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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

New SAMEAC members appointed

The South Australian Government has announced appointments to the board of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (SAMEAC) for the period of 1 July 2018 until 30 June 2020.

Premier Steven Marshall congratulated incoming chair Mr Norman Schueler and the eleven members who have been appointed to serve on the new board.

"My Assistant Minister, Jing Lee and I are delighted to announce the new appointees to the SAMEAC board," said Premier Steven Marshall.

"Members, whose collective skills will assist in the work of SAMEAC, are representatives of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds from across South Australia and I look forward to working with them."

"I would like to congratulate incoming chair Mr Norman Schueler for his long-standing commitment to representing multicultural communities, in particular the Jewish community."

"The State Government looks forward to working closely with Mr Schueler in delivering greater community

engagement, building a strong cohesive society, as well as celebrating the unique riches of our culturally diverse state.

"The State Government values the contributions and efforts of all outgoing SAMEAC members and looks forward to working with the new board in furthering our vision for multiculturalism in South Australia."

Full membership of the Commission is as follows: Mr Norman Schueler, OAM, Mrs Antonietta Cocchiari, Mr Mario Romaldi, Dr (Ms) Ning Zhang, Mr George Chin, Dr (Mr) Sridar Nannapaneni, Mrs Adriana Christopoulos, Mr Admad Zraika, Ms Thuy Phan, Mrs Laura Adzanku, Mr Muhama Yotham and Dr (Mr) Valdis Tomanis.

SAMEAC is a Statutory Authority, which is established under the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980. The long-term vision of the Commission is to increase awareness and understanding of South Australia's ethnic diversity, as well as to advise the government on all matters relating to multiculturalism and ethnic affairs.

WELCOMED BY MCCSA

Expansion of Ethnic Language Education

The Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc welcomes the South Australian Government's initiative to expand the out-of-school-hours language program beyond primary school level.

In a written statement sent to the Greek Tribune last week, MCCSA CEO Helena Kyriazopoulos said language plays an important part in our life defining our identity and allowing us the ability to connect and communicate with one another. We believe an expanded language program in our schooling institutions will immensely benefit and enrich the 174 languages currently spoken in SA homes (2016 ABS report).

"Learning English is imperative for new migrants as it provides one with a sense of belonging and freedom to make informed choices in their daily lives and

contribute to their local community," she said.

"Equally important, communities should be supported to maintain their culture and languages. It is well known that learning a second language is a benefit."

I congratulate the Education Minister John Gardner for introducing measures to tackle the decline of language education in our schools. Multilingualism is good for the economy. SA will reap a range of long-term rewards from this initiative, from more successful exports to a more innovative workforce, Ms Kyriazopoulos said.

"Being multilingual is a positive move as language diversity assists in business growth and today's school children will have the intercultural capabilities needed to succeed in a globalised world."

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GREECE - FYROM

"Historic" agreement on name change

The foreign ministers of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) and Greece have signed a historic agreement on a modified name for the former Yugoslav republic, a major step in ending a 27-year dispute.

The agreement, signed on June 17 at Lake Prespa the border separating the countries, paves the way for FYROM to seek membership in the European Union and NATO.

Nationalists in both countries had bitterly opposed the proposed change, which calls for Macedonia to be renamed the Republic of North Macedonia.

The two countries' prime ministers -- Zoran Zaev of FYROM and his Greek counterpart, Alexis Tsipras -- attended the signing ceremony in the Greek fishing village of Psarades, along with United Nations and European officials.

"Our peoples want peace... We will be partners and allies," Zaev said.

Tsipras, who survived a no-confidence vote by Greek conservative New Democracy party, described the agreement as a "brave, historic, and necessary step for our peoples."

"We are here to heal the wounds of time, to open a path for peace, fraternization, and growth for our countries, the Balkans, and Europe," Mr Tsipras added.

The deal still needs to be approved by a FYROM referendum in September, after which Greek parliament must ratify it.

The AFP news agency reported that Greek riot police blocked a few hundred protesters several kilometers away from the ceremony.

The accord was met with strong opposition internally in both countries, which could pose obstacles and delays for its ratification in their national parliaments.



