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Όπου κι αν τελούμε τον γάμο σήμερα, πρέπει να εξακολουθούμε να τηρούμε τα ήθη και τα έθιμα, που μας έρχονται από το μακρινό παρελθόν και μας συνδέουν άμεσα με την πολιτιστική μας κληρονομιά, γιατί επιβεβαιώνουν την εθνική μας ταυτότητα και προστατεύουν το μεγαλείο της Ελληνικής μας ψυχής.



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Botany: a suburb on the up and up

LOOK out Oxford St, Botany Rd is hot on your heels.

The suburb of Botany is no longer perceived as an industrial wasteland and is fast becoming a sought-after inner city hub, with people beginning to realise the potential of living in such a convenient location.

MGM Properties director Michael Xylas, who is based in Rosebery and has dealt with real estate in the area for 15 years, said young families who had sold their apartment and were looking to upsize were moving to Botany; and young couples and professionals who worked in the City were snatching up the rentals.

He said Botany was no longer a workers' area. "It started 10 years ago when they began redeveloping the factories into residential apartments and townhouses", he said.

"You can also see the amount of renovations people are doing on cottages, which shows the area is changing dramatically. People are spending money on houses that they would not have in the past".

Croquembouche Patisserie opened 10 years ago on Botany Rd and owner Frederick Caillon said the cafe had become busier each year, resulting in his opening a sec-



Chris and Jill Shanahan enjoy a traditional French breakfast at the Croquembouche Patisserie on Botany Rd. PHOTO ERIN BYRNE

ond cafe at Randwick two years ago.

"Everybody thought I was crazy when I bought his shop, because nothing was here", Mr Caillon said. "I thought I could always do wholesale if I wasn't going well in retail but I never had to because the trade was fantastic.

"We get people from Kogarah and over the bridge and everything from the truck driver to the trendy people."

Mr Caillon has been looking for property to buy because he can see the area continuing to grow. "I

should have bought 10 years ago," he said.

A Botany Bay Council spokesman said the suburb had been under-rated. "Botany is good value because you are close to the airport and you can get to the City in five minutes outside of peak hour," he said.

"It's the next area that is slotted for a conversion of industrial land into more commercial and residential - similar to the development of Mascot station precinct."

> Article from The Southern Courier

Double or nothing this Australia Day

Please drive safely this Australia Day holiday period is the message from Marrickville Council and the RTA.

Double demerit points will be in force for five days over the Australia Day period from Friday 22 January to Tuesday 26 January inclusive.

Double demerit points apply for speeding and not wearing a seat belt, or for motorcyclists not wearing a helmet.

There will be more police on the roads and a greater chance of being fined or losing points. To avoid double demerit points ruining the holiday experience, ensure everyone is wearing their seatbelt and stick to the speed limit.

During January Marrickville Council is also reminding motorists to take care around schools.

With children in Marrickville back to school this month, it's time to increase awareness of road safety around schools. It's a fact that more than 1,000 primary school aged children are injured or killed each year on NSW roads, according to RTA figures. Children are small, hard to see and behave unpredictably, so please take extra care when driving in and around school zones. Make safety a priority by observing speed limits and parking signs at all times and especially around schools.

The 40km/h school zones and parking signs around all schools are there to save lives. Disobeying these road rules can lead to fines and the loss of driver license points.

Slow down to 40km/h in school zones from 8 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm on school days

Try parking a few streets away from the school to alleviate congestion outside the school

And remember, double parking, parking in no stopping zones and parking across the pedestrian crossing obstructs the view of children and other drivers and is illegal and unsafe.