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THE 31ST GREEK FESTIVAL OF SYDNEY PROUDLY PRESENTS

Let's Cook Greek Workshops

To celebrate the culinary tastes of Greece the Greek Festival of Sydney has dedicated a section of the cultural program to food. In addition to special events hosted by some of Sydney's favourite Greek restaurants, where you are privy to some of the most delectable Greek dishes that Greece has to offer, you also have the opportunity to learn to cook some of Greece's favourite dishes.

Let's Cook Greek founded by two home cooks who over many years have been learning the authentic way of cooking traditional Greek dishes as taught to them by their mothers and grandmothers are conducting workshops to let you in on the secret to a great Greek home cooked meal. Toula Varipatis and Koula Tzannes have realised the importance of capturing these recipes and the techniques involved, and passing them on before they are lost forever.

"We see the need to capture those traditional Greek recipes as our mothers and grandmothers used to make, before they are lost out of our kitchens forever. Our classes are

a demonstration of how simple and fun Greek cooking can be" said Toula of their thinking behind the idea of devising the requirement of these workshops.

Upcoming workshops include a Men's Greek BBQ cooking class on 14th April where you can learn to become the master of the BBQ with dishes like melt in your mouth slow cooked lamb and in an Easter Cooking class on the 20th April to prepare you for the most important culinary celebration on the Greek calendar.

All classes are in a demonstration style format with sampling of all dishes and surprise giveaways. Bookings for the Lets Cook Greek Workshops can be made via e-mail: admin@letscookgreek.com.au or phone Toula: 0412 610 472 or Koula: 0419 432 600

Detailed course descriptions website www.letscookgreek.com.au and the Greek Festival of Sydney program and website www.greekfestivalofsydney.com.au



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

WEST WIND: A MUSICAL JOURNEY FROM SPAIN TO GREECE

Sail with us on the winds that brought music and song around Greece and the Western Mediterranean. Our program includes troubadour songs from France and Catalonia, with the Renaissance Players (Mara Kiek, Llew Kiek, Jehan Kanga, Andrew Lambkin, and their director Winsome Evans); Andalusian Arabic songs with Ghada and Friends; Cretan music with Andonis Petrandonakis and Angelo Goutzios; and dancers from the Cretan Association of Sydney and NSW. Reader: Christine Kanellakis. Co-ordinator and narrator: Alfred Vincent.

INFO

DATE: Sunday 14 April

TIME: 5pm

VENUE: The Prince Henry Centre, 2 Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay (turn off Anzac Parade at Pines Avenue)

ENTRY COST: Free

CONTACT: (02 9750 0440 or greekfestival2@goc.com.au)

LANGUAGE: English narration; English translation provided for songs



Golden Dawn clashes with Roma during raid on Kalamata hospital days after video challenge



Members of Kalamata's Roma community in the southern Peloponnese on Monday night nearly came to blows with a group of ultranationalist Golden Dawn members who were at the local general hospital demanding identification papers from private nurses to determine whether they were Greek or foreign, local media reported on Tuesday.

Golden Dawn, which was elected into Parliament in June on a rabid anti-migrant platform, has been raiding hospitals around the country in a bid to locate foreign workers and apply pressure on hospital administrations to ban them from working. On Monday, a group of Roma men had brought a 22-year-old member of their community into the Kalamata general hospital with injuries, which, they said, had been the result of a racially-motivated attack. When they saw the Golden Dawn representatives, which included MP Dimitris Koukoutsis, they accused them of inciting the attack and nearly

came to blows with the far-rightists.

Hospital security staff called in the police to help break up the scuffle. The altercation, meanwhile, comes days after a leading member of a Roma settlement in Komotini in northern Greece challenged Golden Dawn to open combat following statements by a member of the ultranationalist group that the Roma are not Greeks.

A video posted on YouTube in late March showed Roma men wielding guns, axes and chainsaws, and challenging Golden Dawn to conduct a raid on their settlement, which is on the outskirts of Komotini. «I have a lot of crazy guys behind me Michaloliakos,» a man on the video says as he pats another man pointing a gun at the camera on the back, addressing the head of Golden Dawn, Nikos Michaloliakos. «You will have to send a lot of guys to my camp.»

«Michaloliakos, round up your mongrels,» the man says.