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## AUSTRALIAN NEWS

### Glossop winery employees take on multinational

Workers at the largest winery in the southern hemisphere have taken strike action, as negotiations between employees and a multinational wine company stall.

The Berri Estates Winery, in the Riverland town of Glossop in South Australia, processes around a third of South Australia's grape crush each year and has around 280 employees.

According to the ABC network, on Wednesday, around 170 of those employees participated in a stop-work action at the winery after six months of enterprise bargaining negotiations with owner Accolade Wines.

The multinational company has headquarters in South Australia and includes some of the world's most well-known wine brands, including Hardy's, Banrock Station and Echo Falls.

The protest began in the nearby town of Berri before moving to the winery. The site's operations were not stopped by the workers' strike.

United Workers Union organiser Ben Reichstein said employees had taken issue with changes

to superannuation and work hours put forward during the enterprise bargaining negotiations.

"Accolade Wines through this bargain are seeking to remove a number of really important conditions which would leave their employees, and families in the Riverland, much worse off," he said.

"Our members don't want to see this happen because it's not fair. They want to make sure that everyone who works alongside them is treated the same."

Mr Reichstein said workers aren't looking for a "significant pay rise".

The Berri Estates winery exports around 100 million litres of wine to overseas markets per year and has the capability to produce 85,000 casks of wine each day.

It is one of the largest employers in the region, with the number of people working on site increasing to more than 400 during the vintage season.

Berri Estates operations director Tim Molloy said the offer presented to workers is fair and will lead to employees being better off.

## Outrage for Archbishop's attendance at Erdogan's fiesta

Outrage was caused when Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, Elpidoforos attended a ceremony last week for the opening of the Turkevi Centre presided over by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in New York at the presence of the illegitimate president of the pseudo state in occupied Cyprus Ersin Tatar.

According to reports, the Turkevi Center, will become the headquarters for the promotion of Turkey's strategic interests in the world. It will house the UN's permanent mission of Turkey and the Turkish Consulate General.

However, according to the Greek Reporter in the USA,

Elpidoforos' presence at the ceremony provoked strong reactions by the Greek and Armenian communities. The Armenian National Committee of America said in Twitter:

"Shunned by the DC establishment (hawks, doves, and everyone in between) – desperately seeking allies – Erdogan recruits Azerbaijani diplomats, representatives of the illegal Turkish occupation force in Cyprus, and the Greek Orthodox Church for this staged photo op in NYC."

In the meantime, the Turkish press reported that the Turkevi Centre, a 36-story skyscraper located across the road from the UN headquarters, features tradi-

tional Turkish architectural motifs, especially from the Seljuk Empire.

Speaking at its opening ceremony, which also featured a music concert, Erdogan said the Turkevi Centre will stand as a reflection of Turkey's place on the world stage ahead of the 100th anniversary of the Turkish Republic, in 2023.

"I would like to extend my special gratitude to each of you for being with us on this historic day," he added. He also said the Turkevi Centre is a symbol of Turkey's faith in the United Nations, along with multilateralism, justice, and peace.

Nicos Anastasiades, the President of the partially, illegally occupied by the Turkish army

island of Cyprus, who was also in Washington to attend the UNO General Assembly, on Tuesday cancelled a scheduled meeting with Archbishop Elpidoforos.

Meanwhile, Erdogan called on the international community to recognize the international status of Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus during a speech at the UN General Assembly last week. He said it's not fair for the president of the pseudo state Ersin Tatar not to be able to address the UN General Assembly, as did President Anastasiades.

US Greek Orthodox Archbishop Elpidoforos is an appointee of the Orthodox Patriarchate based in Istanbul Turkey.

## Mikis Theodorakis passes away at 96

Mikis of Resistance and Struggle, Mikis of creation and the great arts, is no longer with us. He passed away on Thursday 2 September at the age of 96.

"Our community is deeply saddened and mourns the passing of Mikis Theodorakis, Greece's most acclaimed composer whose name is directly associated with struggle, exile and music works that have been adored by millions around the world", says the statement sent to the Greek Tribune by the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia.

"Mikis' love for the arts and his musical genius were inspired during the difficult years of exile where he composed music, representative of a whole era. An era during which Mikis Theodorakis not only was an active participant, he was the protagonist, leading a whole generation who shared the same ideals.

"Because of his views and action, he was imprisoned, tortured and sent to exile, affecting his health which later led to further issues that followed him to the end of his life.

"Mikis Theodorakis was the composer who encapsulated the turbulent history of our homeland through his lyrics and notes, as he himself lived and experienced it for almost one full century.

