



76TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE



**2017 VICTORIAN PROGRAM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL**



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SPIRIT OF ANZAC EXHIBITION

The Geelong RSL Sub Branch in conjunction with the Australian War Memorial present the Spirit of ANZAC Exhibition from the 21st - 27th February at Geelong Arena. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Wesley on 1300 462 313

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COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

The Kalamata Society "23rd March" is hosting a Commemorative Dinner highlighting the 76th Anniversary of the Battle of Kalamata 1941 on Saturday 25th March, 7.00pm at Moonlight Receptions, 622 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North. For more information please contact Mr. Theo Kalyvas on 0418 552 975

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PRODUCT MEDIA LAUNCH

The Battle of Crete and Greece Commemorative Council is hosting a Product Media Launch in conjunction with the Modern Baking Company launching the Limited Edition ANZAC Biscuit Tin highlighting the 76th Anniversary of the Greek Campaign 1941 on Monday 3rd April at Kritamos Hellenic Cuisine 10.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736

HONORARY LUNCHEON

The Pancretan Association of Melbourne is hosting an Honorary Luncheon on Sunday 9th April, 2.00pm in honour of our 104 Year old ANZAC Crete Veteran Lesley Manning and his family members, at the Members Pavilion, Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane Wantirna South. For more information please contact Ms. Mary Vasilakis on 0421 719 482

CEREMONY

The Austin Repatriation Hospital is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony on Friday 21st April, 10.30am in honour of all the ANZACs that fell that were connected to the Hospital, at the Memorial Plaque, on Waterdale Road in Heidelberg West. For more information please contact Mr. Robert Winther on 9496 2324

AFL GAME

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Hawthorn Football Club are honouring the Hawthorn footballers that served in Greece and Crete during the AFL game Hawks vs Eagles at the MCG on Sunday 23rd April at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Ms. Tanya Gallina on 9535 3000

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CEREMONY

The Nurses Memorial Centre is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony to honour those fallen ANZAC Nurses from the 2nd World War on Sunday 23rd April at 2.00pm at the Nurses Memorial at 431 St. Kilda road, Melbourne. For more information please contact Ms. Arlene Bennett on 0419 527 273

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CEREMONY

The Essendon RSL Sub Branch and the City of Moonee Valley is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony to honour those fallen ANZACS from the 2nd World War on Sunday 23rd April at 3.00pm at the Queens Park Memorial at Mount Alexander Road Moonee Ponds. For more information please contact Mr. Ange Kenos on 0408 999 003

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Alphington Grammar School is hosting an early morning School Assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day and the Battle of Crete on Monday 24th April at 9.00am in the Andrianakos Centre. For more information please contact Dr. Vivienne Nikou on 0412 277 724

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SCHOOL COMPETITION

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is launching the 2017 Annual Schools Competition on Monday 24th April. For more information please contact Mr. Manuel Karvelas on 0400 629 597

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Oakleigh Grammar School is hosting an early morning School Assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day and the Battle of Crete on Monday 24th April at 8.45am in the College Gymnasium. For more information please contact Mrs. Anastasia Spanos on 0449 232 783

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DAWN SERVICE

The Oakleigh - Carnegie RSL Sub Branch are hosting an ANZAC Dawn Service on Tuesday 25th April at 6.00am at the Cenotaph, corner Drummond Street and Atherton Road Oakleigh.



For more information please contact Mrs. Ann Barker on 9568 0407

PARADE

Members of the Pancretan Association of Melbourne will join the 2nd / 7th Australian Infantry Battalion, the 2nd / 2nd Australian Field Regiment and members of the Peloponnese community will join the 2nd / 6th Australian Infantry Battalion on ANZAC Day and lead the groups in the Parade with Traditional Cretan and Greek costumes on Tuesday 25th April at 10.00am at the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information contact Mr. John Rerakis on 0402 211 110

LECTURE

The Pankorinthian Association and the Panargoliki Philanthropic Brotherhood is hosting a Lecture on the Battle of Corinth Canal and the evacuation from Greece by the 2nd Anzacs in 1941 by Keynote speaker Mr. Jim Claven, historian, at the Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote on Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7.00pm. For more information please contact Mr. Spiros Espositos on 0413 455 436 or Ms. Jenny Krasopoulaki on 0414 705 303

COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

The PanMessinian Brotherhood "PAPAFLESSAS" is hosting a Commemorative Dinner titled "Kalamatiano for the ANZACS" on Friday 28th April, 7.00pm at WhiteRose Receptions, 725 High Street, Northcote. For more information please contact Mr. Paul Souglaris on 0434 505 642

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BOOK LAUNCH

The Battle of Crete and Greece Commemorative Council is hosting a Book Launch titled "One Man's Battle" published by the son of the ANZAC Veteran Mr. Peter Ford, on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.00pm at the Mezzanine Level of the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. Short videos will be presented on the night. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Ford on 0420 402 832

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The UK-Base Brotherhood of Veterans of the Greek Campaign 1940 – 1941 will host its annual commemoration service in honour of Allied Veterans and their fallen comrades who served in Greece in WWII on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 1.00pm at the Greek Campaign Memo-

rial in Museum Park in Kalamata. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Kalamata Society 23rd March is hosting a Commemorative Service for the 76th Anniversary of the Battle of Kalamata on Sunday 21st May 2016, 12.30pm at the Australian Hellenic Memorial, Domain Gardens, corner Birdwood Avenue & Government House Drive. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865

OFFICIAL PARADE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council is hosting the Official Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday 27th May, 10.00am at the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information please contact Mr. Larry Irwin on 0409 509 610

CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is hosting a Wreath Laying Ceremony for the Battle Of Crete on Saturday 27th May at 11.30am at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736

TRADITIONAL CRETAN GLENDI

The Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne and the Pancretan Association of Melbourne are hosting a Traditional Cretan Glendi on Saturday 27th May 2017 at 7.00pm at the Cretan House, 148 – 150 Nicholson Street East Brunswick. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Papadimitriou on 0411 224 532

CHURCH SERVICE & DOXOLOGY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia are hosting a Church Service and Doxology on Sunday 28th May at 10.00am at the St. Efstathios Cathedral, 221 Dorcas Street South Melbourne. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736

OFFICIAL LUNCHEON

The Pancretan Association of Melbourne and the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting the Official Luncheon in honour of our last surviving ANZAC Crete Veterans on Sunday 28th May 2.00pm at the Members Pavilion at the Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane Wantirna



South. For more information please contact Ms. Mary Vasilakis on 0421 719 482

OLIVE TREE PLANTING

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Victoria – Greece Parliamentary Friendship Committee are hosting an Olive Tree Planting / Plaque Unveiling Ceremony in the Gardens of Parliament House, to honour our fallen ANZAC soldiers and in particular highlight the important bond that exists between Greece and Australia on Thursday 25th May at 5.00pm. For more information please contact Mr. Lee Tarlamis on 0411 553 009

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FLAG HANDING CEREMONY

The City of Stonington and the Society of Kalamata 23rd March are hosting a Flag Handing Ceremony from the Greek Community of Prahran to the City of Prahran highlighting 1940 Greek Day on Saturday 3rd June at 2.00pm at the Greek Australian Memorial at 35 Barry Street South Yarra. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865

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PHOTOGRAPHIC & IMAGE EXHIBITION

The Federation of Messinian Organisations of Melbourne will host a Photographic Exhibition celebrating the formation of the second ANZAC's on Sunday 2nd July 2017 at 3.00pm at the Papaflessa House situated at 2 Gooch Street Thornbury. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865

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PRESENTATION LECTURE

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council is hosting a Presentation Lecture titled "Maleme – Fulcrum of War" by well known historian and author of "Forgotten Anzacs" Dr. Peter Ewer, on Thursday 4th August 2017 at 7.00pm at the Mezzanine Level, Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale street Melbourne. This event is under the Greek Community Lecture series program. For more information please contact Dr. Peter Ewer on 0419 514 939

