



# MEGISTI MESSENGER



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## CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA INC.

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### Centennial Celebrations 2012

By Jim Manifis

The progress for our celebrations in 2012 is going to plan and a number of events are being organised. The sub-committee and the sub groups have been working together over the past three months in an endeavour to have these events well organised. The committee numbers have increased which indicates the support of our members in recognising the importance of the 2012 celebrations. Recently two ladies have joined our committee who have vast experience in the marketing and public relations field; they are Arnah Barbouttis and Katie Lucas. Already these ladies have shown a fresh approach with professional ideas for our committee to assess and plan.

The events that have been planned at this stage are as follows:

1. A conference which will be held over a period of one week with numerous guest speakers. We have also had interest from a lady in Greece, Vassiliki Chrisanthopoulou, who has indicated that she would be delighted to attend our conference.



Centennial Sub Groups discussing proposed events to be held for the 2012 Centennial Celebrations – taken September 2009

2. Social events will be conducted over a period of two years with the highlight being a dinner dance to celebrate St Constantine and Helene. It is also planned to have a reception at the City of Perth, the sister city for Castellorizo. There also will be functions that will be organised which will involve the younger members of our association. There will be a number of luncheons held during the week of St Constantine and Helene.

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### CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA INC

Cordially invites you to the  
**APOKRIATIKO BBQ**

To be held at  
Castellorizian House  
160 Anzac Road Mount Hawthorn WA

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
Commencing 6.00 pm

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PAGE 4**

# SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prepared by Allan Cresswell

Every issue of *Megisti Messenger* will display details of Birthdays, Engagements, Anniversaries, Marriages, Deaths, Get Well, Congratulations, Travelling Abroad/Interstate and other announcements of interest to the Castellorizian community. It is **not** a requirement that a person be a member of our Association. Please contact the Editor or a Committee Member to advise of the event so it can be included in the next newsletter.

*Please Note: Much of the information is supplied second hand and without full knowledge of the correct spelling of names. Our apology for any incorrect spelling.*



## MARRIAGES

*Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated their marriage: Basil Zempilas and Amy Graham, Conley Manifis and Vanessa Bouhlas, Ian Tsolakis and Kathryn Paul, Michael Xanthis and Kelli-Anne Illich, Georgia Kounis and Andrew Bouhlas, Nicholas Magriplis and Joanna Amperiadi, Evangelos Stamatiou and Irania Triantafiliou.*



## BIRTHDAYS

*A very special happy birthday to Tony Kostarelas who celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2009.*



## GET WELL SOON

*To Bartley Kakulas who we all hope to see up and about soon. Great to hear that Nick Diamond is on the road to recovery and up and about.*



## VALE

*Deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Marguerita Pitsikas (Nee Barboutis), Kathy Levissianos, Shirley Kyriakakis, Mary Fermanis, James John Hondros, Demetrius Kourtesis, Sunday Auguste (nee Gourdis), Con Jack Kailis, Fani Kalaf (nee Kailis), Con Fermanis, Leigh Tsapazi and Elias (Louie) Battalis.*



## ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations to Spyros and Mary Halikis (nee Kailis) who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2009.*



## ENGAGEMENTS

*Congratulations and best wishes to Jason Pitsikas and Elena Coulouts who were engaged on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009. A party to celebrate the event was held at Meads in Mosman Park. (omitted by editor in previous *Megisti Messenger*).*



## BIRTHS/BAPTISMS

*Congratulations to Michael Panegyres and Felicity (nee Gregory) on the baptism of their son, Preston Michael Panegyres on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009.*



## CONGRATULATIONS

*To the Pitsikas Family who were honoured at the Official Opening of the Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. The article in the program read: "The Pitsikas Centre – The Senior Science facilities are named after the Pitsikas Family. The centre recognizes the contribution immigrants have made to this country. In particular it recognizes the contributions by Adrian and Peter Pitsikas and their business, Greenacres Turf Farm, to the development of this school."*

## **EDITORIAL: by Agapitos**

This is the first edition of the *Megisti Messenger* in a new format. An improved layout and printing standard provides for better display of photographs and text. We hope you will enjoy.

Such improvement in the newsletter has come at additional costs. We have been very fortunate indeed that St Basil's Aged Care Services has agreed to provide sponsorship towards forthcoming publications. Their support and financial contribution in assisting to help offset costs is very much appreciated.

To assist in ensuring the continued improvement of the *Megisti Messenger* an invitation is extended to the Castellorizian community of Western Australia to become a sponsor and/or advertiser within our newsletter. Advertisements can be a quarter, half or full page. Please contact our President for further information.

It is so pleasing to see contributions within this newsletter from Jack Pitsikas, Doctor Paul Boyatzis, Cristián Andrés Carranza and David Jeffrie. Well done to you all! We also invite others to contribute.

