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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

SA the focus of global attention for its energy plan

South Australia has received worldwide acclaim for the state's leadership on energy, following Elon Musk's visit to Adelaide and the announcement SA will be home to the world's largest lithium ion battery.

The visit by Tesla's billionaire boss has put South Australia on the global stage, earning invaluable worldwide media coverage and opening the state up to future investment opportunities from the world's entrepreneurs.

The news has been covered by the world's biggest newspapers, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The

Telegraph in London. Premier Jay Weatherill announced the world's largest lithium ion battery will be installed in South Australia under a historic agreement between French renewable energy company Neoen, US sustainable energy company Tesla and the South Australian Government.

The battery will be installed in time for summer and Tesla is honouring Elon Musk's commitment to deliver the battery within 100 days or it is free.

Mr Musk said the project "is going to be an example to the rest of the world. This is definitely the way of the future."

Contract awarded for East End tram extension

Night works for the City Tram Extension Project have begun last weekend, after the major contract was awarded to Downer York Joint Venture - a consortia consisting of Downer EDI Works and South Australian company, York Civil.

The project will deliver four new stops - one on King William Road servicing the Festival Plaza precinct and three new stops along North Terrace servicing the museum and library precinct, universities and the East End.

After extensive

design, planning and engineering advice, the State Government will invest an additional \$10 million into the project, bringing the total project cost to \$80 million, including tram purchases.

In addition, the tram track along King William Road will be extended a further 100 metres north than originally proposed, which will result in improved and safe disability access and enhanced pedestrian connectivity between the Riverbank Precinct and Anzac Walk. Works are scheduled to be completed early 2018.

The move to the new Hospital approaches

A television commercial that showcases the new Royal Adelaide Hospital has begun airing on free TV as part of a community awareness campaign to ensure South Australians know how the move to the new RAH could impact on them.

The launch of the advertisement came as the State's leading doctors, nurses and paramedics called on South Australians to be patient as the ramp-down phase of the heavily anticipated move to the new hospital approaches.

The six week ramp-down, which has been planned by and is being coordinated by the state's

top clinical minds, will see some non-urgent elective surgery postponed and some inpatients moved to hospitals within an hour's reach of Adelaide if deemed clinically safe and appropriate to do so.

With just days to go until key services begin to ramp down ahead of the move, hospital staff are asking the public for their support and patience in the coming weeks.

Vital information about the ramp-down will be delivered to the community via an education campaign across TV, radio, print and online. Community information sessions and a mail out to the local areas will also be done.

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CYPRUS

New threats by Turkey

Only days after the failure of the Geneva talks to deliver a united federal Cyprus without the Turkish occupational troops, the focus is now on the drilling by the Cyprus Government in its territorial waters for the exploration of natural gas and the new threats by the Turkish Government.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu - who was in the northern part of the island for talks with Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci - accused the Republic of Cyprus and Greece that while unification negotiations were being held in Crans-Montana, the Greek Cypriots made a "unilateral move" by drilling in the area, thus showing "their true intentions."

Cavusoglu said that Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot side will react in their own way to the drilling of the Republic of Cyprus.

"Greek Cypriots' unilateral measures here are not right

because Turkish Cypriots also have rights on the reserves around the island of Cyprus," Cavusoglu said.

"Against this unilateral step, Turkey and the TRNC (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus) will work together... The talks at Crans-Montana were blocked because of them (Cyprus and Greece) and the (United Nations) Secretary-General decided to not continue this way," Cavusoglu said.

"In 2004, they rejected the (UN) Annan Plan in a referendum, their elder brothers rewarded them and immediately took them into the EU. They spoiled them, of course. Whatever they do, they find support. It is a tiny (EU) member and it is not only blocking Turkey's EU membership but they also block many other processes. I mean, it is actually the EU that is encouraging this," Cavusoglu stated.

Prior to his trip to the occupied part of Cyprus, Cavusoglu had said: "From now on, other processes will take place in Cyprus because the negotiations cannot last endlessly. From the first day, when we [the ruling Justice and Development Party] came to power, we have always been one step ahead in the settlement of the Cyprus issue, we took all the political risks. But if the other party does not want to find a solution, then we should look for other options".

