

Ninth Annual Greek Gala in Support of the Sydney Cancer Centre Foundation

The annual Greek Gala will be held on Saturday November 29th in support of the Sydney Cancer Centre Foundation at the Grand Roxy, Brighton Le Sands.

The ninth consecutive Greek Gala held at the Grand Roxy Brighton Le Sands and organized by Sydney Cancer patient, "Uncle" Paul Bertuzzi and Nia Karteris has raised over \$350,000 in total for the Sydney Cancer Centre since its inception.

This year the fundraiser will be dedicated to the late Nicole Xenakis, beloved friend of Nia Karteris who lost the battle for cancer on the 4th October 08.

The Sydney Cancer Centre was established in 1996 and has developed to become one of

Australia's leading cancer treatment and research facilities providing comprehensive cancer care to patients at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Concord Hospital, Dubbo Base Hospital and the University of Sydney.

There are 10 clinical departments encompassing Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, Breast Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery, Urology, the Sydney Melanoma Unit, Dermatology and Skin Cancer, Palliative Care, Haematology and Gynaecological Oncology.

According to Associate Professor Michael Boyer, Director of the Sydney Cancer Centre cancer survival rates are improving all the time however we

still face an enormous challenge as the number of people diagnosed with cancer increases relentlessly.

"At the Sydney Cancer Centre we have outstanding doctors, nurses and researchers but we need and deserve world-class facilities if they are to achieve their goals of creating research breakthroughs and delivering the people of Sydney and NSW the very best treatment outcome possible."

"The Sydney Cancer Centre is very grateful to Nia Karteris and Paul Bertuzzi who has been battling cancer for a number of years now. They are playing a vital role in the fight against cancer in the community as the money raised through the Greek Gala will bring us closer to achieving our goal," Associate Professor Michael Boyer said.

RBA RATE CUT WELCOMED IN BLAXLAND

Federal Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare MP, today said families in Blaxland would welcome the announcement by the Reserve Bank to cut official interest rates by 0.75 per cent.

"This is great news for our local area.

"This will really help people in our local area doing it tough," Mr Clare said.

The Reserve Bank's (RBA) decision to drop interest rates for the third time this year takes the official rate to 5.25 per cent.

"This latest cut will save someone with an average \$250,000 mortgage around \$124 a month.

"We are doing it tougher than anywhere else in Australia, an extra \$124 a month will really help.

"The last three cuts in interest rates means that a family with a \$250,000 mortgage will now save \$303 per month. That's good news," Mr Clare said.

Office of Jason Clare MP
MEMBER FOR BLAXLAND

Minister Visits Gosford

Newly appointed Racing Minister Kevin Greene visited Gosford greyhound track last week for the purpose of formally announcing the NSW State Government's support towards the provision of an extension to the viewing area and function room at the NSW GBOTA's Gosford greyhound track.



The Minister was accompanied on his visit by Gosford MP Marie Andrews and was greeted by GBOTA Chairman Bill Mangafas and Treasurer Bryan Young.

The NSW Government has provided \$80,000 towards this project, for which final costs are currently being assessed. The works will involve extension to the public viewing area to enable the bar, betting ring and race night office to be incorporated into the viewing facility.

Work will hopefully commence in early 2009.

Mr Mangafas said that the GBOTA was delighted to have the support of the NSW Government for this initiative at this very popular venue.

"The \$80,000 NSW State Government support of this project is part of a \$2 million Racing Club Facility Grants Program to help regional and rural race clubs to develop their facilities," Mr Mangafas explained.

"This project continues the NSW GBOTA's commitment to venue improvements and will ensure the Gosford greyhound complex will have outstanding public facilities in line with the demands of the large population on the Central Coast and the many visitors to the region," Mr Mangafas added.

Marie Andrews as the Local Member for the Gosford electorate welcomed the announcement, commenting that it was excellent to see a local club benefit as one 36 clubs benefitting across the State.

"By upgrading the facilities, we're not just building a better track we're seeing an investment in the community," she said.

"The new track will be better on race days and it also will encourage the local community use of the race track for functions."

Australian Egyptian Cultural Festival at Darling Harbour Sunday 9th November 2008

The Australian Egyptian Council Forum representing the Egyptian community in NSW has been organising an annual Cultural

Open Day and we are pleased to invite you to the 9th Annual Cultural Festival at Darling Harbour in Sydney on Sunday, 9

November 2008 at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour.

The Egyptian Festival aims to highlight many aspects of Egyptian culture including arts, music, and folk dancing in an open-air atmosphere. There will be stalls exhibiting handicrafts, artefacts, food and beverages and many other traditional and cultural activities in addition to government information on services relevant to Arabic speaking communities.

It is a family atmosphere and fit for all ages.