

Having recently celebrated 40 years in business **Ronis Real Estate** offers a wealth of experience to vendors and buyers in the greater Bankstown area. Jim Ronis says having his son George join the family business gave him confidence in the future success of his business. "My son George joined my office within the last five years to continue the business for the next 40 years", Jim said.

Ronis Real estate prides itself on family values, which is reflected in Jim's community involvement, particularly in soccer.

He has been involved in the NSW Soccer Federation for 21 years and is a life member and now Director with the Bankstown Sports Club.

Located in Bankstown Jim started Ronis Real Estate after motivation from a close family friend and has installed the same community pride and family values in his successor,

George.

George said he enjoys the day to day dealings with people in the local area.

"Living and working in the same area is great for me", he said.

Ronis Real Estate is located at 22 Restwell Street Bankstown.

For further information phone 9708 4544.



Andrew Stavrinou has been an accountant for well over 30 years. After having spent his early years working for larger firms, Mr Stavrinou decided to start his own practice in 1980 and officially opened his office in Belmore in 1990 where the office remains today.

Together with his son

Harry and their staff, Stavrinou & Associates specialise in the preparation of tax returns and financial statements, for all types of structures, ranging from the individual client through to companies and trusts.

"We thank our clients for their loyalty, who through word of mouth have allowed our business to expand and keep on growing over the last 30 years. We pride ourselves on efficient and good customer service at an affordable price!

Stavrinou & Associates are located at:

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## BOOK LAUNCH:

# The Mountains Couldn't Walk Away

by Andrea Demetriou



Andrea Demetriou, Angelo Loukakis; Author and Executive Director of the Australian Society of Authors and Tim Colebatch; Economics Editor for The Age

The Mountains Couldn't Walk Away by Andrea Demetriou was launched at Customs House Circular Quay, Sydney, on the 29th of April as part of the Sydney Greek Festival. This event followed a successful launch of the book in Melbourne in March. The poetry collection reflects nostalgia, and its consequences, for a world which was eclipsed by the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. It is illustrated with colour photographs taken by the author and has been published by La Trobe University Press.

## Angelo Loukakis

Angelo Loukakis is an Australian author. He was born in Australia, attended Fort Street High School, studied English Literature at the University of New South Wales, and acquired a Dip. Ed. from Sydney Teachers College. He has worked as a teacher, editor, publisher and scriptwriter. Angelo Loukakis is the author of two novels: Messenger and The Memory of Tides; two collections of short stories, as well as non-fiction work, such as a children's book on Greeks in Australia, a book on ancestry based on the Australian version of the television series Who Do You Think You Are? and a travel book on Norfolk Island.

Angelo's parents came from the island of Crete, Greece and his novel, The Memory of Tides, which has as a backdrop the Battle of Crete, honours their generation. Of the novel he has said: I wanted to show the extraordinary and positive relationships that were formed between Greeks and Aussies at a time of profound crisis. There were many instances of cross-cultural revelation during the Greek campaign. For humble, frightened village people an awakening and relief – they could scarcely believe that complete strangers would come from across the world to try to protect them from the Nazi tyrants. For Aussie boys, an awareness of a culture that had given birth to the very things they were fighting for – freedom and democracy.

His collection of short stories For the Patriarch received a prize in the 1981 NSW Premier's Awards and was set on the NSW HSC syllabus between 1986 and 2001. [2] In 1980 his film, Dancing, was awarded a prize at the Melbourne Film Festival.

Angelo is the Executive Director of the Australian Society of Authors (2010).



The key speakers at the launch were Angelo Loukakis; Author and Executive Director of the Australian Society of Authors, Tim Colebatch; Economics Editor for The Age, and Jeannie Lewis; one of Australia's leading singers who sang for Andrea at the event. The evening was well attended, including by President of the Greek Community of Sydney; Harris Danalis. The poet also sung traditional Cypriot songs accompanied by

Justo Diaz founder of the Sydney band Papalote, whilst Tim Colebatch read poems.

The book has been added to the most comprehensive poetry library in the U.K at the Southbank Centre - the largest cultural centre in Europe.

The Mountains Couldn't Walk Away is now available at Readings (Melbourne) and Gleebooks (Sydney).

For more information call: 0420235662