In the meantime, French energy giant Total is drilling in block 11 of the island's exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Two French warships are stationed nearby, while Turkey, has also dispatched at least one warship to monitor the situation.

The Cypriot government announced that the natural gas exploration was going as planned, with results expected in the autumn.

ISLAND OF KOS

Life back to normal

Life on Kos returns to normal two days after the deadly earthquake and several aftershocks that keep seismologists and the authorities on alert.

Two aftershocks hit the Greek island of Kos on the weekend just days after a 6.7 magnitude earthquake killed two people and injured nearly 500 others, two of them in critical condition.

The first aftershock, of 4.4 magnitude, hit the island about 8 p.m. and was followed 16 minutes later by a 4.6 magnitude tremor, the Athens Geodynamics Institute reported.

The island airport is operating as normal and all domestic and international flights are being carried out.

The main port on the island of Kos, which was damaged in Friday's earthquake, will be temporarily repaired with a cement ramp that will allow ferry boats to dock, authorities announced on Saturday evening.

For tourists, life on the island is as desired and many of them continue their holidays undeterred by the event.

Greek media reports, were also referring to large numbers of Australian tourists who lived through the horrific experience.

Australian Cypriots remember 1974 coup and invasion

By Peter Ppiros

The Justice for Cyprus Coordinating Committee SA (SEKA), in association with the Cyprus Community of SA Inc, once again have organised a series of events on Sunday 16 July and Wednesday 19 July 2017, to mark the 43rd anniversary of the fascist coup and the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus.

On Sunday 16 July, a wreath laying ceremony was held at the Memorial situated at the premises of the Cyprus Community at Welland, attended by representatives of the South Australian Government and Opposition and local community leaders.

Official guests, amongst others, were Minister for Police Peter Malinauskas MLC representing Premier Jay Weatherill, David Pisoni on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition Stephen Marshall, Angela Evans Mayor of Charles Sturt Council, President of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA Bill Gonis, Con Dalas President of the Intercommunal council of the Archdiocese and Greek Consul General Andreas Gouras.

On Wednesday 19 July, as part of the commemorative events, the Cypriot Community of SA welcomed the Director of the Office of President, Michael Sofokleous who visited Australia on behalf of the Anastasiades Government and the Republic of Cyprus. He spoke at the Cypriot Community Club, on current political developments in Cyprus. The Cypriot official guest was accompanied by the High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus in Canberra,



At the Cyprus Community on 19 July, were, from left, the President of Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou, Cyprus High Commissioner Martha Mavrommatis, the Director of the Office of the President Michael Sofokleous, Greek Consul General Andreas Gouras and Cypriot Consul Vakis Zisimos

Martha Mavrommatis and Deputy Head of Mission/Consul General of the Republic of Cyprus in Canberra Vakis Zisimos.

The event was very well attended by members of the Community and guests including the Speaker of the House Michael

Atkinson, David Pisoni MP, Greek Consul General Andreas Gouras, ALP candidates for Adelaide Jo Chapley, Colton Angela Vaughan and Irene Pnevmatikos. Refreshments and a light supper were offered to the public by the Cyprus Community.

Odyssey announces Art prize 2017

In 2017 Adelaide's Hellenic Cultural Festival ODYSSEY celebrates its 12th year as the Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc. (GOCSA) once again presents a series of exciting arts and cultural events from 6 October - 28 October 2017.

With this year's theme being "Journey through the Arts", in 2017, Odyssey will celebrate Hellenism through Art, Theatre, Music and Festivities:

Odyssey once again intends 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.

The organising Cultural Committee is seeking expressions of interest from young and new artists of Hellenic

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heritage with a love for Hellenic culture to display their works based on the theme 'Journey through the Arts'. The art work selected by an eminent art judge will be awarded the 'Odyssey Art Prize' of \$1000 first prize, \$600 second and \$400 third prize.

The committee is seeking creativity in all forms, be it painting, drawing, print making, ceramics, sculpture or any creative art form, with the theme of 'Journey through the Arts' 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 committee requests that the artwork be ready to hang by Monday 25 September 2017,

with the winner announced at the launch on Friday 6th October 2017 at Olympic Hall. For further information call GOCSA on 8231 4307.

