



78TH ANNIVERSARY

BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE

1941 - 2019

2019 VICTORIAN PROGRAM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL

FEBRUARY

CEREMONY

The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Foundation in conjunction with the City of Ballarat are hosting a Commemorative Ceremony on Sunday 3rd February, 11.30am in honour of all the ANZACs Prisoners of War that fell during World War I and World War II. For more information please contact Mr. Bill Bahr on 5331 2000.

MARCH

EXHIBITION & RE ENACTMENT

The Hellenic Military Association with the support of the 2nd / 4th Artillery Regiment are hosting an Exhibition and a re-enactment of the Cretan Resistance during the Second World War. The event is taking place at the Avalon Airfield from Friday 1st March to Sunday 3rd March. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Anagnostou on 0409 354 255.

NATIONAL ART COMPETITION

The Cretan Youth of Australia & New Zealand (CYANZ) are launching the annual National Art Competition which is based around the Battle of Crete titled "Our History through the eyes of the next Generation" on Monday 4th March 2019. All Greek Australian Youth are eligible to take part in the competition and works will be judged on an anonymous basis by a national panel of judges. Entries close on the 1st May, judges voting is closed by the 18th May and the winners will be announced on social media. For more information please contact the CYANZ President Mr. Terry Saviolakis on 0407 316 605.

COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

The Kalamata Society 23rd March is hosting its Commemorative Dinner Dance on Saturday 23rd March, 7.00pm at Malvern Town Hall, Corner Glenferrie Road and High Street, Malvern. For more information please call Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

The PanMessinian Association "PAPAFLESSAS" is hosting its 60th Anniversary Commemorative Dinner Dance on Saturday 23rd March, 7.00pm at Merrimu Receptions, 1300 Dandenong Road, Murrumbeena. For more information please call Mrs Betty Dimitropoulos on 0439 002 202.

APRIL

CEREMONY

The Nurses Memorial Centre is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony to honour those fallen ANZAC Nurses from the 2nd World War on Sunday 14th 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.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL PARADE

The Epping RSL Sub Branch is hosting its Annual Anzac Memorial March on Sunday 14th April at 9.45am. The Parade will leave the Epping Hotel car park at 10.30am and proceed to the Memorial Hall. At the conclusion of the march, a short wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Flag Pole in front of the Memorial Hall. Following this a memorial service will be held at the Epping RSL Sub Branch followed by refreshments. Guest Speaker is Dr. Peter Ewer, Historian & Author of the Forgotten Anzacs. For more information please contact Mr. Terry Power on 9408 1566.

CEREMONY

The Essendon RSL Sub Branch and the City of Moonee Valley are hosting a Commemorative Ceremony to honour those fallen ANZACs from the 2nd World War on Sunday 21st 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.

CEREMONY

The Austin Repatriation Hospital is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony on Wednesday 24th 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 Winter on 9496 2324.

DAWN SERVICE

The Epping RSL Sub Branch are hosting a commemorative ANZAC Dawn Service at the Epping War Memorial on Thursday 25th April at 5.00am, followed by refreshments at the Epping RSL Sub Branch. For more information contact Mr. Kevin Ind 0409 855 765.

DAWN SERVICE

The Oakleigh and Carnegie RSL Sub Branch are hosting a commemorative ANZAC Dawn Service at Oakleigh Cenotaph on Thursday 25th April at 6.00am, followed by refreshments at the Oakleigh RSL Sub Branch. For more information contact Ms. Ann Barker on 0419 552 809.

DAWN SERVICE

The Darebin RSL Sub Branch are hosting a commemorative ANZAC Dawn Service at the All Nations Park Memorial on Thursday 25th April at 6.30am. For more information contact Mr. Robert Cross on 9484 4353.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Ex Servicemen's Association in conjunction with the Shepparton RSL is hosting a Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony for ANZAC Day on Thursday 25th April at 10.30am at the Shepparton Memorial. For more information contact Mr. Peter Dourios on 0408 530 177.

PARADE

Member Organisations of the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council will join the 2nd/2nd Australian Infantry Battalion, the 2nd/6th Australian Infantry Battalion and the 2nd/7th Australian Infantry Battalion on ANZAC Day and lead the groups in the Parade with Traditional Greek costumes on Thursday 25th April at 10.00am at the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information contact Ms. Shirley Devery on 0449 022 820.

