

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



**Two words about me:**

I am a person who believes if you give to the community you become better as a person. You appreciate what life offers you and have a better understanding of people's needs. I always strive to perform to the best of my ability and hate doing something half measured.

**Where was I born:**

Greece

**Star sign:**

Aries

**Family status:**

Single

**My origins:**

Greek

**Two words about my family:**

Totally opposite to me, quiet and keep a low profile. They encourage me to strive forward with my ambitions in life.

# Nia Karteris

president of the Sydney Greek Festival

**About my work:**

My work involves communicating with people daily and gives you the opportunity to learn about the community and its needs.

**My interests:**

Reading and relaxing with friends

**My favourite food:**

Seafood

**My favourite book:**

The Island

**About my life in Australia:**

Appreciate the opportunities it has offered me and the ability to give back to the community.

**My relationship with Greece:**

Excellent, being born in Greece, it will always be in my DNA and part of my life.

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

The opportunities it gives you to be part of multicultural society and experience their contribution to this country.

**What I don't like about living in Australia:**

We still have racism.

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

Definitely and the reason why is I be-



lieve it's part of who I am and what I have become as a person growing up.

**My personal big dream:**

It's personal

**My life philosophy:**

Enjoy every moment, life is too short.

# MICHAEL LANTIS: What a guy!!!



I am currently at school at St Spyridon College. I am going into year 11. I am hoping to study Law at University when I finish and follow in my family's footsteps.

My family is very important to me and I love my yiayia's cooking more than anything! My papou is a man of few words but he is really kind. He is just like the old man in the movie 'Gran Torino'. My yiayia is just the kindest most loving person, next to my mother of course. I lost my father a few years ago but he is still very much here in a way.

My Greek heritage is very important to me as it is fun and exciting. I love Greek dancing. I am part of my sister Irini's dance school and performance group FOTIA Greek Dancers @ The Cyprus Hellenic Club. I also teach some of the dance classes. I love it and I have a great time. I especially like dancing Pondian and Cretan dances. I get to perform every weekend and I never get tired of it.

One of my favourite performances dancing with Irini was in the shows called 'Rembetika : The Greek Blues', with Panayiotis Kalandranis and the incredible musicians and singers of 'Out of The Blue'. I had so much fun performing with their live music. Just being around the musicians and listening to their music and songs was great. I like to play the Toumbeleki, and I am looking forward to learning to play the Lyra.

I love to read and I also like to write. I am part of the Greek Australian "Take Away Theatre Company". I performed a small part in 'The Show Must Go On' earlier this year. I am now a committee member as well. I am currently writing a short play on PROXENIO which I am hoping to submit to the committee for consideration for the next performance. I also write short stories that I hope to publish

one day. I am going to Greece next year with my school. I am very excited and looking forward to travelling around Greece and staying with my grandparents in Kalymnos and Greka in Peloponisos.

