## 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:

Wow. That's really hard. Well, I guess I could be described as 'cheeky' by my friends and family, and 'outgoing'.

#### Where was I born:

Sydney, Australia.

#### **Date of birth:**

23rd September 1994

#### **Family status:**

My cousins are the closest people I have to siblings; I'm an only child.

#### My origins:

My mother is greek, and was born in Greece. My father is Portuguese and Australian, and he was born here.

#### Two words about my family:

Life without family wouldn't be the same, so I would have to say 'supportive' and 'hilarious'.

#### **About my work:**

I'm still at high school.

#### My interests:

I have so many it would take so much time to name, but whatever I do, it usually involves having fun: going out,

# Anne-Marie Cavaco high school student

watching lots of movies, spending time with friends and family, and helping backstage at Alex & Eve with the amazing cast!

#### About my life in Australia:

A live a comfortable life here in Australia, surrounded by people that mean a great deal to me. I'm really happy that I have the chance to live in a country that isn't faced with War or discrimination towards others. I am really grateful for that.

## My relationship with Greece:

I have never been to Greece, but I would really like to go someday soon, and I'm really looking forward to going with my best friend, Mariana, to visit all my family and friends over there, and seeing the raw greek culture at its best.

## What I like about living in Australia:

I love living in Australia. It is a great

country, and there are so many opportunities available to all different types of people here, which is really good. Anyone can express their opinions freely and not be discriminated against.

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

The only thing I don't like about living here is being away from my family overseas in both Portugal and Greece, and as the families over there are halfway around the world from here, it's hard to stay in touch, and keep the connections.

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

Yes, I would love to live in Greece one day, and I probably will. To experience and be in the middle of the greek culture would be a dream for me.

#### My personal big dream:

My dream is really big, but I hope it it while it lasts.



will be fulfilled. My life long dream is to become a singer/actress/dancer/model, and if I can't achieve those goals, I'd like to be some type of journalist.

#### My life philosophy:

To have fun. Life's short so just enjoy it while it lasts.



Family:
Restaurateur
John Omeros
and twin
sons Stefan
(left) and
Dean at
Omeros On
The Reach

## **Omeros is quality**

AFTER 35 years providing fine food to Sydney diners at various family-owned restaurants, the Omeros family has earned a well-deserved reputation for quality.

That quality shines through at their Ramsgate Beach restaurant, Omeros on the Beach a restaurant with stunning views over Botany Bay and a menu with an emphasis on fresh seafood. At Omeros on the Beach, owned and managed by second-generation restaurateur John Omeros and his family, the cuisine is modern Australian, which means you can expect Italian and Asian overtones.

And, because the Omeros family founder came originally from Greece, there are Greek influences as well. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner from Tuesdays to Sundays, and on Sundays you can also enjoy breakfast from 10am.

There are many standouts in the Omeros menu, including entrees of prawn and mango salad served with a

blue swimmer crab tartlet and garlic prawns in a cream sauce. Popular mains include a melt-in-the-mouth confit of duck with roasted beetroot and salt-and-pepper soft shell mud crab, with delicious prawns served with a ginger dipping sauce.

Everything on the dessert menu is tempting, and includes Mrs Omeros' famous apple pie.

The restaurant also offers special set menus ranging from \$46 to \$58 per person.

Special events at Omeros on the Beach are degustation dinners, planned by John Omeros, which have proved so popular that early bookings are always recommended.

The next special dinner will be on Friday, August 28, with John planning a "gourmet tour of the world". The final special event for the year will be a Greek banquet in November. Omeros on the Beach, Cook Park, The Grand Parade, Ramsgate Beach; 9529 5391.

### On a day like today

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848-1954)

# GREEK LOVE ROMANCE Aristide and Athena (Refugees from Smyrna)

(Australian Press Association)

London July 23, 1923

The Athens correspondent of the "Daily Express" states that a man and girl, refugees from Smyrna, are the central figures in a poignant love romance which has moved all Greece. Aristide Vassilacopoulos was found unconsious in a home-made coffin, with a poison bottle at his side, and was taken to a hospital. An hour later a girl Athena Tautailides was found unconscious in the same coffin. It has since been revealed that when Mustapha Kemal Pasha's Turkish troops appeared at Smyrna Aristide who was preparing for his wedding ran to Athena's house. He found her in her wedding dress and hurried her to the water front. As he was unable to find room in one ship he plunged with his sweetheart into the sea and swam for half an hour, until the captain of the ship took them

aboard. The couple reached Athens penniless...

Athena found work at weaving. Aristide with a broken spirit could not find employment. Athena paid the rent of his room as well as that of her own. Aristide began drinking heavily and became very jealous. One night he tried to break the door of Athena's room. Next day she left the lodgings leaving a letter saying that she still loved him but only if he honoured and respected her and himself.

Aristide brooding over his troubles, conceived the idea of punishing the girl by making a coffin and decorating it. Upon the carving he spent several days. Then he traced the girl to her new home and took the coffin there. When she was away at work he lay down and drank bichloride of mercury. When Athena returned she found her lover and her cries brought the neighbours who removed Aristide to a hospital. Athena left alone lay down in the coffin apparently believing that Aristide was dead and expected her to follow him. She would die of a broken heart. When her friends returned she was unconscious.

Both Aristide and Athena are now in hospital but the doctors hope that they will recover. Thousands of Athenians are praying daily for their recovery. Then efforts will be made to enable the lovers to get back to their lost happiness.



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