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GREEK ON HALIFAX

Owner not happy about testing delays

The owner of the restaurant feared to be a super-spreader site in South Australia's latest COVID-19 outbreak has raised concerns about testing delays and communication breakdowns, after finding out key details through the media and not from health officials.

Ross Galantomos owns The Greek on Halifax, where a man who was infectious attended a function on Saturday night.

"On Monday evening when we found out that we were an exposure site from the media, not directly from SA Health, a number of staff members went to get tested straight away," Mr Galantomos said.

According to the ABC network, a patron at the function and a woman who worked there have both tested positive, but Mr Galantomos said his staff, who are considered high-risk, have been caught up in the long queues to get tested.

"Including the young lady who has tested positive, and she drove to Tailem Bend to get a test cause that was the best option," Mr Galantomos said.

Premier Steven Marshall was forced to apologise on Thursday after some people reported wait times of over 14 hours at Adelaide testing stations, while others said they had to sleep in their cars.

Lockdown lifted, restrictions to stay longer

South Australia has recorded no new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday for the second day in a row.

The state's week-long lockdown — imposed in response to the Modbury cluster, which remains at 19 cases — ended at midnight Tuesday.

"It's wonderful to have zero cases again today," Chief Public Health Officer Nicola Spurrier said.

Premier Steven Marshall said restrictions announced yesterday will be in place for at least seven days, including new requirements to wear masks.

"The very, very good news is there were no new cases overnight so still it stands at 19 people associated with this cluster, with this outbreak, in South Australia so that's great news — absolutely fantastic news," he said.

"We're out of lockdown and the people of South Australia should feel a great sense of pride over what we have done over the last seven, eight days."

The Premier said intensified mask-wearing would be a "new normal". (ABC News: Steve Opie)

Professor Spurrier said two cases, a man and a woman in their 80s, both remain in hospital "in a stable condition".

"They are stable, which is excellent given

their age — they haven't had to go to ICU, so really pleasing," she said.

After the lifting of the lockdown, the measures remaining in place include, household gatherings and private activities are capped at 10 people.

Weddings and funerals can have up to 50 people but are also bound by the density requirements (1 person per 4 square mtrs) of the specific venue.

Masks will remain mandatory in high-risk public settings as they have throughout the lockdown, including in care facilities, outlets such as hairdressers and barbers, and indoor public spaces such as supermarkets, shops and churches.

Both the state and federal governments are committed to providing financial support for businesses impacted by the lockdown.

The federal government last week announced its COVID-19 Disaster Payment would be made available to those in declared hotspots.

"People may be eligible for a payment of \$375 if they have lost between eight and less than 20 hours ... or \$600 if they have lost 20 or more hours," Emergency Management Minister Bridget McKenzie said.

UN Security Council condemns Turkey's illegalities

The Cyprus Government appears to be satisfied by a statement on Famagusta, adopted by U.N. Security Council members on Friday, which condemns recent announcements by Turkish president Erdogan and Turkish Cypriot leaders regarding the occupied city.

The Cyprus News Agency, has reported that a presidential statement adopted by the United Nations Security Council after consultations and deliberations included references that were acceptable to Greek Cypriots.

The Security Council was asked to deal with the issue after the Republic of Cyprus requested a UN statement following a

Turkish announcement to reopen part of Famagusta, an illegal move heavily criticised by the Greek Cypriots.

Reports said earlier drafts written by the British and circulated to UNSC members did not include reference to Turkey's violations and attracted strong criticisms by member countries including India, China, Ireland, Russia and even the United States.

But early on Friday, according to CNA, a new draft statement was introduced, stating "the Security Council condemns the announcement in Cyprus by Turkish and Turkish Cypriot leaders on July 20, 2021 on the further reopening of a part of the

fenced-off area of Varosha."

CNA reported that deliberations had been underway between London and Nicosia and between London and Washington after an earlier silence procedure was broken by China, India and Ireland, with the members said to have requested "a certain amendment and for the statement to note that there has been a violation of the UN resolutions and statements".

According to CNA, the Security Council in the latest presidential draft "expresses its deep regret regarding these unilateral actions that run contrary to its previous resolutions and statements".



UN General Secretary Antonio Guterres unhappy about Turkey's illegal actions in Famagusta

North South Motorway plans revealed

Residents and business owners along Adelaide's South Road say they have been shocked to learn their properties will be bulldozed for the final stage of the North-South Motorway.

The South Australian government has revealed the southern entry and exit points for a tunnel in the section between Darlington and the Glenelg tramline.

According to the ABC network, dozens of homes and businesses in the Clovelly Park area will have to be cleared to allow tunnel operations to begin.

"This is where the tunnel boring machines will be launched from for the southern tunnel, some four kilometres," Transport Minister Corey Wingard said.

Mr Wingard said the final design would be completed later this year and the community was being consulted.

Sam Stanton, who owns a business called Studio360 Cycle, only learnt through the media that his spin-cycling gym would be affected.

