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# BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE

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BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL

## FEBRUARY

### CEREMONY

The Trustees of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial in conjunction with the City of Ballarat are hosting the 18th Anniversary Service of the Memorial, which will be held as a virtual service on Sunday 13th February at 11:00am, in honour of all Prisoners of War that have served Australia. The service can be viewed live at [www.powmemorialballarat.com.au](http://www.powmemorialballarat.com.au). For more information please contact Memorial Trustee Mr. Bill Bahr on 0419 500 983.

## APRIL

### CONFERENCE

Military History and Heritage Victoria is convening a two-day conference that will examine the contribution of Australia's Army, Navy and Air Force to Allied operations and campaigns in the Mediterranean Theatre over 1940-1945. The conference will be held on Sunday 9th and Saturday 10th April, at the Waverley RSL Sub-Branch, 161 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

### CEREMONY

The Austin Repatriation Hospital is holding an Anzac Day service, including a commemoration for 81st Anniversary for the Battle of Crete with a Ceremony on Friday 22nd April at 10.30am, in honour of the ANZACs that fell that were connected to the Hospital, in the Remembrance Garden, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, 300 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg Heights. For more information please contact Mr. Robert Winther on 9496 2324.

### ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

The Australian Greek Ex Servicemen's Association in conjunction with the Shepparton RSL Sub Branch are commemorating ANZAC Day with a Dawn Service on Monday 25th April at 6.00am at the Shepparton Cenotaph. For information please contact Mr. Peter Dourios on 0408 530 177.

### ANZAC DAY DAWN & COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES – RSL SUB BRANCHES

The following RSL sub-branches, with affiliation to the Battle of Crete and Greece Commemorative Council, will hold respective ANZAC Day Dawn and Commemorative services. For more information contact the respective RSL sub-branches below:

- Essendon RSL Sub Branch – Mr Ange Kenos, 0408 999 003
- Darebin RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Robert Cross, 9484 4353
- Epping RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Kevin Ind, 9408 1556
- Oakleigh & Carnegie RSL Sub Branch – Ms. Ann Barker, 9568 0407
- Boronia RSL Sub Branch – Mr Rod Canobie, 9762 2314
- Ballarat RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Alan Douglass, 5332 3300
- Pascoe Vale RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Tom Parkinson, 9354 6364
- Ringwood RSL Sub Branch – Col David Jamieson on 9870 6604

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Oakleigh Grammar School is hosting a School Assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day and the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Wednesday 27th April at 10.30am, in the School Sport Complex. For more information please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

## MAY

### COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Society of Kalamata 23rd March is hosting a Commemorative Service for the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of Kalamata on Sunday 1st May 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 13th Annual Schools Competition on Monday 2nd May. For more information please contact Mr. Manuel Karvelas on 0400 629 597 or Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

### PHOTO EXHIBITION

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand in conjunction with the Historical Museum of Crete and with the support of the Region of Crete is presenting its major exhibition from Crete to Melbourne titled "Crete in 1821". The exhibition will be launched on Thursday 19th May at Queens Hall, in Parliament House at 6.30pm by the Leader of the State opposition the Hon Mathew Guy MP, the Governor of Crete Mr. Stavros Arnaoutakis and the Director of the Historical Museum of Crete Mr. Agisilaos Kaloutsakis. The Exhibition will run for approximately five days before its presented in Sydney. For more information contact the President of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis, on 0419 856 736.

### MOVIE

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand in conjunction with the Region of Crete are proud to present the movie titled "Κρουσώνας - Στα χνάρια του Καπετάν Σατανά" which is based on the resistance of Crete during the WWII. The movie was produced by Cycles Film and directed by Mrs. Viki Arlelaki. The movie will be screened at Palace Cinemas Balwyn, 231 Whitehorse Road Balwyn on Friday 20th May at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

### TRADITIONAL CRETAN GLENDI

The Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne and the Pancretan Association of Melbourne are hosting a Traditional Cretan Glendi on Saturday 21st May at 7.00pm, at the Cretan House, 148 Nicholson Street, Brunswick East. For more information please contact Mr. Milton Stamatakos on 0408 315 070.

### 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 a Doxology in the presence of His Eminence Archbishop of Australia MAKARIOS commemorating the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of Crete, on Sunday 22nd May at 10.00am, at St. Eustathios Cathedral, 221 Dorcas Street South Melbourne. For more information please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

### BATTLE OF CRETE PARADE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council are hosting the Official Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 22nd May 11.30am, at the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Papadimitriou 0411 224 532.

### BATTLE OF CRETE CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is hosting a Ceremony on Sunday 22nd May at 12.30pm at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

### BATTLE OF CRETE OFFICIAL LUNCHEON

The Pancretan Association of Melbourne and the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting the Official Battle of Crete Commemorative Luncheon in honour of our last surviving ANZAC Crete Veterans and their families commemorating the 81st Anniversary for the Battle of Crete on Sunday 22nd May at 2.00pm, at the Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane Wantirna South. For more information please contact Mr. Emanuel Starakis on 0408 246 722.