"It was the man who taught us how to sing the poetic lyrics of our great poets and he was content to see these works growing roots in the heart and mind of a whole nation.

"For it is the struggles, deep history, desires and vision of the Greek people that echo in those lyrics. His works resulted in the Renaissance of 'Romiosini' (Greekness).

"His music and its impact went well beyond the Greek borders as Mikis created



Mikis Theodorakis visit to Adelaide in 1995. Pictured with former South Australian Premiers the late Don Dunstan and Mike Rann, former senator Nick Bolkus, former head of the Autocephalic Church of Australia Bishop Paul and former GOCSA Vice President the late Con Marinos

pure culture that touched millions around the world advocating justice and a better life for everyone.

"He had a special bond with Cyprus and the Greeks of Diaspora because this is where he found refuge in order to gather his strength, organise and fuel the struggle against the Greek junta during an era known as 'stone years', stretching from the Civil War until the fall of the military junta in 1974.

"His relationship with the pain-stricken people of Cyprus was particularly strong and this is why he gave numerous concerts there pushing for struggle towards freedom and independence.

"Mikis Theodorakis as a fiery advocate of

community ideals, was a close friend and ally of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia and we were honoured to welcome him at the Olympic Hall in two occasions, one was during the anti-dictatorship struggle in 1972 on behalf of the Patriotic Front and his second visit with his wife Mirtio in 1995.

"Honouring the great Greek composer, the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia has at times organised concerts featuring his works, with the last concert in his honour being in November 2018.

"Memory eternal our dearest friend Miki. Your songs, your legacy and your struggle will remain alive with us for ever", the GOCSA statement concludes..

## Nominations for 2021 Governor's Multicultural Awards closing soon

South Australians who are passionate about our state's cultural diversity are encouraged to submit a nomination for this year's Governor's Multicultural Awards.

Nominating an individual, team or organisation that is making a positive contribution to multiculturalism and intercultural understanding in our community provides an opportunity for their stories to be celebrated and acknowledged at the highest level.

The awards are administered by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet through Multicultural Affairs. They are presented by the Governor of South Australia, on the advice of an independent judging panel.

You can find more information, including the award Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions at multicultural.sa.gov.au/gma.

Alternatively, to request a hard copy nomination form, please email

MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au.

Help to promote multiculturalism in South Australia by sharing the award nominations with friends, family, and community.

You can follow @MulticulturalSA on Facebook and share our posts about the 2021 Governor's Multicultural Award nominations.

Our Digital Media Kit also provides resources to help you promote the awards with your networks and is available at multicultural.sa.gov.au/gma.

Nominations close 5pm on Friday 8 October 2021.

Nominate online now! For more information Multicultural Events Team Phone: 0459 851 341 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) Email: MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au Visit: www.multicultural.sa.gov.au/gma

Connect: www.facebook.com/multiculturalsa

## ODYSSEY FESTIVAL Postponed due to Covid

In a statement sent to the Greek Tribune by the Greek Orthodox Community of SA, the public is informed that "after much deliberation it has been decided to postpone the 2021 Odyssey Festival due to the uncertainty of COVID-19".

"The conditions / restrictions that are currently in place mean the Odyssey Festival will not be going ahead this year after organisers deemed it "unworkable" due to the limit on gatherings as well as further restrictions relating to these gatherings.

"We have also taken into account in arriving at our decision, the uncertainty associated with the current COVID climate especially with NSW and Vic our two largest Australian states having great difficulty in containing the virus.

## Community Life



The GOCSA Dance Academy performing at a cultural event held at the Olympic Hall for the celebration of the 200th anniversary from the 1821 Greek Revolution in March 2021

"The cancellation of Odyssey is done with great caution and understanding of what the near future holds in regard to what the Health Authorities may direct the general community

at large to do should there be an outbreak of COVID in the SA Community.

"Coupled with the fact that there is no certainty around when these restrictions may lift

or in fact tighten, running the Odyssey would be unviable and at best, extremely risky particularly with COVID-19 lockdowns and border restrictions interstate.

"The GOCSA prides itself on delivering a high standard event and believe that with all this in mind we would not be able to provide our exhibitors, partners/sponsors or patrons with the enjoyable experience they so rightly deserve.

"The President together with the Administrative Council regrets any inconvenience caused and hope that we see you all at Odyssey 2022.

"We as a committee now turn our attention to planning for Odyssey 2022 including the Greek Film Festival and trust that by early 2022 our lives will have returned to some level of normality once again, and we are back celebrating and sharing our Hellenic culture with the rest of the South Australian Community", the announcement concludes.