Divine Liturgy in English

The Greek Orthodox Community of SA would like to inform the community and the youth in particular that, due to high demand, the Community's church is reintroducing the Divine Liturgy in English.

The Divine Liturgy in English recommenced at the Church of Koimisis Theotokou, 1A William Street, Croydon and will be held fortnightly on Wednesday at the same church. The next liturgy is scheduled for Wednesday 2 August at 7.00pm. Father Apostolos Avrambos will conduct

Celebration of Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Feast Day Celebration, held on 15 August each year, is one of the most important events in the Orthodox calendar and in Greece the Feast Day is a declared public holiday.

Bishop Chrysostomos of the Autocephalous Church of Australia will officiate at this year's religious event to be held on Tuesday 15 August at the Greek Community church of the Virgin Mary at Croydon, while a similar celebration by the Greek Archdiocese will take place at the church of Virgin Mary in Berri.

GOCSA President Bill Gonis invites the public to come and enjoy a Greek style Panegyri, (festival) at Croydon to follow the church service, with a variety of souvlakia-meats, refreshments and Greek sweets to break the 40-day pre-celebration fast.

Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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LEFT: On Sunday 16 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 and community leaders. The event continued inside the clubrooms of the Community with speeches from the President of the Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou, Minister Peter Malinauskas, Liberal MP David Pisoni and the Mayor of Charles Sturt Angela Evans.



LEFT: David Pisoni MP addressed the gathering at the Cyprus Community on 16 July, commemorating the tragic events in 1974



From left, Paul Alexandrides acting chairman of SEKA, Simon Panagi of the Cobras Soccer Club, Minister Peter Malinauskas, President of GOCSA Bill Gonis, President of Cyprus Community Andreas Evdokiou, Greek Consul General Andreas Gouras and West Torrens Councilor Arthur Mangos at the Cyprus club on 16 July



In early July, Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone hosted a visit of several Shadow Ministers to the Riverland



At the celebration of Refugee Week at the Chaffey House Renmark, were, from left, Peter Ppiros, chair Riverland Multicultural Forum, Helen Slate, Deputy Renmark Paringa Council, Poppy Papageorgiou of the Chaffey House Centre and Rajab Ali, Settlement Officer, Riverland Migrant Resource Centre.

Lisner & Erskine creating new opportunities for Australian Actors

The feature Tracy is completed and producers Naomi Lisner and Derek Erskine are looking forward to sending this 96 minute psychological thriller all around the world. The cast includes Cassandra Leopold, Derek Erskine, Naomi Lisner, Vanessa Moltzen, Chloe Guymer and Ben Rose. George Donikian makes an appearance as a newsreader. Tracy was written by Leopold and Erskine originally; however Lisner later came on board adding another dimension to the film with more locations, actors and her quirky wit. The film is deeply entertaining, action packed and compelling. Erskine directs and is part of the musical group ZuluMonk who perform the soundtrack. Tracy boasts an enormous cast with some of Australia's finest performers. The sequel Tracy 2 will be written by Lisner and Erskine in 2018.

A huge departure from Tracy was the short film that Lisner wrote and directed called Hannah Rosenthal.

Both Lisner and Erskine play the complex roles of characters that are intellectually challenged yet trying to be accepted and independent. In a heart warming story, Lisner plays the lead role of Hannah Rosenthal with Loraine Fabb as her ailing Mother Miriam. The rest of the main cast includes Erskine as Patrick Blackburn and Harlene Hercules as Alice. The sound track song Saved is performed and written by talented singer/songwriter Shelley Segal

Lisner and Erskine have many films that they are working on, including a Sci-Fi, period feature, a few horrors and several drama's. Donikian's name seems to pop up in a few projects planned. Lisner and Erskine plan to create opportunities for actors and introduce new names to the screen. Together they formed Ahavah Casting and have cast their own film. Both Lisner and Erskine passionately believe that there is so much talent here that hasn't yet been showcased.

Taking time to get your tax right

Tax time tees off this weekend and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is reminding taxpayers to take their time to get it right.

Assistant Commissioner Kath Anderson said 2.8 million people lodged their tax return in July last year, which is 22 per cent of all tax returns lodged for 2015-16.

"We know that some taxpayers like to get in early and lodge in the first month of tax time, but our analysis shows that if you lodge in July, you're far more likely to make a mistake by leaving out some of your income," Ms Anderson said.