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Written by President Jim Manifis

Recently we held the AGM for 2009. The attendance was excellent and it was pleasing that we obtained our quorum numbers, as there were a number of issues and amendments that needed to be approved.

The committee for 2009/2010 are as follows:

Vice President	– Allan Cresswell	Membership Officer	– Con Kannis
Secretary	– Kevin Kannis	Committee Member	– Peter Kalaf
Treasurer	– Michael Paul (acting)		– Michael Palassis
House Bookings	– Tony Samiotis		– Michael Spartalis

It is encouraging to see the committee over the past few years has been well established with a number of committee members showing their commitment towards, and their endeavour, to improve our association.

During the last twelve months a sub committee was formed to revise our constitution and the amendments were presented at the AGM. It was very pleasing that all amendments were passed and seconded. I do believe that all the amendments have strengthened our constitution and support the purpose of our association. Many thanks must go to Kevin Kannis, John Metaxas, Bartley Kakulas and Dr John Yiannakis for their tireless work over this period.

The committee agreed this year that we would present what we classified as a President's Award, to a person who has made contributions to our association in WA needing recognition. We are all aware in the history of our association there are always a number of members who excel in their efforts to help the association but are not formally recognised. For this reason we have decided to create this award. I am proud to announce the person who was awarded for 2008/2009 was Michael Paul. Michael's efforts and duties over the last 12 months exceeded my expectations. As president it is pleasing to know that there is a person who is willing to contribute many tasks and hours to support his president.

At the recent luncheon that we held for Santrapia, the committee decided to conduct a raffle whereby the proceeds would be donated to the St Andrews School. Luke and Anastasia Santrapia's life dream was to build a school on the island of Castellorizo. Therefore we thought it appropriate that we make this donation. During the Santrapia Luncheon we also unveiled the plaque to recognise the donation that Mrs Evelyn Kannis made towards the house sign, on behalf of her late husband John Kannis and their son, Kim Kannis. We must also note the support that both Tony Coufos (Kazzie News) and Darcy Pappas (Auditor) made towards our association.

Recently our chef and our friend Con Lardis passed away. A man that will never be forgotten and our sincere love and affection goes out to his family. His son Michael has continued the Lardis tradition, whereby he is continuing in his father's footsteps in the catering business. Recently some of our members have had various health issues and all our members and I would like to wish them a quick recovery.

The 2012 Centenary year preparations are full steam ahead and I have outlined further in the newsletter the planning that we have undertaken. I would like to reinforce the importance of 2012 and urge all our members to spread the word that this year, and the years leading up to the centenary year, will be the best ever seen celebrated in Australia for this auspicious occasion.

Recently the Happy Hour held its Christmas Function where all the wives and their friends were welcome to attend. The response was the best we have seen with the attendance reaching 70. The response that I am receiving from a number of our men is that they would like to see on a more frequent basis, where wives and members are invited.

Our association will be celebrating **Apokriatiko Day** with a barbeque on the **7<sup>th</sup> February 2010** at the Kazzy house, 160 Anzac Road, Mt Hawthorn. Your attendance would be appreciated as this event is a special day marked on our calendar. As president I have always encouraged our members to attend our functions and also to have their children and grandchildren attend. This would be a great opportunity for a number of our young children to meet each other and form a friendship as we have over the years. We need to encourage our children to attend these functions, so they understand the Greek tradition and to follow our footsteps.

I would like to wish all our members and their families a belated merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

**CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**APOKRIATIKO  
BARBEQUE**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 AT 6PM**

**KAZZY HOUSE 160 ANZAC ROAD**

**MOUNT HAWTHORN**

**ENTRY ADULTS \$30.00**

**CHILDREN U-12 \$15.00**

**INCLUDES**

**FOOD AND DRINKS**

**Please Telephone: Jim      0433165601**

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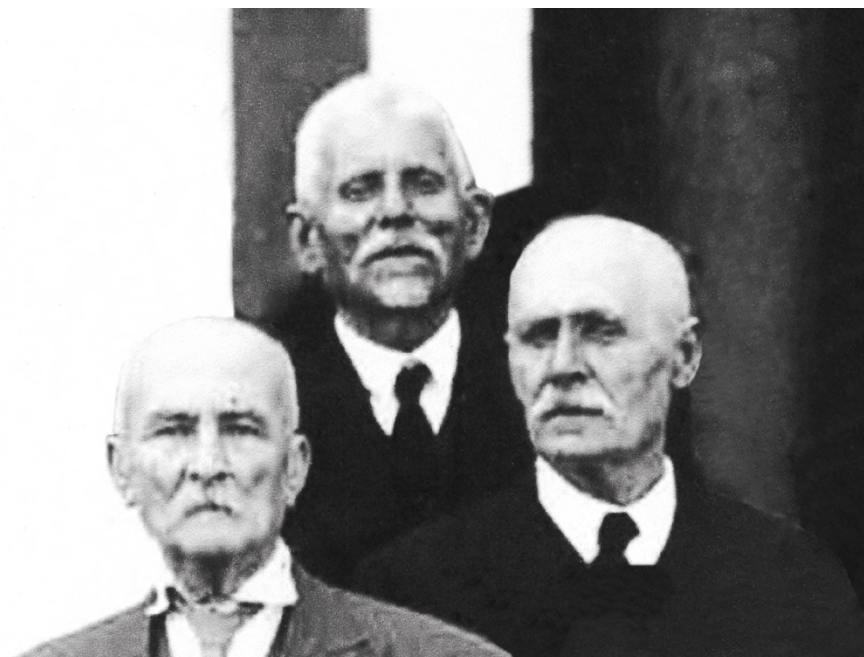
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## SEVENTY FIVE YEARS LATER

