

# Glamour, darling? It's all Greek to me, and me, and me

The biggest runway show of Australian Fashion Week promises to be a classic.

Three of the industry's highest-profile Greek-Australians - designer Alex Perry, make-up king Napoleon Perdis and hairdresser Renya Xydis - will join forces for Perry's parade at Fox Studios on Tuesday.

The show will have 1000 VIP guests and feature a 65-metre runway.

"I've wanted to get the three Greeks together for a long time," Perry said. "Napoleon is here from Los Angeles and Renya's here, so it's time. Greeks know glamour.

"We're Greek-Australians, so we're very Aussie but our Greek heritage is undeniable. All three of us have done very well in our respective fields and

we love modern glamour."

Perdis agrees: "Living overseas means I miss Australia. So I'm Australian first but our Greek heritages means we get each other. We get how we were both brought up."

As well as Perry's parade, Perdis is doing the make-up for seven other shows. "It's all systemised ahead of time - not off the cuff like it was four to five years ago," Perdis said.

Planning is vital for Perry to pull off his biggest show yet. "As the years have gone on, as you become bigger, you must become organised so you need a plan of action. Organisation has to be part of your life or you can't grow."

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Shared background... make-up artist Napoleon Perdis puts the finishing touches on a model while designer Alex Perry looks on. Photo: Lee Besford

## AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Multicultural Council statement affirms Australia's multicultural success

The Australian Multicultural Advisory Council today launched its formal cultural diversity policy advice to government, entitled The People of Australia, at the Immigration Museum in Melbourne.

The advice, in the form of a cultural diversity policy statement and recommendations, was formally handed to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans, by the council chair, Andrew Demetriou.

"The statement affirms the multicultural reality of Australia today - the many people of many different backgrounds who make up our great nation. Not only are we a culturally diverse nation, but we have also gained so many social benefits through our cultural diversity," Mr Demetriou said.

"Nearly seven million migrants have settled in Australia

since 1945 and today about 45 per cent of Australians were either born overseas or have one or more parents born overseas.

"Multicultural Australia is not a vision or an ambition. It simply describes us as we are and how we will remain."

Mr Demetriou said AMAC has also made a series of recommendations to government for strengthened policies in multicultural affairs, government programs and community life.

These include that the government: Establish a permanent and independent bi-partisan body - based along similar lines to the Australia Day Council - to advise and consult on a national multicultural strategy.

Establish an anti-racism strategy and community-wide education campaign with particular reference to discrimination, prejudice and racism.

Implement the commitment of the Melbourne declaration on educational goals for young Australians with particular reference to education in civics and language in the design of a national curriculum.

Establish protocols to consider migrant and cultural needs prior to the implementation of relevant policy and programs. Resource appropriately English language courses, employment skills training and other programs that support migrants to settle quickly.

Encourage participation in community life by all members of Australia's diverse population.

"AMAC held extensive consultations with state and territory governments and with agencies, academics and the broader Australian community," Mr Demetriou said.

"In handing our statement to the minister today, we look forward to the government's response to both the statement and its accompanying policy recommendations.

"I would like to thank all the members of the Australian Multicultural Advisory Council who helped put our statement and recommendations together. Your work has been invaluable.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the Australian Government in securing our vibrant and multicultural future," Mr Demetriou added.

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## Seminars for a Healthy Lifestyle

Learn how to live a healthy life with a series of free health seminars which will be presented in four community languages - Greek, Vietnamese, Mandarin/Cantonese and Arabic.

The health seminars are presented by Marrickville Council in partnership with Cancer Council NSW to work towards improving the health of residents in the Marrickville area.

Guest speakers will discuss key ways to reduce the risk of cancer, such as maintaining a healthy body weight, being physically active and enjoying a healthy diet.

Mayor of Marrickville Councillor Sam Iskandar said he was pleased that Council is working with the Cancer Council to deliver these important public health messages.

"We need to communicate the benefits of a healthy life to all our residents, in an effort to prevent significant health problems from occurring and reduce the risk of cancers amongst both young and older people of Marrickville," said Councillor Iskandar.

The health seminars to be held in May include:

What: Greek  
When: Tuesday 12 May, 11.15am - 1.00pm  
Where: Herbert Greedy Hall, 79 Petersham Road Marrickville

What: Vietnamese  
When: Friday 21 May, 10.30am - 12.00pm  
Where: Herbert Greedy Hall, 79 Petersham Road Marrickville

What: Mandarin/Cantonese  
When: Monday 24 May, 10.30am - 12.00pm  
Where: Marrickville Town Hall, corner Marrickville and Petersham Road Marrickville

What: Arabic  
When: Wednesday, 10.30am - 12.00pm  
Where: Herbert Greedy Hall, 79 Petersham Road Marrickville

No bookings are required. For more information call Marrickville Library on 9335 2166.