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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

FEDERAL FUNDING

\$6.6 million for culturally appropriate aged care

Older Australians of non-English-speaking backgrounds will benefit from better access to aged care services that meet their needs following the call for applications for funding under the Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care (PICAC) Program.

The Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler has announced that \$6.6 million will be available for up to three years from 1 July 2011 under the PICAC program.

Mr Butler said that one organisation in each state and territory will receive a grant to work collaboratively with aged care service providers, the Community Partners Program and the Department of Health and Ageing.

"The core objective of projects funded under the PICAC Program is to equip aged care service providers to deliver appropriate care to older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

"The Australian Bureau of Statistics figures from 2009 show almost a quarter of Australia's popula-

tion were born overseas. The PICAC program contributes to the Gillard Government's commitment to providing access to quality care services to meet the needs of people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background," Mr Butler said.

Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas said that the PICAC program was essential to improving culturally appropriate aged care through the provision of training to staff of aged care residential homes and to community based aged care services.

"It's so important that as people get older, they are able to access services whose staff speak their language, serve food they are familiar with, and provide culturally appropriate activities and support services" Steve Georganas said.

"That's why I was delighted to hear that the Federal Government will continue to support those organisations who are already doing a wonderful job providing multicultural aged care" he said.

Hospital redevelopment to begin in May

The \$41 million redevelopment of the Riverland Regional Hospital at Berri is a step closer, with approval of the concept plans.

Health Minister John Hill said the redevelopment highlights the Rann Government's commitment to expanding services and upgrading facilities in rural and regional South Australia.

"The redeveloped hospital and health service will cut the amount of travel people living in the Riverland have to do to get treatment and services like chemotherapy, renal dialysis, acute mental health and rehabilitation."

"In real terms, that's another 300 people who will not have to travel to Adelaide for surgery each year and another 40 who will be able to stay at home for their post-operative rehabilitation."

The redeveloped Riverland Regional Hospital will feature two new, fully equipped theatres, six mental health beds, four oncology chairs and on-site clinical pharmacy services.

The hospital's Emergency Department will double in size, with two trauma rooms and four treatment rooms planned as part of the redevelop-



SA Minister for Health John Hill MP

ment.

In-patients will also benefit, with the introduction of 100 percent single-occupancy rooms.

"When complete, in-patient facilities will consist entirely of single rooms with ensuite bathrooms, providing greater privacy and best practice care and infection control," Minister Hill said.

"We want to make sure patients receive the highest quality care and access to outstanding medical services at Berri whilst making the best use of the space available."

The concept plans are available for the public to view on the Country Health SA website and at sites across the Riverland.

Construction is expected to begin in May 2011 and be completed by November 2013.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES

New multicultural policy

The Federal Government has announced it will develop a new multicultural policy to combat racism and religious extremism, in order to continue "the genius of Australian multiculturalism".

Immigration Minister Chris Bowen has announced a Multicultural Advisory Council will be set up as an independent advisory body, with ACT Senator Kate Lundy to be in charge of managing multicultural programs.

Mr Bowen told an audience at the Sydney Institute that there will also be a new strategy

to tackle racism, as well as other measures.

"As part of that we'll have the Multicultural Council, Australian Multicultural Council, the anti-racism strategy and a range of smaller programs."

Mr Bowen says the Multicultural Advisory Council will have broader terms of reference than the current advisory council.

"The new body will act as a champion for multiculturalism in the community, advise the Government on multicultural affairs and help ensure Australian Government services

respond to the needs of migrant and refugee communities," he said.

A National Anti-Racism Partnership and Strategy will also be established.

"While much good work has been done in Australia over many decades, we must continue to work to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination," he said.

Mr Bowen says while it appears to be fashionable around the world to declare multiculturalism dead, or to blame it for crime and terrorism, Australia's model is unique.

Respect for Austra-

lian values, citizenship-centred multiculturalism and bipartisan support has resulted in "the genius of Australian multiculturalism," he said.

"As part of this new strategy, Senator Lundy will focus on the promotion of multiculturalism in the parliament and the community of behalf of the Labor government," Prime Minister Julia Gillard said.

"Senator Lundy will also work to combat racial discrimination to ensure everyone has access to the same opportunities in life, regardless of their background."

Minister for Schools meets with Greek Community

The Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, attended an afternoon tea on 12 February hosted by the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia to outline the Federal Government's progress in developing the new national curriculum and to meet South Australian teachers of Modern Greek.

The visit comes following the recent release of the draft shape paper for languages in the new national curriculum, which included Modern Greek as one of the languages to be chosen for inclusion. Consultation on the draft has opened until 7 April 2011.

In addressing the audience, which included representatives from South Australian Greek community organisations as well as representatives of the Greek media, the Minister acknowledged the campaign run by the Greek community to highlight the importance of Greek to the national curriculum and said he was pleased ACARA had taken those representations into account.

