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Dear Members,

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We hope you are all well. We are writing to you to inform you about the upcoming commemorations of the Battle of Crete to be held in Sydney.

BATTLE OF CRETE COCKTAIL PARTY

The Cretan Association in collaboration with the Consulate General of Greece in Sydney is holding a presentation and commemorative cocktail party on Friday 17 May 2024 at 6:00pm at the Auditorium of the Anzac Memorial, in Hyde Park in Sydney's CBD. On this night, we will be welcoming to Sydney our guest of honour Vice Admiral Christos Sasiakos, Deputy Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff who is travelling to Australia for the Battle of Crete Commemorations along with Lieutenant Commander Stylianos Mitsiotis, Staff Officer of Public Relations Directorate of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff. The night will feature a presentation by author Craig Collie who wrote the book "Where the Flaming Hell Are We?", a best-selling story of the fight for Greece and Crete - through the first-hand testimonies of soldiers.

BATTLE OF CRETE CENOTAPH CEREMONY

On Saturday 18 May 2024 at 1:45pm, the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held at the Martin Place Cenotaph Monument. We urge all our members and dancing groups to attend this important event to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Crete. All dancing students are to be at the Cenotaph Monument by 1:30pm in full traditional costumes.

BATTLE OF CRETE ANNUAL BALL

As part of its 65th anniversary celebrations, the Cretan Association of Sydney and New South Wales is proud to present its Annual Ball to commemorate the Battle of Crete. The event will be held on Saturday 18 of May 2024 at the Grand Vaudeville Reception Centre, 178 Eldridge Road Condell Park. The night will feature live Cretan music by YIANNIS GIANNAKAKIS (Lyra) and STELIOS PAPADAKIS (Lute) from Crete. The night will feature a beautiful 4 course meal, unlimited beer, wine & soft drinks and performances by the Cretan Association's dancing groups. Tickets are \$120 for adults and \$60 for children and can be purchased on <https://www.trybooking.com/CQGPA>. Book your tickets soon to avoid disappointment. We hope you can join us for an unforgettable evening.



MAJOR RAFFLE

The Cretan Association is holding a major raffle to support the commemorations for the Battle of Crete and the celebrations for the Cretan Association's 65th Anniversary. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday the 18th of May at the Cretan Association's Annual Ball at the Grand Vaudeville Reception Centre. The First Prize is \$5000 CASH, 2nd Prize is \$3000 CASH and 3rd Prize is \$2000 CASH! Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased on www.trybooking.com/CQYXR.

BATTLE OF CRETE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday 19 May 2024 at 9:00am, a Church Service and Doxology will be held at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady, 242 Cleveland Street, Redfern. We urge all our members and dancing groups to attend this important event to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Crete. All dancing students are to be at the Cathedral by 9:00am in full traditional costumes.

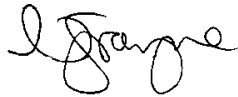
BATTLE OF CRETE ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday 26 May 2024 at 10:45am, a Church Service will be held at the Garrison Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 60 Lower Fort Street, Millers Point. We urge all our members and dancing groups to attend this important event to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Crete. All dancing students are to be at the church by 10:45am in full traditional costumes.

We wish you and your families a blessed lent and Happy Easter!



Emmanuel Vitetzakis
President



Nectaria Frayne
Secretary

**On behalf of the Executive Committee of the
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