

# Fishing great Theo Kailis passes away

One of the great Greek-Australian industrialists of this country, the gentle Mr Theo G Kailis, has just passed away aged 80 years. He was the son of Mr George P Kailis the president of the Hellenic Community of WA from 1943 to 1958. He leaves one son George Theo and two daughters.

One of the dominant players in the state's commercial fishing industry for the past half a century Theo Kailis has died.

The WA Fishing Industry Council has paid tribute to Mr Kailis saying he paid an important role in the state's billion dollar fishing industry.

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It is with deep regret that WA Fishing Industry Council pays tribute to one of the commercial fishing industry's great leaders - Theo G Kailis.

His influence on the industry is enduring. Through his achievements and personal leadership he will always be an icon of Australia's fishing industry.

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Throughout the years Mr Kailis experienced the major changes in the commercial fishing industry that has taken it from a humble group of fish-

ermen plying their trade to local markets to a billion dollar export industry selling its product in the world market place.

He was a dominate player in the industry's evolution through his untiring service on State and Federal advisory committees and industry bodies.

From small beginnings he forged an empire that is renowned for its professionalism, diversification, creative value adding and commitment to world's best practises in environmental management.

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Amidst a myriad of achievements highlights of his career include the commissioning of the first Randall lobster boat that revolutionised deep sea lobster fishing in '60's, the many innovations introduced to facilitate the valuable live lobster export trade, he was a key player in the development of Northern Prawn Fishery

and, along with Murray France, was the pioneer of the new Patagonian Toothfish fishery in the Antarctic.

Over the years Mr Kailis helped hundreds of fishermen get their start in the industry, and his company, under his tutelage, has been an incubator of many industry leaders.

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## Students awarded for excellence in community languages

10 NSW students have been recognised for their achievement in languages at a special ceremony in Sydney last week (Monday, 6 September 2010).

The students were presented with certificates of achievement by the NSW Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth. The winners of this 2010 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Languages were selected from a group of more than 230 language students.

These outstanding young students are developing language and cultural skills that will benefit them and the broader community in their future careers.

These students have worked very hard and have achieved the highest levels of excellence in their chosen language. Many of these students attend special language classes on the weekend or after school.

Their efforts in languages as diverse as **Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Swedish, Chinese, Sinhala, Tamil and Armenian** are to be congratulated.

The schools submit nominations which are assessed at the NSW Community Languages Schools Board in terms of language achievement, language proficiency and contribution to the community.

The Department of Education and Training administers the Community Languages Schools Program, which provides annual funding to community organisations to operate language classes after mainstream school hours for school-aged children in NSW.

Funding in 2010 is nearly \$2.1 million funded by the NSW Government. This year, 51 languages were offered in 426 locations to about 28,000 students.

### Junior recipients

#### Sarine Soghomonian - Armenian

Community Language school: Hamazkaine Armenian Educational and Cultural Society Regional Committee Inc. Home school: Wenona High School

Sarine has been studying Armenian for seven years. She is an outstanding student whose work in literacy, Armenian performing arts and choir has been recognised with numerous awards.

#### Ella Athanassiou - Swedish

Community Language School: Swedish School in Sydney Inc. Home School: Sans Souci Public School

Ella has been studying Swedish for three years. She has a good ear for language, is able to articulate the main ideas of a text and can use sound comprehension strategies. Her enthusiasm for the language assists in the creation of an excellent learning environment.

#### Balaki Parameshwaran – Tamil

Community Language School: Wentworthville Tamil Study Centre Inc. Home school: Girraween Public School.

Balaki has been studying Tamil for seven years. Over the last six years at his Community Language School, she has always been the top performer in all aspects of the Tamil language. Balaki is also a keen participant in Tamil cultural activities.

#### Solomiya Sywak - Ukrainian

Community Language School: St Andrews Ukrainian School. Home School: Immaculate Heart of Mary Primary School

Solomiya has been studying Ukrainian for four years. She has exceptional fluency, accuracy, vocabulary and pronunciation. She belongs to the Ukrainian scouting movement and participates actively in a number of cultural activities, including singing, poetry recitals and dance.

#### Tammy My Thao Dang – Vietnamese

Community Language School: Vietnamese Parents and Citizens Association Inc. Home school: Canley Vale Public School

Tammy has been studying Vietnamese for five years. She has achieved outstanding results in the study of the Vietnamese language. Her listening, speaking, reading and writing skills are exceptional. She contributes enthusiastically to a range of cultural activities.

### Senior Recipients

#### Roza Kotoyan - Armenian

Community Language school: Hamazkaine Armenian Educational and Cultural Society Regional Committee Inc. Home school: Mercy Catholic College

Roza has been studying Armenian for ten years. She

is a conscientious and enthusiastic student who takes part in a wide variety of school and extracurricular activities. She has outstanding language skills and has received numerous awards for her achievements in the study of her community language.

#### Kellia Chiu – Chinese

Community Language school: Ambassadors Multicultural Chinese School. Home school: William Clarke College

Kellia has been studying Chinese – Cantonese for nine years. She can speak fluent Cantonese and can also understand, read and write traditional Chinese. She has a keen interest in Chinese culture, she plays Chinese folk music and has often participated in the National Chinese Eisteddfod.

#### Christina Kim – Korean

Community Language school: Australia Korean School Inc. Home school: Pymble Ladies College

Christian has been studying Korean for eight years. She has received a number of major awards for her exceptional language skills. She participates enthusiastically in cultural activities, including poetry recitals, music and dance and promotes an understanding of Korean culture in her mainstream school.

#### Kavi Samuditha Karunaratne - Sinhala

Community Language school: Sinhalese Cultural Forum of NSW Australia Inc. Home school: Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Kavi has been studying Sinhala for 10 years. He has exceptional language skills and has often been called on to speak in Sinhala at public occasions. He has a strong interest in his culture and actively promotes it through avenues such as community newspapers, festivals and social groups.

#### Aarthiekaa Sitsabesan – Tamil

Community Language School: Tamil Study Centre Homebush Inc. Home school: Parramatta High School

Aarthiekaa has been studying Tamil for seven years. She is an enthusiastic, articulate and highly motivated student who has received a number of awards for her outstanding work in the classroom and her contribution to the awareness of Tamil culture in the wider community.