"About six months ago, there was something slipped under the door about the possibility, but we didn't realise we were in the section that was going to go," he said.

"It's a bit annoying that we officially found out through the news and not from the council or the government."

Stephen Monkhouse, who has lived at his Clovelly Park property for five years, thought his house would be safe because the project was now using tunnels.

He said he also was not told his home would be demolished.

"It's all news to me. Very surprised, very



An artist's impression of two tunnels under South Road and Henley Beach Road intersection in Adelaide. (Supplied: SA Government)

shocked I suppose," he said.

"Now we've got to try and find somewhere else. Where are we going to go?"

Mr Wingard said the government had been trying to contact all owners over the past few weeks.

"We are reaching out through every avenue we have to contact people. We have been knocking on doors and we have been speaking but people aren't always home," he said.

"We've been going to great lengths and we will continue to do that."

Mr Wingard said the hybrid-plus design

meant about 60 per cent of the project would be tunnels and about 390 properties would be compulsorily acquired.

The government has not revealed which other properties will be bought.

Construction on the 10.5km section between the River Torrens and Darlington is due to begin in 2023, with completion planned for 2028.

The government said it would reduce travel times in Adelaide by up to 24 minutes.

It announced last month in the state budget that the project had ballooned by \$1 billion to \$9.9 billion to include three lanes each way rather than two.

Australian Cypriots remember 1974

The Cypriot community in South Australia held a commemorative event to condemn the military coup and the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in July 1974.

On Sunday 18 July, the Justice for Cyprus Committee (SEKA) in conjunction with the Cyprus Community of South Australia held a wreath laying ceremony at the Community's Memorial in Welland, attended by representatives of the SA Government and Opposition as well as many community leaders.

Speakers at the event were, Minister David Pisoni MP representing the Premier Stephen Marshall, Tom Koutsantonis MP representing the Leader of the Opposition Peter Malinauskas, the Greek Consul General George Psiachas, Charles Sturt Mayor Angela Evans, Irene Pevmatikos MLC, Andrea Michaels MP, SAMEAC Chair Andriana Christopoulos, the Cyprus Community President

Community Life



The Cyprus Community President Andreas Evdokiou and Community sub-committee members lay the wreath at the ceremony

Andreas Evdokiou and SEKA Chairman Peter Ppiros.

Also in attendance was, Bishop Silouan of Sinope, Joe Szakacs MP, Michael Coxon Mayor of West Torrens, GOCSA President Bill Gonis, Archdiocese Council President Dr Vladimir Devrelis, John Mitroussides of the Pan Macedonian Association, Peter Gardiakhos of the Federation of Greek Orthodox Communities

of Australia and many representatives of community associations.

Speaking at the event, President of Cyprus Community Prof. Andreas Evdokiou condemned the Turkish invasion as well as "the fascist coup of 15 July 19474, the betrayal by very few supporters of the junta, the EOKA B", the result of which was the Turkish invasion, continues to fill us with anger, bitterness and

despair", Prof. Evdokiou said.

"Today we honor and remember the immortal heroes who sacrificed themselves in an effort to hold the advance of the Turkish forces of Attila in a war which was set up in advance by the powerful, our apparent protectors who have the audacity to lecture the world on issues of democracy and legitimacy", Mr Evdokiou said.

Prof. Evdokiou urged all politicians present at the event, to pressure Turkey to hold its provocations and to clearly communicate the consequences of Turkey's illegal actions in the Varosha.

In his opening speech Chairman of SEKA SA Peter Ppiros, said "we call on the Australian and the international community to urge President Tayip Erdogan to stay in his country and in a move of good will to withdraw the Turkish troops from Cyprus and allow the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots to be reunited under a bizonal, bicommunal federal government in accordance with the UN resolutions".

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Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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ABOVE: On Sunday 19 July, the Justice for Cyprus Committee (SEKA) and the Cyprus Community of SA held a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial at the Cyprus Community's premises at Welland, attended by representatives of the South Australian Government and Opposition, community leaders, members of the clergy and a large crowd. Amongst others, were Mr Tom Koutsantonis MP, Consul General of Greece George Psiachas and representatives of local Greek Community associations



Andrea Michaels MP laying a wreath at the Cyprus event



Minister David Pisoni speaking at the Cyprus event



Steve Georganas MP speaking at the Cyprus event on 18 July. To the left, the Chairman of the Justice for Cyprus Committee SA Peter Ppiros



Member for Cheltenham Joe Szakacs, Cyprus Community President Andreas Evdokiou and Member of the Legislative Council Irene Pnevmatikos at the Cyprus Community club on 18 July



Mr Frank Pangallo MLC and SA Best representative, the Mayor of Charles Sturt Council Angela Evans and Community representatives at the Memorial for the 47th anniversary of the 1974 Turkish invasion

Migrants continue to die in the Mediterranean

The Greek Coast Guard continues the Search and Rescue operation South off island on the weekend after a boat carrying migrants capsized and some 8 people are missing. 37 people have been rescued so far.

for several people believed missing a day after a boat carrying dozens of migrants sank in high winds.

