

JOHN LOUKADELLIS AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Carlton resident **John Loukadellis** has been highly commended for his fundraising support of Greek community group The Antissian Association and will receive a \$A2000 donation to pass onto the not-for-profit organisation.

Recognised by his employer, Macquarie Group and its philanthropic arm, the Macquarie Group Foundation, the annual Macquarie Staff Community Awards program acknowledges the outstanding community contributions of its staff, as well as the organisations they serve.

John is the president of The Antissian Association of NSW, which organised and participated in a series of volunteering and fundraising events over the course of 2009. These events include: - A barbeque which raised \$8000 (including Foundation matching) for the Australian Red Cross Bushfire Appeal in February 2009

- A Ronald McDonald House volunteer day which raised \$6000 (including Foundation matching) in March 2009

- The 30th anniversary of The Antissian Association of NSW Gala which raised \$14,000 (including Foundation matching) for the Exodus Foundation in May 2009

- A dinner dance which raised \$2980 (including Foundation matching) for The Antissian Association in August 2009

- The Spastic Centre Christmas Party in December 2009

John was also a member of the Macquarie Group Mortgages Australia PINK committee, which raised \$14,000 (including Foundation matching) at a breast cancer breakfast in October 2009, and captained the Mortgages Movember team, for which he personally raised \$2700 for the men's health charity.

The treasurer of The Antissian Association, Maria Iatrou, described John as a great leader of both the association and in the community generally.

"This award is fantastic recognition of John's work with The Antissian Association.

We are also very appreciative of the tremendous assistance Macquarie

Group Foundation has provided in order for us to help those in the community go that extra mile," Ms Iatrou said.

Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation, said the Foundation places Macquarie Group Foundation Limited great importance on supporting the community efforts of its staff.

"The contribution of Macquarie Group staff – as volunteers, fundraisers, board members of not-for-profit organisations and pro bono service providers – continues to grow from strength to strength, significantly enhancing Macquarie's overall community effort.

"We are very proud of our 2009 record number nominees for the Macquarie Staff Community Awards and I would like to congratulate John on his efforts and the contribution he has made to the community group Antissian Association."

Macquarie Group Foundation

The Macquarie Group Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Macquarie

Group – has been providing support to community programs for more than 35 years. In the year to 31 March 2009, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, contributed more than \$26 million to over 900 community organisations around the world.

The Antissian Association of NSW

The Antissian Association of NSW is a community group representing a village on the Greek island of Lesbos and is focused on fundraising and volunteering for both Australians and Greeks in need. In recent times, the association has donated money to a charity for the aged and disabled in Antissa, Greece, volunteered at a clean-up day at Ronald McDonald House in Randwick and held a taverna night fundraiser for the house.

The Association is also currently raising funds for a three year-old south Sydney boy with autism and is holding a fundraiser for the Exodus Foundation at the Grand Roxy in Brighton Le Sands on 21 May 2009.

Western Sydney Seniors recognised in Seniors Week Awards



Minister for Ageing Paul Lynch has paid tribute to the dedication of New South Wales seniors at an awards ceremony in Sydney today.

Mr Lynch presented awards to more than 60 seniors and seniors' organisations at the NSW Seniors Week 2010 Achievement Awards, held at the

City Recital Hall. Many of the individual winners and organisations were from Western Sydney, revealing the Western Sydney as one of the more caring communities in NSW and a place of leadership for seniors.

Mr Lynch said the award winners enriched their communities by dedicating their time, skills, energy

and enthusiasm to so many essential services and activities.

"They give their time unselfishly to help their local communities and improve the quality of life of many tens of thousands of people around the State," he said.

The Western Sydney Seniors Week Award Winners included the Greek Older Women's Network (Padstow)

The Greek Older Women's Network - Bankstown was started 15 years ago and offers consistent support to Greek women in the community. The organisation encourages members to become more active and lead a healthier lifestyle through exercise classes and activities as well as through a dance group which performs at nursing homes and community events. The Greek Older Women's Network dance group performed at the Easter Show in 2008 as well as in a large contemporary dance piece called Giant Dance as part of Artsfest 2008.

The 28th Greek Festival of Sydney proudly presents THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE OF GREEK COMMUNITY THEATRE

A Presentation by Eleni Tsefala

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Eleni Tsefala has worked in theatre, cinema and television, and is writing a thesis on bilingual Greek theatre in Australia.

Her talk will be followed by open audience discussion.

Date Wed 7 April Time 7.00pm

Venue Greek Community Club of NSW, 206-210 Lakemba Street, Lakemba

Cost Free Entry Contact (02) 9750 0440

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