By Doctor Paul Boyatzis

Three good friends and relatives were photographed together on Kastellorizo in 1935. The occasion was the wedding of Elias Boyatzis to Zoe Finikiotis. Elias is the son of Apostolos Boyatzis.



Appearing in the photograph with Apostolos (right) are his uncle Savas (left) and his cousin Kostandinos Tringas (centre).

Seventy five years later in 2010, the grandsons of the three elderly Castellorizians were photographed together by Mrs Terri Boyatzis at Castellorizian House in Perth Western Australia.



The three good friends and relatives are (left to right), Nick Lucas, Con Tringas and Paul (Apostolos ) Boyatzis, all members of the Castellorizian Association of WA in this its 98<sup>th</sup> Year.

We can look at this as an example of ongoing cultural connections, long lasting friendship, historical event, and above all good fun.

# CASTELLORIZIAN FAMILIES IN BRAZIL - PART TWO

By Cristián Andrés Carranza of Natal, Rio Grande do Norte State, Brazil

## Constantino Nicolau Spyrides

(Page 79 of the book: Memória Visual da Colônia Grega de Florianópolis)

He was a former combatant during World War II. For his proved professional abilities as Ship's Captain and for his fluently speaking of several languages (English, Portuguese, Spanish and Greek), he was summoned by the Brazilian Navy as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.

He joined four groups of soldiers that went to fight in Italy, with the Allied Forces.

In the EUA transport ship "General Meighs", Constantino acted as interpreter between the two forces. For his war performance, he was awarded with the "Legion of Merit" Medal, as Officer, by the United States of America. This medal has President Truman and the Defence Secretary James Forrestal signatures. This medal was one of the most expressive awards given by this country.



**Captain Constantino Nicolau Spyrides returning from war.**

The Brazilian government, recognizing his efforts in the war mission under the Brazilian Expeditionary Force, awarded him with the "War Medal" and the "Expeditionary Medal", among others.

His name and photo are exhibited in the WWII heroes Monument, at Flamengo neighbourhood, Rio de Janeiro City, at the very side of the Brazilian Expeditionary Mission Chief, Marechal Mascarenhas de Moraes.

He returned to Brazil with the happiness of victory, but the very vivid images of war horrors witnessed at the Pistóia war camps, walking among his deceased companions, were never forgotten and it left marks on his personality.

He was the son of Nicolau Constantino Spyrides and Kyriaki Constantino Spyrides (nee Karayanoglu) both of them born in Greece, his first years of study were at "Colégio Catarinense" (School of the State of Santa Catarina). His family, like others that belongs to the respectful Greek Colony, celebrated in 1983, the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Greek pioneers arrival from Kastellorizo, one of them Captain Savas, brother of his grandmother (Anastasia Savvas). His grandfather was Dr. Constantino Spyrides, physician and surgeon.

As a typical Greek direct descendant, Constantino inherited the passion for navigation. Before celebrating his twentieth birthday, after he finished some preparatory courses for the navy profession, he enrolled in the Brazilian Merchant Navy, and graduated in Rio de Janeiro. With a brilliant career, he climbed fast the hierarchy degrees, all these efforts crowned, after tests and courses, at the age of thirty, with the "Carta de Capitão de Longo Curso" (unrestricted Master Mariner License or Master Foreign-Going License; highest level of professional qualification amongst mariners). He was, at that time, the youngest Captain that the Brazilian Merchant Navy ever had.

The "Derrota" (technical planning of a ship's course) he idealized and presented in the test for such a degree was so precise and appreciated that it was used as a model for future candidates.

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His professional career included plenty of events that are impossible to fully enumerate. Citing only the most important, he was professor and participant in Master Mariner Examination Boards at the National School of Merchant Navy; he acted as Nautical Officer and Commander at the National Company of Coastal Navigation and at the Brazilian Lloyd. His brother was Miguel Nicolau Spyrides, also Master Mariner.



