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Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with long time Council worker Sam Tatis and his wife. Sam helped initiate the Greek Flag Raising Ceremony at Council in 1993.

Raising of the Greek Flag At Parramatta City Council

More than 400 people attended Parramatta City Council's Greek flag raising ceremony on Saturday 23 March 2013. Held at Parramatta Town Hall, members of the Greek community including Consul Vaianos Oreopoulos Kelenis, Consul for Economic and Commercial Affairs General Consulate of Greece, Sydney; Father Demitri Kokkinos and Cos Dimitriou, President of the Hellenic Orthodox Community, Parramatta participated in the celebrations.

Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr John Chedid, said Parramatta City Council has been proud to hold this flag-raising ceremony for the last 20 years in recognition of our Greek-Australian community and your contribution to the energy, colour and warmth of our wider community. "There are now almost 2,000 people in Parramatta with a Greek heritage. Over the years, the Greek people have helped produce a community in Parramatta which is strong, proud and supportive", Cr Chedid said.



Greek Community Dancers by St Ioannis Greek Dance Group



The 31st Greek Festival of Sydney in conjunction with Kogarah City Council proudly presents

CRETE: 4000 YEARS IN ART AND MUSIC

The history of the Great Island, told through music from ancient, medieval and modern Crete, together with short readings and images representing Crete's rich and diverse artistic and literary traditions. Musicians: Kiriaki and Dimitris Koubaroulis (ancient and medieval music), Andonis Petrandonakis and Angelo Goutzios (traditional and modern melodies and songs). Reader: Christine Kanellakis. Co-ordinator and narrator: Dr Alfred Vincent.



INFO

Date: Wednesday 3 April
 TIME: 7pm
 VENUE: St George Auditorium, 4-16 Montgomery St, Kogarah
 ENTRY COST: \$15
 CONTACT: 02 9750 0440
 or email greekfestival2@gpc.com.au
 LANGUAGE: Narration in English, readings in Greek and in English translation

Golden Dawn MP snubs ethics committee over public urination

Parliament's ethics committee said on Wednesday it would call a Golden Dawn MP for questioning after he was filmed apparently urinating outside the entrance to the Mega TV studios in Athens during a protest on Monday.

However, the far-right deputy, Christos Pappas, said he would refuse to attend the hearing. "Some hypocrites are asking me to answer for the protest at Mega," he said. "I'm not going anywhere."

Golden Dawn was protesting Mega TV showing Turkish soap operas. The protest was held to coincide with Independence Day, marking the start of the war that ended Ottoman rule.

The protest was criticized by the coalition, opposition parties and the POESY journalists' union.

Toddler drowns in Halkida

A 4-year-old girl died on Wednesday after falling off rocks in the coastal area of Aghia Marina, near Halkida, and into the sea.

A policeman dived into the sea but was too late to save the girl, who had wandered away from her parents while playing on the rocks.

It remained unclear whether the girl drowned or died of injuries sustained during her fall.