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THESSALONIKI ASSOCIATION  
"THE WHITE TOWER"

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## Events Program 2016

THESSALONIKI ASSOCIATION "THE WHITE TOWER"

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Sister-City Relationship MELBOURNE - THESSALONIKI

Date	Details
Sunday 6 November 2016 3.00 pm	<b>Art Exhibition</b> Three prominent artists will be showcasing their works at this year's Art Exhibition. They are Mary Kalaitzis, John Papageorgiou and Paraskevas Mavrianos. At the club rooms – 439 high Street Northcote Vic 3070. Entry is free and refreshments will be served.
Sunday 13 November 2016 3.00 pm	<b>Anzac Tribute</b> "To Hell and Back - Anzac POW's, Escapers, their Greek Helpers and the Thessaloniki POW Camp during the Second World War" A keynote Address given by Historian Jim Claven. Jim is the Secretary of the Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee, Member, Battle of Crete and the Greek Campaign Commemorative Council (Australia) and an Honorary Member of our Association. This Tribute is presented in association with the Battle of Crete and the Greek Campaign Commemorative Council (Australia)

	<p>and the Greek Community of Melbourne.          Greek Community Centre          168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Vic 3000          Entry is free and refreshments will be served.</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>20 November 2016</b>  <b>3.00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote Address – Asia Minor</b>          A keynote address given by Dr Vasilis Sarafidis who is currently the Assistant Professor of Econometrics at Monash University &amp; a member of the board of the Australian Institute for Macedonian Studies.          This event is presented in association with the Hellenic Women’s Cultural Association - Estia and the Greek Community of Melbourne.          Greek Community Centre          168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Vic 3000          Entry is free and refreshments will be served.</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b>  <b>26 November 2016</b>  <b>7.30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Annual Dinner Dance</b>          Following last year’s success, our Dinner Dance this year, will again be held at Normanby House Reception.          Come and join us and our VIPs from both Greece and Australia, at this year’s celebrations and dance the night away, with our hosts Tony and Christina Tsoundalakis and enjoy the gastronomical delights of Normanby House Reception.          22-24 Normanby Avenue Thornbury Vic 3071.          Please contact our Secretary or the event coordinator Niki Koukoula on 0417 578 492 for tickets.</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>27 November 2016</b>  <b>12.00 noon</b></p>	<p><b>Federation Square Festival</b>          The Association’s Festival this year will again feature artists, musicians and dancers from Greece and Australia and will also include many more stalls. The Festival will be presented not only to honour our beloved Thessaloniki but also to highlight the beauty of Melbourne, the city which we have chosen to call home.          The Festivities will commence in the centre of Melbourne (city square), with a parade of musicians and dancers who will sing, dance and entertain the crowds along the route to Federation Square.          When these groups reach Federation Square, they will entertain the crowd by performing on the main stage. These entertainers as well as many more artistic and cultural groups will showcase the rich culture and traditions that Greece is renowned for. Official guests from both Greece and Australia will speak at the Festival.          A detailed program will be released closer to the day.</p>

	<p>The Festival is presented with the support of the City of Melbourne, the City of Thessaloniki, the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the Victorian Multicultural Commission. Our major commercial sponsor this year is the Delphi Bank and our support sponsors are Neos Kosmos, the Greek Media Group: Ta Nea and Radio 3XY.</p> <p>Our Association is proud to support Mr Mathew Satios’ efforts to raise money for research into providing treatment options for individuals suffering from Alzheimer’s disease within the ageing Greek-Australian community. Mathew will be riding from Melbourne to Canberra, starting on the day of the 32nd Sister-Cities Festival at Federation Square over a period of eight days (approximately 750km) with his support team to raise money for the ageing Greek-Australian community on behalf of Alzheimer’s Australia. (Please see Appendix A for more details)</p> <p>Federation Square          Corner Swanston &amp; Flinders Streets Melbourne Vic 3000.          Free event.</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>4 December 2016</b>  <b>2.00 pm – 4.00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b>          The Annual General Meeting of the Thessaloniki Association “The White Tower” will be held today.          At the club rooms – 439 high Street Northcote Vic 3070.          Entry is free and refreshments will be served.</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>4 December 2016</b>  <b>4.15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote Address</b>          Mr Spyros Korosidis will be speaking on “The contribution of the Macedonians in the 1821 Revolution”.          At the club rooms – 439 high Street Northcote Vic 3070.          Entry is free and refreshments will be served.</p>

## Appendix A

The Thessaloniki Association “The White Tower” is proud to support Mr Mathew Satios’ efforts to raise money for research into providing treatment options for individuals suffering from Alzheimer’s disease within the ageing Greek-Australian community.

Mathew is a clinical neuropsychologist and psychology-teaching associate at Monash University. He is currently in the process of completing his PhD at Monash University, in conjunction with their academic partner, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Mathew's PhD will result in the development of an extensive range of tests to accurately diagnose diseases that are observed in the ageing process (such as dementia), provide treatment to options to disease sufferers and support their family members through this process.

At present, tests used to assess Greek-Australian migrants are not appropriate and have been reported to result in misdiagnosis. Mathew's hope is to establish a memory clinic specifically for the ageing Greek-Australian community to ensure that Greek elders receive the best possible standard of care should they encounter any form of dementia.

As part of his efforts to raise money for this very under resourced area of study, Mathew will be riding from Melbourne to Canberra over a period of eight days (approximately 750km) with his support team to raise money for the ageing Greek-Australian community on behalf of Alzheimer's Australia.

Mathew will set off on his ride from Melbourne on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of November**, during the opening ceremony of the Thessaloniki Association "The White Tower" 32<sup>nd</sup> Sister-Cities festival and arrive at Parliament House in Canberra where he will be greeted with a welcoming reception organised by Federal MP, Ms Maria Vamvakinou. While in Canberra, Mathew will act as an advocate on behalf of the ageing Greek Australian community and increase awareness in the area of multicultural healthcare issues.



## SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Major sponsors of the Program of Events are the City of Melbourne, the City of Thessaloniki, the Victorian Multicultural Commission, the Victorian Government, the Ministry of Macedonia and Thrace in Thessaloniki and our major commercial sponsor is the Delphi Bank in Australia.

Supporters of the Program of Events are the Greek Community of Melbourne, Hellenic Writers' Association, Greek-Australian Cultural League of Melbourne, Diasporic Literature Spot, Neos Kosmos and the Greek Media Group: Radio 3XY and Ta Nea.



## MORE INFORMATION

We would like to encourage all our members to participate in all the activities mentioned above in the Program of Events that our Association is organising. We would also like to advise our members and the general public to use public transport to come to the events as parking is very limited as well as expensive. It is also a way in which the Association complies with the city's environmental policy. After each event, we would encourage our members to fill out a survey form which can be accessed by visiting our website – <http://thessaloniki.org.au>. This feedback, which could be positive or otherwise, will assist our organisation in developing bigger and better activities and events in the future.

*For further information please contact our Association at – [events@thessaloniki.org.au](mailto:events@thessaloniki.org.au) or by ringing the event co-ordinators Niki Koukoula on 0417 578492 or Vicki Sagiakou on 0431 198382 as well as our Public Relations Officer Iakovos Garivaldis on 0413 057426.*