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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

More Covid cases and hospitalizations predicted

New COVID-19 modelling predicts more than 400 South Australian adults may need hospitalisation for the virus in the next week as new daily cases peak at 7,000.

The number of people currently hospital in the state fell below 300 today after reaching a record of 306 yesterday.

"These numbers do bounce around — as people would be familiar from day to day — but we are seeing an average upwards trajectory in terms of hospitalisations at the moment," Health Minister Chris Picton said.

New University of Adelaide modelling predicts more than 400 adults in hospital with COVID-19 in a week's time.

"That clearly points to the pressure on our health system, the pressure to make sure we find available capacity in our health system for people who need admission for COVID," Mr Picton said.

SA Health usually only provides figures of all people in hospital with COVID-19, rather than splitting cases between adults and children.

Mr Picton said some non-urgent overnight

elective surgery in public hospitals may be deferred or moved to private hospitals to find about 40 beds with COVID-19 patients.

A meeting of the Emergency Management Council subcommittee of cabinet decided that the Department for Education would send a letter to schools and parents encouraging mask use when students return to class next Monday rather than mandating their use. The move is similar to one made by the Victorian government.

"That's not going to be a mandated situation like we've had previously, but it will certainly be an encouragement of the benefits of wearing masks and that will be communicated over coming days from the education department and SA Health to parents," Mr Picton said.

Masks are currently required in South Australia in healthcare settings, pharmacies and on public transport.

At the time, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens said that more than 300 people in hospital with COVID-19 could lead to a "conversation" about whether a state of emergency should be reinstated.

Six year old girl dies of suspected neglect

The South Australian government will review the "interactions" four agencies had with the Adelaide mother of a six-year-old girl who died after suspected neglect.

SA Police Deputy Commissioner Linda Williams said Charlie died on Friday after being rushed to the Lyell McEwen Hospital in the early hours of the morning.

She would not comment on whether Charlie suffered from malnutrition and did not know when Charlie had last attended school.

Ms Williams said police would also investigate the alleged neglect of the five other children, aged between seven and 16, in the Munno Para house, who have been removed from her care.

Acting Premier Susan Close said her government would conduct a review because four agencies, the Department for Human Services, SA Housing Authority, Department for Education and Department for Child Protection, had been involved with the family.

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FOUR YEARS AFTER THE MATI DISASTER

Fires raging in Greece and Europe

At least four large fires are cutting a path of destruction across Greece on Saturday, burning homes and businesses, forcing evacuations, pushing into beach resorts and scorching protected forests and parks.

Strong winds and temperatures in the mid-30s Celsius (94 degrees Fahrenheit) are fanning the flames in Evros in the east and on the island of Lesbos in the north Aegean Sea. In Grevena in northern Greece, a fire ignited in a remote mountainous area; while land and air firefighting teams are battling a wildfire in Messinia, in the southwest Peloponnese.

The wildfires come four years to the day that devastating blazes in the seaside Athens resort of Mati left 102 people dead and some 250 injured, while roughly 2,500 homes were burned or damaged.

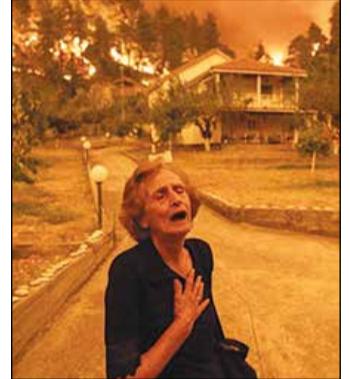
Almost half of the houses are now habitable again, save for the eerie memories that linger there. The fire at Mati is the second-deadliest wildfire of the century after the 2009 bushfires in Australia which killed 173 people. It is also counted as the sixth-deadliest in the last 100 years.

Meteorologists and climatologists say the increasing

number of wildfires in the country cannot be ignored. While experts generally avoid linking single weather events like wildfires to larger climate change patterns, it appears there has been a shift in tone among some.

"This is why we now talk of a climate crisis," physicist-meteorologist Thodoris Giannaros, a researcher at the National Observatory of Athens Climate, told AMNA. "Change is not something that is going to happen sometime in the future," he said. "It is already happening. It is happening now."

The temperature in Europe especially will continue



to increase at a rate that exceeds the global average, he added, while the number of very hot days have doubled or even tripled in Greece.

Another major accident at notorious intersection

Nine people were injured in the crash at the intersection of Portrush and Cross roads at Glen Osmond on Sunday afternoon.

