

AHC @ MCCLELLAND - THOMAS FUNDRAISER

As part of its efforts to raise the National Issues of Australian Hellenism with the political leadership of this country, Australian Hellenic Council (NSW) representatives attended the Joint Fundraising Dinner of the Member for Barton, Attorney-General Robert McClelland, and the ALP Candidate for Hughes, Brent Thomas.

The Australian Hellenic presence was certainly felt on



the night. Amongst those in attendance were AHC (NSW) Coordinator, George Vellis, AHC (NSW) Secretary Dr Panayiotis Diamadis,

former Kogarah councillor Nick Katris, Loukas Loukidis, Nick Melas and many others. The venue was the Botany Bay Restaurant,

renowned in the Australian Hellenic community for the generosity of owner Bill Mougios.

Former Prime Minister, the Hon. Bob Hawke AC, was guest of honour and keynote speaker at the ALP dinner held in the electorate with the highest proportion of residents of Hellenic descent in the country. Encompassing the string of suburbs along Botany Bay between Sydney Airport and the Georges River, inland to Earlwood, Kingsgrove and Bexley North, the Federal Electorate of Barton has been served by the philHellenic At-

torney-General for fourteen years. In recognition of Mr McClelland's service to the Australian Hellenic community, the AHC presented the Attorney-General with a NIKE AWARD in 1998.

During the course of the function, Mr Vellis and Dr Diamadis expressed their best wishes for Saturday's Federal Election to both Mr McClelland and the Candidate for Hughes, Mr Brent Thomas. This seat encompasses the Sutherland and Liverpool areas, including the large parish of St Raphael.

Election results broadcast live from the National Tally Room and Virtual Tally Room

When voting for the federal election closes at 6pm this Saturday 21 August, national focus will switch to live election coverage coming from the media at the National Tally Room and detailed results available on the AEC's web-based Virtual Tally Room.

"On election night, the National Tally Room at Canberra Exhibition Park (EPIC) is a hub of activity with several live television and radio stations broadcasting from the venue and reporting on counting from over 7,700 polling places around the country," said Electoral Commissioner Ed Killesteyn. While the National Tally Room in Canberra provides the backdrop for the media to broadcast the election results to the nation on election night, the results online at the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC) Virtual Tally Room (VTR) at www.aec.gov.au are now the official source of election night results.

"The Virtual Tally Room is available to everyone with internet access and provides detailed progress of the counting of votes for the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Virtual Tally Room will update constantly on election night and is able to generate approximately 1200 individual results screens" he said.

"The National Tally Room is built for every national election, involves several months of planning and organisation and takes 15 days to build. The National Tally Room will have over 120 computer terminals, 15km of data cabling, and up to 650 amps of electrical capacity" Mr Killesteyn said. At the 2007 National Tally Room the AEC estimates there were over 2600 people through the doors, with over 150 media reporting. Six networks broadcast from the National Tally Room and for the first time, there was a web broadcast. Approximately 70 Political Party Representatives and Members of Parliament attended the 2007 National Tally Room. In 2010 more than 140 international and other official guests will attend on Election night and 120 AEC staff will be working behind the scenes to facilitate the delivery of the National Tally Room. For more information about the National Tally Room, the Virtual Tally Room and the 2010 federal election visit www.aec.gov.au or call the AEC on 13 23 26.

A DAFFODIL DAY FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

This August, Australia's Greek community is uniting with people across the country to join the fight against cancer, which affects one

in two people* from all cultures and communities. Friday 27 August is Daffodil Day, where Australians of all backgrounds come together to offer hope and help find a way to reduce the impact of cancer.

Cancer is expected to claim the lives of 43,000 Australians in 2010. In NSW alone, 34,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer. It doesn't matter what community you are from, cancer doesn't discriminate and there's every chance your life has, or will be touched by cancer. By supporting Daffodil Day, the community can help raise vital funds for cancer research, prevention programs and support services for cancer patients and their families.

Your assistance also contributes to helping Cancer Council run vital initiatives within cultural groups, such as: B Positive Project – a study which aims to reverse liver cancer rates, which are expected to spike in Liverpool and Fairfield's South East Asian community in the next 20 years, (people born in China/Vietnam face are up to 12 times more at risk of developing liver cancer from hepatitis B than people born in Australia). Cancer Council Helpline information service – a telephone information and support service which is available in 120 languages and dialects, via the national



investigating why a gap exists in cancer death rates between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians and what measures are needed to close it across the state.

This year Daffodil Day is aiming to raise over \$9 million and getting involved is easy. You can: Show your support by volunteering to sell daffodils and goodies at sites on the official day. Order a box of Daffodil Day items to sell to family, friends or colleagues during the month of August. This is easy, especially if you can place the box at your work. Purchase Daffodil Day gifts at selected outlets** throughout August. Purchase fresh daffodils and other goodies, or make a donation on the official day. You'll find Daffodil Day sites near your local shopping area, train and bus stations and other major locations. If you think the one in two people who gets cancer is one too many, then show your support this Daffodil Day. To help by volunteering on a Daffodil Day site, selling Daffodil Day gifts, buying a bunch of daffodils or making a donation, call 1300 65 65 85 or visit www.daffodilday.com.au.

****1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85**
****National supporting outlets include: Coles (including Bi-Lo and Pick 'n Pay), Millers, Rockmans, BeMe, ANZ, Crossroads, Mobil Quix, Autograph stores and selected newsagents.**

Make sure your vote counts in the 2010 federal election

Australian voters are being urged to take the time to fill their ballot papers in correctly to ensure their vote counts in the 2010 federal election, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) advised today.

Electoral Commissioner, Ed Killesteyn said people will be voting in both a House of Representatives election and a Senate election on Saturday 21 August 2010 and will be given two ballot papers at the polling place.

"I urge voters to pay careful attention when filling in each ballot paper, and instructions are on the top of each ballot paper. If you do however make a mistake, please ask a polling official for another ballot paper to start again," he said.

On the green House of Representatives ballot paper, voters must num-

ber every box in the order of their preference, until they have numbered all the boxes. Do not use ticks, crosses, repeat any number or leave boxes blank on this ballot paper. On the white Senate ballot paper, voters have the choice to either mark one box above the line with a '1' for the party or group of their choice, or number every box below the line for each candidate in order of preference.

Who voters choose to vote for is their decision, and voters may or may not decide to follow the how-to-vote cards that candidate representatives give them outside the polling place.

Polling places will be open from 8am until 6pm on election day, and voters can find their local polling place using the polling place locator at www.aec.gov.au, or by calling 13 23

26. A list of polling places with disabled access is also available.

On election day, polling officials and translated information will be available to assist electors at all polling places, and at some locations polling officials who speak another language will be available and will be wearing a special badge identifying which language it is that they speak. Mr Killesteyn said that the AEC was also running a national advertising campaign on television, in newspapers and online to encourage voters to take care when voting. For more information about voting locations in the 2010 federal election, visit the AEC website at www.aec.gov.au or call 13 23 26. Comprehensive lists of polling places will also be advertised in major metropolitan newspapers by the AEC on Friday 20 August.