MAY

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Oakleigh Grammar School is hosting an early morning School Assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day and the Battle of Crete on Wednesday 1st May at 9.45am in the College Sport Complex. For more information please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

STUDENT FORUM

The Year 11 LOTE Greek Students from Oakleigh Grammar School are participating in an Open Forum hosted by the well known Historian Dr. Peter Ewer titled the " ANZAC involvement in Greece & Crete" on Wednesday 1st May at 11.00am. Dr. Peter Ewer is also the author of the book "The Forgotten ANZACs. For more information please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

PRESENTATION

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative is hosting a Presentation titled " From Lemnos to Salonika: The Hellenic Link to Australia's Anzac Tradition on Thursday 2nd May by Jim Claven at the Kew Golf Club. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Claven on 0409 402 388.

OFFICIAL LECTURE

The Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne in conjunction with the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council are hosting an official lecture on Thursday 2nd May 6.30pm by Historian and Author Dr. Peter Ewer titled "Piniot Gorge, 18th April 1941." For more information please contact Mr. Nick Dallas on 0403 047 063.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Kalamata Society 23rd March is hosting a Commemorative Service for the 78th Anniversary of the Battle of Kalamata on Sunday 5th May 2019 at 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.

SCHOOL COMPETITION

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is launching the 7th Annual Schools Competition on Monday 6th May. For more information please contact Mr. Manuel Karvelas on 0400629597.

TRIBUTE MOVIE NIGHT

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Patrick Lee Fermor Melbourne Branch and with the support of the Cretan Brotherhood and the Pancretan Association are hosting a tribute Movie Night screening the movie " I'll meet by moonlight " which was recorded in Crete, marking the 75th Anniversary of the Abduction of General Kraipe from Crete on 14th May 1944. The movie night will take place on Tuesday 14th May at Palace Cinemas, Balwyn. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Papadimitriou on 0411 224 532 or Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419856736.

OLIVE TREE PLANTATION & PLAQUE UNVEILING

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Epping RSL Sub Branch will be honouring all the ANZAC Greece and Crete men and women from the Shire of Whittlesea with the planting of an Olive Tree and unveiling of a Commemorative Plaque on Friday 24th May 2019 at 11.00am at the Epping Cenotaph in the City of Whittlesea in the presence of the Hellenic Armed Forces. For more information please contact Mr. Kevin Ind on 9408 1566.

TRADITIONAL CRETAN GLENDI

The Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne and the Pancretan Association of Melbourne are hosting a Traditional Cretan Glendi on Saturday 25th May 2019 at 7.00pm at the Cretan House, 148 – 150 Nicholson Street, Brunswick East. For more information please contact Mr. Michael Houdalakis on 0408 855 109.

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 26th 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 PARADE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council is hosting the Official Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating the 78th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete on Sunday 26th May, 11.30am at the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Papadimitriou 0411 224 532.

CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is hosting a Ceremony on Sunday 26th May at 1.00am at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinosopoulos on 0416 020 865.

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 26th May, 2.00pm at the Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane, Wantirna South. For more information please contact Mr. John Nikolakakis on 0413 440 033.

OLIVE TREE VISIT

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Victoria – Greece Parliamentary Friendship Committee are hosting a visit to the ANZAC Olive Tree in the Gardens of Parliament House, in the presence of the Hellenic Armed Forces on Monday 27th May 2019 at 10.00am. For more information please contact Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

JUNE

ANNUAL MEETING

The Womens Auxiliary of the Ringwood RSL invite you to an afternoon meeting of members and friends on Wednesday 5th June at 11.30am at the Ringwood RSL. Guest Speaker is Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis Chairman of the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council. For more information please contact Mrs. Carole Powell on 0407057236.

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

The Year 8 and Year 9 students from Oakleigh Grammar School will be conducting a Pilgrimage to Greece to honour the fallen ANZAC's. Their trip will take place from the 21st June to the 12th July and will entail social, cultural, historical and educational elements. The students will have the opportunity to visit the majority of the Major Commonwealth War Memorials from Thessaloniki in the North down to Crete in the South. For more information please contact Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

JULY

GALLERY EXHIBITION

The Shrine of Remembrance is hosting a Gallery Exhibition titled "Australians and the Underground 1939 – 1945" on Monday 1st July at the South Gallery of the Shrine of Remembrance. The Gallery uncovers the stories of those who through accident or design, found themselves battling the enemy using unconventional means. For more information please contact Mr. Shirley Devery on 0449 022 820.

MEMORIAL UNVEILING

The Lefkadian Cultural Association of Melbourne and the Municipality of Lefkada are hosting the official unveiling of a memorial in the main town dedicated in honour of all the ANZAC soldiers of Lefkadian descent that fought during the 1st and 2nd World Wars. For more information please contact Mrs. Claire Gazis on 0487 222 237.

