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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Table grape exports to China in crisis

The federal Trade Minister says the government is trying to understand why China has delayed importing table grapes at a cost the Australian industry estimates to be worth millions of dollars a week.

Dan Tehan says he "won't jump to any conclusions" about the possibility that the \$300 million a year table grape trade to China is the latest casualty in the trade war with the superpower.

According to the ABC, in the past year China has wiped billions of dollars of Australian exports including barley, red wine, meat, seafood, timber, cotton and coal.

Now, Australian growers say containers of fresh table grapes that would normally clear China's customs authorities in one or two days have been delayed by up to 20 days, sometimes without refrigeration.

Mr Tehan told the ABC the government had asked Australian exporters to keep him informed about what they're hearing from Chinese customers.

"About 80 per cent of table grape exports seem to have got in seamlessly,"

he said.

"We're trying to work out what is the cause of the hold-up".

The Australian Table Grape Association (ATGA) estimates the delays, which began six weeks ago, could cost growers and exporters up to \$40,000 per container.

Typically during the April and May peak Australia would send as many as 300 containers of table grapes a week to China, but the ABC understands as few as 125 containers per week have "landed" in China this year.

"The whole industry is very concerned because the delays are causing huge losses to table grape growers and exporters," ATGA chief executive Jeff Scott said

China is the most lucrative market for Australian table grapes and accounts for more than 40 per cent of all table grape exports.

While the government seeks answers on the grape delays, it is considering launching an appeal to the World Trade Organization over the disruption to Australia's wine trade.

Young Australians concerned about climate change

Thousands of students and their supporters walked out of classrooms and workplaces to join School Strike 4 Climate events around the country, becoming part of a global youth-led movement pleading for urgent action on climate change.

Attendees made their way to large rallies in the CBDs of every Australian capital city on Friday, with events also planned in dozens of rural and regional areas, from Alice Springs to Atherton.

Organisers are demanding the federal government turn its back on emissions-intensive energy sources, including by:

- * Resourcing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led solutions that guarantee land rights
- * Funding the creation of secure jobs that fast-track solutions to the climate crisis
- * Funding projects that transition the

economy to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030

Taking place in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, all events were arranged with input from relevant state and territory health authorities, according to organisers.

There were loud cries for change, stories of grief and witty signs in abundance.

Thousands of protesters in Sydney braved the rain to march from Sydney Town Hall to Prince Alfred Park to make their voices heard.

A key issue for many in attendance was the federal government's recent announcement that it would spend \$600 million on a new gas-fired power station.

Organisers of the Adelaide event said about 2,000 students and young people rallied at Victoria Square before heading to King William Street, blocking traffic as they marched.

Turkey's Aegean moves monitored by Greece

Athens is closely monitoring Turkey's latest moves in the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean after a series of what it views as suspicious incidents.

The most recent concerns the passage of a Turkish fishing fleet not only within an area of a potential Greek exclusive economic zone (EEZ), but also within its territorial waters.

More specifically, on Wednesday the Hellenic Coast Guard was alerted when Turkish fishing boats moved within the coastal zone south of Gavdos island, off Crete. The Turkish fishermen complained of bad weather and asked to be allowed to move their trawlers into Cretan waters. Finally, some of them were taken yesterday to Kissamos Bay and others off the coast of Souda.

The movement of Turkish fishing boats south of Crete has alarmed Athens, given that in recent years Ankara has invest-

ed in the development of an industrial fishing fleet with the aim of joining the competition in the Eastern Mediterranean, and to also support its claims in the region.

Ankara has been relentless in its effort to show Athens that there are clear Turkish interests in the area south of Crete, given that the illegal Turkish-Libyan maritime memorandum covers areas south and east of the island.

Moreover, Turks treat Gavdos at best (as there are some who doubt that it has been legally assigned to Greece) as an island that has no continental shelf and as such cannot have an impact on the calculation of EEZs or other maritime zones.

Defense Minister Nikos Panagiotopoulos discussed Greece's relations with Turkey in an extensive interview with Cypriot news channel RIK on Thursday in which he criticized Ankara's "revisionist" policies in



Turkish fleet, in the Mediterranean, are closely monitored by the Greek Government

the wider region.

"We are cautious but are acting in good faith. This is why we are taking part in these exploratory talks," he said of the ongoing exploratory talks between the two countries.

