a possibility.

We stayed in Mount Magnet for two nights using it as a base to visit Cue and Day Dawn where we had arranged to meet locals who had some historical knowledge and visit to the Mining Registrars office to look at what records they had. We had hoped to visit the ghost town of Big Bell but the road conditions prevented that trip.

The Murchison District is part of the Australian outback and includes Meekatharra a town that Tammie Fraser famously described as “the end of the earth” after she and the then Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser visited in 1977. The normal temperatures in September for Mount Magnet are about 25°C during the day and about 10°C at night but it can be as low as 3°C. The average temperature in January is 37°C.

The following is a very brief description of the lives of Antoni and Marea Passaris in Western Australia based on what we knew, recollections rekindled during the trip and what information we discovered.

### **The Economou/Passaris Family in Western Australia - 1896 to 1947**

Antoni Passaris came to Australia through the far north of the state with his brothers and some of his extended family in the mid 1890s. He lost one of his brothers, under dubious circumstances, when diving for pearls before getting to the Murchison. We don’t know a lot about his time in the Murchison but we suspect he worked on one of the railway lines being built in the area at that time. They and many others had been attracted by the gold that had been discovered, the total populations of Cue, Mount Magnet and other towns in the areas was estimated as up to about 10,000. Today the combined populations for both towns, which are 70km apart, is just over 600.

Among the people attracted to the Murchison at the time was Herbert Hoover, destined to become the 31<sup>st</sup> President of the United States of America and the person Hoover Dam is named after. Hoover had arrived in Perth in 1897 and worked in the area from Mount Magnet to Coolgardie as a mining engineer for about eight years. During this time he was best known as the manager of the Sons of Gwalia gold mine near Leonora.

After about ten years Antoni returned to Castellorizo to marry Marea Economou in April 1907 then returned to Mount Magnet with his bride the following year travelling by train then camel. We know that Marea became “seasick” on the trip due to the swaying as she travelled on her camel. It was during this trip that they suffered the tragic loss of a baby son but we have not been able to find any record of how he died or where he is buried.

About a year later in January 1909 a daughter was born in Cue. Perhaps due to the circumstances leading to the loss of their son Antoni and Marea went to the Cue hospital for the birth of Despina. A highlight of the trip was the visit to the ruins of the Cue hospital where Despina was born.



**Marea Teasdell (nee Mitchell) at the ruins of the old Cue hospital where her mother Despina Passaris was born in 1909**



To supplement their income they established a wayside inn at 67 Hepburn Street Mount Magnet while Antoni worked on the railway line. The site is now a hardware store where Jamie the owner of the store generously allowed us to walk through the building and into the back yard where our grand parents had walked.

Two years later their second daughter Zoye was born at Mount Magnet in January 1911. There is no official record of the birth of either Despina or Zoye.

Sometime after the birth of Zoye they moved to Perth and opened the *The American Oyster Saloon* at 187 William Street. It was at that address where Evangelia, Dorothy (Kristina) and Anne were born and where during the Great War the shop windows were smashed based on the unfounded belief that they were in some way a danger to Australia. The lack of any official record of the birth of the two eldest surviving children, the loss of their son and the ignorance that caused the breaking of the shop windows provides us with a small insight to the difficulties with which they had to deal.

The youngest daughter Effie was born in 1920 at the *Elite Café* on the northern side of Wellington Street opposite Pier Street. They were at that address until after the World War during which time their daughters married, there were stories of how they helped the American soldiers understand our currency and they waved to our soldiers returning from the east coast along the train line that backed on to the cafe.



The site of the Elite Restaurant in Wellington Street with the railway in the background

Antoni died in May 1959 aged 90 then Marea died less than a year later in March 1960 aged 79. Our journey was a celebration of the courage of our pioneer grand parents who braved the long trip from Castellorizo to travel through the harshness of the outback suffering through deprivation and tragedy to raise their family.

## **WEBSITES ASSOCIATED WITH OUR ASSOCIATION**

Castellorizian Association of WA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/311068092238055/>

Castellorizo Genealogy Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/311068092238055/>

Castellorizo Genealogy Website: <https://www.castellorizo.org/>

Empire Patrol Website: <http://empirepatrol.com/>

Castellorizian Virtual Museum: <http://castellorizo.org/museum/>

**COMING SOON: THE CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA WEBSITE**



# A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT



An ideal present for Christmas is our wonderful 'from our GREEK KITCHEN to yours' recipe book which is still available. Cost is only \$40 (plus postage).

