

VOTE FOR GREEK NATURAL WONDERS



The Petrified Forest of Lesvos, the Meteora Rocks, Mount Olympus, and Santorini, Archipelago are candidates for the list of the New Seven Wonders of Nature, to be compiled next summer in an online poll.

The voting procedure of all candidates will be completed on July 7, 2009, when the 77 partaking sites will be chosen. Afterwards, 21 of them will be elected and the vote will be repeated. The final declaration of the New7Wonders of Nature will be in 2010.

GREEK LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PROGRAMME

The New York Life Insurance Company began selling life insurance policies in the Ottoman Empire in 1882. In connection with turmoil caused by the outbreak of World War I, however, New York Life stopped selling policies in Europe and in the Ottoman Empire after 1914.

Various reference works and other sources indicate that many persons of Greek ancestry living in the Ottoman Empire at the outbreak of World War I were displaced or perished between 1915 and 1923. The company searched its records to locate all policies issued in the Ottoman Empire before 1915 insuring those of Greek heritage. New York Life paid benefits on many of those policies. However, it received no claims and thus paid no benefits or cash value on some of those policies, referred to as the "Greek Policies." In order to encourage claims upon the Greek Policies, New York Life has established the Greek Life Insurance Policy Programme. Descendants of persons insured under the Greek Policies may submit claims for benefits at: www.greekinsuranceclaims.com/en/board.php3

In order to be considered, the claim form and copies of all supporting documents must be mailed or e-mailed to the Claim Board by February 28, 2009.

Jason Clare MP attends Children's Festival

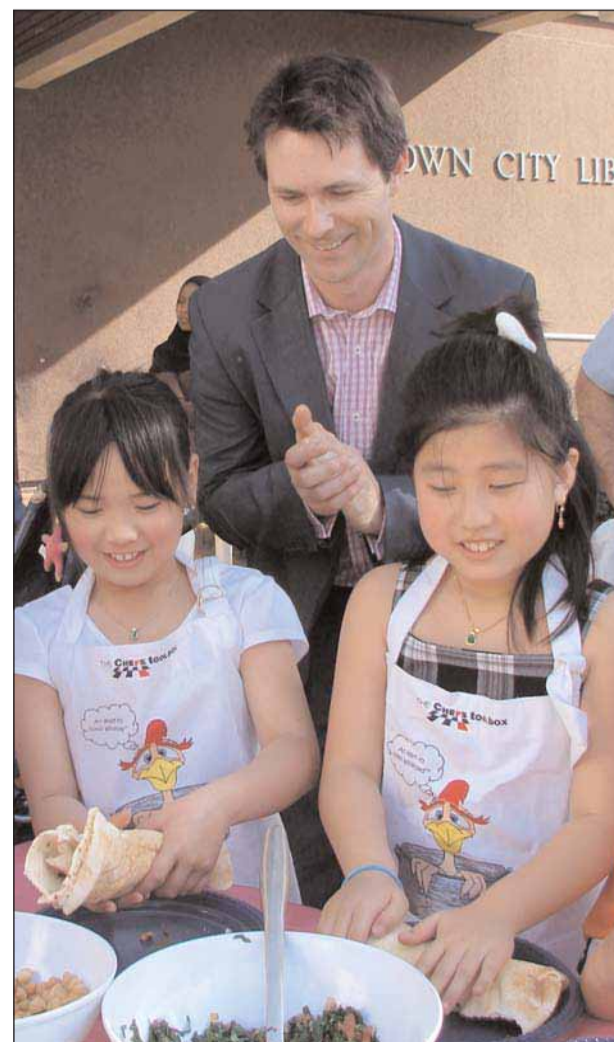


An estimated 15,000 people converged on Paul Keating Park on Saturday to celebrate the Children Festival's 10th Anniversary. The Bankstown Children's Festival helps to build a cohesive society breaking down the barriers between cultures by bringing children together. Federal Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare MP said, "The Children's Festival now in its tenth year is a truly unique community event celebrating Bankstown's rich cultural identity and showcasing it to the rest of Australia. Since the inaugural festival in 1999, the number of children participating and attending has quadrupled." "Children's Festival President Mr Thuat Nguyen and his great team are helping to build a better local community – a shining light to the rest of the world. "Building a new Australia starts with our children – playing together and living in harmony," Mr Clare said.

The children's parade was the highlight of the day. Young Australians from Bankstown's 130 different cultural backgrounds, all dressed in traditional costumes marched together into Paul Keating Park in a celebration of youth and cultural diversity.

"It was an honour to share this wonderful day with the children and families of our great community," Mr Clare said.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Greek-speaking Caseworker available in Marrickville every Wednesday 9a.m. – 5p.m. The Canterbury Bankstown Migrant Resource Centre has now opened an office in the Marrickville area. The office is located at Shop 2, 22 Station St., Marrickville – close to Marrickville station, the famous Hellenic Bakery and Centrelink. We are able to assist in matters such as: Pensions and Benefits, Housing, Health, Employment, Legal, Financial, Aged Services and other issues facing you or a family member. Please call the office on 9559 1883 to make an appointment or drop-in.