

# Oceania PanHellenic Sports and Cultural Games

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The third Oceania PanHellenic Sports and Cultural Games will be making a splash in Melbourne in November. This is a major event that enables the Hellenic (Greek) Community to collectively engage in the promotion of its youth, its culture and rich heritage to its members and to the broader Australian multicultural society via the upcoming Pan Hellenic Sports & Cultural Games. Athletes with Greek heritage including swimmers, soccer players, track and field athletes, basketballers, tennis players and wrestlers from Australia and New Zealand will be competing. Free accommodation will be provided for all athletes. Greek food and music will also feature as part of the celebrations. The PanHellenic Games Organising Committee is now seeking tennis players and athletes with Greek heritage, aged 16 - 30 to sign up to compete in the games. Registrations for the Games close on October 16. If you know of any players and athletes that may wish to participate in the games please forward this email to them.

Visit [www.saeoceania.org.au](http://www.saeoceania.org.au) to download a registration form.



## Former Newington students dies in collision

POLICE are investigating a road accident which claimed the life of Roselands resident Vageli Siaflas, 18, last Thursday.

Mr Siaflas was driving a Suzuki Swift on Moorefields Road, Kingsgrove, when his car and an oncoming truck collided at 1pm.

Paramedics took the truck driver to St George Hospital, but he was later discharged.

Mr Siaflas died at the scene.

His friends started a Facebook internet page to mourn his passing and yesterday the group had 1480 members and almost 150 tributes in memory of the talented rugby player and dedicated friend.

Dr David Mulford, Newington College headmaster, said the school community was devastated by the former student's death.

"Vageli was held in extremely high esteem by fellow students, staff and the wider community. Vageli always had such a positive approach to life and made a magnificent contribution to Newington," Dr Mulford said.

"The thoughts and prayers of Newington College are with the Siaflas family, the extended family, the close Greek community, the MLC community and our staff and boys who knew Vageli so well."

Article from *The Leader*  
Tributes: Vageli Siaflas.  
Picture: Facebook

## LIVERPOOL TO HOST CENTRELINK JOBS EXPO TO KEEP AUSTRALIA WORKING

Minister for Human Services, Chris Bowen MP and Member for Werriwa, Chris Hayes MP, have announced Liverpool will host a Centrelink Jobs Expo that will offer real jobs to those looking for work.

The event, part of the Keep Australia Working initiative, will

be held at the Whitlam Leisure Centre in Memorial Avenue on Friday, 23 October 2009.

"This Centrelink Jobs Expo will connect job seekers to a range of employers, and provide guidance on pathways to employment through training and apprenticeships," Mr Bowen said.

"The Canterbury-Bankstown and South Western Sydney region is one of 20 Priority Employment Areas i-

dentified in the Keep Australia Working interim report as being highly vulnerable as a result of the global recession.

"The Centrelink Jobs Expo brings to fruition one of the key recommendations of this interim report.

"It will also bring together a range of exhibitors to provide options to those who are looking for work, or who may need other assistance to help them get back on their feet."

Member for Werriwa, Chris Hayes MP, said the Centrelink Jobs Expo is already attracting a lot of interest from both large and local organisations wanting to take part.

"Finding and keeping a job in the current economic environment has never been more important," Mr Hayes said.

"There's already been huge interest in this Jobs Expo from Government agencies, local councils, utilities and other essential services, and small businesses, and many of these will be offering real jobs on the day.

"Information on training, education and apprenticeships will also be available to those looking to enhance their existing skills or train for a new career.

"A range of activities will be held throughout the day, such as financial information seminars to assist Centrelink customers, job seekers and workers at risk of unemployment or reduced income.

"The Expo is open to everyone and entry is free."

Mr Bowen said it's not too late for potential exhibitors to get involved.

"The Centrelink Jobs Expo is an excellent opportunity to get in touch directly with local job seekers," Mr Bowen said.

"It's free for organisations to take part, so I'd encourage anyone wanting to put their business or organisation on show at the Expo to secure their stall as quickly as possible."

Those interested in exhibiting at the Jobs Expo should contact Centrelink on 1800 301 461.

## 'Welcoming the Babies' 2009



Federal Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare MP, officially welcomed 186 babies into our local community at a special ceremony in Bankstown on Saturday.

More than 500 people attended the inaugural 'Welcoming the Babies' event at the Town Hall as part of the 2009 Children's Festival.

Bankstown is the baby capital of Sydney with an estimated 2,700 babies born every year. Mums and dads received gift bags containing useful products and information on breastfeeding, healthy food options, immunisation, the development of learning and motor skills, playgroups, community support, respite and child safety. Every child also received a certificate and a native plant. "It's just a small way to say thank you to the new mums and dads who take on this big responsibility and give them a helping hand," Mr Clare said.

Some of the organisations that ran information stalls and provided one-on-one advice and support on the day included:

- Bankstown Centrelink • The Benevolent Society
- Creating Links Co-op • Karitane Mothercraft Society
- Tresillian Family Care Centre • Bankstown Family Day Care
- Bankstown Community Resource Group • Bankstown City Library