



and one of its most vocal members, George Margiolis. "We made it official in July 2012. We are now officially recognized, and take part in the yearly Olympiakos Supporters Club Convention".

The group currently numbers around 80 people as its members, but as Margiolis explains the numbers are increasing fast. "We have received a lot of interest, especially through Facebook. Plus we have people from other parts of Australia who have expressed their wish to join our club". Although a Sydney based club, they are more willing to cater for the needs of those leaving in remote parts of Australia, Darwin being a particular place where a lot of interest has been generated.

While the club is made up by people that represent not only all walks of life, but also all ages, the bulk of the membership is largely constituted by young males. But perhaps the most pleasant of surprises is the fact that those young males are Australian born in their majority. "There are members that have been born here, others that were born in Greece", Arkoudas points out. "There are some that have never even been to Greece, or others that hardly speak any Greek at all". Interestingly enough there is even a non-Greek, who simply likes the colors and what Olympiakos stands for!!!

**OLYMPIAKOS FAN CLUB, AKA "THE RED SHARKS", ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A GROUP OF BOYS AND GIRLS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ALL SHARING THE SAME OBJECT OF AFFECTION, ALL EAGER TO PROCLAIM THEIR UNDYING LOVE FOR THE UNDISPUTED CHAMPIONS OF GREEK SOCCER**

According to Margiolis', The Red Sharks main reason of existence is to provide a means of tightening the relationship between its members, by offering them the opportunity to get together as frequently as possible to discuss matters concerning their favorite team. But the big revelation comes next: "There is a good chance of us having our very own club house" a very excited Margiolis explains. "We are looking at ways of keeping it open 7 days a week, throughout the day and most of the night. We can all get together and watch Olympiakos' games live on TV".



**THE TURNING POINT WAS SIGNALLED BY LAST YEAR'S ARRIVAL OF OLYMPIAKOS IN AUSTRALIA**

**RED SHARK'S COMITE**

- PRESIDENT: NICK ARKOUDIS**
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- TREASURER: DIMITRIS GEORGIU**
- VICE PRESIDENTS: GEORGE KOLITSAS & FOTIS FOTAKIS**
- MEMBERS: CHRISTOS PAXINOS, DIMITRIS KAFKAKIS, CHRISTOS BELEHRAS, ALEKOS BELEHRAS, PETROSSKANAVIS**