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Dear Members,

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We hope you are all well. We are pleased to inform you about our upcoming events, including some exciting news about our 65th Anniversary!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Friday the 9th of August 2024 at 7:00pm, the Cretan Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting at Ashbury Senior Citizen's Centre, 66 Princess Street, Ashbury. We urge all members to attend this important meeting. Please see the attached notice for the agenda of the meeting and explanation of the proposed changes to the constitution.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS & MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

On Friday the 23rd of August 2024 from 7:00pm-10:00pm, the Cretan Association will be holding its Annual Elections at Ashbury Senior Citizen's Centre, 66 Princess Street, Ashbury. We urge all members to attend this evening to elect the new 2024-2025 Executive and Audit Committees. Members can also renew their memberships for the September 2024 – August 2025 period on this night. Membership fees are \$15.00 per person. If you cannot attend the elections, you can make payment of membership in a number of ways:

Cheque: By mailing a cheque to the Cretan House

Electronic Bank Transfer: BSB: 112-879 | Account Number: 006-384-674

Account Name: The Cretan Association of Sydney & NSW

Reference: Your name / last name

(Please note our bank details have recently changed)

If you are interested in a position on the 2024-2025 Executive Committee or the 2024-2025 Audit Committee, please complete the attached nomination form and submit it to a member of the Election Committee or email it to secretary@cretannsw.com.au. Nomination forms must be submitted by 10:00pm on Friday the 16th of August. A member of the Election Committee will be at Ashbury Senior Citizen's Centre until 10:00pm to collect nomination forms.



SAINT TITUS OF CRETE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

We invite all our members and friends to celebrate the feast day of the Cretan Association's Patron Saint: Saint Titus of Crete. A special service will be held from 9am on Sunday 25th August 2024 at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, 242 Cleveland Street, Surry Hills. Last year His Eminence, Archbishop Evgenios II of Crete gifted the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand an icon of Saint Titus of Crete in the hope that he becomes a Patron Saint of one of the Cretan organisations in Australia. Last year, the President & National Executive of the Federation decided to gift the icon to the Cretan Association of Sydney with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia. We hope you can attend this special service.

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT: FOLKLORIC DANCE GROUP "TZANIDAKIS" **WILL TOUR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE IN NOVEMBER 2024**

We are excited to announce that the Folkloric Group "Tzanidakis" from Crete have accepted the invitation from the Pancretan Association of Melbourne - Australia and the Cretan Association of Sydney & New South Wales to visit Sydney and Melbourne in November 2024!

The 12-person delegation from the Folkloric Group "Tzanidakis" will travel to Sydney and Melbourne in November 2024 to participate in various events commemorating the 158th Anniversary of the Holocaust of Arkadi Monastery. Their visit also marks the 65th Anniversary of the Cretan Association, the 10th Anniversary of the Folkloric Group "Tzanidakis" and the 100th Anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia. The delegation will consist of its President and Dance Director Christos Tzanidakis accompanied by his wife Olga Kostaki as well as Dance Members: Ioakeim Lagoudakis, Koralia Doukaki, Theonymfi Kyriotaki, Ioannis Giakoumakis, Vasiliki Perakaki, Anna Manousaki, Sofia Klapsinou, Emmanouil Tzanidakis, Emmanouil Spantidakis and Alexandros Barmpounis.

The Folkloric Group Tzanidakis was established in 2015 by its leader and dance director Christos Tzanidakis with the vision to contribute to the promotion, education and enhancement of the Cretan culture and traditions to the next generations by teaching Cretan dances, songs, music, costumes and anything that is associated with Cretan folklore. The Cretan Association of Sydney will be proud to host them in its 65th Anniversary as it has had the same aims and objectives since its establishment in 1959.

On Saturday the 9 November 2024, the Cretan Association will be holding a major dinner dance which is being held to commemorate the Holocaust of Arkadi Monastery and celebrate the Cretan Association's 65th Anniversary! In addition to the visiting dancing group, present on the night will be well known Cretan musicians Konstantinos Kakoudakis (lyra and vocals) from Ethia Irakliou, Mihalis Petsakis (lute and vocals) from Viannos Irakliou and Stelios Stamatogianakis (lute and



vocals) from Akoumia in Rethymno. We invite all our members and friends to this event where we will celebrate this milestone.

More information will be announced shortly.

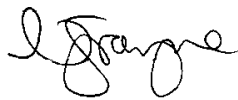
We would like to thank the Region of Crete and the various businesses and families that have supported the dance group and musicians tour of Australia.

As this is the final newsletter of the outgoing Executive Committee before a new Executive Committee is elected, we would like to thank all our members, friends and families who have assisted us during this year.

Kind regards,



Emmanuel Vitetzakis
President



Nectaria Frayne
Secretary

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