Emergency services rushed to the crash site after the truck hit the fountain and rolled over, pinning several cars.

Five people had to be extricated from their vehicles. Speaking to the ABC, Preetmoham Singh said he had a close call when the truck came careering towards his car at the stop lights on the freeway.

"We heard some noises coming from surrounding and we then checked and saw a truck and a few cars coming towards us and then we moved the car a little bit forward so that we can survive," Mr Singh said.

Nearby resident Chris Parsons ran out of his home when he heard the crash and saw people rushing to help at the scene.

"The truck flipped and it just scraped the ground. Pretty bad. I've seen some



The accident scene on the intersection of Portrush and Cross roads, Glen Osmond (photo: ABC news)

accidents but not like this. This is the biggest one I've seen."

The intersection was the location of several fatal crashes in South Australia.

They included the death of 41-year-old truck driver James Venning, who died when he slammed into a wall

at the intersection in January 2014.

John Posnakidis, 42, was killed by an out-of-control semi-trailer when he was waiting at a bus stop for assistance at the same intersection.

Their deaths were the subject of a coronial inquest,

which recommended lower speed limits for heavy vehicles and tougher penalties for drivers who do not use a safety ramp.

In 2014, Thomas Spiess, 57, and Jacqueline Byrne, 41, were killed when a truck smashed into their cars at the bottom of the freeway.

GOCSA opens 2022 ODYSSEY Festival Art Prize

In 2022 Adelaide's Hellenic Cultural Festival ODYSSEY celebrates its 15th year as the Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc. (GOCSA) once again presents a series of exciting arts and cultural events starting on September 30th, 2022.

An announcement from the Greek Orthodox Community of SA, says this year's theme is "Celebrating 200 and 90 Years of Independence", - which reflects on the 200 Years from the Greek Independence and the 90 Years Anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Community of S.A.

Under that theme, the 2022 Odyssey Festival, will celebrate Hellenism through



The photo from the successful Basis concert held in May 2022

Art, Education, Theatre, Music and Festivities.

"As part of our Odyssey celebrations, we once again intend to feature the talented works of local artists as part of the Art Exhibition, which is held throughout the duration of the festival at its hub in Franklin Street, Adelaide.

"We are seeking expressions of interest from young

and new artists with a love for Hellenic culture to display their works based on the theme 'Celebrating 200 and 90 Years of Independence'. The art work selected by an eminent art judge, will be awarded "The Odyssey Art Prize" of \$1000 First Prize, \$600 Second Prize and \$400 Third Prize.

"We are seeking creativity

in all forms, be it painting, drawing, print making, ceramics, sculpture digital or any creative art form, with the theme of "Celebrating 200 and 90 Years of Independence", being interpreted any way the artist wishes, be it relating it to modern day or historical. The winning piece will become a permanent fixture in the Greek Orthodox Community gallery and non-winning pieces will be available for purchase", the GOCSA announcement says.

The Festival organisers request that your artwork be ready to hang by Friday 23 September 2022, with the winner to be announced at the launch on Friday 30th of September 2022 at Olympic Hall. All welcome. Contact 8231 4301 - or for a copy of the guidelines visit 262 Franklin street, Adelaide.



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ABOVE: On Sunday 17 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, Welland, attended by representatives of the South Australian Government and Opposition, community leaders, members of the clergy and a large crowd. Amongst others, were Lucy Hood MP representing the Premier, Peter Gardiakos representing GOCSA and Councillor Paul Alexandrides.

BELOW: Jing Lee MLC representing the Opposition, Consul General George Psiachas, Mayor of Charles Sturt Council Angela Evans, Mayor of West Torrens Michael Coxon, Chair of SAMEAC Andriana Christopoulos and representatives of local Greek Community associations



ABOVE: Bishop Silouan officiated a brief service at the Cyprus memorial on Sunday 17 July, in memory of those who fell during the military coup and the Turkish invasion of 1974.

LEFT: Cypriot Deputy Minister for Shipping Mr Vasilios Demetriades addressed a public meeting at the Cyprus club on 20 July. Also in the photo from left are, Peter Ppiros, President of SEKA, Greek Consul George Psiachas, Dr Andreas Evdokiou, President of Cyprus Community, Andriana Christopoulos, Chair of SAMEAC, Cyprus High Commissioner Martha Mavrommatis and President of the Pan-macedonian Association Evan Tsiaparis.

PASEKA - PAN-AUSTRALIAN JUSTICE FOR CYPRUS COMMITTEE Condemns illegal Turkish occupation

The Pan-Australian Justice for Cyprus Coordinating Committee (PASEKA) commemorates the 48th anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and ongoing occupation of Cyprus.

