


What is often impressive about shop-owners is how passionate they are about their work... even after so many years. Whether it is their eye for detail in perfecting their work or simply providing their customers with the best service, everything comes so natural to them. And they are amazing to watch...

On September 9, 2017, Vasilis interviewed Angela Giokas of Angela's Hairdressing Salon at Rosebery and could not help being in awe of her love and care for her work, salon and customers.


## *Angela & Kostas Giokas* *The Passion Behind a Shop Window*



As a teenager, Angela attended the Konstantokopoulos School for hairdressing in Tripolis; when her parents sent her money for daily expenses, she would not spend her money on ice-cream and sweets but saved up to buy her first pair of scissors (for cutting hair) and curlers! And so the passion begins...


When Angela migrated to Sydney, Australia, her first jobs may have been in factories but she never ceased working as a hairdresser, whether going to people's homes, working in Giannis and Soula's hairdressing salon in St Peters, or working from home.

Gaining invaluable experience and confidence, Angela opens her own hairdressing salon on Dalmeny Avenue, Rosebery, in 1971. As business continues to grow, she moved the business to larger premises on Gardeners Road, Rosebery, and she has been here ever since.



Having practically grown up in his mother's hairdressing salon, Angela's son, Kostas, also follows this career path and works alongside her. Once Kosta marries, his wife Anne joins this dynamic team...

In all the time Vasilis was in the hairdressing salon, Angela, Kosta and Anne simply did not stop working in this very busy shop and what impressed him was the close rapport, with their customers, they have developed over the years, 'Everyone was on first-name basis and there was such a friendly environment, with lots of laughter and smiles. This joy only comes after years and years of customer satisfaction.'



But it is Kosta who pays Angela a fitting tribute, 'Mum is a great mentor for me and offers great advice. For instance, if you experience a tough day, she just assures everyone to do their work and, "Tomorrow is a new day." She has never complained about work; I have never heard my mother say she needs a break!'