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## NEWS

### SA imposes hard border on Greater Brisbane

South Australia's hard border with Greater Brisbane has now come into effect after a spate of coronavirus cases in the Queensland capital.

Brisbane has had a growing number of community coronavirus cases. Two new cases were recorded in SA yesterday.

South Australian health authorities announced the new restriction would be as of yesterday, Monday.

Only South Australians, essential workers or people genuinely relocating are now allowed to enter the state from Greater Brisbane.

They will be required to do 14 days of quarantine and be tested for COVID-19.

Premier Steven Marshall said "we know that this is going to be a huge inconvenience for people, especially in the

lead-up to this Easter period, but it's quite clear to us that there are cases in the Greater Brisbane area that have come into contact with the community there."

South Australian Chief Public Health Officer Nicola Spurrier said the hard border was imposed on advice from Queensland health authorities.

She said the situation was "evolving" and SA Health would reassess advice daily.

"We don't want to have any border controls in place longer than is necessary," she said. South Australia recorded two new coronavirus cases today — a man in his 30s and another in his 40s currently in hotel quarantine.

There are now 16 active cases in the state.

## MESSAGE

### On the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence

I join with the more than 400,000 Australians of Greek heritage in commemorating the 200th anniversary of Greece's victory against the Ottoman Empire, and its achievement of Independence.

As the proud first generation son of a Greek migrant mother, this important milestone provides me a unique opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Greek Australians to our great nation.

The history of Greek migration to Australia is closely tied to the War of Independence, with the first Greek settlers arriving in Australia not long after the beginning of the War in 1821. This day allows us to celebrate this rich history, and the significant contributions made by the Greek community.

Whether it be the principles of democracy,

freedom and justice, or the works of the ancient Greek philosophers - the contributions of the Greek nation and its culture are forever linked to the development of modern human civilisation.

Even in a year of unprecedented challenges, the Greek community has continued to strive for these ideals - with your strength, resilience and community spirit on full display - something I thank and commend you for.

I extend my best wishes to all Australians commemorating the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence.

*Yours sincerely*  
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## The Riverland is under siege with fruit fly

More than 2.5 million sterile fruit flies have been released in the Riverland, as the region battles five outbreaks of Queensland fruit fly, which could cost local farmers and communities millions of dollars.

Speaking to the ABC, Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone has called on backyard fruit tree owners to strip their trees of fruit to do their part to help get the region's 1.3 billion horticulture industry back to their fruit fly-free status.

"Over 33 tons of fruit have been collected, we would imagine that there would be significantly more fruit to be collected if people were to strip their trees."

He said the full economic impact of the outbreaks was yet to be seen but it cost growers more than \$4 a case to treat their fruit.

"I am estimating it could be \$20 million and be as much as \$30 million coming out of the

local economy.

"That's significant, and so we have got to make sure we do everything we can to eradicate this pest."

Releasing sterile fruit flies is part of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) fruit fly eradication effort, aimed to end the life cycle of wild flies.

Manager of plant health operations at PIRSA Nick Secomb said the sterile fruit fly technology was a very effective tool.

The technology is the first insect pest control method based on genetics.

The technique involves the breeding and sterilisation of male fruit flies with an x-ray before they are released into an area with a wild population.

Once the sterile male flies are released in an infested area they mate with wild female fruit flies which eventually become outnumbered and die



Sterile fruit flies crawling up a hand of a man

out.

"We are doing around 3.5 million flies per week. We have got a six week program in mind now, and then we review it and see if we need to do more," Mr Secomb said.

South Australia remains the only mainland Australian state

that is classified as fruit fly free, with the Riverland having a special pest-free status within that zone.

There are currently five active outbreak zones in the Riverland, with the latest declared last week in Berri and Pike River.

## Greek Community celebrates 200 years since immortal 1821

The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia celebrate the 200th Year Anniversary of the Greek Revolution at a reception on 27 March attended by many Members of Parliament, the Consul General of Greece, representatives of local Greek Associations and members of the Community.

The event also celebrated the 90th Year Anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia since last year's celebrations had to be cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

During the formal part, the Hon David Pisoni, Minister for Innovation and Skills, talking about the successful outcome of the Greek Revolution mentioned that the Greek success story inspired many other countries towards their independence.