### DISCUSSION FORUM

The Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand in conjunction with the Hellenic Armed Forces are hosting a discussion forum led by the senior visiting representative of the Hellenic Armed Forces on Monday 23rd May at 7.00pm, at the Greek Community Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

### LECTURE

The Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne are hosting a lecture by Professor Peter Monteath, titled "The Battle of 42nd Street", Thursday 26th May at 6.30pm, at the Greek Community Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

## AUGUST

### CEREMONY

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee will be hosting its official Service on Saturday 13th August at 11:30am, at the Lemnos Gallipoli Memorial, Lemnos Square, Foote Street Albert Park. For more information please contact Mr. Lee Tarlamis on 0411 553 009.

## OCTOBER

### OXI DAY DOXOLOGY & CEREMONY

The Australian Greek Ex Servicemen's Association in conjunction with the Shepparton RSL Sub Branch are commemorating the 28th October OXI Day for World War II on Sunday 23rd October at 11.00am at the Shepparton Cenotaph. For information please contact Mr. Peter Dourios on 0408 530 177.

### 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 23rd October at 11.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Manuel Karvelas on 0400 629 597 or Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

### DOXOLOGY & CEREMONY

The Australian Greek Ex Servicemen's Association is hosting the Official Doxology and Wreath Ceremony for the 28th October OXI Day on Sunday 30th October at 12.00pm, at the Hellenic Memorial in Northcote. For information please contact Mr. Peter Dourios on 0408 530 177.

### LIBERATION DAY

The Thessaloniki Association "White Tower" is hosting its Official Liberation of Thessaloniki Day Ceremony on Sunday 30th October, at the Hellenic Memorial in Northcote. For information please contact Mr. Paul Mavroudis on 0418 353 086.

### CEREMONY

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee is hosting a Commemorative Service for the Armistice of Moudros at the Shrine of Remembrance on Monday 31st October. The Commemorative Service will commence at 11.45am and people are asked to assemble at the Lemnos Tree in the WW1 Section of the Shrine Grounds located behind the large flag poles at 11.15am. For more information please contact Mr. Lee Tarlamis on 0411 553 009.

## NOVEMBER

### ENVELOPE LAUNCH

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand in conjunction with the Australia Post are launching the Commemorative Envelope and accompanied by the Commemorative Medal marking the 80th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete in honour of the ANZAC's that fought and fell in Crete. The Envelope and Medal will be officially launched nationally on the 11th November which is the Remembrance Day. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

## PATRONS:

**His Grace Bishop of Sozopolis KYRIAKOS**, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Melbourne District, **His Grace Bishop of Kerasountos EVMENIOS**, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Northcote District, **Mr. Emmanuel Kakavelakis**, Consul General of Greece in Melbourne, **Mrs. Vanessa O'Neil**, Consul General of New Zealand in Melbourne, **Mr. Steph Lysaght**, 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 InterParliamentary Union.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Jim Papadimitriou** (Chairman), **Mrs. Natasha Spanos** (Secretary), **Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis**, President, Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, **Mr. Manolis Starakis**, President, Pancretan Association of Melbourne, **Mr. Milton Stamatakos**, President, Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne, **Mr. Peter Dourios**, President Greek Ex Servicemen's Association, **Mrs. Shirley Devery**, Secretary, 2nd / 6th Australian Infantry Battalion, **Mr. Peter Ford**, President, New Zealand - Crete Association, **Mr. Jorge Menidis**, Chief Executive Officer, Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne, **Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos**, Secretary, Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation, **Mr. Lee Tarlamis**, President, Lemnos Gallipoli Committee, **Dr. Peter Ewer**, Author & Historian, **Mrs. Dina Gerolymou**, Author & Journalist, **Mr. Paul Mavroudis**, President Thessaloniki Association 'White Tower', **Mr. Sam Vlachos**, President, Kalamata Society '23rd March', **Mr. Jim Grivas**, President, Federation of Messinian Organisations of Victoria, **Mrs. Steve Gotsis**, President, Pammessinian Brotherhood Papaflessas, **Mrs. Effie Kranitis**, Marketing Director, Australian Federation of Pontian Associations.

## AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS:

Shrine of Remembrance, Australian National Ex-Prisoners of War Foundation, 2nd / 2nd Australian Field Regiment, Victorian Ex-Prisoners of War & Relatives Association, 2nd / 1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion, Nurses Memorial Centre, 2nd / 7th Australian Infantry Battalion, 2nd / 8th Australian Infantry Battalion, Essendon RSL Sub Branch, Darebin RSL Sub Branch, Epping RSL Sub Branch, Oakleigh – Carnegie RSL Sub Branch, Boronia RSL Sub Branch, Hellenic Military Historical Society, the Austin Repatriation Hospital, City of Greater Shepparton, Municipality of Ballarat, Municipality of Platania, Village of Mournies.



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Anzacs in Crete - 1941