**Kyrana and Constantino's wedding**

Married to Kyrana C. Spyrides, (nee Christofis/Cristóforo), they had five children: Kyria, Maria Helena, Kátia, Christiane and Nicolau. They also had four grandchildren.

Constantino was the second child out of seven children: Anastasia (deceased), Miguel, Déspina, Helena, João Nicolau and Spyro. All of them but Anastasia's family and Déspina, lived in Rio de Janeiro, in Copacabana beach.



**Constantino and three of his children Kyria, Maria Helena and Kátia at a Carnival**

Constantino Nicolau Spyrides passed away in June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1980, in Rio de Janeiro. The city of Florianópolis gave homage to Captain Constantino by giving his name to a street in the North part of the city.

Maria Helena, his second daughter (and my wife) remembers that, at each trip of Constantino, as soon as the ship left the port of Rio de Janeiro, he used to navigate close to Copacabana Beach and make a huge, loud, long sound with the ship whistle. That was the sign for Captain Constantino's five children to start waving white handkerchiefs saying good-bye. Such a familiar gesture was closely followed by Constantino, through his binoculars.



# HISTORICAL RESEARCH OF EARLY GREEKS IN WA

## Part One

### Castellorizian BORN Greeks who migrated to Western Australia and owned Fish and Chips Shops

By Jack Pitsikas

Editor Note: This article was compiled by Jack Pitsikas on February 19<sup>th</sup> 1992 and mostly from personal knowledge. In the years since he has been adding and amending entries as additional information came to hand. Jack would be pleased to receive any corrections to this article by telephoning him on 93498977. Nearly all Western Australian Castellorizians have a close family connection to the Fish and Chips Shop business and it is great that Jack is now sharing his memories and research with us all. Surnames are spelt as listed by Jack in his article. An updated list will be featured in a future edition of the *Megisti Messenger*.



**The closing of the Kailis Brothers Fish and Chips Shop Barrack Street Perth WA in 1990**

**Michael, Theo and Peter Kailis standing in front row**

Photo Courtesy Jack Pitsikas

1. John Yiannakis	Lord Street East Perth	1944
John Yiannakis	Albany Highway Victoria Park	1950's
John Yiannakis	Flinders Stree Yokine	1970's
2. Christina Zanaris	Lord Street East Perth	1940's
3. Arthur Auguste	Wellington Street Perth	
4. Steve Sertis/John Barboutis	Boulder City Via Kalgoorlie	1930-1940
5. Michael Gunellas	Albany Highway Causeway Perth	
6. Eleftherios Pitsikas	24 Helena Street Midland	1913
7. George Kailis	Barrack Street Perth	
8. Sion Xanthis	Subiaco	
9. Komninos Xanthis	North Perth	
10. George Verevis	Newcastle Street Northbridge	1920's
11. Andoni Antonas	12 Guildford Road Mount Lawley	1920's
12. Andoni Carandonis	12 Guildford Road Mount Lawley	1940's
13. Nicola Tocas	Hay Street Subiaco	
14. Mark Gravas	Charles Street Leederville	
15. Dionisi Petridis	Opposite Markets West Perth	
16. Michael Panegyres	Oxford Street Leederville	1945

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17. Con and John Passaris	Beaufort Street Mt Lawley	
18. Peter Kakulas	Scarborough	1953
19. Basil Kounis	Beaufort Street Highgate	1930's
20. Nick Mouglalis	Rokeby Road Subiaco	1950's
21. Bill Hondros	Yokine and Bassendean	1970's
22. Nick Stamatiou	Cambridge Street Wembley	1960's
23. Nick Loucas	Nicholson Road Shenton Park	1960's
Nick Loucas	Belmont Forum Belmont	1963
24. Diamanti Savas	(Wife Vassiliki Delides) Leederville	
25. Mina Contoolas	Wanneroo Road Nollamara	
26. Con Michael	Cue	1930's/1940's
27. Nick Lazarakis	Railway Road Swanbourne	1928
28. Nick Lazarakis	Burt Street Boulder	1940's
29. Geoff Karasavas	Charles Street North Perth	
30. Stepho Scopelitis	Floreat Forum Floreat	
31. Mick Kannis	Rokeby Road Subiaco	1966-1974
32. Panayioti Kyriakakis	William Street Perth, near Roe Stree	
33. Con Gravas	Hay Street Perth, near Milligan Street	
34. Con Gravas	Broadway Nedlands	
35. Bob Lakides	Broadway Nedlands	
36. Kalaf-Falangas	131 Barrack Street Perth	1928
37. Manuel (Max) Manolas	131 Barrack Street Perth	1930
38. Geo Kailis (refer no 7)	131 Barrack Street Perth	1936
39. Nick Auguste	131 Barrack Street Perth	1968
40. John Margaritis	131 Barrack Street Perth	1978
41. Tony Fotiades	522 Hay Street East, Perth	
42. Spero Begos	William Street Near Newcastle Street Perth	
43. Peter Cacavas	Paragon Tearooms Hay Street West, Perth	1950's
44. Panayioti Pantelis	Swanbourne	