The Coast Guard said three vessels were involved the SAR.

A total of 37 people were rescued late Thursday, including one child and one woman, with some pulled from the sea and others from the sinking sailboat, the coast guard said.

32 of the rescued were reportedly taken with a tanker to Ierapetra and another 5 with a Super Puma helicopter to the island of Karpathos.

According to survivors, there were a total of about

45 people on board the vessel.

Refugee numbers drop

The number of refugees and migrants on the island of Lesbos has dropped below 5,000 for the first time in 2016, the Migration Ministry said on Tuesday.

In the figures released, the ministry said there are 4,994 people on the North Aegean island that bore the brunt of migration flows.

Of these, 4,441 live in the temporary facilities of Kara Tepe, 134 are unaccompanied minors, 412 live in apartments under the Hestia plan, and 7 are detained by authorities.

The ministry also released record-low numbers of people seeking asylum on the rest of the islands with refugee and migrant flows: 642 on Chios, 1,013 on Samos, 78 on Leros and 201 on Kos.

Greece marks anniversary of restoration of democracy

Greece is celebrating 47 years of "a democratic trajectory" with the formation of a national unity government on July 24 in 1974 under Prime Minister Konstantinos Karamanlis, after the end of the country's seven-year military dictatorship, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said on Saturday to mark the occasion.

The country is thus "adding yet another page to the largest chapter of political normality in its history," he said, noting that the day "is dedicated to the protagonists" of the fight against the dictatorship.

This day coincides

also with two centuries of the nation's "life in freedom" and with "40 years of its European experience," Mitsotakis added, in reference to Greece's bicentennial of the start of its 1821 War of Independence and the 40 years since its EU accession.

The restoration of democracy in Greece came at a heavy price after the betrayal of Cyprus by the Greek junta which brought in the invasion of Turkey on 20 July 1974 taking control of 37% of the island's territory.

Cyprus remains under the illegal Turkish occupation 47 years on.

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How is culture learned

The greatest impact of this presentation on Greek Australians is about how we can use the awareness of cultural influences to improve ourselves and to help our children develop an informed perspective about cultural and intercultural matters.

Whether one likes it or not the first responsibility of Greek parents is to help their children develop into good citizens within the primary culture in which they are expected to live in and it is ok to be multicultural and operate with ease in both the Australian and the Greek culture.

This primary culture is the Australian culture. The goal is to treat the Greek culture as the secondary culture from which the better cultural norms can be added to the ideals of the Primary culture.

The last thing that a Greek parent should do either consciously or unconsciously is to cultivate a sense of cultural dichotomy in the minds and behaviour and sense of identity or worth of their children based on a belief that there is such a thing as Superior or inferior cultures.

As exposed in the article this is not the case. There is no such a thing as a superior or inferior culture but only differences in the way necessities of survival and subsistence and socialization are acted or expressed.

The source of parental behaviour of any parent is their cultural inhibitions. These cultural inhibitions become the drivers toward shaping their children to the same ideals that they uphold. They are acting as the unchallenged motivators toward that end. Their identity may be shaped by Greek cultural inhibitions and as such, these inhibitions become the drivers towards cloning their children with the same ideals in order to feel as though they have fulfilled their parental obligation. This is in play when parents are not aware of cultural conditioning or have not questioned the source of their actions by way of self-reflection and rational analysis.

The contribution of the analysis of the Greek culture was to expose the principle similarities of all cultures and to attempt to identify the best

attributes contained in the Greek culture, for the purpose of adding them to the Australian cultural ideals, which can contribute toward making our Australian youth better universal citizens based on the Humanistic Ideals.

Greek or Australian culture will not survive in the long run. The only culture that will survive is the one that more closely meets the Humanistic ideals in law and practice. As such the key responsibility of any parent is to foster in their children the ideals of the humanist philosophy. It's the leadership that parents can offer to their children, it's about helping their children to get to the future first. Such is the definition of leadership.

So what is the most important Greek cultural attribute that should be fostered in our Children?

Without a doubt, it is the Greek language. It is the language that can improve their English by a big margin and become a huge advantage in their tertiary studies particularly in the study fields of the "Social Sciences", Botany, medicine

and literature.

In what context should the Greek language be taught to our children? Educational research shows that children of migrants who were taught their language in the first 3-4 years instead of English are disadvantaged by no less than three years in their primary school educational journey which then carries through their entire educational journey. As such it is better for our children to formally learn Greek as a second language past primary school age to avoid the disadvantage described above.

As such the challenge for the parents is how to motivate their children to see the benefit of learning Greek and not to impose the language at an early stage of their educational journey. The first step in this process is to make them aware that the English language consists of approximately 25% Greek (some 80000 words) and in fields such as Philosophy medicine Botany astrology etc the percentage is much much higher and knowing Greek will be of a huge advantage in their tertiary studies.

To be continued

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