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YANNIS RITSOS AND THE ANCIENT TRADITION

A presentation by Dr Anthony Dracopoulos, University of Sydney

Modern Greek poets have never ceased to communicate with the ancient tradition. In his collection of poems entitled Fourth Dimension, Yannis Ritsos continues this dialogue in a unique fashion, placing mythical heroes in new situations in order to shed light on the human condition.

The aim of the lecture is to explore the value system that emanates from the collection by examining the poems "Helen" and "Agamemnon". How would an aged Helen of Troy view beauty and life? How would Agamemnon view ambition and power when he returns tired to Argos?



Date: Thu 26 May
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Greek Community Club of NSW, 206-210 Lakemba Street, Lakemba
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Awareness week highlights gambling impact

Responsible Gambling Awareness Week, which begun yesterday, is a timely reminder to all punters to take stock of their gambling activities and confine them to what is truly affordable, said the NSW Minister for Hospitality and Racing, George Souris.

"While the vast majority of Australians are able to enjoy a casual flutter without any harm, there are those who struggle to keep their gambling under control," Mr Souris said.

"The latest research shows that 0.4 per cent of people in NSW are problem gamblers who develop serious problems including, financial distress, relationship issues and family breakdown and physical and mental health problems such as sleeplessness, anxiety and depression. Held across Australia from 23 to 29 May 2011, the sixth annual Responsible Gambling Awareness Week aims to raise community awareness of problem gambling and highlight the free services and resources available to those who need help.

"Responsible Gambling Awareness Week aims to raise community awareness of problem gambling, highlight the

resources available to help those in need and promote the importance of responsible gambling practices at a personal and community level.

"From information booths in St George and Sutherland hospitals, to a multicultural open day in Auburn, a Gambling Help barbecue in the Hunter and promotional materials in pubs and clubs in Broken Hill, a range of awareness activities will take place all around NSW."

Mr Souris pointed out that the NSW Government provided free, confidential help to problem gamblers and their families via the Responsible Gambling Fund and its range of Gambling Help services. "People in NSW can access face-to-face counselling at more than 200 locations across the State as well as phone and internet counselling 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

"If gambling is becoming a problem for you or someone you care about, please access the free information and expert advice on offer."

For free, confidential help 24 hours a day, seven days a week phone 1800 858 858.

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