



I like to let people know that I am Greek – one look at the name badge will confirm it – but I also have a connection with the Hispanic community through my Chilean mother, Malena. When I'm working I'll try to be available if there is anything special where I can help both the Greek, and Hispanic communities



George Diakos joined the NSW Police Force

25 year old **George Diakos** spoke to **Anna Arsenis** about his family, his future plans, and his new job in the NSW Police Force.



George, where are your parents from?

My dad is the youngest of four siblings. He was born in Australia but his older sister and two older brothers were born on the Greek Island of Rhodes.

His father (my grandfather) is from Nisyros and his mother (my grandmother) is from Kastellorizo. At some stage my grandparents moved to and met in Rhodes. My grandfather first arrived in Australia in 1952 and worked and saved to bring the rest of the family out the following year. At that time my grandmother was pregnant with my father.

My mother is from Santiago, Chile. She migrated to Australia in 1975 and met my father in 1979 and they married soon after."

Do you have brothers or sisters?

I have a sister.

Have you been to Greece?

Yes. In 2005. I stayed there for a while. I went to Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes where I stayed for 2 months. I had the chance to see where my grandparents grew up, I met the relatives... It was beautiful.

Do you like Greece?

Yes. I am really looking forward to my next trip.

What do you like the most about Greece?

Food. Especially pastitsio, stifado... everything!

If you had a business opportunity in Greece would you consider living there?

No. Not at the moment. I am really focused on what I am doing. I want to work hard, be successful and make my parents and grandparents very proud.

You seem to have a special bond with the grandparents.

Yes. I'm named after my grandfather who has since

passed away and I feel a strong bond with my grandmother."

Was your grandmother at your Attestation?

Yes. And lots of uncles, aunts...

family came first.

Do you feel the same?

Yes. Definitely. I am single at the moment, but I would like to have my own family, my own kids. For the time, I am a very proud godfather to two gorgeous boys.

How do you feel being in the police force.

Proud. I am doing something that I really like. My dad encouraged me to join the force. He made me aware of the opportunities in the organisation. I also feel proud for being able to represent the Greek community.

Your job is a bit dangerous...

I don't see it like that. If something is to happen, it will happen anywhere, at any time.



"I think having Greek officers is a good thing, and will help the community feel like they have got someone to come to.

ties, cousins and friends.

Can you describe your grandfather?

He was very family orientated. He worked hard to provide for the family. My dad tells me they hardly saw him because he was working three jobs. For my 'pappou',

What plans do you have for the future?

I would like one day to work in the Police Prosecutions.

What is your life philosophy.

Work hard to succeed.

George, I would like to thank you for this interview. I am sure that pretty soon you will make the Greek Community very proud of your achievements.