**Greek Fish and Chips Shop Owners Married to Castellorizian Ladies**

1. Manuel Kostarelas	Albany Highway Victoria Park	(Evangelia Malaxos)
2. John Delides	Albany Highway Victoria Park	(Ourania Irene Kontoolas)
3. John Stamati Karayianni	Aberdeen Street Perth	(Marianthi Kavouras)
4. Anthony Phillips	Rokeby Road Subiaco	(Mary Antonas)
5. Anthony Phillips	Beaufort Street Mount Lawley	(Mary Antonas)
6. Demitri Kongra	Scarborough Beach Rd Mt Hawthorn	(Christina Salvaris)

## 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.



A group of young men amidst the ruins of a house taken after the earthquake of March 18<sup>th</sup> 1926.

Second from the left is Georgios Loukas (with the hat). In the middle stands Michalis Christ. Konstandinou (holding his hat). At rear, is Yeorgios Anast. Papanastasiou (leaning on elbow) and in the right foreground is Ioannis Mihail Stamatoglou (with hand on knee). Any other names would be appreciated.

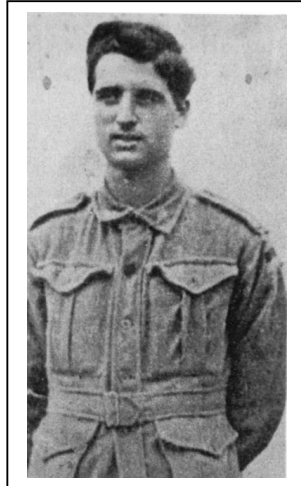
Photo courtesy Nicholas Pappas



Group of young men at Easter  
Names of persons, location and date of photograph sought. Contact the editor.

Photo Courtesy Poppy Xanthis (nee Aris)

# CAZZIE MILITARY HEROES



**Michael George  
GUNELLAS  
Sergeant  
11<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
A.I.F.  
World War One**

**Written by Allan Cresswell**

Michael George Gunellas was born in Castellorizo on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1897 to George Gunellas and Kristina (nee Pitsikas). Around 1912 he travelled to Australia to work for his uncle in Midland Junction. He later worked in Cue.

Michael enlisted on October 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 at Bunbury WA to do service for his adopted country in World War One. He gave his age as twenty one years and one month, although his correct age was only nineteen years. He was assigned Service Number 3037 and commenced military training with the 90 Depot. Michael was then assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> reinforcements for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneers Battalion which embarked for England from Fremantle on December 29<sup>th</sup> 1916. They departed on the *HMAT Persic* and disembarked at Devonport on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917.

At England Michael was transferred as a reinforcement for the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F. and embarked for France on July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917. He was reallocated regimental number 3037A.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> 1917 he was wounded in action in Belgium and later rejoined the unit from the sick list back in France, on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1918.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1918 Michael was wounded with a gunshot wound to his left foot whilst on action and admitted to hospital in France. He was invalided to England on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1918. Four months later he returned to France to rejoin his unit. When the armistice came on the November 11<sup>th</sup> 1918 Michael was in France. The 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion finally departed France for England on April 21st 1919.

Michael returned to Australia per the *HMAT Barambah*, departing England on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1919 and arriving back in Fremantle WA on October 12<sup>th</sup> 1919. He was discharged from service on November 25<sup>th</sup> 1919 having served three years overseas.

Michael was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for gallantry in action. During one battle whilst he was under fire, then wounded, he lifted up part of a barbed wire fence to allow his comrades to pass under. A certificate from King George acknowledges his award which is addressed to Sergeant M. G. Gunellas D.S.M. In addition he received the British War Medal and the Allied Victory Medal. His health was impaired with the effects of mustard gas.

Michael married Katherine Dondas at Perth WA in 1934 and raised seven children. Michael enlisted in World War Two on July 18<sup>th</sup> 1942 with the RAAF. He was allocated Service Number 81348 and served with the 11 Stores Depot. He was discharged on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1945 at the rank of Corporal.

Michael died at Perth on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1958 at the age of sixty years. One daughter, Christina, went on to marry Marcus Michael whose father, Agapitos (Jack) Michael, also served in World War One and also with the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F. (*Megisti Messenger* August 20<sup>th</sup> 2009). Michael was a real life surviving hero of World War One!