In 1974 Turkey invaded Cyprus, and since then has systematically displaced 200,000 Greek Cypriots and other minorities from the northern 37% of the island. Turkey's actions indicated that their goal had actually been ethnic cleansing and colonization. Until the 1974 invasion, the northern part of Cyprus, like the rest of the island, had been majority Greek. The Turkish invasion forcibly changed that. Today, more than 40,000 Turkish troops are illegally stationed in the occupied area and the indigenous Greek Cypriot residents have never been allowed to return and reclaim their homes and properties.

Meanwhile, the ancient culture and history of the occupied north are being wiped out to perpetrate the myth that the area is

Turkish. Geographical names have been Turkified and many Christian churches and monasteries have been destroyed or converted to mosques or stables.

Several archaeological places that were famous and recognised throughout the world have been destroyed or illegally excavated, while a great number of antiquities have been smuggled and remain unreturned to this day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine as they endure a brutal and violent invasion. However, the terrifying world changes started in 1974 when the free world accepted the illegal invasion of Cyprus by Turkey. It is difficult to witness the destruction of Ukraine and not be reminded of Turkey's violation of European and International law when it illegally invaded the Republic of Cyprus.

The United Nations resolutions on the Question of Cyprus since 1974, have demanded respect for the sovereignty, independence,

territorial integrity, unity and the non-aligned status of the Republic of Cyprus, the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all occupation troops, the return of the refugees to their homes in safety, as well as respect of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots. These resolutions, which have been systematically violated and disregarded by Turkey, remain to this date unimplemented.

The Cypriots of Australia express the hope that the new situation shaping internationally would lead to the creation of a climate in which other Security Council resolutions, including those on Cyprus, would also be implemented so that justice and peace might be restored in Cyprus as well.

We take this opportunity to ask the Australian Government and the people of Australia, to continue their support for the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, to reject Turkish aggression in the region, and to support the pursuit of a settlement to the Cyprus



President of PASEKA, Georgia Alexandrou

issue for a reunified state, free from Turkish troops with a single sovereignty and international personality, as defined by relevant Security Council resolutions.

Georgia Alexandrou
President PASEKA
(Pan-Australian Justice for Cyprus committee)
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS Greek population drops by 3.5% in a decade

Greece's population has decreased to 10,432,481 – by 384,005 people or 3.5 percent – compared to 2011, according to the preliminary results of the census 2021, the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) said on Tuesday.

The 2011 census showed that Greece's population stood at 10,816,286.

There are 5,075,249 men and 5,357,232 women, data showed.

According to the same data, Attica is the country's most densely populated region with

3,792,469 people, which is 35,965 fewer people than in 2011.

Also Central Macedonia recorded 90,039 fewer inhabitants compared to 2011. Current population: 1,792,069 inhabitants.

Out of the 13 Regions of the country, 12 saw a decrease in population, while in one, in the South Aegean, there was an increase. In the South Aegean, from 309,000 inhabitants in 2011, now 324,000 inhabitants have been recorded.

Greece's 148,435 covid cases and 200 deaths in a week

Greece's health authorities announced 148,435 confirmed coronavirus cases and 200 Covid-related deaths during the week of July 11-17, 2022. There are currently 115 intubated Covid-patients treated in Intensive Care Units. The cases were identified from a total of 954,188 tests.

Of the 148,435 confirmed coronavirus cases, reinfections were 18%.

The total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in Greece since the start of the pandemic rose to 4,210,771, with a total of 30,707 deaths over the same period.

The total number of admissions in the

reference week was 2,540 patients. Total number of discharges amounts to 2,097 patients.

The number of intubated patients by the end of the reporting week is 115 (63.6% men) with a median age of 71 years. 92.4% have an underlying disease and/or age of 70 years or older.

In the reporting week, 200 deaths of COVID-19 patients were recorded (18 per million population; 15% weekly change). Since the start of the epidemic a total of 30,707 deaths have been recorded. 95.7% of the deceased had an underlying disease and/or age 70 or older.

Like You

Why do you look at me like that
with hatred contempt in your eyes
you don't see me
why do you treat me like that
why does it matter that my skin is black

I breathe air,
I bleed red
I feel pain
I cry tears

just like you
why does it matter that my skin is black

I walk
I talk
I love
I procreate

just like you
why does it matter that my skin is black

I pray
not like you
that one day
you will see me
and that it doesn't matter that my skin is black

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