



Τιμή σε όσους αγωνίστηκαν κατά των Γερμανών κατακτητών από την Ελληνική Ορθόδοξη Κοινότητα ΝΝΟ

Η διευθύντρια Κατερίνα Γαλανός Κουρή και το προσωπικό στο Ελληνικό Σπίτι της Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης κοινότητας τίμησαν ανήμερα την 76η επέτειο της 28ης Οκτωβρίου και του «ΟΧΙ» στο γηροκομείο της Ελληνικής Κοινότητας στο Έργουντ. Αναμνηστικά βραβεία δόθηκαν σε τρεις ενοίκους του γηροκομείου, την κα Ανθούλα Μπίτση, την κα Φούλα Σταμούδη και τον κ. Ευάγγελο Χρυσάνθου για την πολύτιμη δράση τους κατά των Γερμανών κατακτητών στη διάρκεια του Β' Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου.



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

76TH ANNIVERSARY OF OXI (NO) DAY

Every year on 28th October Greeks at home and abroad honour the past by celebrating Oxi (No) Day.

It is an occasion to recall when Greek citizens said *όχι* – No! – to threatening Axis forces, and embarked on a heroic fight against overwhelming and unfavourable odds.

We remember with pride and admiration the courage that drove their valiant defence, and the critical role that the Greek Campaign and the Battle of Crete played in slowing the aggressor's advance.

We also acknowledge the lasting friendship between Australia and Greece, forged in the stress of war and enduring as a living bond more than 70 years later.

Above all, we honour those who sacrificed so much in the cause of freedom. We cannot make up for the lives lost and the injuries sustained, nor the years laid waste by war.

But we can remember and be thankful for those who answered the call when the time of war came. Such men and women can never be forgotten – not now, not ever.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

20 October 2016



THE HON BILL SHORTEN MP LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION SHADOW MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS MEMBER FOR MARIBYRNONG

OXI DAY – 76TH ANNIVERSARY

It gives me great pleasure to send my well wishes to the Greek community of Australia on the 76th anniversary of OXI Day.

October 28 marks the anniversary of OXI day – a day celebrated throughout Greece, and by Greeks of the diaspora, including Australia – to commemorate the rejection by Greek dictator Ioannis Metaxas of the ultimatum made by Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

It's been six decades, and more, since the marvellous post war generation of Greeks came in hard times to our country, with nothing in their hands but a few mementoes and the hands of those they loved.

Many of you were this generation. Life was not easy in those years, and in the first years of raising your children here, far from the family weddings, the christenings, from the villages and the music where you have grown up, you worked all the harder to build your Australian dream.

The Greeks of Australia are the great migrant dream: taking risks, opening businesses, raising children and building communities. The Australian Labor Party has always recognised the extraordinary contribution that migrants make to our country. I firmly believe migration has transformed Australia into an incredibly vibrant and prosperous country. That transformation can be seen every day on our local high streets, in our business, our restaurants and our schools.

I congratulate the Greek community of Australia on their contribution to social cohesion and community harmony.

Yours sincerely

Bill Shorten
Leader of the Opposition

