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Police arrest 42-year-old over child pornography

Officers of the electronic crimes squad on Tuesday arrested a 42-year-old Greek national on child pornography charges.

The suspect was arrested at his home in Patra, in the Peloponnese, where, according to reports, the authorities confiscated a laptop computer containing illegal child pornography.

A NIGHT OF BBQ, MUSIC, SATIRE AND CHAT AT WAAGS' HEADQUARTERS

Raising awareness about the crisis in Greece

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Late in 2011, following the Cannes Summit, a group of French students from the city of Nantes, worried about the state of the crumbling Greek economy and disgusted by Greece being used as a scapegoat for the wheeling and dealings of the multinationals and their cohorts behind the then fledging world crisis, decided to claim their solidarity with the country that gave modern civilization not only its lights, but also the necessary backbone. Their plan was both masterly constructed in its simplicity, and touchingly sentimental: Under the slogan "Solidarity with the Greek people. I, too, am Greek", the brains behind the operation decided to apply to obtain Greek citizenship as a practical, symbolic support to the suffering of Greeks. Known as the «Movement of Nantes», the plan soon spread across Europe.

The groups' actions stroke a particular chord with a group of Greek-Australian Sydneysiders, who soon followed suit by staging their own protest through the creation of "We are all Greeks", a group dedicated to raising awareness within the wider Australian community, as well as offering support to those Greeks who, pushed to their limits by the current state of the Greek economy, have decided to make the transatlantic trip and settle in Sydney.

This Saturday, WAAGS as they have come to be known, are holding another meeting with their like-minded friends and associates, at their "headquarters" at Dulwich Hill's VAULT. Open to anyone that wishes to actively show their support to and solidarity with the people of the old homeland, the night promises to be both fun and constructive, with BBQ, music, satire and chat. As Nikos Antonoglou, Eleni Elfterias-Kostakidi, two of the founding members of the organization

INFO

WHAT: WE ARE ALL GREEKS (SYDNEY)
WHERE: VAULT, 837 New Canterbury Rd Dulwich Hill
WHEN: Saturday 16th January
TIME: 6.30pm
ADMISSION: \$25 with food
BOOKINGS: 95594424 ή 0408442271 ή 0418404401

explain to "O Kosmos", during the event participants will have the unique opportunity to find out information about the crisis in Greece, they might not be aware of. Proceeds will go towards a campaign aimed at raising awareness through Greek-Australian and Australian media, as well as the creation of a center that will act as a meeting point for local Greek businesspeople and new arrivals seeking employment.

When was WAAGS created and what were the reasons that led to its creation?

In February 2012, inspired by the movement of Nantes where some anonymous European students, wanting to actively express through internet their sympathy to the suffering Greeks, started a movement named «The Movement of Nantes» and through this show of sympathy, applied en masse to gain Greek citizenship by filing the necessary forms at their local Greek embassies, first came up with the name "We Are All Greek". So we have adopted this name because we share common concerns about the crisis in Greece, Europe and the rest of the world.

What are the main objectives of WAAGS?

Our main objectives are: to express our solidarity with the Greek people who are being tested and suffer unjustly.



To call into question the way with which the Australian media reproduces racist stereotypes about the Greek people, holding them as the main culprits for the crisis.

* To inform both the Greek and the wider Australian community about the true characteristics of the crisis in Greece.

Right now, how many members does the organisation number?

We currently have around 50 members, but we are hoping the numbers will increase soon.

Is participation open to all, and if so, how can someone either join or offer help, financial or otherwise?

Participation is open to all, regardless of nationality. Everyone can become a member by coming into contact with us through our email weareallgreeksydney@gmail.com, or by calling us on 0408 442 271, 0400436079 or 0418 404 401.

What are your plans for the future?

* To create a contact center between local Greek employers and newcomers seeking work;

* To organize debates regarding the crisis, touching on issues that concern all of us;

* To organize a LOBBY GROUP that will be able to support the rights of Greeks, as well as other peoples suffering.

Given the love for culture, the founders of WAAGS have, should we expect various cultural events in the future?

This Saturday we are organizing a friendly gathering with music and conversation.

What can the audience expect from the Saturday's event?

A pleasant atmosphere first and foremost. We will be presenting a musical and satirical program, as well as providing information on the crisis in Greece that the general public may not be aware of.

Right now who makes up the board of WAAGS;

Tony Mersin-Sulu, Persa Thliver, Penny Thliveri-Kostas, Nikos Antonoglou, Eleni Elfterias-Kostakidi, Kiriaki Orphanou, Costas Costa, Helen Synodinou, George Athanasiadis, Yannis Sofianos and others.

As you explain in the press release you've issues, part of the proceeds will go towards the creation of a Centre that will provide a contact between Greek-Australian employers and newcomers from Greece. Have any newcomers been in contact with you?

We have been contacted not only by many people from Greece that have recently settled here, but also by a lot that are contemplating migrating to Australia soon.

