

Antissian Association of NSW

Dear Friends,

The Antissian Association of NSW has committed to donating the following amounts towards our village Antissa, Lesvos. The fundraising efforts for this cause since November 2009 have allowed us to not only meet our \$10,000.00 target, but to go above and beyond thanks to our members and friends generosity and support. We are in the process of sending cheques to the following:

- Monastery 'Perivolis' in Antissa will receive \$12,000.00 towards restor-

ing and preserving this special landmark of religious and historical significance in our village. Together with the money raised from other Antissian Association's around the world, the aim is to restore it back to past glories and to provide Antissa with a place of interest for tourists and locals to enjoy and be proud of.

- An amount of \$3,000.00 will be donated to the Antissian equivalent of 'Meals on Wheels' that caters for the numerous aged and disabled people

within Antissa and its municipality. This money will allow the beneficiaries of this donation to save their money and spend it on important things such as medication, clothing and other sources of comfort and well being. Having seen their efforts first hand in 2008, I know this donation will feed a lot of mouths and be of major benefit for months to come.

I would like to make a special mention to **Helen Leondios and family who donated \$7,800.00 in memory of**

their mother. This donation together with funds raised by our members will go a long way towards benefitting those who we represent so far away.

Thank you to all our members and friends for their generosity, their support and constant concern for the well being of others in not just our community in NSW but also for the people we represent in Antissa.

*All the best and warm regards,
John Loukadellis- President –
Antissian Association of NSW*



Victorians to pay \$250,000 to film drama based on Snowtown Greek Murders

"The Herald Sun reported that Victorians will pay almost \$250,000 to bring one of the worst serial killings in our history to the big screen. Filming of the multi-million-dollar movie adaptation of the Snowtown murders, partly financed by the Victorian Government, is set to begin by August 1. The story is about the horrific murders of 12 people killed and stuffed in barrels in South Australia between 1992 and 1999. The State Government and Australian film advocates have trumpeted the decision as good for the industry and jobs, but victims of crime advocates are outraged that public money will be used to highlight gruesome killings. The Snowtown murders came to light when eight bodies were found in barrels of acid at a rented former bank building in Snowtown on May 20, 1999. The gruesome story will be produced by Warp Films Australia, will be told from the viewpoint of perpetrator turned star crown witness Greek Jamie Vlassakis (foto), who was drawn into the murder by John Justin Bunting, the ringleader of the four killers. Vlassakis, Bunting, Robert Joe Wagner and Mark Ray Haydon were all convicted of murder or assisting in the murders. Warp Films Australia managing director Anna McLeish said to the Herald Sun the film would have a largely unknown cast because the content of the film would be so sensitive, and wouldn't be aiming to snare high-profile stars like those in Underbelly.

"We don't seek to attach big names to it, we don't see that it's necessary. The material itself is so incredibly strong," she said.

(source: herald sun)

International Women's Day Lunch 8th March 2010

Angela Vithoulkas, owner and manager of the award winning VIVO Cafes in Sydney CBD, is a regular media commentator, public speaker and MC who is passionate about women in business, small business, and social responsibility.

This combination will make Angela the perfect MC for the International Women's Day Lunch on Monday 8th March in Sydney.

The International Women's Day Lunch will recognise and celebrate the role of women in economic, political and social achievements in the past, present and future. A day when women are recognised for their achievements, without regard for divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

This exciting event, hosted by Industry & Investment NSW, will also present two other remarkable women:

- Mia Freedman, Founder/Director of Mamamia and journalist, and
- Jodie Fried, Founder/Designer of Bholu, both of whom have contributed to the social and economic development of New South Wales and Internationally through their work.

All of these speakers have combined their passion into their work and have received great success.

Tickets cost \$55 per person – the full amount of which will be donated to U-



nifem Australia to assist with their International Women's Day project for 2010 - Empowering Migrant Workers in Indonesia. For more information, please visit www.unifemaustralia.org.au

Come join in the celebrations of International Women's Day and be inspired by these amazing women.

Charities Supported by VIVO Cafes

Besides providing sensational coffee, exceptional food and good service, the VIVO family is committed to providing help and assistance to a number of worthwhile local charities as detailed below.

SYDNEY BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

VIVO Cafes has a large involvement with the Sydney Breast Cancer Foun-

ation by helping with and hosting various fundraising events and functions. Angela Vithoulkas is also on the Pink Ribbon Ball Organising Committee which involves securing sponsorship and event planning.

NELUNE FOUNDATION

VIVO Cafes has been supporting the Nelune Foundation for many years. The Nelune Foundation is a not for profit charity that supports children, adolescents, adults and their families to cope with the impact of cancer by providing emotional support, care and post-operative medical aids that are not covered by Government or private funding.

THE EYE FOUNDATION

The Eye Foundation provides funding for eye-health research, education and training. Angela Vithoulkas is on the Advisory Committee and has an active part in the 'JULeye' campaign.

CANTEEN

CanTeen is the Australian national support organisation for young people (aged 12-24) living with cancer. VIVO gets involved with Canteen on their Bandanna Day as well as various fundraising events and functions.

OzHARVEST - Food Rescue

OzHarvest operates food rescue programs in Sydney, Wollongong and Canberra by collecting fresh food which would otherwise be thrown away by delis, restaurants, corporate offices etc and providing it to charities who support the disadvantaged and at risk communities. VIVO Cafes are a regular contributor by donating good quality food for people in need.

BEST BUDDIES AUSTRALIA

Best Buddies Australia is a fantastic non-profit organisation which pairs people who have an intellectual disability with volunteers in order to create wonderful friendships. The Best Buddies organisation spans across 40 countries and works tirelessly to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. VIVO Cafes support Best Buddies by hosting events for their members and families.