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Megisti in the Antipodes by John Yiannakis



# ANOTHER VIEW OF KASTELLORIZO AND BEYOND

By David Jeffrie

Melbournians David and Jill Jeffrie spent a few months overseas in 2009, concentrating on Mediterranean destinations and Asia Minor. Their daughter Ellan is married to George Kailis, son of Jasmine (nee Harmanis) Kailis, and the late Desmond Kailis of Perth. David and Jill Jeffrie decided to visit Kastellorizo because of their son-in-law's connection to the Island. During their overseas tour David wrote frequently to friends who enjoyed his articles immensely. It was suggested by one of the recipients that these travel notes deserved a wider audience. It is certainly good to hear an unbiased view from such a good writer. The "bride" referred to in the articles is David Jeffrie's wife, Jill.

Connie Gregory

## KASTELLORIZO

Back on the ocean waves again heading back to Rodos, then on to the jewel of the Dodecanese, Kastellorizo, a seven hour trip. The good ferry Diagoras has far more facilities than we expected. Restaurants, self serve cafeterias, coffee lounges, escalators, bars, shops, double storey car parks downstairs and even dog kennels. We need to get out more.

Kastellorizo has a family connection for us, so as we were in the Dodecanese thought we would drop in. As one travel book divulges, there are two reasons for coming to Kastellorizo. One is to reclaim your grandparent's house from the squatters, the other is you're lost. Whilst another travel publication suggests that, "Kastellorizo is not the place to bring your Greek phrase book, you just bring your Sheila". Mmm. Many Australian flock back to the island during the northern summer. Chances are you'll hear more A.F.L. and N.R.L. news being discussed than the Greek soccer scores. The island once boasted a population of over 10,000 around World War One. It now has a permanent population of 250 Kassies, plus the army personnel based on the island.

Being such a strategic historical port/island, Kastellorizo has a similar history to many of the other nearby islands. It has changed hands more times than a dodgy used car. It is the most easterly point of Greece within spitting distance of Turkey. From what we can gather the local Greeks enjoy being within spitting distance of anything Turkish.

As you arrive on the ferry the first thing that strikes you are the houses on the horseshoe shaped harbour. They appear to be a Hollywood film set, just facades and not real buildings. They all seem to be of the one design, a rectangular prism with a pitched roof.

Our hostess Louisa, greeted us at the ferry docking, then jumped onto the ferry with her mother and two kids and headed back to Rhodes. School starts next week. Her uncle John, who owns a pub in Prahran, showed us to a very spacious apartment just behind St. George's church near the waterfront.

Spent the first day just wandering, swimming, eating and coffeeing. For Kastellorizo you don't need a road map, just a sling shot. What is it with Greeks and cats? They are around every corner. David ate his pastitsio last night in a threesome. No, not the one you are thinking of. The bride, himself and Felix the Cat.

The waterfront is just full of bars, restaurants, cafes and a few shops. A really active, busy area with lots of yachts moored in the harbour. The two/three storey houses on the waterfront have been tastefully restored in Mediterranean colours, but in the streets behind there is a mixture. Lots of rejuvenating and rebuilding of residences mingled in with half finished houses and houses in total ruin, possibly a result of mass emigration. It's interesting to walk the labyrinth of alleyways only accessible by foot or moped.

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Checked out the museum and then just made it to see the video in the old Turkish mosque about the history of the island. The video was insightful, informative and very moving. The bride got a bit teary. The island certainly has had a tragic history.

There are no beaches on the island, but plenty of places to swim in the harbour and off the rocks. Found a secluded spot to swim, with lots of schooners moored around and the Turkish coast away in the background. Beats work. Two hours later we wandered to the Mandraki or port, which is a small collection of houses surrounding a tiny inlet.

Climbed up to the castle, which afforded magnificent views of the harbour and the town. Finished off the day's touring, with a cold one at a taverna next to St. Constantine's church, under the vines, surrounded by gum trees, with yaya snoozing in a chair in the kitchen inside and the local priest sharing a coffee with her daughters. Beautiful.

Day two started early in 36 degree heat. We headed around the island to the Blue Grotto. The opening was so low, that all in George's boat needed to lay flat on the boat floor to make it in. The light coming up from underneath the water was amazing. Jumped overboard for a ten minute swim in this monstrous cavern. A great experience and all finished by 10 a.m.

Many of the locals and visitors just seemed to spend a large part of the day with coffee, drinks and food on the harbour talking. David is extremely lucky, as he has a world renowned expert with him on those. Checked emails and coffeed. It really is a unique place. Spent the arvo just meandering through the lanes looking at houses or what used to be houses and threatening cats. Heard that a prominent Perth businessman had just bought a block of dirt, with a view of the harbour for around \$800,000. Fair bananas for a place where you can't drink the water, there's only one taxi and where most of the island barracks for Freo.

Dined at the Sydney Restaurant, where the owner spends six winter months in Sydney. Strange that. Asked him if there were any dim sims on the menu, he replied, "Maybe next summer".

