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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

State border reopens

Fully vaccinated travellers from central Sydney and Melbourne are allowed into South Australia since the borders opened on Tuesday, 23 November the state's Premier announced.

SA Premier Steven Marshall said fully vaccinated travellers from every Victorian and New South Wales local government area are now permitted to travel, except for Byron Bay, which is yet to hit a vaccination rate of 80 per cent.

There had been some concern that a statistical anomaly meant people from the central Sydney and Melbourne local government areas would be locked out until safe to enter.

"This has caused enormous frustration for people who haven't been sure regarding whether they can come in yet or

not," Mr Marshall said.

"The good news is that's all been clarified now, and we are now good to go."

Travellers from any area with community transmission will need to have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to arrival in SA and undergo a daily symptom check for 14 days.

They will have to undergo tests within 24 hours of arrival in SA, and again on days six and 13.

Vaccinated South Australians who leave for 72 hours or less will not be required to have a test prior to arrival.

Mr Marshall said with borders reopening it was "inevitable that there will be cases coming into South Australia".

"We want to minimise the risk of this disease taking hold in our state," he said.

Major Adelaide venues mandate double covid vaccinations to all visitors

Adelaide Oval has been the first major venue to announce it will become a double-vaccination only venue from November 23, when South Australia's borders open.

Since Adelaide Oval's announcement, the Adelaide Zoo, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Entertainment Centre and Hindmarsh Stadium have all followed suit. The Zoos SA mandate will apply from December 1.

The mandate for Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Entertainment Centre and Hindmarsh Stadium applies to all people over the age of 16, while Adelaide Oval's policy is for patrons over the age of 12.

The Stadium Management Authority's chief executive Andrew Daniels said proof of double vaccination will be required of all game and event patrons, all functions and events guests and all visitors to the stadium.

It will also include anyone taking part in the RoofClimb.

Patrons will only be admitted to the venues if they provide proof of vaccination or a valid exemption.

Crowds of up to 35,000 will be admitted to

the 52,000 capacity stadium for the Ashes Test beginning on December 16.

People will be required to wear a mask at all times other than when eating or drinking.

"We will be enforcing this requirement because it is a very important safety and welfare issue," Mr Daniels said.

"Our job is to show absolute clarity to our patrons, to make sure people are comfortable and confident that when they come to the Adelaide Oval, it is a very covid-safe environment.

Mr Daniels said he expected the mandate to be in place for a "long period of time" and therefore include the 2022 AFL season.

In October, the AFL announced a no jab, no play vaccination policy.

He said officials would be checking proof of vaccinations on phones or alternatively visitors could show a hard copy of their vaccination certificate along with proof of identification.

Meanwhile, the South Australian Ambulance Service has doubled its intern intake and will train university students to support paramedics in dealing with the caseload from COVID-19 outbreaks.

STATE POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS CAUSED BY No confidence vote

South Australia's parliament has passed a vote of no confidence in Deputy Premier Vickie Chapman.

It is the first time a minister has lost the confidence of the lower house.

According to the ABC, the vote came hours after a parliamentary inquiry recommended Ms Chapman be found "guilty of contempt of parliament, for misleading the house".

The inquiry also found Ms Chapman had a conflict of interest in exercising her power as Planning Minister to refuse a port on Kangaroo Island.

Rachael Gray QC, the lawyer leading the inquiry into Ms

Chapman's refusal of a deep sea port on Kangaroo Island, has made the recommendations on the final day of a two-week committee looking into whether she had a conflict of interest.

Ms Chapman has vehemently denied she had a conflict in making the decision as Planning Minister.

The committee heard Ms Chapman owned land across the road from a forest which would have been felled if the port went ahead.

Dr Gray said Ms Chapman should have had "some doubt" as to whether or not she had a conflict and she "should have at least reported it to Premier".

"The Premier, pursuant to the ministerial code of conduct, has a responsibility to address any failure to disclose a conflict of interest," Dr Gray said.

