

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:

I like to have a good laugh and try not to take anything too seriously (my philosophy perhaps).

Where was I born:

Sydney

Star sign:

Aquarius

Family status:

Single

My origins:

Greek – a 'Lesbian' (Mytilene) and Mikra Asia

Two words about my family:

Best people in the world and they are my biggest influence.

About my work:

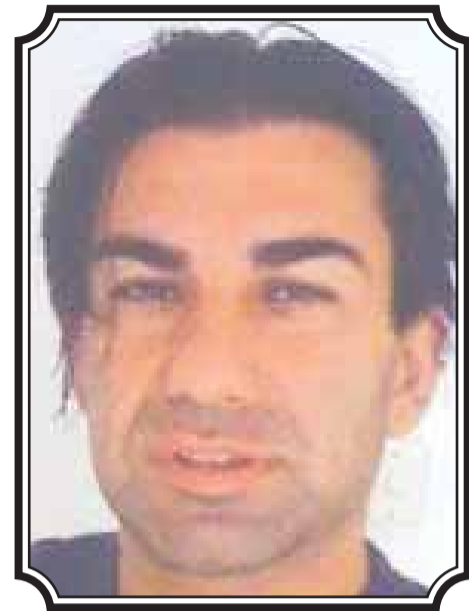
Freelance writer, but currently in London working on a Police project.

My interests:

Travelling and making people laugh (at me ?!)

Billy Cotsis

loves travelling and documenting all Greek towns outside of modern Greece



My favourite food:

anything that I haven't cooked!

My favourite book:

The Fall of Constantinople, Middlesex (highly recommend both of these).

About my life in Australia:

I really love Australia. I moved to London last year and now I appreciate my country of birth more than ever.

My relationship with Greece:

magic moments – I love being there and learning as much as I can about my culture.

What I like about living in

Australia:

just about everything, but the cultural diversity and the great weather make it an amazing place.

What I don't like about living in Australia:

Nothing!

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

I love Athens and to be there for than a few weeks at a time would be great. Nothing like the sound of motorbikes, pollution, traffic and people yelling all the time lol. There is an incredible aura about Athens and Greece and I feel like a different person when I go to my other 'home.'

My personal big dream:

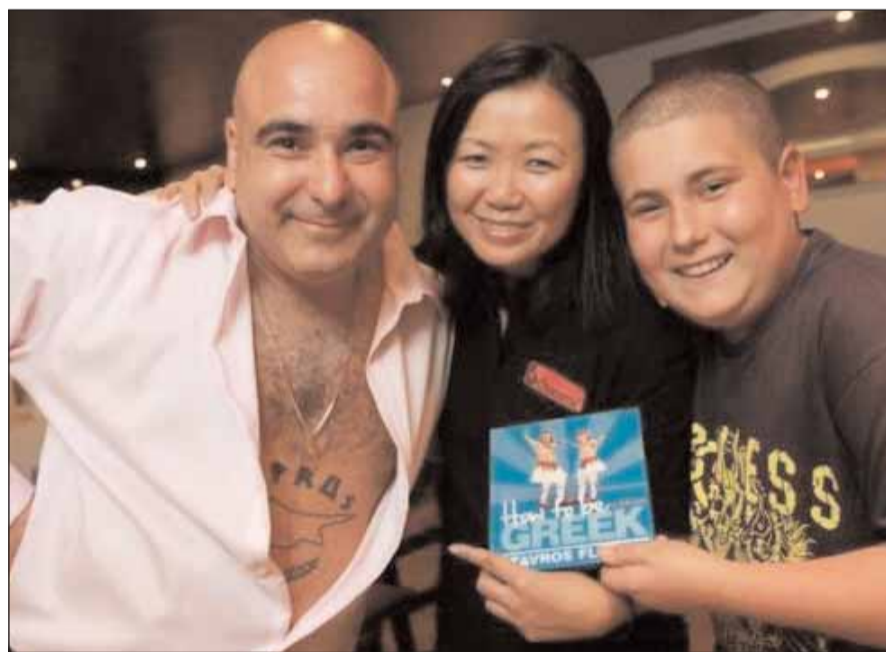
Learn how to make galaktouriko! Also, would like to document all the Greek towns that exist outside of modern Greece (and there are a few).

My life philosophy:

It will get done..... eventually.

How to be (a little bit) Greek

In this year's Britain's got Talent Demi and Lagi Demetriou - aka Stavros Flatley - won the hearts of the nation with their brilliant Greek/Irish dance routines, their incredible father/son bond and their contagious love of the ridiculous. In this book Demi show us how we can all jump on the bandwagon and learn to become just that little bit Greek.



The duo celebrated the launch of the book by welcoming the best of Britain's Got Talent stars to a Whetstone restaurant for the launch of their book.

"We can't believe we have got a book out," said Demetri Lagi.

"It's really emotional to know you have left a footprint. Just to be able to do it and have my son part of it was wicked."

"It's something that is a bit of a giggle, because there are some stories you won't believe, they are just good fun."

"It was something that was just natural. The one thing we know is how to have a good time and so that's what we want to show in the book."

The party took place at the Chopstix Chinese buffet, in High Road, Barnet.

"We were going to do a little

BBQ at home for the launch by my Missus said we should go a bit all out and go to a restaurant"

"We said we wanted to do it locally and we love this place. We're not superstars, we're just Lagi and Demetri, and what better to do a Greek book launch in a Chinese restaurant."

However, their facebook fan page has way over one million fans something that shows how popular is the group in the UK and abroad.

About the Book
History is stuffed full of famous Greeks - Simons, Anthonys and Georges by the dozen. Archimedes, obviously. Zeus. Winston Churchill, Barack Obama, Brad Pitt. As Simon Cowell would surely agree, clearly

anyone who has ever been anyone is a tiny bit Greek, and you can be too. You just have to follow some basic rules - learn to feel enormous joy whatever your situation, eat Greek (calories - consume as many as possible), exercise Greek (see the Zorba workout), practice the art of seduction (How Greek is Your Love?), bond with your sons, worship your daughters (and make sure no one else does until they're at least 25!). Worry, worry, worry. Live, live, live!

Packed full of photos of our Greek heroes, and with helpful illustrations showing how to spin plates, make kebabs and Irish dance (Greek style!), this book is the perfect read for the millions and millions of Britain's Got Talent fans and absolutely anyone with a funny bone.



CRI Online launches Greek language service

CRI Online, the multi-language website of China Radio International (CRI), China's only state international radio broadcaster, formally launched Greek website edition, along with five more foreign language services on Wednesday, bringing the total number of language services operated on CRI Online to 59.

The six new website editions include Belarusian (belarusian.cri.cn), Dutch (nl.radio86.com), Greek (greek.cri.cn), Hebrew (hebrew.cri.cn), Icelandic (is.radio86.com) and Norwegian (no.radio86.com), CRI president Wang Gengnian told press in Beijing.

The six newly-launched news services are the first of their kind in their own native languages in China, Wang said, adding that they provide information about business, culture and tourism in China, and offer Chinese music and free online Chinese classes, via their multimedia platforms in the form of texts, photos, and audio and video webcasts.

"This is also CRI Online's latest move in further consolidating its cutting edge in multi-language services and enhancing its capacity in international broadcasts and communication, following its earlier online services launched in Ukrainian and Croatian in 2008," he said. CRI Online, officially launched in 1998, offers 59 language services and 18 webcast stations.