AUGUST

PLAQUE UNVEILING

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria in conjunction with the Municipality of Chania are hosting the official unveiling of a plaque in the main town of Mournies dedicated in honour of the only ANZAC soldier of Greek descent that died on Crete namely Gunner James Zampelis. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis 0419856736.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee will be hosting its 4th Annual Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Service on Saturday 10th August at 11.00am at the Lemnos Gallipoli Memorial in Albert Park. Service will include keynote address and laying of wreaths. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Claven on 0409 402 388.

OCTOBER

ANZAC ANCESTORS REUNION

The Federation of Messinian Organisations in conjunction with the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council are hosting a Greece & Crete Anzac Ancestors reunion on Sunday 6th October at 2.00pm at the Foyer & courtyard of the Education Centre of the Shrine of Remembrance. An opportunity to meet and greet and share your stories. Entry is Free and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

DOXOLOGY & CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Ex Servicemen's Association in conjunction with the Shepparton RSL Sub Branch are commemorating the 28th October OXI Day for the 2nd World War on Sunday 20th October, 11.00am at the Shepparton Cenotaph. For information please contact Mr. Peter Dourios on 0418 571 800.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is hosting the official School Competition Awards Ceremony at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens on Sunday 20th October at 12.00pm for more information please contact Mr. Manuel Karvelas on 0400 629 597.

DOXOLOGY & CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Ex Servicemen's Association is hosting the Official Doxology and Wreath Ceremony for the 28th October OXI Day on Sunday 27th October, 12.00pm at the Hellenic Memorial in Northcote. For information please contact Mr. Peter Dourios on 0418 571 800.

LIBERATION DAY

The Thessaloniki Association "White Tower" is hosting its Official Liberation of Thessaloniki Day Ceremony on Sunday 27th October at 12.00pm at the Hellenic Heroism Memorial in Northcote. For information please contact Mr. Paul Mavroudis on 0418 353 086.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee will be commemorating the 101st Anniversary of the signing of the Mudros Armistice Commemorative Service at the Sanctuary of the Shrine of Remembrance on Thursday 31st October at 11.30am. This service will include the laying of wreaths and will be preceded by a tree plaque dedicated ceremony in the Shrine grounds. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Claven on 0409 402 388.

DECEMBER

BOOK LAUNCH

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee is hosting the launch of its new major historical publication written by the Secretary Mr. Jim Claven, titled "Lemnos and Gallipoli Revealed. The book commemorates Lemnos' important role in Australia's Gallipoli story. For further information please contact Jim Claven on 0409 402 388.

BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Mr. Dimitris Mihalopoulos, 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. Jan Ravnholt**, Royal Danish Consulate General, **Dr. Rob Webster**, State President RSL, **Mr. John Pandazopoulos**, Former Minister of Multicultural Affairs and Former President of the World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Union.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis (Chairman), **Mr. Jim Papadimitriou** (Secretary), **Mr. Milton Stamatakos**, Vice President of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, **Mr. John Nikolakakis**, President of the Pancretan Association of Melbourne, **Mr. Michael Houdalakis**, President, of the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne, **Mr. Peter Dourios**, President of the Australian Greek Ex Servicemen's Association, **Mrs. Shirley Devery**, Secretary of the 2nd / 6th Australian Infantry Battalion, **Mr Lachlan Mc Pherson**, President of the 2nd / 2nd Field Regiment, **Mr. Peter Cooksley**, 2nd / 1st Machine Gun Battalion, **Mr. Peter Ford**, President of the New Zealand - Crete Association, **Mr. Jorge Menidis**, Chief Executive Officer, 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 Kevin Ind**, President Epping RSL Sub Branch, **Mr Bill Bahr**, Chairman National Ex-Prisoners of War Foundation, **Mr Robert Cross**, President Darebin RSL Sub-Branch, **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 Mavroudis**, President of the Thessaloniki Association 'White Tower', **Mr. Theo Kalyvas**, President of the Kalamata Society '23rd March', **Mr. Jim Grivas**, President of the Federation of Messinian Organisations of Victoria, **Ms. Natasa Spanos**, Hellenic Cultural Co-ordinator, Oakleigh Grammar School, **Mrs. Betty Dimitropoulos**, Public Relations Officer - of the Panmessinian Brotherhood "Papaflessas", **Mr. Jim Anagnostou**, President, Hellenic Military Historical Society, **Mrs. Clare Gazis**, Secretary, Lefkadian Cultural Association, **Mrs Effie Kranitis**, Public Relations Officer, Central Pontian Association, Pontiaki Estia.



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