

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:

Essentric, that can be two words.

Where was I born:

Carlton, Melbourne, Australia.

Star sign:

Rock star.
Part time Libran.

Family status:

Married with a one year old boy.

My origins:

A well blended and complex selection of grapes make this.....oops! Wrong interview. Relevant all the same. Bouzi, Korinthias. Kandila, Arcadia & Kalymnos. Imaging a katsiki apo to vouno juggling sfougaria. Pretty cool ha?

About my work:

"I don't have a real job, i have an unreal job." Tom Hyper. I work during the work at Apex press and weekends i photograph weddings, christenings & other miscellaneous events. Freezing those precious moments in peoples lives is quite special.

My interests:

Watching my son grow (he comes up with the funniest stuff sometimes he said 'pritz' for the first time...GOLD !). Playing in a band in pubs, guitars, Ramones, Iron Maiden, Elvis, Beatles, Cosmic Psychos, Vassilis Tsitsanis, Johnny Cash, Reverend Horton heat. Rusty fast cars. Making boutique beers at home and serving them on tap to family and friends. Photography, people photography, capturing someones soul on film. Something about the anticipation, the spontanuity of your subject and capturing that moment in time forever.

My favourite food:

The petsa from the arni s-traight off the souvla with a bit of ksingi then dipped in tzatziki....Dont look at me that way...i know everyone loves this. Katsiki in the outdoor ovenmmmmmm.... forgeeeccetaboutit! Laksa (hangover cure sent from the Gods).
James Squire Golden Ale in sum-

Dimitri Papoutsis loves to 'freeze' precious moments

mer & Chimay Grand Reserve Blue in winter.

My favourite book:

Please Kill Me: The Uncensored Oral History of Punk . by Legs Mncail

About my life in Australia:

I never came to this country with one broken suitcase and one pair of old shoes or ever had to endure the hardships of my parents and granparents generation. I have had every opportunity to pursuit my education and try to achieve the best i could in things.

VB tinnie. The Indian Sikh has a passion for remote outback rodeo. EH! maybe thats just his thing. Old Bruce Taylor from down the road still carries around the 'komboloi' someone gave him as a gift in 1985. I love how i can go to a sporting event that lasts for 5 days and sleep in the sun with a beer. I like the fact that we are probably the most considerate drivers in the world, maybe not by choice but by law. I love the land, we have it all. Thousands of miles of golden sand, rain forests and one big 'petra' in the middle. The unpredictable weather, gotta love it. I love our bitumen jungles. These urban lanscapes are a melting pot of cultures and customs . Its all happening here. I love koalas, they taste delicious . I like the relaxed approach we generaly have in Australia. Although some cities are a fraction less relaxed ...((cough! cough!)).

What I don't like about living in Australia:

You know what...? There is a fine line between patriotism and racism in this country. To quote another mate (also a Greek Australian) " I love Australia. 100 % no bullshit ". I am patriotic yes. But never denying my roots and patriotism towards Greece. Back to the questionWell ! That notion is something that cant be grasped easily by the greater 'Aussie' poulation. How can someone share the same patriotism for two chunks of land on opposite sides of the globe? Easy. Such a culturaly diverse country and instead of embracing its flavours some people simply push it away.
I dont like the 'miges' in summer-time. I dont like warm beer. I dont like



the ...((to be continued) sign at the end of a Happy Days episode. I know its not Australian but i 'just dont like it'. I dont like the rivalry between NRL and AFL footy codes. AFL is better. I dont like people constantly complaining about this country but are more than happy to utilize its free education, health and other benefits . Things we take for granted. I dont like when people put the end of the tomato sauce bottle all the way into their pie.

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

I don't think i would ever live there.

My personal big dream:

When i grow up i want to be Chuck Norris. Did you know Chuck Norris once shot a German plane down with his finger, by yelling, "Bang!"

My life philosophy:

Ouch ! this is getting scary now. I have many.
"Sometimes you eat the bar and sometimes... well, the bar eats you"
The big Lebowski.
There you go.....Grab a 'goudi' the wooden type your grandmother used to squash and press the garlig in and add....
-1 bulb of Skepticism.
-2 teaspoons of Idealism.
-1 leaf of Existentialism.
-and 'measure me to mati...tria dahtila' ancient philosophy.
Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.



My relationship with Greece:

I love Greece. Not like a fat kid loves chocolate but more an unconditional love.

What I like about living in Australia:

We know stuff . Lots of stuff about stuff. the 'kinezo' next door bbqs souvlakia while lazily drinking out of his



Name: Helen Poursanidis
Job: Hairdresser/stylist, Helen's Hair On The Go, Casula
How did you end up in this job?
From when I was a young girl, I always knew I had the passion and creativity to be a hairdresser.
Best part about your job: I love to transform and make over a person's appearance.
Worst part about your job: Not being able to fit clients in when I am busy.
What extra talent do you wish you

had? To have been a professional dancer.
What would you never do again?
Never ignore my hopes and dreams.
What do you like about the area?
Since I have been here (since 1997) the area has improved for the better.
What don't you like about the area? The local motorways are too congested.
How do you unwind? I enjoy running and dancing.
What's your greatest extravagance? My sporty black car.

What would you never give up? My health and fitness.
What's your favourite thing to do on weekends? Catching up with friends and going to the movies.
What's your favourite local haunt? Black Rose Cafe, Liverpool.
Describe Liverpool in one word: Developing
If you could be granted three wishes, what would they be? Open a one-stop hair and beauty make-up salon, a European holiday, and help neglected pets.