"By mid-August we have pre-filled most of the data from employers, banks, government agencies and other third parties. Waiting until this information is available will help you avoid mistakes."

"For many people waiting until August means all they have to do is double-check the information we have pre-filled, enter any deductions and then hit submit."

Ms Anderson said taxpayers don't need to get

into a rush to lodge their tax returns early.

"It's great to see taxpayers eager to finalise their returns, but it's your responsibility to make sure you declare all your income. This includes income from any cash jobs, the sharing economy, your second job, foreign sources, employee share schemes and capital gains from the disposal of shares and property."

"Our systems are great at finding errors in tax returns, and if we have to investigate something further in your tax return."

Ms Anderson said people can choose to lodge using the ATO's online lodgment tool myTax, which is fast, easy and secure, or they can lodge with a registered tax agent.

"If you have been using the myDeductions tool, which is available in the ATO app, to save and store your deductions, you can upload that data as well without the need for physical receipts. Last year over 55,000 people uploaded their deductions to myTax or their tax agent, and 9 out of 10 of

them told us they intend to use it again this year.

For more information on how to lodge, visit

ato.gov.au/lodgeonline and to find out about myDeductions, visit ato.gov.au/mydeductions.

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Destination Riverland in the heart of Berri

The peak tourism body for the Riverland district, Destination Riverland, has been successful in its bid to take over the heritage building that formerly housed the River Lands Gallery.

The rare opportunity to transform the use of 23 Wilson Street, Berri was offered by Country Arts SA earlier this year and received genuine interest from a variety of groups around the Riverland. The successful applicant is responsible for costs associated with the set-up and their ongoing enterprise.

Country Arts SA Chief Executive Office, Steve Saffell, said that Destination Riverland was the ideal candidate.

"We were seeking an operator who could bring a new and engaging vision to this beautiful building that would add to the cultural richness of the region. Destination Riverland is a resource used by locals and tourists alike which promotes unique experiences and up to date information about the area to a wider audience. Its engagement with the local community and vision for the future makes it a good fit for the space," said Saffell.

The building, constructed in 1917 as the old irrigation office, is conveniently located in the heart of Berri's CBD area near specialty shops, eateries, services, the Town Hall and Council Offices. It was renovated when taken over by Country Arts SA in 1996 to become a gallery space for the community.

"Tourism is a significant industry within the Riverland contributing over \$148 m to the local economy. A growing tourism sector is vital to the ongoing prosperity of the region. The arts and culture of our district could, and should, play a big part in that future prosperity," said Destination Riverland General Manager Caroline Phillips.

Destination Riverland is currently reviewing plans to enable community arts groups continue to use the building and volunteer their time to promote the arts to the broader community and visitors in the future. Arts and tourism are a natural fit."

Country Arts SA has relocated the region's Arts Officer Rebecca Farrant to the Chaffey Theatre in Renmark.

Destination Riverland will be in their new office as of this week.

South Australian Liver Transplant Unit's 25th Anniversary

By Tom Paspaliaris
The South Australian Liver Transplant Unit, based at the Flinders Medical Centre, was established in 1992.

The Unit provides transplant services for SA and the Northern Territory. Clients with both acute and chronic liver failure are assessed for transplantation by the multidisciplinary Liver Transplant Unit staff. This is done at both at an inpatient and outpatient level.

The Unit, which turns 25 in October 2017, is currently performing around 25 transplants a year.

During its 24+ years of operation to date, the SA Liver Transplant Unit has performed over 380 liver transplants, with the survival rates as good

as, if not better than, other units around the world. Some patients are approaching their 20 years longevity post-transplant.

The waiting list is slowly getting longer, compared to what it was about 15 years ago. The waiting time is getting longer, too. There's a significant shortage of organ donors, although SA has the highest per capital organ donor rate in Australia.

The first Liver Transplant recipient in SA in 1992, Mrs Anastasia (Tasia) Douvos, was aged 51 at the time.

To celebrate its 25-Year Anniversary, the family of the first liver transplant recipient (Mrs Tasia Douvos) are holding a Greek Dinner Dance/Fundraiser on Saturday 14th October 2017 (refer below for details).

25 YEAR Anniversary Dinner Dance

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