

Η ΦΩΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΧΕΠΑ



The Order of the Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association NSW

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Prime Minister,

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your election to the post of Leader of the Liberal Party and Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia. As the President of one of the largest Australian Hellenic community organisations in our great state, I have had an excellent working relationship with the previous Coalition government and look forward to developing that relationship further.

Given your deep knowledge of Hellenic history and culture, as well as the significant human and historical ties between Australia and Hellas, the Order of AHEPA NSW would be honoured to assist in planning for you to visit Hellas and Cyprus next year.

The first Hellenes to arrive in Australia landed in Sydney on 1828, making New South Wales the birthplace of Australian Hellenism. Hundreds of thousands of Hellenes from all over the world have since walked in their footsteps, seeking better lives in Australia.

2016 marks two significant anniversaries in Australian Hellenic history: the Centenary of the Macedonian Front in World War One and the 75th anniversary of the Greek Campaign (including the Battle of Crete) in World War Two. Both of these campaigns involved over 65,000 Australian men and women. AHEPA believes it would be most appropriate for the Prime Minister to visit the battlefields where they served and the cemeteries where almost 1,000 of them lie at rest.

Following the conclusion of the Gallipoli Campaign, a number of Allied forces (including Australian servicemen and nurses) were sent to the port city of



Ο Πρωθυπουργός της Αυστραλίας την ώρα που μιλούσε υπέρ της αναγνώρισης των Γενοκτονιών των Ελλήνων, των Αρμενίων και των Ασσυρίων τον Νοέμβριο του 2013. Στο βάθος, ο επίσης θερμός υποστηρικτής της αναγνώρισης κ. John Alexander, Βουλευτής της περιφέρειας Bennelong του Σύνδευ.

Thessalonike in northern Hellas. Amongst those who served there was Stella Miles Franklin, one of your state's most famous writers. Her experiences in the Scottish Women's Hospitals in Thessalonike and the area of Lake Vergoritis (then known as Ostrovo) inspired writings that are still highly regarded today.

Twenty-five years later, the Second Generation ANZACs returned to those same battlefields in northern Hellas, this time to defend democracy against the Nazi invaders. Outnumbered and outgunned, the Anzacs were forced to retreat down the mainland and across the Aegean to the island of Crete.

Following a heroic stand, some were evacuated to Egypt. However, over 5,000 Anzacs were left behind as prisoners-of-war, the second largest such group in Australian history.

Your reputation as a long time friend of the Australian Hellenic community has meant that your election to the post of Prime Minister has been welcomed by large sections of our membership.

The Order of AHEPA looks forward to working with you in achieving parliamentary recognition of the Genocides of the indigenous Armenian, Assyrian and Hellenic peoples, and other issues of concern to the members and friends of the Order in NSW.

Congratulations once again. Looking forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr John Kallimanis
Grand President

Ημερολόγιο της ΑΧΕΠΑ

Σάββατο 19 Σεπτεμβρίου: Τμήμα Ανατολή – Συμπόσιο για την 22η επέτειο της αναγέννησης του Τμήματος. Στο Σπίτι της ΑΧΕΠΑ, Princes' Highway, Rockdale. Από τις 7μμ.

Saturday 19 September: Ch. Anatole Symposium on the 22nd anniversary of the re-activation of the Chapter. At AHEPA Hall, Princes' Highway, Rockdale. From 5pm.

Κυριακή 11 Οκτωβρίου: 62ο Πολιτειακό Συνέδριο της ΑΧΕΠΑ Νέας Νοτίου Ουαλίας. Στο Σπίτι της ΑΧΕΠΑ, Princes' Highway, Rockdale. Από τις 1μμ.

Sunday 11 October: 62nd State Convention. At AHEPA Hall, Princes' Highway, Rockdale. From 1pm.

Κυριακή 11 Οκτωβρίου: Ελληνικό Ανοικτό Πανεπιστήμιο. «Νεοέλληνες που σπάνια θυμόμαστε: παραθεωρημένες στιγμές της σύγχρονης ελληνικής

ιστορίας». Μάθημα 1ο. «Τι το κοινό έχουμε με τους Ινδούς, Δημήτριος Γαλανός, Κωνσταντίνος Θεοτόκης, Γερόντισσα Γαβριηλία». Παρουσιαστής: Δρ. Βασίλης Αδραχτάς. 3-6μμ. Στο Σπίτι της ΑΧΕΠΑ, 394 – 396 Princes Highway, Rockdale.

Κυριακή 25 Οκτωβρίου: Το Τμήμα Οδυσσεάς Ελύτης ετοιμάζει Έκθεση των βιβλίων του Βασίλη Βασιλά για την Ελληνο-Αυστραλιανή ιστορία καθώς και για την μετανάστευση Εσθονών και Ουκρανών στην

Αυστραλία. Στο Δημοτικό Μέγαρο του Rockdale, 448 Princes Hwy, Rockdale, από τις 1μμ μέχρι τις 6μμ.

Sunday 25 October: Ch. Odysseas Elytis presents an Exhibition of the books of Vasilis Vasilas on Australian Hellenic history as well as the migration of Estonians and Ukrainians to Australia. At Rockdale Town Hall, 448 Princes Hwy, Rockdale, from 1 to 6pm.

«Η ΦΩΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΧΕΠΑ» με τον Γιώργο Γιακουμίδα, κάθε Κυριακή 8-9μμ στο 2NBC FM (90.1FM)

«ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΧΕΠΑ» με την Λίτσα Διακοβασιλή, κάθε Τετάρτη 12-1μμ στο 1683AM

«ΠΝΕΥΜΑ, ΦΩΣ, ΑΓΑΠΗ» με τον Κώστα Καποδίστρια, κάθε Πέμπτη 6-8μμ στον Ράδιο Γαλαξία (Channel 151.850 / galaxias.com.au)

«ΕΥΘΥΜΑ ΚΑΙ ΣΟΒΑΡΑ» του Ιδρύματος Κωστής Παλαμάς της ΑΧΕΠΑ, κάθε Σάββατο 1-2μμ στο 2MM (Σύδνεϋ 1665AM, Wollongong 99.3FM και Darwin 1656AM). Διαδύκτιο: www.2mm.com.au