

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:

Random and bubbly . .

Where was I born:

Katoomba, blue mountains . .

Star sign:

Virgo J

Family status:

Single

My origins:

Greece, peloponnese, platanos.

Two words about my family:

Unpredictable and loveable.

About my work:

I'm an apprentice hairdresser. I work in OZ Hair which has four locations. I work in the salon in the Queen Victoria Building. I love the people I work with. Although I may not wake up wanting to go to work, I know that as soon as I walk through the doors, someone will say or do something stupid to change my mood. my job is my life . . if you don't enjoy your work then don't do it . .

My interests:

Hair : im a hairdresser. Reading : you can never know all the facts and myths of life. Music : all emotions can be embraced and expressed through it.

My favourite food:

Avgolemono, pastitsio, makaronia

Danae Arthur

apprentice hairdresser @ OZ Hair

me kima, pizza, gemista and many more. Fact: it is impossible for a person to have only one favourite food. If that doesn't make any sense, im greek.

My favourite book:

"Not without my daughter". Terribly sorry, I don't remember the author.

About my life in Australia:

Pretty average. I work 5/6 days a week. That takes up a lot of my time. When I don't work Im endlessly cleaning my room, talking on the phone with my bestie and figuring out what to do on the weekend.

My relationship with Greece:

Well it all started in 1998. my yiayia took my sister and I to Greece to visit my pappou. From then on I knew that Greece was the place for me. I cannot get enough of the people, language, food, atmosphere and of course my family.

What I like about living in Australia:

The fact that Australia is so multi-

cultural and diverse. I like the fact that we can learn from and about other cultures, religions and societies.

What I don't like about living in Australia:

There is without a doubt not enough greek culture, history and greek people in Australia. Also I highly dislike the fact that all the food and coffee shops close so early. What happens if you want to catch up with friends at 11:00pm?

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

That shouldn't be a question. Of course id love to live in Greece. The only thing holding me back is the money and my family that live here. Otherwise I would be there in a heart beat. The reason why . . ive been to Greece three times. Every time I come back to Australia, I feel like a piece of me was left behind. I am still unsure why. My happiest memories are in Greece.

My personal big dream:

I don't like to look too far into the future. God willing, i'd love to own a hairdressing salon. The way I want it



to run, with enthusiastic and dedicated staff, and to keep my (future) clients coming back. Travel is a big part of what I like to do as well. The world is such a big place with so much to see, people to meet and things to do. Also id like to move to Greece when im older and have achieved the little things. To fill that piece of me that is missing. Maybe one day.

My life philosophy:

The philosophy that I live by is "Live every day like its your last". You will never know when your time is up.



Top Kiri Pappas design - Right: A Bianca Linton design

Designers triumph

EASTERN Suburbs designers Kiri Pappas of Coogee, Bianca Linton of South Coogee and Ainsley Hansen of Randwick have won four awards between them at the 2009 Flair Fashion Awards.

Kiri, Bianca and Ainsley are all students of the TAFE NSW Sydney Institute Fashion Design Studio. Studio head Nicholas Huxley said these three up-and-coming designers were up against 500 entries from across Australia, in categories ranging from cocktail, through to tailoring, swimwear, creativity, bridal, theatre and Generation Y.



Students from the Fashion Design Studio won 17 out of 30 awards this year, with total prize money of around \$17,000" Mr Huxley said.

"This is another fantastic year for our emerging designers who are taking Sydney design talent to new and exciting levels every year.

"It is dynamic new designers like Kiri, Bianca and Ainsley, who are putting Australia on the map in the future of the fashion industry".

The annual Flair Fashion Awards involves a panel of high-profile judges from the fashion industry assessing the entries before the Premiere Evening.

The designer of the year is chosen from winners of each category and wins prizes valued at \$5000.

Micaela Ezra is a Sydney Institute Fashion Design Studio graduate and a previous winner of the Flair awards.

He said: "As a designer who gets caught up in the energy of creating something beautiful, we are so fortunate to have an event which allows us to present our personal expressions and explorations to the world".

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