

The 10th Annual Greek Gala in Memory of Paul Bertuzzi

More than 300 of Sydney's Greek community will gather at The Grand Roxy Reception Lounge in Brighton Le Sands on Saturday 5 December to honour the memory of "Uncle" Paul Bertuzzi at the 10th Annual Greek Gala Fundraising Night.

The Event will be hosted by the Bertuzzi family and close friend Nia Karteris.

Nia Karteris said the event will be a celebration of Paul's life and his enormous contribution to the Greek community and fundraising for Lifehouse at RPA which is the vision of Professor Chris O'Brien who died in June 2009 after a 2 year battle with brain cancer.

"By supporting Chris' vision



for Lifehouse at RPA, we will be taking a huge step forward in helping improve the care and outcomes for patients and families affected by this disease."

"We aim to raise \$1 million

over the next few years to ensure Chris' vision is fully realised"

Lifehouse at RPA Chief Executive, Timothy Dugan said that Paul lead by unselfish example by organising the Greek

Gala year after year whilst courageously battling cancer, a battle he sadly lost a few months ago.

"Lifehouse has been extremely fortunate to receive financial support from the

Greek Community through the Annual Greek Gala and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Bertuzzi Family and Nia Karteris for their commitment to continue this fundraising event in Paul's memory."

"Chris' vision for an integrated cancer centre incorporating clinical care, research and education has not diminished with his passing, but now falls to us to honour and fulfil."

Considerable progress has already been made toward the construction of the Chris O'Brien Cancer Centre, with work continuing on the detailed architectural design in conjunction with project directors Capital Insight, and architects Rice Daubney.

The process is expected to be complete in early 2010 at which time it is expected that the planning approvals and site preparation will commence.



Purr-fect time for dogs, cats

BUSINESS is booming at Sydney Dogs and Cats Home, with two new councils opting to take up its services and another two considering the venture.

Hornsby Council voted to approve a tender with the Carlton pound at a meeting last week after Willoughby Council took up its services in July.

The home was preferred over NSW Animal Rescue and Kempsey Park Partnership, which do not provide pound services.

Both councils will use temporary holding facilities at veterinary surgeries or council depots in their areas before transferring

animals to Carlton.

Animals without identification and dangerous or feral animals will be destroyed.

The pound now services 15 councils in Sydney.

Sydney City Council signed an agreement for pound services with Sutherland Shire Council's Taren Point animal shelter in July.

Sydney Dogs and Cats Home general manager Christine Baramilis said their services were also under consideration by Warringah and Kur-in-gai councils.

Ms Baramilis said that over the past year they had prepared for expansion, updating the comput-

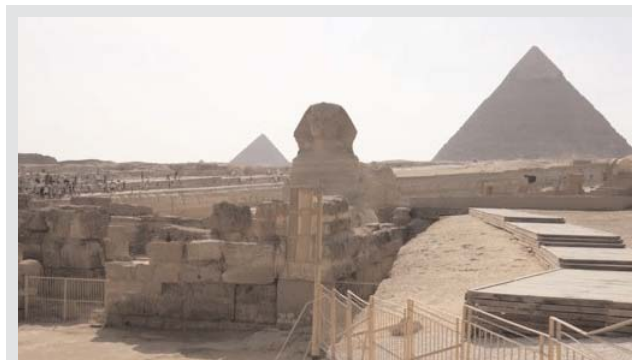
er system and employing a veterinarian.

The service's re-housing rate is about 90 percent for dogs and 65 percent for cats.

"We are vaccinating animals upon admission for disease prevention and we aim to re-home as many as we can," Ms Baramilis said.

The pound has increased animal viewing hours until 4pm, Monday to Friday, and 1pm on weekends.

Loving arms: Sydney Dogs and Cats Home volunteers with some new arrivals. Picture: Chris Lane



Spotlight: Greeks in Egypt

Greeks have been living in Egypt since the ancient times. Herodotus, who visited Egypt in the 5th century BCE, wrote that the Greeks were the first foreigners that ever lived in Egypt. The two main Greek centers in Egypt is Cairo and Alexandria.

In Cairo, the Greek community was founded in 1856, with the community based in three main neighbourhoods: Tzouonia, Haret el Roum (Street of the Greeks), and in Hamzaoui. The patriarchate was based in Haret el Roum, near the church of Saint Marcus. The monastery of Saint George, in Old Cairo still survives. Within its walls there is a Greek hospital, a school and housing for the elderly, and poor.

The Greek community of Alexandria was founded in 1843. In 1907 the official census showed 62,973 Greeks living in Egypt. By 1940 Greeks were numbered at about 250,000. The Greek community in Alexandria lived around the Church and monastery of Agios Savvas. Today there are less than 2000 Greeks in the city.

The Nasser regime was a major disaster for the Greek diaspora which afterwards has dwindled from many thousands to a handful. The dangerous situation in the Middle East has also deteriorated the conditions for the Greeks that stayed back in Egypt. It is estimated that between 1957 - 1962 almost 70% of the Egyptian Greeks have left the country. Recently Egypt has been the centre of major Greek investments in banking, tourism, paper and oil industry and many others.