Panagiotopoulos also discussed the tensions between

the two countries in the summer of 2020 and reiterated the Greek position of solving tensions through diplomatic and political means, stating that "there must be understanding and abidance especially towards international law, which governs the relations between states."

Greek Community helps to "Stop Elder Abuse"

If you suspect you or someone you know is at risk of or is being abused, you can call the South Australian Abuse Prevention Phone Line on 1800 372 310, Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm for information, support or to make a report to the Adult Safeguarding Unit, or by emailing adultsafeguardingunit@sa.gov.au

Trained staff will provide you with free, confidential, culturally sensitive advice, or you can leave a message and they will contact you.

Rights of older South Australians

Older South Australians have the right to be safe and to be treated with dignity and respect. Decisions about their lives, finances, where they live, health care, lifestyle and relationships are important and older people have the right to make these decisions as they wish.

The South Australian Charter of the Rights and Freedoms of Vulnerable Adults (PDF 101KB) helps you to understand what these rights are.

Every year, approximately 5% of older people will experience some form of mistreatment, abuse, neglect, by someone known and trusted to them. For every reported case, another five cases remain hidden and unreported.



Senior Adult Safeguarding Practitioner Mrs Jodie Smith with Interpreter Mrs Stella Hellander (in the middle), together with GOCSA Community Services Manager Mrs Jacqui Bowden (right) and staff members Mrs Kathy Giannakis and Marianthi Kosmarikou (left) at Taxiarchis Social

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The South Australian Abuse Prevention Phone Line cannot respond to emergencies. If your situation is an emergency, call triple 000 to speak with police or ambulance services.

Greek community celebrates Easter

Following the 40-day Easter Lent of the Orthodox Calendar, thousands of Hellenes across Adelaide celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in what constitutes the most important religious celebration in all of Christendom.

The Greek Orthodox Community's churches commenced the Easter services on Palm Sunday as Holy Week marked the beginning of the Passion of Christ.

According to an announcement sent to the Greek Tribune by the GOCSA all the Community's churches reached capacity in the days leading to Easter Saturday as its members made their way to pray for peace, prosperity and good health.

"Continuing on Good Friday, the Tomb of Christ dominated in every church with thousands

Community Life



GOCSA members decorating the Epitafio of the Goodwood church

attending the Royal Hours service and the litany of the Tomb of Christ reminding churchgoers the sacrifice He made for humanity".

A procession of the 'Epitaphio' made its way out and around the

block of all churches on Friday night, with thousands of people following its course.

The list of official guests who attended the 'Epitafio' procession on Good Friday at the

Community's churches included the Hon Rachel Sanderson, Minister for Child Protection, the Hon David Pisoni, Minister for Industry and Skill, the Leader of the Opposition Peter Malinauskas, Opposition MP Zoe Bettison, Frank Pangallo MLC, West Torrens Mayor Michael Coxon, Adelaide City Councillor Franz Knoll, Charles Sturt Councillor Paul Alexndrides and SAMEAC Member Muhama Yotham.

The celebrations peaked on Easter Saturday with the traditional midnight mass as thousands of the Community's members flocked to church to attend the Resurrection Ceremony and to receive the Eternal Light. At midnight, priests sang out "Christ has Risen", marking the end of the Passion and making the joyful announcement of Christ's resurrection.

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LEFT: Thousands of local Greek community members attended the Easter celebrations at the Greek Orthodox Community churches. The photo from the traditional midnight mass at the Cathedral of Taxiarchis in the City, attended by the Hon Rachel Sanderson, Minister for Child Protection, on behalf of the State Government, Zoe Bettison MP on behalf of the Opposition, Adelaide City Councillor Franz Knoll, and members of the Administrative Council of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA.



LEFT: The Greek Consul General George Psiachas and Dance Academy member George Douventzidis just after the successful dance event held at the Scott Theatre on 8 May by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA

RIGHT: Steve Georganas MP also attended the "Epanastasi" dance event at the Scott Theatre



GOCSA and Flinders Uni work together on "Shared Lunches Project"

In 2019, researchers from the Flinders University Caring Futures Institute met with people who regularly attended lunch clubs at various cultural community organisations. The Greek Pensioners of Thebarton were one of these community groups. The researchers discovered that these shared lunches were very important to people because of the food and the company that these lunches provide. In fact, people valued the lunches so much, that they would organise other things in their life so that they were able to attend the lunch each week.

