

# Updates from the Antissian Association of NSW

WOW – Another year almost over and when we look back, we have achieved so much not just in our community here in Australia but also in our village in Antissa, Lesvos.

We started 2009 with a generous \$10,000.00 grant from our friends at the Macquarie Group Foundation, who overall in matched donations helped us provide over \$60,000.00 to the following charities:

Antissa - 'Meals on Wheels'

Antissa – Restoration efforts for the Monastery 'Perivolis' (ongoing support)

Australia Red Cross –VIC Bushfire Appeal

Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Work & Donation – Randwick

Exodus Foundation – Tutorial Centre & Feed the Homeless Donation

Movember – Men's Health and Depression Awareness

National Breast Cancer Foundation  
Spastic Centre Volunteer Work – Christmas Party for the Kids

We have made new friends of the Antissian Association in politics (Hon



Treasurer Wayne Swann & Attorney General of NSW Hon John Hatzistergos) who gave up their time and attended our events and we had one of the largest turnouts at not just an Antissian dance but of all Hellenic Community Group dances in 2009, with over 500 guests in May.

At our AGM we introduced more youth into our committee with Mary Gialopouli sitting as Vice President and Maria Iatrou sitting as Treasurer of the

association. We have clear goals and are moving forward with passion, enthusiasm and 'ayapi' so that our association will not only be known in NSW but around Australia and in Lesvos.

On this note: **I would like to invite you all to a family and friends BBQ and CARSS PARK on the 3rd January 2010.** This will obviously be our first event for the year and we will providing the drinks, cooking the souvlakia and encourage everyone to

come along and enjoy the day with family and friends. Just look for the attached sign when you get to the park, it will be hard to miss all the ball games, smell of souvlakia and fun being had by all. We will also be distributing our 2010 calendar on the day and we encourage you to use the sponsors for any requirements in their selected field of expertise – from all members, thank you to all our sponsors for 2010, we greatly appreciate all your support.

I leave you with a clip from a proud Antissian family - attached is the next HARRY KEWELL and we can proudly say he belongs to our association. Emmanuel Pavlis (grandson of Foti Giannakelos from the Corinthian Tavern in Marrickville). Good Luck to our future Soccerroo J

[www.filmotion.com.au/send/epavlis.zip](http://www.filmotion.com.au/send/epavlis.zip)  
On behalf of the Antissian Association of NSW committee – I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy and Healthy 2010. Bring on 2010.

Regards,  
John Loukadellis

President – Antissian Association of NSW

## Man jailed for stabbing footballer

A man who stabbed a talented footballer through the heart after finding him in bed with his estranged girlfriend has been jailed for at least eight years.

Ronnie Phillip Lovett, 22, was accused of murdering George Asprogiannis, also known as George Trindall, 27, who died after being stabbed in a Bathurst house on August 10, 2008. But a NSW Supreme Court jury, sitting in Bathurst last month, found Lovett guilty of the lesser offence of manslaughter. Acting Justice Graham Barr found Lovett did not go to the house because of a loss of self-control but had gone there to "tackle" Mr Asprogiannis, arming himself with a knife in case he needed it. "He went there after due consideration, intending to exact some kind of retribution on the deceased," Acting Justice Barr said.

"The reality of what suddenly confronted the offender when he entered the house, on the other hand, must have been surprising, notwithstanding his suspicions, and in my opinion that was when he lost self-control."

The court found Lovett, who was staying at his mother's home after separating from his girlfriend Patricia Bloomfield-Gibbs, went to the house late at night after hearing about her new relationship earlier in the day. Upon finding the couple having sex, he stabbed and killed Mr Asprogiannis with a knife and then attacked him with a garden stake. Lovett then dragged Mr Asprogiannis out onto the lawn and kicked him in the jaw. Acting Justice Barr said Lovett immediately told people who had gathered that Mr Asprogiannis had attacked him and he had acted in self-defence.

"I disbelieve the offender's evidence that the deceased attacked him with the knife," Acting Justice Barr said.

## HELLENIC HISTORICAL & CULTURAL CENTRE NSW

# AWARDED FEDERAL COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT

**The Hellenic Historical & Cultural Centre NSW, a department of the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW, has been awarded a \$3,520 Federal Community Heritage Grant to fund "Preservation and Rehousing of Greek-Australian Wedding Crowns."**

The grant, which was announced at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, on Wednesday, 11 November, will enable the Hellenic Historical & Cultural Centre NSW to properly preserve and house its extensive collection of post-WWII Greek-Australian immigrant wedding crowns, which have already featured in several exhibitions including as part of the annual Greek Festival of Sydney.

In 2009, grants worth \$383,852 were distributed to 75 community groups and organisations from around Australia to assist in

the identification and preservation of community owned but nationally significant heritage collections. National Library Director-General Jan Fullerton said the Community Heritage Grants program showed the commitment by the National Library, along with its partner institutions and the Federal Government, in encouraging communities to care for the nation's heritage, be it in small country towns or capital cities.

"It is all about working together to help spread the message that if we don't preserve our history now, it

could be lost forever," she said. "Through sharing this knowledge, the information can be taken back to the communities where it is most needed to ensure that local heritage collections are still there for future generations."

The grant money is used for significance assessment, preservation needs assessments, conservation treatments, preservation training, digitisation, and purchasing quality storage materials or environmental monitoring equipment.

The Community Heritage Grants Program is

managed by the National Library. It is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; the National Archives of Australia; the National Film and Sound Archive; the National Museum of Australia and the National Library.

For further information relating to the Hellenic Historical & Cultural Centre NSW please contact Anna Ioannidis, Wed – Fri. 9am-5pm on (02) 9740 7883, or via email: [hist@goc.com.au](mailto:hist@goc.com.au)