Former Liberal MPs Sam Duluk and Troy Bell sided with fellow crossbenchers Frances Bedford and Geoff Brock and Labor to pass the no-confidence motion 23 votes to 22.

"I have made myself extraordinarily clear on the issue of Vickie Chapman, for weeks and weeks and weeks. She enjoys my 100 per cent support", Premier Marshall said

He pointed out the two Liberal MPs on the parliamentary committee investigating Ms Chapman's

decision did not agree with the inquiry's findings.

However, South Australian Opposition Leader Peter Malinauskas called on the Premier to remove Ms Chapman from her position.

Ms Chapman's decision to block the Kangaroo Island port development has now been referred to the State Ombudsman, and Mr Marshall said he's waiting for that report.

Ms Chapman has resigned as deputy premier and stood aside as a minister while the state ombudsman investigates. She has been replaced by Adelaide Hills backbencher Josh Teague as South Australia's Attorney-General.

Thousands of protesters march across Australia

Thousands gathered at rallies across the country on Saturday as part of an international day of protest against COVID-19 lockdowns and vaccine mandates.

Demonstrators held placards as they marched down streets in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth.

In several cities, anti-lockdown and mandate protesters were met by counter rallies of those voicing pro-vaccination messages.

In the Victorian capital, a large police presence was monitoring two separate crowds in Melbourne's CBD.

Protesters have been camped outside Victoria's Parliament House throughout the week calling for the scrapping of the state government's controversial pandemic bill.

On Saturday, thousands more joined them to march through the city.

Meanwhile, another group of protesters, who labelled themselves anti-fascist, gathered for a rally near Trades Hall in Russell Street. One of the anti-fascist rally organisers, Nahui Jimenez, said the demonstration was "a message of solidarity



A protest in Adelaide's Rundle Park attracted about 4,000 people (ABC Photo)

with health workers".

Meanwhile, about 4,000 people gathered in Adelaide's Rundle Park as part of the protests, and began marching through the city centre.

They were particularly focused on vaccine

mandates.

The demonstrations in Adelaide caused traffic jams, as reported by the ABC.

The group marched down North Terrace, King William Street and Grenfell Street before returning to Rundle Park.

TRIBUTE TO MIKIS THEODORAKIS

The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia presented a concert in honour of the greatest Greek composer of all times, Mikis Theodorakis, who passed away on 2 September 2021.

Mikis was a true ambassador of the Greek nation and we had the privilege to welcome him to Adelaide twice in the past at the Olympic Hall, in 1972 as the leader of the movement for the restoration of democracy in Greece during the junta dictatorship and in 1995 for a number of concerts in the major Australian cities.

A total of forty songs were presented by the "Zorbas Band" at the musical direction of Christakis Panteli. Vocalists were, Stamatis Dimitrakopoulos, Ismini Spiroglou, Vasilis Ioannides and tenor Yiannis Frangos in a special appearance. Musicians were, Michalis Grbillos Keyboard, Stavros Papadopoulos guitar, Yiannis Sioutis drums and Christakis Panteli bouzouki.

GOCSA CELEBRATES 28 OCTOBER

The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia celebrated the 28th of October 1940, by the cenotaph of the Cathedral of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel on Sunday October 31. The celebration began with a doxology by the community's clergy and

Community Life



On Saturday 13th of November 2021, the Chian Association of South Australia, "Adamantios Korais" Incorporated, celebrated the 109th anniversary since the liberation of the island of Chios from the Ottoman empire. The Dance Academy of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia (in the photo with the Executive Committee of the Chian Association) was the special feature of the function

continued with a wreath laying ceremony by representatives of the South Australian government and Opposition and many representatives of local community organizations.

The event included recitations of poems by children from Greek Community schools and closed with the national anthems of Greece and Australia.

The celebration of October 28 honours the heroic OXI (NO) by the people of Greece and the victory over the invading forces of the fascist Axis.

CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Cyprus Community

junta, the Turkish military invasion in 1974 and the illegal partition of the island which continues until today.

POLYTECHNIC COMMEMORATED

The Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia commemorated the heroes of the Athens Polytechnic uprising in November 1973, on Sunday 14 November at the cenotaph of the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel in Franklin Street, Adelaide.

In November 1973, the students occupied the grounds of the Polytechnic and held mass demonstrations against the Greek military junta of 1967-1974, under the slogan of "Bread - Education - Freedom". The uprising began on 14 November 1973, escalated to an open anti-junta revolt and ended in bloodshed in the early morning of 17 November with a tank crashing through the main gate crashing many of the protesting students to death. Tens of members of the public were also shot in the surrounding streets of Athens. The junta collapsed in July 1974 under the weight of its traitorous coup that opened the back door to Turkey to invade and occupy 37% of the Cyprus territory.

The Greek Community event, included a memorial, speech, a wreath laying ceremony ON behalf of GOCSA and the GOCSA Schools and a brief cultural program.

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CELEBRATION OF CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Sunday, 31 October 2021. The event was attended by more than 200 members and friends of the Cyprus Community. Among them the Minister of Innovation and Skills, David Pisoni, representing the Premier Steven Marshall; Assistant Minister to the Premier, Jing Lee; federal member for Adelaide, Steve Georganas; City of Charles Sturt mayor, Angela Evans; the Consul General of Greece in Adelaide, George Psiachas; Chair of SAMEAC, Adriana Christopoulos; President of Cyprus Community, Professor Andreas Evdokiou; President of GOCSA, Bill Gonis and President of SEKA SA, Peter Pplros.



Celebration by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA of the 28th October 1940 victory over the Fascist Axis



Students attending the 28th October celebration at the Cathedral



Memorial and wreath ceremony for the heroes of the 28th October



At the Greek Cathedral on Franklin street for the Celebration of the 28th of October 1940, were, the Minister David Pisoni, representing the Premier Steven Marshall, Minister Rachel Sanderson, Joe Szakacs MP representing the Leader of the Opposition, Jane Stinson Member for Badcoe, Chair of SAMEAC, Adriana Christopoulos; President of GOCSA, Bill Gonis, Vice President Con Papaconstantinou and General Secretary Peter Pplros.

Providing care for Aussies who slip into addiction

The Banyans Health and Wellness is encouraging Australians dealing with mental health issues, addiction or dependencies to seek support to treat the condition. The pandemic has contributed to intense stress across the country and has supercharged substance abuse as Aussies scramble to cope. As a result, an increased number of Australians are leaning on drugs as a coping mechanism to deal with mental health issues, as well as the day-to-day pressures of modern life.

Over the past six months, the use of cocaine has increased significantly from 68% in 2020 to 80% in 2021, the highest increase observed since monitoring began. In addition, 80% of existing drug participants report using methamphetamines over the last six months, which has increased from 72% in 2020.

This is a worrisome phenomenon for Australians, as persistent drug usage increases the risk of a range of health issues including sudden cardiac death, burden of disease, overdose, and hospitalisation as well as social impacts such as violence, crime, and trauma.

The reality of drug dependency means that if a user stops or reduces their drug intake but then relapses to their previous levels, the risk of overdose increases as tolerance levels are reduced. To prevent such a tragic occurrence, accessing professional support to treat dependency is the most effective way of preventing relapses, overdoses and even death.

Ruth Limkin, CEO of The Banyans Healthcare Group, passionately advocates to normalise seeking help for drug dependencies.

"Unfortunately, drug dependency can destroy

relationships and families if left untreated. The use of illicit and non-prescribed drugs and the negative effects for both individuals and families have a flow on effect for our communities and society at large.

"Sadly, we still see that stigma that surrounds mental health, especially where treatments are concerned. We want to start a conversation around wellness, health and seeking mental health treatments. We must face addiction and dependencies as a community as it is a phenomenon that affects us all.