The researchers were so impressed with how much these lunches were valued, they designed a new study to see if sharing a meal once

a week would help people to make new, ongoing friendships and keep people active in their community. Using the results of this study, researchers hope to create a program to increase community social events, particularly for those who might be lonely or for those would like to increase their friendship group.

The Caring Futures Institute is producing a short film to showcase this study and would like to thank the Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc. for facilitating the filming, the Greek Pensioners of Thebarton for allowing them to film one of their lunches on 23rd April 2021 and a special thanks to Mr Jim Papanicolas for a fantastic interview.'



The Flinders University Filming Crew together with the GOCSA Community Care Services staff and manager at the Greek Pensioners of Thebarton Luncheon on 23/4/2021

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To follow is a collection of cultural attitudes norms etc. that depict some of the Greek norms, values and attitudes for self-reflection. Some of these were sent to me via the Internet and I took license to add to them, no disrespect is intended, and, it is about one of those shared attitudes among many cultures, the ability to laugh at ourselves:

In every culture, there are certain behaviors and norms that define the subtleties that are prevalent within the culture. Some of them are moral and ethical and others are somewhat embarrassing but never the less active within the culture and practiced without a conscious sense of embarrassment. Such matters are usually identified by perceptive comedians and used in a way that allows the members of that culture to laugh at themselves.

These can also be reasons for unintentionally offending people in multicultural societies in an instance where the

How is culture learned

subtleties of different cultures are not learned. For example;

In the Greek culture calling someone in a serious manner, a "bastard" is an act of great insult.

Similarly in the Australian culture calling someone a "wanker" in a serious manner is offensive

Yet, the term bastard expressed in a cultural context among Australians (involving appropriate tone and in the right circumstances is an expression of endearment. The same applies in the Greek culture with the term Wanker.

However, if one is not culturalised in the contextual way that these terms are used they would be in some trouble don't you think?

I recall many times when I was a newcomer to Australian many friends of mine who got into fights thinking that Australians were insulting their integrity and the honour of their family when court up in situations where they

were referred to as Bastards in an endearing way but misinterpreted the situation in a literal sense rather than in a cultural perspective due to unfamiliarity.

There is a humorous scenario about this very matter as follows;

Young George born in Australia decided to holiday in Greece to connect with the extended family. He left with the blessing of his family members including his Grandparents. Upon his return from the holidays he was greeted by family and quizzed for information about the relatives he met. His Grandmother more than others was very keen to know who he met and kept asking about their names. Oh the grandson responded. ; There was Antonis and Christo, Kostas and Giannis and the rest were all Malakes (wankers). It's the equivalent of an oz young man saying there was John and Kon and Jim and the rest were all bastards because they were

referred to in endearing ways by the relatives as Bastards.

Below is some euphemisms used in the Greek culture that otherwise could be offensive if expressed using the appropriate words to describe precisely the behavior and context in which they may be used;

One of the most critical factors in determining the level of one's culturalization in a given culture is their understanding and appropriate use of; colloquialisms, Aphorisms and Euphemisms.

Colloquialism - a word or phrase that is used mostly in informal speech words such as "ain't" and "gonna" or the use of the word "Bloody" as a curse word.

Aphorisms - Aphorism is a statement of truth or opinion expressed in a concise and witty manner. Eg; my definition of ageing "The process of trading youth to gain wisdom and senility", or; "Words are, the most powerful drug used by mankind".

To be continued
Elias Hadjisavas.
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EU Parliament calls to put Turkey's EU plans on hold

The European Parliament voted to propose the suspension of Turkey's accession talks for entry into the European Union on Wednesday as relations between Turkey and the bloc have become increasingly strained over the last several years.

The European Parliament also called for Turkey to implement an immediate change of course regarding the rule of law and human rights as a prerequisite for the country's accession to the EU. European parliamentarians passed the proposal to suspend Turkey's accession by 480 votes in favor, 64 against and 150 abstentions.

Turkey is one of the countries having been through the longest (22 year) negotiation process

to enter the EU.

The report reflects all that has happened in the country in the last two years, in particular in the fields of human rights. The backsliding in the rule of law and fundamental rights — along with authoritarian actions of the Turkish government, such as the recent incarceration of journalists, academics, and human rights activists are points of major concern for the European Parliament.

At the same time, the country's eroding democracy and its hostile foreign policy, especially toward Greece and Cyprus, question the commitment of the Turkish government to establish close relations with the EU.



CONSULATE OF GREECE IN S.A. ANNOUNCEMENT

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