The Member for Hindmarsh, Steve Georganas MP



From left, Steve Georganas, Member for Hindmarsh, Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for Schools, Greek Consul General Christos Maniakis and Theo Maras, President of the Federation of Greek Orthodox Communities of Australia

said that he was delighted that the Minister had offered to brief the community on the progress of the national curriculum and to meet local teachers who had committed much of their time to the development of the language in recent years.

"Everyone in the Greek community should be very proud of what we have achieved by working together, but we need to keep in mind

that this paper is simply a draft. That's why I encourage everyone to visit the ACARA website before 7 April to have your say about why, and how, Modern Greek should be taught in the new national curriculum."

The draft shape paper and information on how to make a submission is available on the ACARA website at <http://www.acara.edu.au/curriculum/languages.html>.

From the Editors Desk

Worst season in 30 years

Many stone fruit growers in South Australia's Riverland will not be able to cover their costs this year, following a horrific season with unprecedented rainfalls. The stone fruit season in the Riverland starts in early November and since that time the region has had at least four significant rain events with rainfalls of two inches or more. That is a lot more than the stone fruits and other fruit commodities can withstand.

Well known Renmark stone fruit grower Dino Cerachi, said that the last season is the worst one he had in his 30 years on the land. He estimates that on many stone fruit properties, the damage due to loss caused by the heavy rainfalls was up to 70%. As happens on the land, growers have to wait for a whole year to try and recover their losses in the next fruit season if that's any better than the one they left behind.

In a statement to local media, Mr Cerachi says that even some of the healthier growers will be forced to go if the same climatic conditions continue and calls on "the Governments to step in and offer their support as a large number of people will be in despair for a long period of time", in his own words.

The winegrape growers, on the other hand, are suffering the effects of the wet weather as well as the greed of large wineries. A large percentage of their crop is rotting on the vines after being declared (by the wineries) unfit for crushing. As for the rest of the grapes which are still suitable for the crusher, the money that the wineries have decided to pay in 2011 (\$200 to \$300 per ton) is much less than the cost of production and will do very little to improve the position of the growers.

On a positive note, in news that just came to hand, the Federal Government has decided to extend the exceptional circumstances assistance for the River Murray and Lower Lakes Corridor growers until 31 March 2012. The Government has to be commended for a wise decision which will help to sustain our local fruitgrowing industry and it will give struggling growers another 12 months to adjust or prepare their exit.

Peter Ppiros

Visit our new website:

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Happily we are having a lively public debate on Australian multiculturalism. More of it.

And more debate on specific multicultural programs and achievements. We note here that in SA we had German community schools which started back in the 1840s. Nowadays many of the world's languages are taught in Australia's government and community schools.

We also like to note the following multicultural events that have come to our notice recently. One is the bilingual report on the various activities of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA by its President Vassilis Elovaris. This report also refers to the GOCSA 80-year history with its endeavours in education, social welfare, music and the arts and struggles for human rights.

The other is that readers can now purchase through the internet, Hugh Gilchrist's Volume 3 of Australians and Greeks. In this book of over 400 pages the author traces in some details the life of many Australians in Greece and of many Greeks in Australia up until the early 1950s. We need more of such multicultural studies.

Another significant multicultural event celebrated by GOCSA is its annual

Community Life



Members of the Festival Hellenika committee with Minister Tom Koutstantonis and Greek Consul General Christos Maniakis Grivas at the Festival Launch on Friday 25 February at the Adelaide Pavilion

commemoration of International Women's Day on March 8th. This year will feature two speakers and a performance of passionate songs by the Meraki Trio with vocalist Johanna Saltis, who will sing the rousing Ti Romiosini Min Ti Klais which she performed 30 years ago in 1981 for the GOCSA Polytechnic Commemoration. On piano will be Demeter Tsounis and on violin, Katerina Stevens.

The Greek Consulate of Greece in South Australia announces that the film "Slaves in their bonds", will be presented by the Hellenic Film

Centre as part of the "Windows on Europe Film Festival", taking place in Australia under the auspices of the European Union Representation. The film will be screening in Adelaide on Sunday 3 April 2011, starting at 7.45pm at Mercury Cinema, 13 Morphett Street, (phone 84101934). For more info, visit the site of the cinema, www.mercurycinema.org.au

The High Commission of Cyprus in Canberra is also participating in the Windows of Europe Film Festival with the film "Kalabush", produced by Cypriot directors

Adonis Florides and Theodoros Nicolaidis. The film is based on the story of an asylum seeker who believes that he has reached Italy but he has in fact arrived in Cyprus in the midst of the annual carnival celebrations. The film will be screening on 1 April 2011, 7.00pm, at the Mercury Cinema, 13 Morphett Street, Adelaide, (phone 84101934).