"We have seen an increasing number of inquiries from Australians who recognise that their mental health and behaviours have deteriorated during the pandemic. As both domestic and international travel starts again, we are seeing more people ready to travel to Queensland to engage in our innovative and private treatment options. Our programs employ a holistic approach in recovery and focus in on healing through medical care, psychology and allied health therapies such as nutrition and exercise, as well as overall wellbeing," said Ms Limkin.

The Banyans Health and Wellness Residence offers medically oriented, research-based residential programs for Australians experiencing depression and anxiety, chronic stress and burnout, drug and alcohol dependency, eating disorders, or co-occurring conditions. These are delivered in a confidential and respectful environment. In addition, The Banyans Health Plus offers integrated day programs to provide treatment for those unable to attend residential programs and is an innovative model of care for those seeking one to one therapy in a day program format.

(continued) A SUMMARY VIEW

How is culture learned

What can we conclude from this article on Greek culture?

The other valuable cultural attitudes that should be transmitted across to the Australian culture are;

(this is not suggesting that these are not present in the Australian culture. They are present but with less intensity than in the Greek culture)

1. The way alcohol is used in the Greek culture versus that of the Australian culture. Drinking within the Greek culture is undertaken always with food and in moderation. Drunkenness is viewed as socially irresponsible no matter what the circumstances. Whereas boozing within the Australian culture is practiced as a social competition and used without a socialising context involving meaningful social bonding.

2. Methods of celebrating through dancing and music that is based on social bonding.

3. An approach to hospitality that is free and unconditional but assured that such an approach will not be taken advantage of by the hosts.

4. The attitude to Clan cohesion and bonding.

5. The Greek cuisine food range and preparation.

6. The political awareness that's prevalent in the Greek culture but with an in-depth understanding of the underlying ideological principles.

7. The contributions of the Ancient Greeks to the social-political and economic foundations of the western cultures particularly in the fields of; The Olympics, Theatre, Literature, The democratic system of governance, Education, Maths /Geometry, Astrology, Medicine, Botany, Architecture, Oratory, etc

8. The greater emphasis on moderation on all matters and the greater emphasis on the good for the many rather than just the individual.

9. Of course, there are many others deemed to be worthy of transmitting to our children based on every individual parent's social conditioning and cultural perspectives.

It is a fact that each generation of Australian Greeks moves from integrating to assimilating. This will have a huge impact on the survival of the Greek communities that have been established from the time of the first generation

of Greek migrants which were designed to provide services relevant to their needs of that time.

This means that these associations need to evolve with these changes and restructure themselves to remain relevant to the social religious needs of the new generations. Without question, the religious provision must change to the English language instead of the traditional byzantine delivery style and with a greater theological emphasis rather than the ritualistic liturgical approach of the past.

The other provisions that are overdue even at this point in time are;

1. An educational provision on matters necessary for the functioning of our younger generation in the current social-economic environment. Monthly lectures in English on subjects such as;

- a. Political changes for multicultural societies
- b. Law changes necessary for multicultural societies
- c. Technology and survival in the near to medium future
- d. Educational lectures in future employment fields
- e. Financial awareness

f. Political influences to improve the Greek community

g. Sporting ventures designed to increase bonding among the younger Australian Greeks.

h. Establishment of a directory of all Greek professionals and use them for presenting/informing the Greek Australian population.

i. Organising the Greek youths into societies that can organise events relevant to their interests.

j. Establishing reputable primary and secondary schools

k. Establishing services for the ageing Australian Greek population and the generations in between.

l. Motivation for Greek youths to aspire to political leadership. We need an Australian prime minister of Greek heritage as a symbol of Democracy from our ancient Greek ancestry.

m. And many others.

To follow this conclusion I will present the article on how personality is shaped because it has a huge bearing on how our personality and sense of identity are shaped through cultural influences.

To be continued

Elias Hadjisavas. ADELAIDE

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