

PEOPLE LIKE US...

Every week, "Kosmos" newspaper will be presenting stories of Greeks in Australia. If you would like to share your story with us, send us an email and your favourite photo at: kosmos@kosmos.com.au



Two words about me:

Tim Kallimanis

Where was I born:

Sydney

Date of birth:

23/07/1981

Family status:

Not Married

My origins:

Greek - Nafpakto / Kythera

Two words about my family:

genuine, unique.

About my work:

catering / cafeterias

My interests:

Football/general sport, music, socialising, economics and global issues.

About my life in Australia:

congested and full, routine yet ran-

Tim Kallimanis businessman

dom, fortunate to have the people I do around me. we ever satisfied?

My relationship with Greece:

My blood. My home away from home.

What I like about living in Australia:

I could write a book. Landscape, climate, culture, security, family, opportunity.

What I don't like about living in Australia:

lacks the energy/vibe of Europe and is too far from the rest of the world. Sometimes routine takes over. Are

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

Greek people (my age group) seem more free-spirited and satisfied with simplicity and this is what lures me. I would love (in the future) to spend 2-3 months a year there.

My personal big dream:

As a kid you always have big dreams. Mine was always to be a football player. As long as I'm happy and successful, I'll stick to watching it on tv.

My life philosophy:

Life is an infinite learning curve.



For our future

More than 90 delegates attended this year's AEU federal conference, held in Melbourne in January, to discuss the union's campaigns for 2009. Key themes included the need to end the funding bias in favour of private schools; a call for the federal government to support TAFE's role; consult with the union on early childhood education; and commit to quality public education through high standard teacher training and respect for teacher involvement in curriculum. Federal president Angelo Gavrielatos told delegates that it was members' "resolute, brave and assertive campaigning that provides the evidence that we are a political force".



(photo right) Angelo Gavrielatos - AEU Federal President, article from the Australian Educator - Autumn 2009).

2009 Young Writer's Competition – A Call for Entries!

The Transcultural Mental Health Centre (TMHC) in partnership with the Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW and the Black Dog Institute is calling for final submissions for the 2009 Young Writers Competition, TranSCRIBE. TranSCRIBE, the 7th Young Writers Competition, is open to all young people aged between 12 -19 years across NSW. The closing date for final entries is by 5pm, 10 July 2009. Since the competition started, TranSCRIBE has attracted close to 2000 students from more than 180 schools and colleges across NSW.

Centre Coordinator, TMHC, Maria Cassaniti said the overall theme for this year's TranSCRIBE is 'Like a fish out of water'.

"The competition invites young people to creatively express their views, thoughts, feelings and experiences about issues that affect young people living in a multicultural society, including the stigma associated with mental illness.

"We're searching for undiscovered young writers from across NSW to share stories about their own experiences and emotions, or others' experiences as they have observed them, about issues affecting young people living in a multicultural society.

"TranSCRIBE also provides an opportunity for young people who may be caring for family members who experience mental health issues, to express themselves through creative writing. Stories can be in any form including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, journal entries, letters, or autobiographical," Maria Cassaniti said.

Entrants are encouraged to write about one of two topics:

- Topic 1: a young person (could be themselves) coping with mental health issues either personally, in their family or with their friends or
- Topic 2: about the experiences of a young person from a culturally and linguistically diverse community that is or was living in difficult times, either in Australia or overseas.

The competition is open to all young people to explore mental health and cultural diversity within the Australian context.

The winners will be presented with their awards at an event coinciding with Mental Health Week in October this year. In each category, the first prize-winner will receive a \$300 voucher, second prize is a \$200 voucher, and third prize is a \$100 voucher. Silver award winners will receive a \$30 voucher and all participants will receive a certificate.

In addition, the school with the maximum number of entries will be awarded with a \$500 gift voucher. Successful entries are also published in a booklet of winning entries, distributed to all schools in NSW.

Entry forms: Additional information, entry forms and ideas for discussion topics may be photocopied or downloaded from our website: www.dhi.gov.au/tmhc/transcribe.