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## Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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**ABOVE:** The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Cyprus Community of SA organized an afternoon tea on Sunday 19 September with guest speaker Professor Martin K. Oehler who spoke on the topic "What women should know on gynecological cancer". Proceeds from the well attended event went towards the Cancer Research Foundation. In the photo, with Prof Oehler are members of the Cyprus Ladies Auxiliary headed by Mrs Thekla Petrou, the President of the Cypriot Community of SA Dr Andreas Evdokiou and the President of SAMEAC Mrs. Andriana Christopoulos  
Photo: Harri Ppiros

## Vale: Mikis Theodorakis (29 July 1925 – 2 September 2021)

The Greek Worker's Educational Association of SA PLATON, has issued the following announcement on the passing of Mikis Theodorakis. "On the occasion of the passing of our venerated Mikis Theodorakis, our Association wishes to briefly record its heartfelt condolences to his family and to the Greek nation.

We pay homage to Mikis Theodorakis's peerless contribution to uplifting the Hellenic culture and traditions and to the international cause for the rights of humanity as a whole, for over more than 70 years. We were privileged to have met Mikis during his several visits to Adelaide where he presented his musical genius to the Greek and Australian community.

Mikis Theodorakis who was born in Chios, epitomised the face of modern Greece as expressed through his music and in collaboration with various Art forms. Holding his first concert at 17 years of age was a precursor of an imminent and stellar rise in his chosen field.

His commitment to the struggles of the Greek people against Italian and German fascism was exemplary during WW2. He suffered during



An historic photo of Mikis Theodorakis being greeted by members of the local community at Adelaide airport in 1972 as leader of the Patriotic Front during the military dictatorship of 1967-74

the years of the Greek Civil War following arrest and exile on the island of Ikaria and Makronisos.

Despite his political persecution he left Greece in 1953 to return in 1960. After the assassination of Gregory Lambrakis in 1963, he formed the Lambrakis Democratic Youth Movement that contributed to radicalising broader political, social justice, equity and cultural life issues in Greece.

The Zorba the Greek film music score for which the

Cretan Syrtaki dance was iconic and remains world renown.

Representing EDA he was elected to Parliament in 1964. The Junta arrested Mikis Theodorakis on 21 August 1967 and gaoled him for 5 months. In January 1968, he was exiled to Zatouna and later to the Oropos Concentration Camp.

Following the Restoration of Democracy In Greece and the Military Junta's fall in July 1994, Mikis Theodorakis was elected to the Parliament

[1981-1986, 1989-1993, serving as a Minister in the Constantine Mitsotakis government from 1990-1992]

Lest We Forget that Mikis Theodorakis was a survivor not only for upholding the democratic traditions in Greece but for his stoic leadership in defying imminent personal danger and adversity to reach the pinnacle of his chosen human endeavour.

John K. Lesses AM  
President

## Afghan Community Service Hub now open

The Marshall Government is standing in solidarity with the Afghan community of South Australia. In view of the humanitarian tragedy and unfolding events in Afghanistan, the Australian Government is working in consultation with the State Government and the Australian Afghan community to ensure that all humanitarian and refugee visa holders are receiving settlement services and culturally appropriate support on arrival in South Australia.

We are pleased to announce that the Afghan Community Service Hub has been launched by the Australian Migrant Resource Centre (AMRC), working in partnership with the Afghan United Association of South Australia & TAFE SA. The project is proudly supported by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Multicultural Affairs.

Members and friends of the Afghan community of South Australia can obtain bilingual/multilingual assistance and guidance

from AMRC, if you need: \* updated information on the current Afghanistan crisis

\* settlement information, advice and referral \* understanding of the type of visas you may be eligible for, or \* free advice and assistance to fill in visa applications for your family members

It continues to be a highly stressful and challenging set of circumstances unfolding in Afghanistan. We stand shoulder to shoulder with our Afghan friends and community with practical support through AMRC's Afghan Community Service Hub.

We thank the South Australian Afghan community leaders, members and the broader South Australian community for showing compassion and generosity in reaching out to the Afghan community in their time of need.