Loved our time in Kassie. Heard lots of stories before we came. Yeah, it's a dot on the map and a bit out of the way, but it really was enjoyable. Glad we came.

## KAS

George, the owner of the apartments, had us and a few others in his boat at eight sharp for the journey to Kas. Interestingly half way across the three km. stretch of water the Turkish flag was raised. Had a problem with our visa. The police in Kastellorizo had stamped our passports incorrectly and when we arrived in Kas a bloke who appeared to be a travel agent and not a man to be trifled with, asked to us to hand over 30 euro for Turkish visas, "no change, right money" came the demand and our passports. Told us to come back around five p.m. and all will be well. Which it was. We were not going to argue, had a head like a torn ugg boot.

Found the Hideaway Hotel and then headed off to the market, as our room was not ready. The market must have been placed in an old quarry, large rocks everywhere. Think a few of the stallholders turned up without popping their dentures in. The truancy rate at the primary school must have been through the roof too. Kids all over the place, chasing you with a lower price. Took lunch at the market. Some sort of savoury pancakes, eaten on a plastic kindergarten chair behind a stall. Jill chose a fresh pomegranate juice to wash it down with, squeezed on the spot. We're sure the Food Handling Certification course, must be starting soon in Kas. Yuck.

The accommodation was excellent. The roof top terrace afforded some magnificent views all over Kas. Kastellorizo was only a stone's throw

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away, another country. Technically another continent. The entire hotel was a great setup. The owners had covered every angle.

Kas is a town of 8000, with a main drag winding its way down a ravine to a very pleasant waterfront area. Lots of eat houses many nestled under shady trees, with streets turned into malls to cater for the tourists. The Municipal Tea Gardens near the harbour are delightful. Again Poms everywhere. Heard the next town up the road, Kalkan, is about to appoint a Pommie mayor. Just what we need, a Turkish test team.

The first tour we had a crack at was the Sunken City Tour, basically sailing around the island of Kekova. The bus trip to get to the boat took us through some very poor looking villages, a step back in time really. 90% of the trip was a swimming and barbequeing job, with a quick look at the underwater city to conclude with. Good fun made more enjoyable with by the dozen or so maidens from Istanbul on holiday during Ramadan. All spoke some sort of English, lovely ladies. So much skin, so little material and some of the material didn't stretch quite far enough either. The Aegean was warm and clear which made the dip in the water extremely enjoyable.

The bloke in a tinnie selling Choc Wedges was also a plus. There was evidence of a settlement on the cliff face of the Underwater City and a couple of busted pots that you could just see in six metres of water. The Sunken City became a sunken city as a result of an earthquake during Lycian times. The Lycians are, sorry were, big around here a squillion years back.

Another excursion we took was a short water taxi ride to a secluded cove for yet more swimming and tanning. Followed by laundry duties and a trip to the Lemonya Restaurant where if you buy a caffeine or beer you can use their sunbeds and swim yet again. There are no worthwhile beaches in Kas, but plenty of jetties and ladders leading into the saltwater.

Sunday night, we think was the end of Ramadan, and the place was full of people eating out and enjoying themselves.

The last outing in Kas was a trip to Saklikent Gorge some 60 kms north west of the town. Headed off in an open air Land Rover with a morning tea of Turkish coffee and grapes. The sides of the gorge were immense, must have been 100 metres straight up. Virtually no sun gets to the water at all. Walked a platform above the river water, then peeled down to the bathers, before heading up stream with half of Mediterranean Turkey in hot pursuit. The only way to cross the river was holding hands, the current was that strong. Waded upstream to a thunderous waterfall. The only way you could stand under it was with a hard hat on. It was a difficult walk, but the locals, Ahmed and Mrs Ahmed were carrying babies, video cameras and off course the mobile.

Headed back downstream where the guide asked was anyone interested in swimming the last 100 metres to the bridge. The river was a torrent, the bride and David covered the distance in 11.6 seconds with an audience on the platform above. The water was bloody FREEZING. Dined Turkish style on cushions on a pontoon over the river, before moving on to a mud bath. The bride looked gorgeous. Last stop was Xanthos, heaps of ruins, but the very place where Saint Nicholas went to school in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Saint Nicholas is the gent who went into folklore as Santa Claus. He was born just down the road at Patara. This travel stuff is not all about sun and beer.

Had a special treat our last night in Kas. In the harbour right in front of the hotel was a magnificent two funnel steamer right out of an Agatha Christie novel. It was the ship Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of the modern Turkish republic, spent his final years. Much of his final years we were to find out later, involved the partaking of raki, a potent alcoholic drink. He died with a crook liver in his late 50s.