Our third print is available from:

- ❖ Committee Member Anita Verne on 0407922783 or email [anita@halmac.com.au](mailto:anita@halmac.com.au) who will arrange postage if required
- ❖ Castellorizian House on Friday afternoons between 5pm and 7.30pm
- ❖ Antedote Living – 174 Scarborough Beach Road Mt Hawthorn Tel 9444 4826 (Cash Only)

## NEW CASTELLORIZIAN WEDDING PHOTOS VIDEO

A new Castellorizian Wedding Photos Video has been produced in July 2018. It is available on YouTube for all to view but it is an unlisted video and not searchable. Share the link below with your family and friends.

The video has a total of Eighty Eight Castellorizian Wedding Photos for the years 1904 to 1955. All photos show weddings occurring on the island of Castellorizo.

Go to: <https://youtu.be/Iak0kHWfQ2Y>

Watch in 'Full Screen' and turn up the volume! ENJOY.

## CAZZIE TRIBUTE



Taken from an article written by Connie Gregory of Melbourne for media release by the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

**Basil Zempilas – Kastellorizian of the Year 2018**

Congratulations to our Kastellorizian of the Year, high-profile Perth based Australian television and radio presenter and sports commentator Basil Zempilas. The award will be presented on the 6<sup>th</sup> October at the clubrooms of The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. The annual award, first awarded to Senator Nick Bolkus in 1993, identifies a person who has achieved excellence in his or her own chosen field and has brought honour to the Kastellorizian community.

Basil Zempilas more than meets the three main criteria of the award – He is of Kastellorizian descent with both set of grandparents and his mother born on the island of Kastellorizo; he has demonstrated excellence in his field of endeavour and has made an outstanding contribution to the wider community, and is an inspirational role model for Kastellorizians

Basil is widely known throughout Australia for his media work in the sporting arena. During his final year at Murdoch University he began reporting in the print media, and then in 1994 began his television career, retiring from the West Perth Football Club in the Western Australian Football League after five seasons.

**Career highlights.** This year marks his 25<sup>th</sup> year in the Australian media. He has been actively involved in charity work from the start of his broadcasting career in 1994, working with various charities, principally with Channel Seven Perth's Telethon which he has anchored since 2010, leading the charge to help fund Perth's Princess Margaret Hospital for Children and medical research through the Telethon Kids Institute. The money raised has helped make significant advances in treating life threatening children's disease and to provide equipment, resources and critical services for children across Western Australia. Since its inception Channel 7's Telethon has raised over 268 million dollars. Last year's Perth Telethon, with Basil as host of the appeal, achieved a record total of 36 million dollars.

Over a million dollars of that money was raised at the Lexus Ball where Basil personally solicits donations from the "big end of town". The Ball was attended by the then Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, the then Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, WA Premier Mark McGowan and Seven West Chairman Kerry Stokes.

Basil has also leant his exemplary skills as Master of Ceremonies and expertise as a fundraiser to the Premier's Olympic Dinner (raising money to fund the Australian Olympic team), the Ronald McDonald House Charity Ball and to the Boobalicious Ball for Breast Cancer Care WA.

Zempilas presents sport on Seven News Perth Monday to Thursday and co-hosts Weekend Sunrise for the Seven Network from Sydney. He is also part of the Seven Network Sport broadcasting team. He hosts and commentates AFL, Tennis and Olympic Sports, and has been to four Summer Olympics and three Winter Olympics for the Seven Network. Since 2014 he has been Master of Ceremonies for the Melbourne Cup Carnival. On radio he co-hosts the weekday breakfast program on AM station 6PR, part of the Macquarie Radio Network.

During his media career he has received several awards, including the Geoff Christian Award for Excellence twice as the top performer in the WA Football Media. Zempilas was President of the WA Football Media Guild from 2013 until early 2018.

**Early Life and Education.** Basil was born in Perth on July 30, 1971. His dad Anthony was born in Perth in 1928 and his mother Jessie was born on Kastellorizo in 1929. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents were born on Kastellorizo. He has two sisters, Diane born in 1955 and Roslyn born in 1958. He went to Floreat Park Primary School (1977-1983) and then Hale School (1984-1988). Roslyn lives between Rhodes and Kastellorizo where her family own and operate the Megisti Hotel.

After school Zempilas played football for West Perth in the WAFL and attended Murdoch University. In 1991 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Communications and English and Comparative Literature. In 1992 he completed a Graduate Diploma of Journalism also at Murdoch University.

Basil is extremely proud of his Kastellorizian heritage and he and his extended family are widely respected by the Kastellorizian, Greek, and Australian community.

In 2009 the Zempilas family and many friends travelled to Kastellorizo to celebrate the wedding of Basil to Amy Graham. They have three children Ava, Chloe and Anthony. Ava and Anthony were Christened on Kastellorizo.



*Left: Basil and wife Amy, with children Ava 7, Chloe 5, and Anthony 1, on Kastellorizo recently, just after Anthony's Christening*



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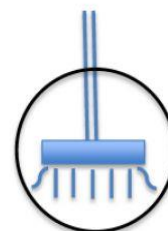
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