Further info contact: Australian Migrant Resource Centre Telephone: (08) 8217 9500 Email: admin@amrc.org.au

## CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS ABC statement on Archbishop Makarios of Australia

On 9 September 2021 the ABC network put out the following statement, under the title "Corrections and Clarifications, Archbishop Makarios of Australia":

"On 16 April 2021, the ABC published an article about the conduct of the Greek Orthodox Church in Australian in connection with its aged care facilities. The ABC wishes to clarify that this story was not intended to suggest that Archbishop Makarios of Australia had personally funnelled money from St Basils to the Greek Orthodox Church, or that

he had personally spent money intended for aged care on his own lifestyle. Further, the story was not intended to suggest that Archbishop Makarios had through any action on his part negligently caused the deaths of the 45 residents at the St Basils aged care home in Melbourne. Any such interpretation of the article is incorrect. To the extent any readers understood the story in this way, the ABC apologises to Archbishop Makarios for any hurt or offence experienced. This was never the ABC's intention.

## Federation of Greek Orthodox Communities of Australia

### GREEK FIRE RELIEF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

As you are all aware, Greece has been ravaged by the worst forest fires in decades. The devastation caused by the blaze is beyond belief. Hundreds of thousands of hectares of forest land have been destroyed, wildlife animals perished in the flames and hundreds of homes were burnt to their foundations. It's an unprecedented catastrophe that has marked a black page in the country's history.

Following the huge devastation, the Hellenic Red Cross (HRC) have opened a bank account to raise funds in support of the fire victims and the environment.

To provide some relief to the victims of the devastating fires, the Federation of the Greek Orthodox Communities of Australia (which includes the communities of Sydney, Adelaide, Newcastle and Saint Albans Victoria) urges the community to dig deep. Those who wish to contribute financially are kindly requested to deposit their donations in the following bank account:

Bank: EUROBANK  
Beneficiary: HELLENIC RED CROSS  
Account Number: 0026.0240.30.0201205013  
IBAN: GR2602602400000300201205013.

All deposits must be marked "Wildfires." For more information you can call: (+30) 210 36 09 825 or visit the website of the Hellenic Red Cross www.redcross.gr. Or call the Adelaide Community, 08 8231 4307.

For the Federation of Greek Orthodox Communities of Australia, Bill Gonis, President - Peter Ppiros, General secretary

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### A generic analysis of the topic Character formation

The interest in this article stems from the realisation that the Greek youth in Australia is moulded into a different personality to that of their parents and recent Greek migrants. The major influences in play here are;

• The influences of their partially integrated parents and the greater influences by the Australian culture

• Understanding these influences would be very important to the youth in this social setting. I hope this article presents this insight as a helpful stepping stone for them.

### AN ANALYSIS OF THE SUBJECT – CHARACTERS FORMATION

I begin with a definition of the term character.

The character is the personal behaviour and attitude that we assign to all the coincidences we face in everyday life and by the incidents from the past that have affected us.

The character is revealed through behaviours such as: Speech, expressions and

## How is culture learned

tone of voice, body gestures and physical attitudes that accompany speech and every social situation occurrence in life.

Behaviours change according to circumstances.

Example – In moments of sadness, joy happiness, conflict, antagonisms, life pressures in every situation, anger, attacks, discussions, entertainment, and so on

The general principles on this matter are studied by psychologists and their findings are based on reputable research.

1. Variety of characters;

There is a wide variety of characters, but generally, they all fit under two main categories. These are,

a. Category – Positive/Optimistic characters

b. Category – Negative/Pessimistic characters

2. The Optimist (Positive) character

a. The behaviour of the positive character is characterised by the following related behaviours.

i. In all the coincidences of life, they try to find positive solutions or to find the hidden positive attributes in any situation.

ii. This attitude is the norm and emerges unconsciously or autonomously. This is a learned behaviour in a subtle and subconscious way through conditioning or forms of formal or informal indoctrinating processes.

An example of an autonomous behaviour. When one puts their shoes on and ties the laces, they do it without thinking about it or remembering whether they had done it.

Who remembers tying their shoelaces this morning?

Each character type is cultivated by almost the same subconscious way of; learning, remembering and executing.

iii. The contradictions on each issue that emerges in their life are rejected and treated as insignificant and inconsequential.

iv. By withdrawing from such coincidences, they choose to retain in their memory only the

good and positive conclusions and reject the negative aspects, they do not attempt to remember them and in the main focus on the lessons that add to their bank of wisdom.

v. The positive character is optimistic and because they cultivate positive attitudes in their life, they foster a physical aura that aide's human attraction and non-threatening human interactions.

vi. The positive character usually avoids anxiety tension and stress from life's encounters and is in a better psychological and spiritual balance. This attitude helps the intellectual state of mind, the rational side and fosters innovation and creativity as well as positive sleeping and resting patterns.

vii. The positive character has the ability to close the door on the negative aspects of all things and any unresolved issues that are fostered by negative circumstances or any that have no positive effect for the future.

To be continued

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