

**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:

Although I am Australian born, I am very proud of my Greek/Greek Cypriot heritage and I am very proud that this pride has passed on to my two sons. I find it very rewarding to be involved in cultural activities which assist in keeping our heritage and language alive.

Where was I born:

Sydney, Australia

Star sign:

Virgo

Family status:

Married with two children

My origins:

My parents were born in Polis (Paphos), Cyprus

Two words about my family:

My late father, Harry Georgiou, emigrated to Australia in 1949 and my mother, Maria Georgiou, in 1962. Like most Greek parents, they sacrificed a lot to give their children opportunities that were not available to them.

I am married to Nick and have two sons, Adrian (Ανδρέας) 23, and Hayden (Χάρις) 17. I have one sister, Gina and my mum, Maria, who is my hero.

I come from a close knit family

Evelyn Tsavalas
professional financial consultant

(including cousins and God children, here and in Greece and Cyprus). We are there for each other in good times and bad. I thank God every day for this blessing.

About my work:

I am a professional financial consultant, director of Platinum Choice Home Loans with Stavros (Steve) Economidis.

But my 'labour of love' is the theatre. I am production co coordinator of the Hellenic Art Theatre, an organisation that helps to keep our Greek culture alive in the Antipodes.

My interests:

Family, friends, theatre, concerts & travel

My favourite food:

My mum's cooking

My favourite book:

'Journeying' by Kazantzakis

About my life in Australia:

A good balance of the calm, 'Aus-

tralian way of life' and the passionate 'Greek way'.

My relationship with Greece:

My relationship with Greece & Cyprus is very spiritual. Its rich history, culture, music and folklore seem to blend with my psyche.

What I like about living in Australia:

Australia is still the 'land of opportunity' giving a 'fair go' and the freedom to create. I love Australia.

What I don't like about living in Australia:

Australia is a wealthy country; there is no excuse for poverty, homelessness and hunger.

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

The ties with my family and friends here are too strong. I would, however, like to have the opportunity to visit Greece and Cyprus regularly, as my mother has always encouraged us to be close with our rel-



atives there, as well.

Wouldn't it be great to be able to spend 6 months of the year in Australia and the other 6 months over there!

My personal big dream:

Unification of Cyprus & world peace

My life philosophy:

Treat others the way you want to be treated - with respect!

JOHN DAVISKAS: FOUNDER OF BIT LOGIC

Computer logic goes a long way



John Daviskas is the founder of Bit Logic a computer hardware and software solutions company.

From inception up until the setting up process, how did you start your business?

Whilst a Telstra (former OTC) technical staff and working shift-work together with another colleague we decided to commence an IT business working from home in a part-time capacity.

We started with fixing power supplies later moved into PC's and eventually moved into all hardware/software solutions.

After approximately 3-4 years working from home and building up the business I accepted redundancy from Telstra and purchased a commercial building on the proviso that we transfer the business to the new premises.

We kept the same contact details e.g. telephone/fax number and maintained most of the clients as our services were an "all rounder PC solutions."

How is business currently?

The business is doing fine at the moment, only because it has become a tool for each household and a necessity in today's society.

What is your vision for the future of your business?

In the short term there are no plans to expand, however in the long term I may consider it especially once my son comes on board and take over.

How has running a computer business changed over the last 10 years?

It definitely changed considerably, both in hardware and software.

Repairing a computer these days is uneconomical. There are tax advantages purchasing a new computer every few years.

In software installations and in consultancy the business has expanded with the technological changes that have occurred during the last decade and it is the way to go.

Did your Greek-Australian background help you or impede you dur-

ing your early days?

In the early days my Greek-Australian background helped me considerably setting up the initial customer base as 80% of the businesses emanated from Greek customers.

I would assist with the initial PC set-up in the Greek language and at the time I was the only one qualified and had the know how to resolve their issues on a day to day basis.

What would you say stands out as the comparative advantage of your business over the competition?

In today's environment having a business set up in a building that I own is a huge advantage – the running expenses are minimised and I do not have to fork out huge amounts in rent on a regular basis.

The suppliers that I work with are on credit and I settle accounts once the work is completed and settled on my end.

Stringent credit control measures have to be implemented and followed at all times to ensure that cash flow does not become an issue.

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