Prime ministers Zoran Zaev of FYROM and Alexis Tsipras of Greece at the signing ceremony

On the eve of the signing ceremony, the Greek opposition party, New Democracy, launched a no-confidence vote in parliament against Tsipras, accusing him of granting too many concessions to Macedonia.

A few thousands of Greeks protested outside parliament on the day of the no-confidence motion, calling for Tsipras's resignation, and police fired tear gas to keep them from entering the building.

In FYROM, in a vote boycotted by 51 opposition MPs, the ruling coalition in FYROM's 120-seat parliament, led by the Social Democrats of Prime Minister Zoran Zaev, approved the agreement. President Gorge Ivanov has pledged however, to veto the deal ratified by Skopje's parliament.

FYROM government officials have said that with the deal in hand, they hope to secure

a date to begin EU accession talks at a summit later this month and an invitation to join NATO by mid-July.

The name dispute between Skopje and Athens dates back to 1991, when Macedonia peacefully broke away from Yugoslavia, declaring its independence under the name Republic of Macedonia. Greece had objected to the name Macedonia, fearing territorial claims on its eponymous northern region. Greek PM Tsipras, said that the agreement deals with all issues and guarantees the integrity of the Hellenic Republic.

Because of Greek objections, Macedonia was admitted to the UN under a provisional name, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Greece, an EU and NATO member, has also cited the dispute to veto FYROM's bid to join the two organizations.

Proud son of Greek Community, Steve Condous, dies aged 82

An exceptional leader in the South Australian community, Steve Condous, has passed away on Friday 22 June in Adelaide, aged 82.

Steve Condous, was born in Adelaide of Castellorizian decent. His parents were amongst the pioneer members of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia which turned 88 years old.

Steve served the Adelaide City Council for 25 years, six of which, from 1987 to 1993 as Lord Mayor.

Following his service as lord mayor, he was elected as a Liberal MP for the western suburbs seat of Colton from 1993 to 2002.

The City of Adelaide has paid tribute to former Lord Mayor and Councillor Mr Steve Condous AM for his significant contribution to the city's political and business life over four decades.

Lord Mayor Martin Haese said Mr Condous had established a distinguished record of service in public life over a long period.

"During his quarter of a century as a Councillor and Lord Mayor, Mr Condous played an integral role in shaping the City of Adelaide as a business, education and tourism destination", Lord Mayor Martin Haese said.

"Among his many achievements were securing upgrades to Hutt Street and the Aquatic Centre in North Adelaide.

"He was also instrumental in encouraging residential developments in the West End and Halifax Street to grow the city's population, and supporting the greening of Adelaide's streets.

"Throughout his career, he was also incredibly active as a patron and supporter of

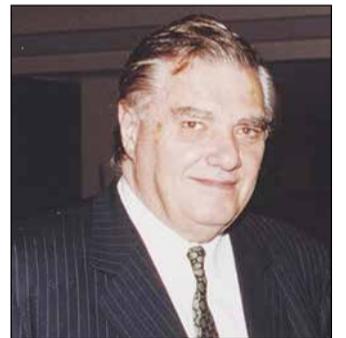
numerous community and sporting clubs, and always gave generously of his time.

"In 2004, he was recognised with an Order of Australia for service to South Australia's parliament, local government, and community.

"On behalf of the City of Adelaide, I express our deepest condolences to Mr Condous' wife and former Lady Mayoress, Mrs Angela Condous, and his family."

The Lord Mayor said the flags at Adelaide Town Hall would be flown at half-mast over the weekend as a mark of respect.

Numerous political leaders and community representatives including Premier Stephen Marshall, Labor MP Tom Koutsantonis and GOCSA President Bill Gonis, spoke highly of Steve's contribution to the State and expressed their condolences to Mrs Angela



Steve Condous as Member of Parliament for the seat of Colton in 2000. Photo: Greek Tribune

Condous and his family.

The funeral of the late Steve Condous, will be conducted at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel in Franklin street, Adelaide, on Thursday 28 June.

