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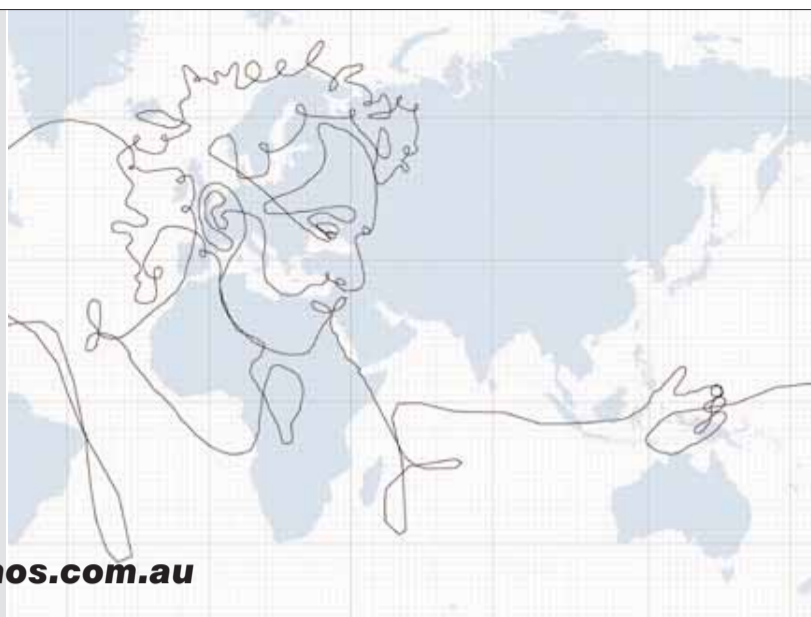
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## PEOPLE LIKE US...

# Chrysanthi Giakoumakis climb leader @ Harbour Bridge

### ☛ A few words about me:

A challenging question as we are all so multi-layered. If I had to narrow it down to a few words, I would say I'm optimistic, gregarious and determined.

### ☛ Where was I born:

I was born in one of the most beautiful harbour cities in the world- Sydney, Australia.

### ☛ Date of birth:

Age is merely a number J but if you must know 11th August 1978

### ☛ Family status:

My family all live in Sydney, even though we have moved around in the past. I have two older siblings and I'm an aunt of four incredibly special beings.

### ☛ My origins:

Both my parents immigrated to Australia over forty years ago from Greece. To specify, my father is from Herakleion, Crete and my mother was raised in Crete but was born in Mani, Peloponnese.

### ☛ Two words about my family:

I think we are all different "characters" and approach things in our own way. However, just like tapestry, we are interwoven and linked together by the threads of memories and experiences. My family has given me solid moral groundings and for this I am grateful.

### ☛ About my work:

I work in an incredible office boasting of breathtaking views of Sydney harbour, that is, The Harbour Bridge. My title is "climb leader" which involves taking people up to 134 metres above sea level and of course sharing my knowledge of Sydney and the bridge itself. I'm also involved in Adult Education, teaching English as a second language. Each job entails different skills and techniques yet both provide the opportunity to meet people from all over the world.

### ☛ My interests:

Needless to say, I love the outdoors, espe-

cially the ocean. I love reading, travelling and just being with nature whenever I can.

### ☛ About my life in Australia:

To sum it up in one word- BUSY! Contrary to this, life here can be very relaxing and unproblematic and I only came to appreciate this once I travelled and moved away.

### ☛ My relationship with Greece:

Greece has and will always be a part of me. It is a place I feel connected with not only because of my heritage but to me it holds an inexplicable energy and represents strength, defiance and a great philosophy "work to live not live to work".

### ☛ What I like about living in Australia:

I live on the world's biggest island, surrounded by ocean consisting of over 10,000 beaches! What more could I want?

But of course, as mentioned earlier, life here is relatively easy, enjoyable and presents boundless opportunities if you are willing.

### ☛ What I don't like about living in Australia:

Geographical Isolation. It seems we are so disconnected to the rest of the world sometimes but this paradoxically is what also makes Australia so unique.

### ☛ If I would like to live in Greece one day and why:

Well, in my case the question should be "would I live in Greece again". I actually lived in Greece for approximately one year in 2004-2005. I will always treasure this experience. A beautiful chapter in my life. I plan to return for a visit this August.

### ☛ My personal big dream:

I have several dreams and goals and as life changes so do they. I would love to be given the opportunity to travel extensively and get paid to do so, the ultimate dream.

### ☛ My life philosophy:

A challenging question. I love the following quote: "It is better to live your own destiny imperfectly, than to perfectly imitate someone else's destiny".

