



Exhibition of the first dancing groups since 1951

## THESE WOMEN AND MAN WERE:

Mr Angelo Gooma (founder)  
 Mrs Nenna Fosteropoulos  
 Lady Renee George  
 Mrs Zoe Kominatos  
 Mrs Zoe Gerolimatos  
 Mrs Betty Adams  
 Mrs Katina Melides Hood  
 Mrs Aspasia Eliades  
 Presvitera Lefkothea Evagelinidies  
 Mrs Maria Gooma  
 Mrs Cleo Conson  
 Mrs Mary Simos  
 Mrs Alexandra Payten

Mrs Antiope Limbers  
 Mrs Marie Caronis(Carr)  
 Mrs Liane Patterson  
 Mrs Tasia Varvaressos  
 Mrs Loula Varvaressos  
 Mrs Iris Caredes  
 Mrs Maria Samios  
 Mrs Kathy Harris  
 Mrs Koula Kouvaras  
 Mrs Nike Limbers



themselves in trouble. They formed the first Greek Folkloric Dance Group and travelled within Sydney and interstate to bring Hellenism to all Greek Migrants that craved any hint of their mother land. Book reviews on Greek Authors, lectures on Hellenism, film screenings and musical recitals were also given. They made the Hellenic Lyceum the epicentre of Greek Culture in Sydney. They gave their homes for BBQ's to assemble the Greek community and collected funds to give further assistance. They even had the foresight to start a substantial collection of genuine Greek Folkloric costumes, jewellery and handicrafts. The collection of these items is now so substantial that the Hellenic Lyceum of today is looking to set up a Greek Museum to exhibit these artefacts. It is our dream to set up this exhibition to give tribute to the hard work that these pioneering women started.

*On the 29th of April the present Committee of the Hellenic Lyceum decided to officially recognise its founding members. It was important to acknowledge that the task they started led the way for generations of Greek women.*

THESE WOMEN AND MAN WERE:  
 (names on the top right hand corner of the page).

On the day of the function each of these names was called to receive their award. Some came personally, like Mrs Kominatos and Mrs Varvaressos. Others who were unable to attend sent their husbands, as was the case of Lady Renee George. Sir Arthur accepted the award on behalf of his wife by giving a moving speech. Many however had passed away and the honour of receiving the award fell to their families. Many a son, daughter, niece or nephew was touched by the stirring words describing the contribution of their relatives to the Hellenic Lyceum.

The Hellenic Lyceum owes much to these people and would like to thank them for their hard work, diligence and devotion to the aims of the Sydney Hellenic Lyceum. They worked tirelessly for the maintenance of Greek Culture, Customs and Traditions in Australia and assisted Mothers and children as the need arose.



Attorney General and Minister of Justice the Hon John Xatzistergos MLC, the president of Hellenic Lyceum Mrs Maria Sallos and some of the girls from the dancing group.



Mrs Maria Salos amongst guests



Some of the awards that were given out



Members of the first board of directors (1951). Mrs Tasia Varvaressou, Zoe Kominatos, Effie Shelshear (daughter of Zoe Gerolimatos), Sir Arthur George (he represented his wife Lady Renee George. Back Row: Marina Efthimiou (vice president), Helen Kristallis (vice president) Maria Sallos (president of the Hellenic Lyceum)