Cypriots remember 1974 tragic events

Australian Cypriots will commemorate the 41st anniversary of the tragic events of 1974 in Cyprus. On 15 July 1974, the military junta of Greece, in collaboration with the Cypriot terrorist EOKA B' organisation staged a military coup to overthrow the legitimate Cypriot Government of President Makarios. Hundreds of supporters of the legitimate government were murdered in the days that followed.

The Coup, gave Turkey the opportunity to invade with a 40,000 strong army, and occupy 1/3 of Cyprus using their air force and 250 tanks on the pretext that they were doing so in order to protect the Turkish Cypriots. The South Australian Justice

Community Life



The Greek Orthodox Community of SA hosted a Greek Night with popular singer Dimitri Basis from Greece, on 2 June at the Serbian Community Hall in Woodville.

for Cyprus Committee (SEKA), in association with the Cyprus Community of SA Inc, are organising a memorial service at the

Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox church, 65 Milner st Prospect on Sunday 15 July 2018, to mark the tragic anniversary.

A wreath ceremony will take place at 12.15pm at the Cyprus Community of SA, 6-8 Barrpowell street, Welland.

On Wednesday 18 July at 7.00pm the Cyprus Community will host a speech on current developments in Cyprus by Mr Averof Neofytou (President of the Governing Democratic Rally Party), accompanied by the High Commissioner of the republic of Cyprus in Canberra, Ms Martha Mavrommatis.

On 15 July, 10.30am the Greek Orthodox Community of SA will hold a memorial service at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel, Franklin Street, City, for those who died defending democracy in Cyprus on 15 July as well as those who fell during the Turkish invasion.



Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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ABOVE: Members of the Greek community who attended the Greek Night with Dimitris Basis held by GOCSA on 2 June

LEFT: The President of the PanMacedonian Association of SA Evan Tsiaparis and committee members at a recent function with Meraki Band (of Demeter Tsounis) at the PanMacedonian cultural centre

Almost half of inner Adelaide businesses fail the basics in workplace compliance checks

Audits of 125 businesses across the Adelaide CBD and surrounding suburbs have found 45 per cent to be non-compliant with workplace laws.

The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) has released the findings of its compliance and education campaign targeting businesses in the Adelaide CBD, North Adelaide, Norwood, Kent Town and Brompton.

Checks of businesses' time and wage records found that 36 (29 per cent) of audited businesses were not paying their employees correctly, while 29 (23 per cent) had breached their record keeping and payslip requirements.

As a result of the audits, \$54,701 in wages and entitlements was recovered for 113 workers.

Inspectors issued seven formal cautions, six infringement notices (on-the-spot fines) and three compliance notices to non-compliant businesses.

Fair Work Ombudsman Natalie James says the checks were prompted by comparatively high numbers of requests for assistance from the area in the years preceding the campaign, with numbers of requests from Adelaide, Norwood and Brompton amongst the highest in the state.

"As well as identifying instances of non-compliance, our campaign activities provide an opportunity to deliver targeted education to employers and employees about their workplace rights and obligations and equip them with the tools and information they need to ensure they are complying with the law," Ms James says.

"The findings in this campaign reinforce the reason why we recently commenced the National Workplace Basics Campaign, as there are still too many employers simply not getting the basics right when it comes to 'bread and butter' issues such as pay rates, classifications and record keeping."

In one matter, a restaurant in an Adelaide CBD dining precinct was issued with two infringement notices for failing to meet record-keeping and payslip requirements, including not issuing pay slips to its workers.

The employer was provided with extensive guidance on record-keeping requirements and advised to expect a follow up audit by the FWO.

"With penalties for record-keeping breaches recently increasing, it is imperative that businesses ensure they are meeting these obligations or risk hefty fines. Employers and employees seeking assistance can visit www.fairwork.gov.au or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. An interpreter service is available on 13 14 50. Information on the website can be translated into 40 languages.

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AUSTRALIA - EU Free Trade Agreement

The Turnbull Government is backing Australian businesses and Australian jobs by launching negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement with the European Union.

