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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](mailto:kosmos@kosmos.com.au)



**Two words about me:**  
Youthful & open minded

**Where was I born:**

In Clayton, Melbourne, in Giayia & Pappos house, a red brick house with rose garden at front and chicken coope and veggie patch out the back and gar-goona playing on the vinyl record.

**Family status:**  
Mother.

**My origins:**

Are Australian with deep Greek heritage.

**Two words about my family:**  
Traditional & close-minded.

**About my work:**

To tell you the truth after having my child, my whole concept of work changed dramatically, I was forced to rethink what work really meant to me and what I wanted to achieve in my life as far as my career was concerned.

**My interests:**

Scrap booking, small business enterprise, gardening and baking.

**About my life in Australia:**

**Gabriella Polyzos**  
plans to direct her own business

Australia is my country, I was born here, I grew up here, I am Australian – I can travel anywhere in the world, knowing "I still call Australia home!"

**My relationship with Greece:**

Distant, ancient and a place within me. I understand and relate to Greece through English interpreta-

**living in Australia:**

Many living in the Australian community don't take advantage of everything it has to offer and fall short of their potential, - sometimes Australians can be inhospitable and/or unsupportive- that doesn't help. If you allow me to be bold I don't believe in culturally diversity – I believe in Australian – everybody here has a heritage else-



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tion rather than direct contact.

**What I like about living in Australia:**

I like my country, and I like its work ethic, social and economic system – for me it's the best in the world.

**What I don't like about**

where! We require to embrace more Australian.

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

Yes I would, I would like very much to spend a year in Greece Athens, working & studying and for my little boy to attend school there whilst visiting other cities: Larissa, Trikala and

Thessalonica the Greek Islands.

**My personal big dream:**

Is to direct my own business and complete my early childhood studies.

**My life philosophy:**

Place your best foot forward and don't give up! Always assert your true self.

**Katsidis ready to silence rabid crowd**

It is a good thing Michael Katsidis wears a Spartan warrior helmet into the ring before his fights. The metal replica ancient helmet, which pays homage to Katsidis's Greek heritage, could offer protection from beer bombs this weekend in Las Vegas.

Escobedo was a 2004 US Olympian and a member of Oscar De La Hoya's stable of young talented boxers.

"This isn't the first time I've fought in front of a crowd that is against me," said Katsidis, who is fine-tuning his preparations in Las Vegas.

"I did it in England where there were 11,000 against me.

"I did it in Houston where there were 18,000 against me.

"It is something I'm used to."

The fight in England was at the Wembley Arena in 2007 against local favourite Graham Earl. Katsidis, refusing to be intimidated,

knocked Earl down twice in the first round and again in the second before the referee stopped the fight and Katsidis was crowned interim WBO lightweight champion.

Katsidis lost a split points decision a year ago in front of a rabid hometown crowd in Houston, Texas to Juan Diaz, again for the WBO interim title.

The Australian broke his right hand in the second round, but almost squeezed out the win when the judges revealed their cards after 12 rounds.

There is a sound Katsidis loves almost as much as the thud of his opponent hitting the canvas.

It is the sound of silence when he is beating a hometown opponent.

"I've learned one thing," Katsidis said.

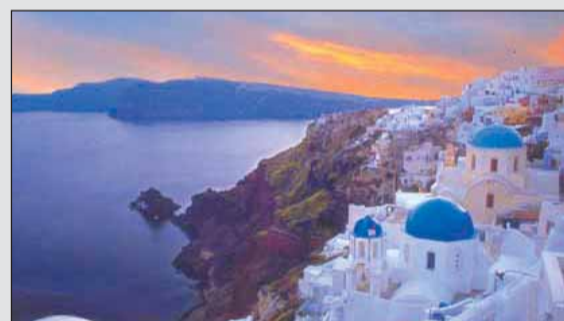
"When the crowd is quiet, that means I'm winning.

"There were a good seven rounds during that Juan Diaz fight that the crowd was quiet.

"I'm planning on making the MGM so quiet you can hear a pin drop."

Joining Katsidis and Escobedo on the Mayweather-Marquez undercard are bouts between featherweights Chris John and Rocky Juarez and Kostya Tszyu's old foe, welterweight Zab Judah, takes on Antonio Diaz.

The bouts are scheduled to begin 11am Sunday AEST.



**Inspire Others to Go to Greece**

Whether spent sailing along the blue "highways" of the Greek Islands, exploring some of ancient Greece's most important sites in the Peloponnese, or sitting at a cafe in Athens' Plaka district, a trip to Greece is bound to be full of diverse experiences and friendly interactions with locals who are known to be some of the world's most welcoming.

Have you been to Greece? Share your favorite photos and experiences from your trip for a chance to win. One grand prize winner will have his/her photograph featured on Fodors.com and in the next edition of Fodor's Greece or Fodor's Greek Islands and will receive a suite of Fodor's latest full-color guides. Ten (10) Runner-up winners will have their photographs featured in a slideshow on Fodors.com and will win two (2) Fodor's guides of their choice (ARV = \$45). In addition, if any photographs are selected to be included in a future Fodor's guide, those entrants will also receive a complimentary copy of the guide in which their photo appears.

Enter today and tell friends and family who have traveled to Greece to enter as well. The "Show Us Your Greece" contest closes October 5, 2009.

Meeting the Australian when he enters the MGM Grand Casino indoor arena will be 16,000 hyped fans, most who will be paying for his blood and likely tossing beer and expletives at the 29-year-old from Toowoomba. The bout takes place on Mexican Independence Day, the sponsor is the popular Mexican beer Tecate and the fight program, stacked with marquee match-ups headed by Mexican great Juan Manuel Marquez against arguably the world's best boxer, America's Floyd Mayweather, is designed to maximise Mexican pride.

Katsidis can expect to be the recipient of plenty of venom as he takes on rising Mexican-American fighter, Vicente Escobedo, for the World Boxing Organisation interim lightweight title.