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Hot Lerian news to warm your winter!

It has been a while since we last communicated, so there's lots of news to share with our members. We hope your winter has been mild as we all look forward to a sunny spring ahead.

Leros Municipality - Expatriate Assistance Office Now Open

The Lerian Club of Melbourne recently received a letter from the Leros Mayor, Mr. Michael Koliass, informing us that a new Expatriate Office has now opened to support all Lerians living outside of Greece. The office has been established to assist expatriates in dealing with local Leros matters and provide a single point of contact.

The contact details are as follows:

Leros Municipality
Telephone: +30 22470 22109
Fax: +30 22470 25880
Email: depoaplr@otenet.gr

The office is open during 8am-3pm weekdays local Greek time.

Lerian Business Register

The Lerian Club would like to commence a Lerian Business Register so we can offer members the option to obtain goods and services from fellow Lerians in our community. If you're a Lerian business owner, we would be very happy to hear from you and join our official business register.

Your business listing is absolutely free and we will publish your details on our website and also submit your business details to a wider Dodecanesian business register which will have an even greater reach to fellow Dodecanesians and potential customers.

To register your business, please submit the following details via email to lerianclub@gmail.com or by post to [Lerian Club of Melbourne, 352 Williamstown Rd, Yarraville, 3013](#):

- Business Trading Name
- Business Owner/Contact
- Industry/Service type
- ABN
- Address
- Telephone
- Email

- Special Deals or Member Offers

Dodecanesian Federation of Australia News

The Dodecanesian Federation of Australia (DFA) was established in 2010 as a means of unifying the local Dodecanesian clubs. Committee members representing the clubs of Rhodes, Kos, Kalymnos, Kastellorizo, Nisyros and Leros meet regularly to discuss ways of bringing together our respective members who share a very similar ethnic background and culture.

Below are details of a very significant upcoming DFA event that we recommend to our members:

Sunday, 29 th of July	Presentation of Greeks who served for Australia in all wars
Where	Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Hall 250 Dorcas st, South Melbourne
Time:	Commences 3pm sharp
Presenters	Mr. Steve Kyritsis & Mr. Lambis Englezos
RSVP:	Mr. George Verginis - 0417542224

The DFA attends and participates in several key Greek commemorations and celebrations throughout the year. These include Greek Independence day (March 25), Greek National "OXI" Day (October 28) and "Ensomatosis" day (March 7) – Re-unification of the Dodecanese islands with Greece.

The Lerian Club looks forward to working closer with the DFA and organizing combined events with other Dodecanese based clubs.

For those on Facebook , please "Like"  the "**Dodecanesian Federation of Australia**" page.

Recent Lerian Dinner Dance

The club held its annual dinner dance in March in the function room at Yianni's Greek Tavern in Kew. Approximately 150 members and friends joined us on a true Greek-Lerian evening, with great food and music. The atmosphere was relaxed and casual and we all had a great time. Many thanks to those that attended and we hope to see you all again at our future functions.

Victorian Government Multicultural Grant Application

The Lerian club formally applied for two Victorian government grants in late 2011 for funds awarded in the 2012-2013 financial year.

The grants were for Building and Maintenance of the Lerian House and an Operational Support grant for our ongoing annual operational costs. The grants were for a maximum of \$20,000 and \$1,500 respectively. If successful we hope to commence the first stage of renovations to the Lerian House including, installation of air conditioning/heating, plaster repairs and painting.

Successful applicants will be notified this month (July 2012).

Friday Nights @ the Lorian House

The Lorian House is open on the first Friday evening of every month. Fantastic fresh meals are served from 6:30pm onwards. We welcome all our members and friends to join us for what is a great night out held in a family friendly atmosphere.

Remaining dates for 2012 are:

August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th

Bank of Cyprus – New Account

The Lorian Club of Melbourne has opened a new term deposit account at the Bank of Cyprus. This investment will provide the club with a substantial increase in interest earnings over the coming year.

The Bank of Cyprus in Australia is wholly owned by the Bendigo Bank and is therefore government guaranteed.

Leros United Soccer Club News

In season 2012, the Leros United Soccer Club's 26th year since its formation in 1987, has not gone as planned, as the club is currently in a relegation battle with six other teams at the halfway mark of the season. A 4-2 away win against South Springvale was Leros United's first victory of the season, and will hopefully provide the club and its players with much needed confidence in the clubs attempt to claw its way out of the relegation zone. With a positive attitude, persistence and hard work from the coach and its players, the club aims to ensure that the second half of the season is more successful.

Off the field, the Leros United Soccer Club held its annual Trivia Night in June. The 2012 Trivia Night was once again fun and entertaining with a strong number of people in attendance. A table representing the Lorian Club actually won first prize! On Saturday, 21st of July 2012 the Leros United Soccer Club will host a Poker Night fundraiser at the Lorian House. The details are as follows:

Date: **Saturday, 21st of July 2012**
Location: **Lorian House – 352 Williamstown Road, Yarraville**
Time: **7:00pm**
Entry fee: **\$20 includes souvlaki, chips and drink**
Poker game: **\$50**
RSVP: **Paul Sifonios: 0419 864 310**

Upcoming Leros United Soccer Club home matches:

Home Ground: Scovell Crescent, Scovell Reserve, Maidstone

29/07/2012 vs. Glenroy Bears

26/08/2012 vs. Caulfield Cougars

Announcements

Weddings

We congratulate Con & Nikki Giannoukas on their daughter Anastasia's recent marriage to Arthur Demolas. May they lead a long, happy and prosperous life together.

We also congratulate Kathy and Kon Tofaris on their daughter's Antoinette's marriage to Zison Servos. Our sincere best wishes go to the happy couple.

Births

Congratulations to Kalliopi and Rennie Vella on the arrival of their second child, Wayne, and to the very proud grandparents John and Anna Sifonios.

Christenings

Congratulations to Christine and Chris Edwards on the recent christening of their baby daughter Alana. May God bless her with health, happiness and long life.

We also pass our best wishes to Tammy and Steve Pruscino on the christening of their baby boy Marcus. We wish him a blessed life filled with joy and happiness.

Condolences

It's with great sadness that we extend our deepest and sincerest sympathies to the Michailides family on the passing of Mrs. Irene Michailides, the much loved mother, grandmother and loving wife of Michael. Irene was a long standing member of the Leria club since its foundation.

May she rest in peace with the knowledge that her legacy will live on through her children John, Fotini and Con, and her grandchildren, Michael, Adam, Andreas and Erik.

Our thoughts are also with the family of Adam and Patsy Remboulis, who recently lost their beloved mother Hazel Lynch and grandmother to Katie and Basil. May she rest in peace.

Farewells

The Leria Club wants to wish Evangelo and Ieremia Klidomitis a special farewell who will shortly be leaving Australia to return to Greece. Bon Voyage!