"We are seeking an ambitious and comprehensive trade agreement to drive Australian exports, economic growth and create new Australian jobs", a statement sent to the Greek Tribune by the Turnbull Government says.

"A trade agreement with the EU will open the door to a market of half a billion consumers and a GDP of US\$17.3 trillion - making it one of Australia's biggest trade agreements once concluded.

"Australian exporters are currently at a disadvantage to many of our biggest competitors because Australia lacks preferential access into the EU.

"We will be working to secure better access for Australian food and agriculture products, creating the framework for open, fair and equitable trade.

"Making Australian exports more competitive means our farmers can sell more produce, our professionals can provide more services and our manufacturers can make and sell more goods. The more Australia sells to the world, the more Australian jobs are created.

"We will look to lock in access and create new commercially meaningful opportunities for Australian services exporters, with a focus on education, financial and professional services. We will also explore rules and initiatives to support the digital economy, innovation and increase opportunities for high-technology start ups.

"As a bloc, the EU is Australia's second largest trading partner, third largest export destination, and second largest services market. The EU was Australia's largest source of foreign investment in 2017.

"The EU is one of the best opportunities for Australian businesses and is a key part of the Turnbull Government's ambitious trade agenda. We will now have agreements, or negotiations underway, with all of our top ten trading partners. The Turnbull Government is pursuing Australia's most ambitious trade agenda to open more markets, create a stronger economy and more Australian jobs.

"The first round of negotiations will be held in Brussels in early July. We invite stakeholders to provide their views throughout the negotiating process: www.dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/aeufta", the statement concludes.

UNHCR: War and poverty continue to drive people to take desperate journeys

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is shocked and saddened by reports that some 220 people drowned off Libya in recent days while attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea to Europe.

According to survivors, a wooden boat carrying an unknown number of refugees and migrants capsized off the coast of Libya on Tuesday (19 June). Out of the estimated 100 passengers, only five survived. They were rescued by the Libyan Coast Guard and disembarked in Mayia in the outskirts of the capital Tripoli. The survivors have been taken to a local hospital by the authorities for medical treatment. A number of bodies have been retrieved by rescuers or washed up on the beaches.

The same day, a rubber dinghy

with some 130 people on board sunk at a different location off the Libyan coast. Sixty survivors were rescued by local fishermen, who took them back to shore in Dela (35 km west from Tripoli). Seventy people are believed to have drowned in this incident.

On 20 June, the Libyan Coast Guard conducted a rescue operation off Garabulli, 64 kilometers east of Tripoli. The refugees and migrants rescued were disembarked in Tajoura. The survivors reported that over 50 people travelling with them had perished.

UNHCR is dismayed by the ever-growing number of refugees and migrants losing their lives at sea and is calling for urgent international action to strengthen rescue at sea efforts by all relevant and capable actors,



including NGOs and commercial vessels, throughout the Mediterranean. At the same time, access to protection in countries of first asylum should be ensured, as well as alternative pathways for refugees in Libya trying to cross the sea in search of protection and safety. All these steps are crucial to ensure that no more lives are lost at sea.

On Monday (18 June) the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi tossed a bouquet of flowers into the sea at Abu Setta in Libya before leading a moment of silence to commemorate the thousands of refugees and migrants who have perished at sea trying to reach Europe.

"These tragic deaths are a reminder that wars and poverty continue to drive people to take desperate journeys that cost them their life savings, their dignity and ultimately their lives," said Grandi.

"With record numbers of people on the run, it has never been more urgent to address root causes, improve conditions in Libya and other countries along the route, provide safe alternatives and, always, rescue people at sea."

These latest fatalities have pushed the death toll in the Central Mediterranean route to over 1,000 in 2018. As the summer season starts, it is expected that the number of refugees and migrants attempting to cross the Mediterranean will increase. So far this year, the Libyan Coast Guard has disembarked more than 8,000 people at disembarkation points along the Libyan coast. UNHCR and its partners are present at these points to provide food, water, relief items and medical assistance upon disembarkation. UNHCR is also working to ensure access to asylum seekers from all nationalities and that alternatives to detention are available for refugees rescued or intercepted at sea by the Libyan Coast Guard.

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