## RECENT FUNCTIONS



Dinner September 2009



Santrapia Luncheon October 2009



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President Jim Manifis with Arthur Athans



Mrs Evelyn Kannis displaying plaque presented by President Jim

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3. We are in the process of setting up a webpage so our members can communicate with us on various social and financial matters. By browsing the webpage you will be able to view all the activities which are planned for the Castellorizian Association of WA and for the 2012 centenary celebrations.
4. A commemorative handbook will be printed where all the members have the opportunity to be involved in this special one-off history book. We need the families of our Castellorizian Association to support this great opportunity. Further details can be obtained by contacting various members of our sub group.
5. Memorabilia - a number of products have been planned for our members to purchase in 2012. They include items such as sun visors, caps, key rings, logo pins, tea towels, hand towels and diaries.

As can be seen the sub groups have been working very hard in the planning of our centenary 2012 celebrations. Your support throughout this period is imperative. There is already a lot of interest from Castellorizians from the eastern states who are planning to attend in 2012, therefore we must show to them our professionalism and hospitality during this period. We are also hoping a number of delegates from around the world will be attending.

# CAZZIE TRIBUTE



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## HIS EXCELLENCY DR KEN MICHAEL, AC, GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr Ken (Komninos) Michael AC was born in Perth in 1938, the son of Agapitos (Jack) Michael and Panagiota (nee Zafiri). Both his parents were born in Castellorizo. His father's first wife, Ourania (nee Zempilas), died in 1932 leaving Agapitos with five young children. His second wife, Panagiota, raised these five children as her own as well as raising Ken and two siblings. Dr Michael attended Highgate Primary School. He was eight years of age when his father passed away, placing a major burden on his mother and family. He was fortunate to have support from his family, Perth Legacy and the then Department of Repatriation (now Veterans' Affairs), which gave him the opportunity to pursue his education.

He studied at Perth Boys' High School and Perth Modern School before embarking on his educational pursuits at The University of Western Australia. He completed a Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours in Civil Engineering in 1961, and in doing so received the James A Wood Memorial Prize.

He started his career as a bridge design engineer with the Main Roads Department, before travelling, a few years later, with his newly married wife Julie (nee Kalaf), to London under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan to undertake postgraduate studies at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. His postgraduate studies and research at Imperial College culminated in Dr Michael being awarded a PhD degree in engineering from the University of London in 1968. He returned to Main Roads to continue his work on bridge design and some years later, in 1976, was transferred to Geraldton with his wife and young family as Divisional Engineer (now referred to as Regional Manager) of the Geraldton Region. He returned to Perth in 1979, where he continued his work on bridges, before broadening his career into road design, construction and management.

In 1991, he was appointed Commissioner of Main Roads, a position he held for over six years, which included his appointment as Australia's First Delegate to the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses (World Road Association). He was also a member of the West Australian Planning Commission, and concurrently held the position of Public Service Commissioner with that of Commissioner of Main Roads for just over a year. In August 1997, he retired from the public service to start his consulting engineering and management practice. He served on the Board of the East Perth Redevelopment Authority from its inception in 1992 and was its Chairman in the latter years of his term, which ended in December 2005. He was also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Western Australian Museum for more than seven years from 1998.

Dr Michael was elected to the University of Western Australia's governing body - the Senate - in March 1998, and elected Pro Chancellor in the same year. He was elected as Chancellor in April 2001, a position he held until December 2005.

He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Perth and the Hellenic Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He was a member of the Board of the Cancer Council of WA. He was also a member of the Board of the Centre of Leadership and Management, an initiative of Engineers Australia.

In 1996, Dr Michael was honoured with membership of the General Division in the Order of Australia for public service and services to engineering and in 2006 became a Companion in the Order of Australia for wide ranging community service of lasting benefit, particularly in the development and management of road transport systems, engineering, tertiary education, cultural institutions and the Greek community.

He was also recognised as Western Australian Citizen of the Year for 2001 in the category of the Professions; awarded the Peter Nicol Russell Memorial Medal for 2002 by the Institution of Engineers, Australia "in recognition of the outstanding service rendered to engineering and Australia"; and awarded the Centenary of Federation Medal in 2003 for service to the public, engineering and the Greek community. In 2007, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters from The University of Western Australia and the John Shaw Medal in recognition of outstanding contribution to national road transport.

On 18 January 2006, Dr Michael was sworn in as the 30th Governor of Western Australia. He is an inspiration to us all and an excellent example to children of migrant families as to what pinnacles can be achieved in this now multicultural society we live in. With support, application, determination and dedication there is no limit to what can be attained in our wonderful country. Dr Michael has shown all these attributes and achieved the ultimate recognition as a result. All Castellorizians are particularly very proud of what Dr Michael has achieved. He was awarded Castellorizian of the Year in 2002. We all salute you Dr Ken Michael, AC, Governor of Western Australia.