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PRESENTATION FORUM

The PanMessinian Brotherhood "PAPAFLESSAS" is hosting a Commemorative Presentation Forum on the Peloponnese Battalions in the Battle of Crete highlighting the evacuation of the eight thousand young boys that were sent to Crete, on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.00pm, at the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. For more information please call Mr. Paul Sougleris on 0434 505 642

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LAUNCH MEMORIAL VIRTUAL TOUR

The Federation of Messinian Organisations is hosting a Virtual Hellenic Memorial Tour of all memorials in Melbourne recognising the ANZAC's in Greece, from Oakleigh South, South Yarra, Melbourne, Albert Park, Brunswick, Northcote, Ararat and Ballarat on Sunday 8th October 2017 at 3.00pm at the Greek Centre at 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. For more information please call Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865

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PRESENTATION FORUM

The Thessaloniki Association "White Tower" in conjunction with the Battle of Crete and Greece Commemorative Council are hosting a Presentation Forum by Historian Jim Claven highlighting the Liberation of Thessaloniki in 1944 and to specifically acknowledge the Allied Danish soldier Major Anders Lassen by presenting an award to Melbourne's Danish Community. The event will take place on Sunday 29th October at 4.00pm at the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. For information please contact Mr. Iakovos Garivaldis on 0413 057 426

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COMMEMORATIVE LUNCHEON

The Federation of Messinian Organisations of Melbourne is hosting a Commemorative Dinner in honour of the ANZAC's and their Greek civilian helpers, on Sunday 3rd December 2017 at 5.30pm at Vanilla in the Sky, 17 – 21 Eaton Street, Oakleigh. For more information please call Mr. Jim Grivas on 0407 822 103

BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL

Larry Irwin, (Chairman), **Tony Tsourdalakis**, (Secretary), **Ms. Christina Simandiraki**, Consul General of Greece in Melbourne, **Mr. Stephen Blair**, Consul General of New Zealand in Melbourne, **Mr. Mark Taylor**, Consul General of Britain in Melbourne, **Mr. Milton Stamatakis**, Vice President of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, **Ms. Mary Vasilakis**, President of the Pancretan Association of Melbourne, **Mr. Jim Papadimitriou**, President, of the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne, **Lt. Colonel David Blackwell**, Vice President of the Victorian Returned Services League, **Mr. Chris Widenbar**, from the Shrine of Remembrance, **Mr. Mark Dalton**, from the Department of Veteran Affairs, **Mr. Peter Dourios** President Greek Ex Servicemen Association, **Mrs. Mel Johnson**, Secretary from the 2nd / 2nd Field Regiment, **Mr. Peter Cooksley**, 2nd / 1st Machine Gun Battalion, **Mr. Peter Ford**, President of the New Zealand - Crete Association, **Mrs. Arlene Bennett**, Vice President of the Nurses Memorial Centre, **Mr. Leonidas Vlahakis**, Board Member of the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne, **Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos**, Secretary of the Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation, **Mr. Ange Kenos**, President of the Essendon RSL Sub branch, **Ms. Ann Barker**, Secretary of the Oakleigh - Carnegie RSL Sub branch, **Mr. John Pandazopoulos**, Former Minister of Multicultural Affairs and Former President of the World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Union, **Mr. Lee Tarlamis**, Former Member of Parliament and President of the Lemnos Gallipoli Committee, **Mr. Jim Claven**, Author & Historian, **Dr. Peter Ewer**, Author & Historian, **Mrs. Dina Gerolymou** Author & Journalist, **Mr. Paul Sougleris**, Public Relations Officer, the Panmessinian Brotherhood 'Papaflissas' **Mr. Paul Mavroudis**, President Thessaloniki Association' White Tower, **Ms. Jenny Krasopoulaki**, President of the PanKorinthian Association of Melbourne, **Mr. Jim Saisanas**, President of the Panargoliki Association of Melbourne, **Mr. Theo Kalyvas**, President of the Kalamata Society '23rd March', **Mr. Jim Grivas**, President of the Federation of Messinian Organisations of Victoria, **Ms. Natasha Spanos**, Head of Greek Oakleigh Grammar School



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Anzacs in Crete – 1941