The General Archdiocesan Commissioner of the Autocephalic Greek Orthodox church of America and Australia Very Rev. Prokopios Kanavas, the St. Nicholas Church Youth Group in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Community of SA inc. and the South Australian Police are holding an information night on the topic of "Cars Have Changed", on Tuesday 15 March 2011 at 7pm at Olympic Hall, 288 Franklin Street, Adelaide. The topic will be of interest to families with young adults intending to get their licence or have just got their licence. As seats are limited to 100, interested people, may contact the main offices of GOCSA on 8231 4307.

The Adelaide Greek Glendi is back! Organising committee President Mr John Chefalachis has informed the Greek Tribune that the event will be held on 29 and 30 of October 2011 at the Adelaide Showgrounds. We will have more on the Glendi in coming editions.

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The Federal Minister for Schools, Peter Garrett, the Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas and Professor Michael Tsianikas of the Flinders University are amongst Greek language teachers at a special reception held by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA (story English page 1)



The Federal Minister for Schools, Peter Garrett addressing community leaders and Greek language teachers at the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Community SA



Festival Hellenika 2011 was officially launched on Friday 25 February at the Adelaide Pavilion. The launch was attended by Minister Tom Koutsantonis, Judge Chris Kourakis, Minister for Multicultural Affairs Grace Portolesi, Festival Secretary Stamatiki Kritas, Chief of Staff for Treasurer Jack Snelling, Mr Peter Louca and Lieutenant Governor and SAMEAC Chairman Hieu Van Le



Minister for Schools Peter Garrett, Education spokesperson for the Opposition in SA, David Pisoni, Steve Georganas MP, Flinders University Professor of Law, Richard Maltby, Professor Michael Tsianikas and Greek Consul General Christos Maniakis Grivas, at the GOCSA reception

Governor's Multicultural Awards presented

Governor's Multicultural Awards 2010 were presented at a reception held on 22 February at Government House, Adelaide.

In the photo, the award winners, with His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia (front centre) and Mr Hieu Van Le AO, Lieutenant Governor of South Australia, and Chairman of South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (front right) are: (back row, from left) Mrs Patricia Anderson, representing the University of Adelaide's International Student Centre (winner Youth Organisation Award); Mr Saroop Singh Johal (joint winner Volunteer Award); Ms Karen Ashford (winner Media Individual Award); (centre, from left) Mr Buol Garang A.

Juuk (winner Community Sector Individual Award); Ms Bronwyn Webster, Manager of Customer and Community Services at the City of Charles Sturt, representing Western Area Multicultural Youth Service (winner Public Sector Award); Mr Akoi Guong (winner Youth Individual Award); (front, from left) Mr Armando Cirillo, representing Radio Televisione Italiana (SA) Inc (winner Media Organisation Award); Ms Emiko Mayer (joint winner Volunteer Award); Ms Nayano Taylor-Neumann, representing Lutheran Community Care Murraylands (joint winner Community Sector Organisation Award); Ms Domenica Latorre (winner Private Sector Award); Mrs Heather Muirhead, representing Limestone Coast Migrant Resource Centre (joint winner



Community Sector Organisation Award); and Mr Peter Do (winner Outstanding Individual Achievement Award).

International News

Drilling for natural gas in Cyprus may begin in 2011

Nicosia, Feb 15 (CNA) - Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Antonis Paschalides said on Tuesday that "Noble Energy" company would begin drilling for natural gas in late 2011 or early 2012 from one of Cyprus' plots.

Referring to Wednesday's meeting between President of the Republic Demetris Christofias and the representatives of Noble Energy, Paschalides said that the President "wanted to hear some figures from the experts themselves, as well as their plans for the area and for plot 12."

Noble Energy Director of Eastern Mediterranean Operations Chris Kendall said the plans of the company were presented during the meeting and noted that the company wanted to begin drilling for natural gas the soonest possible, before the end of the year or the beginning of next. Cyprus will have natural gas available for domestic consumption from the country's own resources by 2016.

Greek State assets to be sold

ATHENS - The Government will draw up a list of state property assets to be sold" in a controversial privatisation program introduced as part of a stingy austerity package after Athens had to seek and EU-IMF bailout last May, Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said.

Papaconstantinou said the government planned privatisation sales worth 15 billion euros (\$20.63 billion) by 2013, with 50 billion euros worth due by 2015.

This latter target was not enshrined however in an agreed EU economic blueprint adopted to get the country back on its feet.

The 50 billion euros figure has proved highly controversial since it was first announced by an International Monetary Fund official last month following a review of Greek progress under the May rescue package. At that stage, the government's agreed target with the EU-IMF was privatisation proceeds of just seven billion euros by 2013.

The announcement of the increased target caused an uproar in Greece where the austerity program is hugely unpopular, with Papaconstantinou himself accusing the IMF, EU and European Central Bank of overstepping the mark.