"Greek migrants had the same effect in Australia setting up the model to success," he said.

President of the Greek Community Mr. Bill Gonis said that the Community follows the steps of the Heroes and their sacrifice, as they shape the course of history of our nation.

"By remembering and honouring the Great Struggle and its heroes, we make sure their legacy continues to lead us and inspire us not just within the Greek borders, but in every corner of the globe where Hellenes live and thrive," Mr Gonis said.

On the occasion of the 200th Year Anniversary and the Gala Evening, the Community was honoured to receive a video message from the President of the Hellenic Republic, her Excellency Ekaterini Sakellaropoulou.

The Consul General of Greece in South Australia, Hon George Psiahas said "Hellenism always finds a way to survive and



Members of the GOCSA Dance Academy performing traditional Greek dancing at the Reception at Olympic Hall on 27 March, dedicated to the 200th Anniversary since the Greek Revolution and the 90 years of GOCSA. At the back, official guests and community volunteers

to maintain a strong sense of national identity, no matter what the situation is, either being under foreign rule or in the Diaspora".

The cultural part of the evening featured performances by the students of the Community's Dance Academy as well as musical tunes by 'Meraki' band, inspired by tradition and tale from the Great Struggle.

Performing traditional dance and songs inspired by the Greek Revolution along with the traditional costumes, the Academy added to a particularly moving atmosphere.

Other official guests who attended the Gala Evening were, the Hon Jing Lee, MLC, Assistant Minister to the Premier, the Hon Irene Pnevmatikos, MLC on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition Mr Peter Malinauskas, the Hon Connie Bonaros,

MLC, the Hon Frank Pangallo MLC, the Hon David Ridgway, MLC, Mr Tom Koutsantonis, Member for West Torrens, Ms Jayne Stinson, Member for Badcoe, Mr Steve Georganas, Federal Member for Adelaide, former Attorney General of South Australia Hon Michael Atkinson, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide Hon Sandy Verschoor, the Mayor of the City of Unley Mr Michael Hewitson, Deputy Mayor of Adelaide Ms Mary Couros, Councillor Paul Alexandrides on behalf of the Mayor of Charles Sturt Ms Angela Evans and Ms Adriana Christopoulos, Member of the South Australian Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Commission, on behalf of the Chair of the Commission Mr Norman Schueler.

GOCSA General Secretary Peter Ppiros was the MC for the event.

### Franklin str. Bike lane rejected

Adelaide City Council has voted against installing a separated bikeway across the CBD after years of deliberations.

The 8-3 vote taken at the last meeting, means the council will not have to spend \$3 million dollars on top of the \$3 million in State Government funding in order to complete the project.

The east-west bikeway would have gone along Franklin Street, Gawler Place and Wakefield Street, connecting with the Frome Street bikeway in the eastern side of the CBD.

## Community Life

The State Government funding was contingent on the council approving plans for the project by the end of the month.

The tight deadline led to a condensed consultation period last year that upset businesses and the Greek Orthodox community SA which has a church and a bingo hall on Franklin Street.

Both groups were worried about losing parking spaces.

Councillor Greg Mackie said consultation was lacking and the plan as it was would have

created "enduring angst" in the community.

"We actually need a more fully considered, consulted and integrated approach to how we achieve a workable north-south-east-west [network]," he said.

Councillor Arman Abrahamzadeh said like most councillors, he supported a bikeway but not in the location proposed.

"It's the how and the what that we need to work out," he said.

The council decision came

after lawyer Greg Griffin wrote to the council on behalf of businesses opposed to the bike lane.

"Everybody has had enough of this matter continually arising," he told ABC Radio Adelaide on Tuesday.

"No-one wants this bike lane. It will have a catastrophic effect in terms of businesses on Flinders Street."

Mr Griffin said the population of Adelaide was primarily suburban, meaning it was "very different" to European cities renowned for their bike paths such as Amsterdam and Copenhagen.



## Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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The Premier Steven Marshall in conjunction with the Consul General of Greece gave a reception in Parliament House in honor of the 200th anniversary since the Greek Revolution of 1821. In the photo also, Tom Koutsantonis MP, Andrea Michael Connie Bonaros MLC. Irene Pnevmatikos MLC, Chief Justice Chris Kourakis and Leading Members of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA

BELOW: At the reception given by GOCSA at the Olympic Hall to honor the 200 years of Independence and the 90 years of GOCSA, amongst others were the President Bill Gonis, Ministers David Pisoni, David Ridgeway and Jing Lee, Lord Mayor Sandy Verchoor, Treasurer Peter Gardiakos and Akis Zenios



ABOVE: Inside the Cathedral of Archangels in Franklin street, for the Celebration of the 200 years, were amongst others Frank Pangallo MLC, Jayne Stinson MP, Deputy Mayor of Adelaide Mary Courros, Irene Pnevmatikos MLC, Tung Ngo MLC and Zoe Bettison MP.



ABOVE: Premier Steven Marshall, Greek Consul General George Psiachas and Cyprus Community President Andreas Evdokiou at the State Reception on 25 March in Parliament House

The criteria for acquiring Greek citizenship has been subject to geopolitical influences beginning at the time of the nation's liberation from the Turkish occupation and through the periods of the Balkan wars, the second world war, and the post-war civil war. As well there was a huge influence exerted from the refugee movements during the composition of the boundaries of the Greek nation over a 100 year period and the demands of the diaspora period after the end of the civil war. Greek nationhood at the initial stages was defined by the need for differentiation from the religious divisions between The Christian and Muslim religion and the idea of heritage. One could only become a Greek citizen if they were

## Greek citizenship (Ιθαγένεια)

Christian and born in Greece by Greek parents. These rules prevailed for over 100 years with some exceptions but become unworkable during the period of diaspora. The various changes and the reasons behind them evolved over time and these are best articulated by Professor Dimitris Christopoulos at his 2019 seminar in Melbourne Australia. The last update revision of these rules was declared in 2019 and Dimitris presents the historical journey of the formation of the historical criteria and its evolutionary journey to this last phase at the address <https://youtu.be/FzrHsv2sO2g?t=2939>. I highly recommend for anyone wanting to accomplish an understanding of this citizenship evolutionary development to access this presentation. The criteria as it currently stands have the propensity to change the culture of the Greek nation to one that embraces multiculturalism in the long run and brings about a more progressive and influential society. Anthropologists tell us that a monolithic culture degenerate over time whereas a polyethnic culture is more progressive and more creative. This is no different to modern organizations that foster and

supports differences in ideas and employees rather than employees who believe in the same ideas. Conformance may be less demanding to manage but it restricts long term survival. Management teams with a variety of ideas are more likely to achieve greater accomplishments than teams that only support one idea. Embracing people of the different ethnic and national heritage can only lead to a more prosperous Greek nation in the long run. Australian Greeks have an understanding of this concept because they are part of the most successful poly-ethnic nation on the planet that has adopted the best attributes from all its ethnic groups. Elias Hadjisavas. ADELAIDE

consciousness as he experienced forces up to eight times the pull of gravity during his descent. Vostok 1 had no engines to slow its re-entry and no way to land safely. About 4 miles (7 km) up, Gagarin ejected from the spacecraft and parachuted to Earth. Gagarin set the record as the first person to leave Earth's orbit and travel into space.

"I would have gone flying through space forever." – Yuri Gagarin

## Yuri Gagarin: First Man in Space on 12 April 1961

By Nola Taylor Redd October 12, 2018 Source: Space. The 60th anniversary of Gagarin's flight will be in 2021. The space community also commemorates Gagarin's achievement every year with Yuri's Night, a celebration that takes place on his launch date of April 12. Yuri's Night was founded in 2001 and attracts thousands of celebrants each year. Yuri Gagarin was the first person to fly in space. His flight, on April 12, 1961, lasted 108 minutes as he circled the Earth for a little more than one orbit in the Soviet Union's Vostok spacecraft. Following the flight, Gagarin became a cultural hero in the Soviet Union. Even today, more than six decades after the historic flight, Gagarin is widely celebrated in Russian space museums, with numerous artifacts, busts and statues displayed in his honour. His remains are buried at the Kremlin in Moscow. Part of his spacecraft is on display at the Energiya museum. Gagarin's flight came at a time when the United States and the Soviet Union were competing for technological supremacy in space. The Soviet Union had already sent the first artificial satellite, called Sputnik, into space in

