



# OEEGA NSW

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## Annual fundraiser dinner in aid of the Children's Cancer Institute Australia

An annual fundraiser dinner will be held in aid of the Children's Cancer Institute Australia, which is to be held at the Grand Roxy Function Centre, on Friday 28th May 2010, starting at 7.30 pm.

The Children's Cancer Institute Australia (CCIA) is the only independent medical research institute in this country, solely devoted to researching into the causes, prevention, better treatment and ultimately the cure of childhood cancer.

OEEGA NSW is a passionate supporter of the work carried out by the scientific researchers at the CCIA. Their vision is to save the lives of all children with cancer and eliminate their suffering and truly believe that we will see a cure for childhood cancer in our lifetime! Sadly, cancer has touched many lives from all walks of life and even the lives of people we all know, or someone who is close to us. If a cure can be found for childhood cancer, we

feel that we all ought to support the scientists working towards that goal, as that could be lifesaving for our children or grandchildren.

Head of the Pharmacoproteomics Program at the CCIA is an inspirational Greek Australian woman: A/Professor Dr. Maria Kavallaris who will also be present at the event. Professor Kavallaris is the President of the Australian Society for Medical Research, a brilliant scientist and multi international award winner for her cancer research. Maria decided to devote her life to the search of the cure of childhood cancers, when she too was struck by the disease and luckily, survived.

During the event, Professor Kavallaris will announce which vital equipment for the scientific research will be purchased in 2010 with the funds raised from the Greek Community through the efforts of OEEGA NSW. We have been supporting the CCIA s-

ince 2007 and thus far have donated over \$72,000 for the purchase of cell incubators and other necessary equipment.

We at OEEGA NSW are just a group of women trying to make a difference. As women and mothers we really hope that we will be able to see childhood cancer eliminated in the near future - bringing an end to the suffering of the children and the anguish of their mothers and families.

**A few words about Dr Maria Kavallaris**  
As Program Head of the Pharmacoproteomics Program, Associate Professor Kavallaris holds conjoint appointments with the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Sciences, University of New South Wales. She leads a group of researchers focused on identifying the mechanisms of action and resistance to anticancer drugs. Her program's research contributions include the identification of novel mechanisms of resistance to anticancer agents that target key proteins involved



in cell division. Studies from A/Professor Kavallaris' group are utilising proteomics technology to identify functional changes in cancer cells that may be influencing the action of specific anti-cancer drugs.



### Greek President pleas for peace after tragedy in protest

ATHENS, May 5 (Xinhua)-- Greek President Karolos Papoulias expressed condolences on Wednesday afternoon to the families of the three bank employees who died during a demonstration against austerity measures earlier in the day, making a plea for calm.

About 40 people were injured, most of them are policemen and citizens and 20 suspects for causing damages were arrested, according to the latest information. "Greece reached a step from abyss. It is the responsibility of all of us not to fall in. History will judge us all. Strictly," Papoulias said.

"I cannot easily find words to express my pain and anger for the death of our compatriots. They fell victims of raw violence that has nothing to do with the values of our democracy," he added.

"I want to reassure people in pain that the state will do anything so the responsible for this crime will be prosecuted. The most significant thing these days is to safeguard the social peace", Papoulias said.

## Victoria University installs George Pappas as new Chancellor

Prominent Melbourne businessman Mr George Pappas will be installed as the new Chancellor of Victoria University Council on Thursday 13 May at a ceremony at Flemington Racecourse.

Professor David de Kretser, PAC, Governor of Victoria, accompanied by Mrs de Kretser, will preside over the ceremony in his role as University Visitor.

Mr Pappas has wide ranging experience across the commercial, government and university sectors, and is Chairman of the Committee for Melbourne. He is also well known for his contributions to the wider community including his work with Monash University and Melbourne High School and as a director of the Western Bulldogs Football Club.

He took up his new role on 1 January 2010 following the retirement of the Hon Justice Frank Vincent AO, QC who was VU Chancellor for more than eight years.

Mr Pappas is the fourth Chancellor since VU's inception in 1990, succeeding Creighton Burns (1990-1994); Peter Laver (1995-2000); and Frank Vincent (2001-2009).



What: Installation of Mr George Pappas as Chancellor of Victoria University

When: Thursday 13 May 2010

Time: 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Where: The Atrium, The Grandstand, Flemington Racecourse

A few words about George Pappas  
George was born in Rhodes, Greece and immigrated to Australia in 1952. He has a Bachelor of Economics with First Class Honours from Monash University (1968) and an MBA, with Distinction, from Harvard Business School (1971).

After graduating from Harvard Business School in 1971, George

joined the international management consulting firm, The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in Boston, later moving to Tokyo. He returned to Australia and co-founded Pappas Carter Evans and Koop (PCEK) in 1979. Over the next ten years, PCEK became the leading Australian management consultancy providing strategic advice to the top management of our largest companies.

Following BCG's acquisition of PCEK in 1990, George became Managing Partner of BCG's Australasian offices and a member of BCG's worldwide Executive Committee. George retired from BCG in 2002 and remains a Senior Advisor.

George was appointed Chairman of the Committee for Melbourne in 2005. In this role, he leads a group whose members comprise of the city's most influential companies and institutions. George has personally led the Committee's effort to support new and innovative industry development, as well as the promotion of Melbourne's Higher Education sector.

As Chairman of Energy Matters, George is mentoring a group of young entrepreneurs who are establishing one of Australia's leading suppliers and installers of clean energy products.

George has led multiple economic projects for State and Federal government and was a participant in the Prime Minister's 2020 Summit in 2008.