

Selling an American Dream: Australia's Greek Cafe

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Selling an American Dream: Australia's Greek Cafe is a photographic exhibition of Australia's Greek cafes. The exhibition explores the key role that Greek Australians played during the formative years of Australian culture.

Every time you drink a Coke, enjoy an ice cream or sweet chocolate treat, go to the cinema, or listen to the latest popular music hit, you can thank Australia's Greek settlers.

Greek cafes in Australia were a Trojan horse for the Americanisation of this nation's eating and socio-cultural habits from the very start of the twentieth century. They initially introduced American commercial food catering ideas, technology and products and later influenced the development of cinema and popular music. The Greek cafe helped transform Australian popular culture. This exhibition not only looks at how this was done, but also the personal stories of those involved.



Photo: Frank Hurley. Courtesy: J Varvaressos.

A Pocket Full of Dreams

What your dreams say about you...

Have you ever wondered what that crazy dream meant? Or why you keep on having the same dream over and over again? Or why you would act in a way you never would when you were awake?

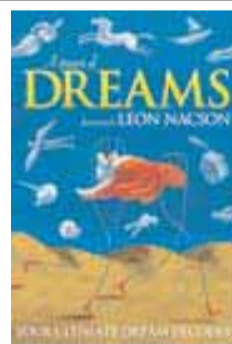
This book is the ultimate dream decoder for the 21st century; a comprehensive and entertaining tool to discover the true meanings of your dreams. Unlike typical works in this genre, this book presents the meanings behind modern-day symbols like mobile phones, DVD players and even spiders, which are becoming more common in dreams because of the time we spend on the World Wide Web. A Stream of Dreams sets the benchmark for truly accurate dream decoding and now in a smaller format, it is an ideal gift that you can carry with you anywhere.

Find out that:

Falling: Falling in a dream may

suggest that you feel unsupported in life. Who is supporting you? Why don't you feel supported? What can you do to support yourself? Notice what you are falling from in your dream (a cliff, a ladder or out of thin air) and, if you don't wake up first, take note of what you fall on or into. What's the context – work, relationships or a social situation? This will give you a clue to the areas of your life in which you feel unsupported. Naked: Nudity in a dream signifies a desire to show the raw you. If you're naked at work, it may indicate a fear of being exposed in some way - perhaps you feel that you're incapable of fulfilling your job requirements. If you've been dishonest, it may indicate a fear of being exposed.

Leon Nacson is one of the pioneers of the self-help movement



in Australia. He the bestselling author of A Stream of Dreams, Interpreting Dreams A-Z and Dream Journal. He has been extensively featured in international press and television media including Mornings with Kerri-Anne

can be heard on numerous radio stations throughout Australia as the resident Dream Coach. Leon has been the facilitator at every Hay House event in Australia for the past 20 years and was the only Australian author featured in the hit film, You Can Heal Your Life: The Movie. His weekly radio show, Interpreting Dreams, is in the top 10 listened-to programs on HayHouseRadio.com

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True ethnic pioneer passes on

The Chair of the Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW, Stepan Kerkyasharian, today paid tribute to one of the pioneers of multiculturalism, who died this week in Manly.

"It was with deep sadness that we heard of the passing of our great colleague and fighter for multiculturalism, Marin 'Mick' Alagich.

"He was not only one of the unique pioneers of ethnic community representation but he, at all times, stretched out his hand to the broader Australian community and insisted that people in his own community did the same.

"Mick will always be held in particular affection by the Community Relations Commission (formerly the Ethnic Affairs Commission) as one of its earliest Commissioners.

"He fought many fights bravely and had many victories. He also had disappointments, but he always dealt with them calmly and with dignity.

"Mick fiercely supported the Commission up to the very end. Even when travelling from his home in Manly to the city became a painful task, he did his best to attend every event to which he was invited. When it wasn't possible for him to attend, he always made his apologies formally and sincerely, treating each event organised by the Commission as one of vital importance to the community.

"We will certainly miss his wise counsel and his dogged determination to maximise the success of multiculturalism in New South Wales, for the benefit of every citizen", Mr Kerkyasharian said.

Pilot program launched to help new arrivals

Newly arrived migrants and humanitarian entrants in Tasmania will soon be better equipped to take their place in the workforce, the Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services, Laurie Ferguson, said. Mr Ferguson launched pilots of the Employment Pathways Program and Traineeships in English and Work Readiness Program at TAFE Tasmania in Launceston saying both programs were a government priority. The government committed \$49.2 million over four years in the 2008-09 Budget to run the programs around Australia.

'New arrivals, including humanitarian entrants, want to enter the workforce as soon as possible after their arrival in Australia,' Mr Ferguson said. 'Clearly they could be making a valuable contribution to our society through earlier participation in the workforce.'

'Some of the barriers which migrants and humanitarian entrants face in entering the workforce include a lack of Australian work experience, a lack of knowledge of Australian workplace culture and occupational health and safety issues. Another frequent issue is

limited or no English skills.'

The Employment Pathways Program helps people with the lowest levels of literacy, to learn English in formal and informal settings while gaining familiarity with Australian workplace culture and practices.

It includes exposure to work situations, occupational health and safety and other employment preparation skills. The Traineeships in English and Work Readiness Program helps new arrivals into their professional field or into vocational training through a combination of vocation specific English language tuition, together with work experience and mentoring.

More than 800 humanitarian entrants have settled in Tasmania in the past three years with about one third settling in the Launceston region. The programs will be piloted in both northern and southern regions of Tasmania before being fully integrated into the Adult Migrant English Program, which has been delivered by TAFE Tasmania for many years.

Laurie Ferguson MP - Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services