After debt-stricken Greece, Ireland was the next eurozone member state to need a bailout late last year as a mountain of debt saw the markets turn against Dublin, preventing it from raising fresh money on the markets.

Worker's strike again in Greece

ATHENS -- Thousands of workers in Greece joined a general strike 23 February, with rallies across the whole country. ROITERS agency reported that 100,000 protesters attended the Athens rally. Greek police said there were only 33,000.

Unions are angry at the ongoing austerity measures put in place by the PASOK government in exchange for a \$150 billion bailout loan package from European countries and the IMF.

Greek Union leaders were also angry at the anarchists who tried to defame a peaceful protest as well as at the international media which, once again focused on the violent actions of a small group rather than the legitimate demands of the union movement.

Stathis Anestis, deputy leader of GSEE, one of the main two unions, said a "small group of troublemakers marred the otherwise peaceful protest.

"Unfortunately, some people don't want to understand that such behavior, intentionally or not, undermines workers' struggles and only serves the plans of governments, employers, and all those who want to take tough repressive measures against workers," Anestis said.

"Economic situation [in Greece] is very difficult, and sometimes even I myself feel an urge to join the ranks of protesters," Prime Minister Papandreou was quoted as saying to Finnish national broadcaster YLE. "But mere protesting leads nowhere. We need decisions that can genuinely help fixing the problems."

Dear Reader,

For the past 5 years I have been searching for the family of my Great Grandfather, Andreus. Please can you help me?

My name is Jolyon, and Great Grandfather, migrated to South Australia, arriving here in 1874, aged about 24 years. He then anglicised his name as many Greeks immigrants of that time did, to Andrew Thompson.

There is a big gap between his arrival and the next event in his life and I expect he was finding his way in a foreign country, where he could not speak the language.

He settled in Port Augusta, South Australia a coastal town with a small port and good opportunity for fishing. It is here in 1883 he married an English girl Sophia Reynolds, and one of the witnesses at the marriage was Anton Nicholias, who remained a friend for life. Andreus signs his marriage certificate with a cross, indicating that he could not write in English. I don't know if any letters were ever written home to Greece and perhaps the family do not know that he married and had children. I am hoping his wife would have written in English and they at least had some news of

their son.

Sophia and Andreus had several children, Anastasia, a son Andrew, Helena, Ethel my Grandmother, Cleanthie, Athaeir, and Anastasia Richarda. As his first child was called Anastasia was this his Mother's name? Sadly Anastasia, Andrew, and Anastasia Richarda died as infants, however his four surviving daughters went on to marry and have families of their own.

In April 1891 Andreus becomes a "Naturalised" Australian and it was on this certificate that I discovered that he was a native of Greece and a professional fisherman. This certificate is also signed with a cross. His children began school in 1892 and on their enrolment forms he is described as 'fisherman/ fish merchant'.

Obviously he was anxious for them to get the education that he had missed out on in Greece.

As a third generation Australian, it came as a surprise to find I had a

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Searching for great grandfather's family

Greek Great Grandfather, but then as I had time to think about it, it did explain many things. My Father's dark olive skin, dark brown eyes, and black hair, his wonderful happy personality, his manner of speaking with his hands, and his love of Mediterranean foods. A second cousin has told me that she was told that Andreus's Greek surname was Morphette, however this maybe misspelt, or maybe the region, town, or village that he came from.

Andreus died in Port Pirie, South Australia a neighbouring town of Port Augusta on the 9 December 1911 aged 61 years; the cause of death was a heart attack. This year in 2011 is the centenary of his death, and family members wish to celebrate his life.

However we would like his family in Greece to know that his memory in South Australia is alive and well.

I think he may have come from an island where there was a fishing

industry, perhaps fleeing persecution from the Turks? His religion in South Australia was Catholic.

As he could not read or write when he anglicised his name it is likely that it sounded very much like his Greek name so that when people spoke to him he would recognise his name.

I have deep admiration and overwhelming respect for Great Grandfather's courage, determination and will to succeed. To leave one's family knowing that you will probably never see them again, and to overcome such odds as not being able to read or write, and have a good life is an indication of his strength, and character.

I am hoping that there will be a reader of "The Greek Tribune" who will recall a Great Uncle going to Australia about 1874, and will contact the newspaper. No matter how small every clue is important. The family in Australia would be most grateful and I extend our thanks to the editor of The



Andreus with his daughter Cleanthie [later known as Cleo] on her wedding day, 25 August 1910

Greek Tribune for his great kindness in helping me in my search for Great Grandfather's Greek Family.

Jolyon South Australia

Anyone with information that may help Jolyon to find her great grandfather's family, here in Australia or overseas, can email us at info@greektribune.com.au or contact the Greek Tribune's office.

The editor