October 1957. The third of four children, Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin was born on March 9, 1934, in a small village a hundred miles from Moscow. As a teenager, Gagarin witnessed a Russian Yak fighter plane make an emergency landing near his home. When offered a chance years later to join a flying club, he eagerly accepted, making his first solo flight in 1955. Only a few years later, he submitted his request to be considered as a cosmonaut. More than 200 Russian Air Force fighter pilots were selected as candidates. Gagarin, a 27-year-old senior lieutenant at the time, was among the pilots selected. On April 12, 1961, at 9:07 a.m. Moscow time, the Vostok 1 spacecraft blasted off from the Soviets' launch site. Over the course of 108 minutes, Vostok 1 traveled around the Earth once, reaching a maximum height of 203 miles (327 kilometers). The spacecraft carried 10 days' worth of provisions in case the engines failed and Gagarin was required to wait for the orbit to naturally decay. But the supplies were unnecessary. Gagarin re-entered Earth's atmosphere, managing to maintain

THE ETERNAL STAR  
Epoch maker,  
man from the red star  
land in the north  
rocketed to galaxies,  
once the dreams of men on earth.  
Our hearts throbbed as one  
as Vostok, an enflamed jewel,  
crossed the realm of the southern sky  
in that cool autumn night.  
Your flight drew the world's eye.  
Spiteful Earth, solemn and envious  
of your humble, silver wings  
claimed you wholly, and resolutely.  
We shall always remember you  
as a comet of man's ingenuity.  
John Lesses  
[Published in The Tribune]  
4 October 1968.

## First Pre-Human Lived in Balkan Area

Researchers have found evidence that the link in the lineage of the great apes and humans took place in the Eastern Mediterranean — not in Africa — and that the first pre-human, or hominin, walked in the Northern Greece-Balkans area, according to research published in the scientific journal PLoS One and ScienceDaily. Up until the time researchers made the discovery, in 2017, scientists had assumed that the lineages diverged five to seven million years ago and that the first pre-humans developed in Africa.

However, an international research team from Germany, Bulgaria, Greece, Canada, France and Australia, headed by Professor Madelaine Bohme from the Senckenberg Centre for Human Evolution and Palaeoenvironment at the University of Tübingen and Professor Nikolai Spassov from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, believe that human history began a few centuries earlier — and in the general area of the Balkans. Publishing their results in two papers in the scientific journal PLoS ONE in May of 2017, the researchers explained that the two only known specimens of the fossil hominid Graecopithecus freybergi include a lower jaw, found in Greece, and an upper premolar, from Bulgaria.

Previously, it had been thought that apes had died out in this area more than three million years previous to that time, making this the youngest ape-like fossil ever found in Europe. Using state-of-the-art computer tomography, the

researchers visualized the internal structures of the fossils and demonstrated that the roots of the premolars are widely fused.

The scientists investigating the two fossils of Graecopithecus freybergi came to the conclusion that they in fact belonged to pre-humans.

"While great apes typically have two or three separate and diverging roots, the roots of Graecopithecus converge and are partially fused — a feature that is characteristic of modern humans, early humans and several pre-humans including Ardipithecus and Australopithecus," said Bohme.

"This condition is so far only known to occur regularly in hominins — pre-humans and humans," Spassov says. "It is extremely rare in recent chimps."

The lower jaw, which scientists have nicknamed "El Graeco," has additional dental root features, suggesting that the species Graecopithecus freybergi might belong to pre-humans, or hominins.

Amazingly, the Graecopithecus is several hundred thousand years older than the previously believed oldest pre-human from Africa, the six to seven-million-year-old Sahelanthropus from Chad.

The sedimentary layers at the Graecopithecus fossil sites in Greece and Bulgaria showed a nearly synchronous age for both fossils — 7.24 and 7.175 million years before the present.

"It is at the beginning of the Messinian, an Age that ends with the complete desiccation of the Mediterranean Sea," Bohme explained.



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