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THESSALONIKI ASSOCIATION
"THE WHITE TOWER"

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Events Program 2014

THESSALONIKI ASSOCIATION "THE WHITE TOWER"

30TH Anniversary Sister-City Relationship MELBOURNE - THESSALONIKI

Date	Details
Sunday 18 May 2014 – 2.00 pm	Mother's Day - The Association's annual celebration of Mather's Day, where members who are mothers attend for free and others pay \$30. The event is held at our premises at 439 High Street, Northcote 3070. Open to the public. Bookings through the Event Co-ordinator, Niki Koukoula.
Tuesday 16 September 2014 – 6.00 pm	Lecture - "The Jews of Thessaloniki", a Cocktail Reception and lecture in English given by the wife of the Ambassador of Greece in Australia, Mrs Eyvah T. Dafaranou and Dr Helen Light (of Jewish decent). This event will be held at the Victorian Parliament and is by invitation only. It is conducted in association with the Jewish Community Council of Victoria.
Saturday 1st and Sunday 2 nd November 2014 – All Day	Taking part and supporting the Oakleigh Greek Community GLENDI FESTIVAL. Thessaloniki Association is asking its members to come and be part of this Festival and support the stall we're going to be holding.

Saturday 1 November 2014 – All day	Excursion/picnic for Greek Schools – Red Hill. Thessaloniki Association in co-operation with the Dept of Education and the Victorian Modern Greek Teachers Association are organising a cultural/educational excursion/ picnic for students who are studying Modern Greek. The students will participate in various activities during the day with the ultimate goal of experiencing the language, history and culture of Greece.
Sunday 9 November 2014 – 2.00 pm	Art Exhibition - Art Exhibition by two exceptional artists, both from Thessaloniki, Mr Paraskevas Mavrianou and the Secretary of our Association, Mr John Papageorgiou. Mr Mavrianos predominantly paints landscapes in oils and Mr Papageorgiou paints in both oils and acrylic. The Exhibition will be officially opened by Mrs Jenny Mikakos MP, Victorian Member of Parliament and will be held at our Association's premises at 439 High Street, Northcote, 3070. This event is open to the public and entry is free.
Sunday 16 November 2014 (04:00pm)	Lecture - "The ANZACS in Thessaloniki during World War 1" is the title of the Lecture which will be given in English by Jim Claven – historian. The event will be presented by the Hon John Pandazopoulos MP, Victorian Member of Parliament and will be conducted in association with the Pontian Community. There will also be a photographic exhibition at the same time depicting images of the eras of WWI & WWII. The Event will take place at the Ajani Community Hall, 284 Thompson's Rd, Lower Templestowe.
Thursday 20 – Friday 21 November 2014	Exhibition of Businesses from Melbourne and Thessaloniki - The Thessaloniki Association in co-operation with The Hellenic-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HACCI) is arranging an Exhibition at the Melbourne Town Hall whereby businesses from both Melbourne and Thessaloniki will participate in product and services exchange and ideas. Further details will be announced soon.
Saturday 22 November 2014 – 7.30 pm	Annual Dinner Dance - The Thessaloniki Association "The White Tower" in co-operation with the Pontiaki Estia is organising the Annual Dinner Dance at the luxurious Stars International, 1C Bell Street, Preston. Come and join us at the 30 th Anniversary of the sister city relationship between Melbourne and Thessaloniki, the two cities which are entrenched in our hearts and celebrate with us as only we can. We want all our members to participate as this is a significant milestone which will not be repeated. For tickets please contact our Secretary or the event co-ordinators Niki Koukoula and Vicki Sagiakou. Following the decision by our Executive on 13 May 2014, the proceeds of the event will go to the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria for the building of the new complex in the centre of Melbourne. This

	being the Association's contribution to this magnificent project which will be the pride of the Greek Community.
Sunday 23 November 2014 - 2.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Festival - This year our Association's Festival will be most impressive and more comprehensive with the participation of chefs and musicians from Greece and with lots more stalls. It will be presented in such a way that it will not only honour our beloved Thessaloniki but also highlight the beauty of Melbourne, the city which we chose to call home. The Festival will commence in the centre of Melbourne (city square), with a parade of musicians and dancers who will sing, dance and entertain all the people of Melbourne. When these groups reach Federation Square – the festivities will begin. This year we have the perfect opportunity to show the people of Melbourne that Thessaloniki and Melbourne are truly sister cities and that we should not forget this. The full details of the Program for the 30th Anniversary Festival will be announced closer to the day. The event of course is free and open to the public to enjoy.
Sunday 30 November 2014 – 4.00 pm	Lecture - The Lecture "The Refugees from Pontos" is presented in association with the Pontiaki Estia. It will be held at their premises at 540 Sydney Road, Brunswick. There will also be a photographic exhibition presented at the same time. The event is open to the public.



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, the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Delphi Bank in Australia and the Bank of Sydney.

Supporters of the Program of Events are the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria, the Hellenic-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HACCI), Pontiaki Estia, Pontian Community, Greek Media Group and Radio 3XY, Greek

newspapers “Neos Kosmos” and “Ta Nea” and the Jewish Community Council of Victoria.



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.

The program for the Festival at Federation Square as well as the Dinner Dance is jointly organised by Nikos Papaefthimiou and Dean Liakos with their dancing groups from the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria and OPA respectively. The Association appreciates their contribution and their willingness to participate in our events for 2014.

For further information please contact our Association at – 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.