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**BATTLE OF  
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2024 VICTORIAN PROGRAM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL

## FEBRUARY

### CEREMONY

The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Foundation in conjunction with the City of Ballarat are hosting a Commemorative Ceremony on Sunday 11th of February 2024 at 11:30am, in honour of all the ANZACs Prisoners of War that fell during World War I and World War II. For more information, please contact Mr. Bill Bahr on 0419 500 983.

## APRIL

### PARADE

The Ringwood RSL is hosting a parade to commemorate ANZAC Day on Sunday 21st of April 2024 at 9:30am. The meeting point is at Ringwood Square (corner New Street and Maroondah Highway to the service at the Clock Tower Memorial) and march along Maroondah Highway ending up at the Sub Branch. Following the conclusion of the service light refreshments will be served at the Sub Branch. For more information, please contact Ms. Shirley Devery on 0449 022 820.

### COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The Society of Kalamata 23rd March is hosting a Commemorative Service for the 83rd Anniversary of the Battle of Kalamata on Sunday 21st of April 12:30pm, at the Australian Hellenic Memorial, Domain Gardens, corner Birdwood Avenue & Government House Drive Melbourne. For more information, please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

### CEREMONY

The Nurses Memorial Centre is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony to honour those fallen ANZAC Nurses from the World War II on Sunday 21st of April 2024 at 2:00pm, at the Nurses Memorial, 431 St. Kilda Road Melbourne. For more information, please contact Mrs. Liz Allwood on 0429 602 144.

### CEREMONY

The Austin Repatriation Hospital is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony on Wednesday 24th of April 2024 at 10:30am, in honour of all the ANZACs that fell that were connected to the Hospital, at the Memorial Plaque, Waterdale Road Heidelberg West. For more information, please contact Mr. Robert Winter on 9496 2324.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Oakleigh Grammar School is hosting a School Assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day and the Battle of Crete on Wednesday 24th of April 2024 at 11:30am, in the College Sport Complex. For more information, please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783

## 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 on Thursday 25th of April 2024.

For more information, please contact the respective RSL sub-branches below:

- Ballarat RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Alan Douglass, 5332 3300
- Boronia RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Rod Canobie, 9762 2314
- Coburg RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Michael Pianta, 9386 2171
- Darebin RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Robert Cross, 9484 4353
- Epping RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Kevin Ind, 9408 1556
- Keilor East RSL Sub Branch – Mr. John V. Johnson, 9337 7245
- Oakleigh & Carnegie RSL Sub Branch – Ms. Ann Barker, 9568 0407
- Prahran RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Rod Coote, 9510 3888
- Pascoe Vale RSL Sub Branch – Mr. William Reid, 9354 6364
- Ringwood RSL Sub Branch – Col David Jamison, 9870 6604
- Shepparton RSL Sub Branch – Mr. Bob Wilkie on 58204100

### PARADE

Committee members of the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council will join 2/2 Field Regiment Association at the official ANZAC Parade on Thursday 25th of April 2024 at 9:30am, at the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information, please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

## MAY

### OFFICIAL LECTURE

The Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne in conjunction with the Battle of Crete and Greece Commemorative Council in Victoria is hosting an official lecture on Thursday 23rd of May at 7:00pm titled "From Imbros over the Sea: Imbros and Gallipoli Revealed". The lecture will be presented by the Historian Mr. Jim Claven. For more information, please contact Mr. Nick Dallas on 0403 047 063.

### OFFICIAL COMMEMORATIVE RECEPTION

The Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne and the Pancretan Association of Melbourne under the auspices of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand are hosting the Official ANZAC Commemorative Reception in honour of our ANZAC Crete Veterans & their Families on Friday 24th of May at 7:00pm, at the Cretan House, 148 – 150 Nicholson Street Brunswick East. For more information, please contact Mr. Milton Stamatakos on 0408 315 070.

### OFFICIAL PARADE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria are hosting the Official Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating the 83rd Anniversary for the Battle of Crete on Saturday 25th of May 2024 at 11:30am, at the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information, please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

### CEREMONY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria in conjunction with the Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation are hosting a Ceremony commemorating the 83rd Anniversary for the Battle of Crete on Saturday 25th of May 2024 at 12:30pm at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens Melbourne. For more information, please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.



### TRADITIONAL CRETAN GLENDI

The Pancretan Association of Melbourne and the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting a Traditional Cretan Glendi on Saturday 25th of May 2024 at 7:00pm, at the Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane Wantirna South with live Musicians from Crete Yiannis Yiannakakis and Stelios Papadakis. For more information, please contact Ms. Aggie Mihelakis on 0439 324 445.

### CHURCH SERVICE & DOXOLOGY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia are hosting a Church Service and a Doxology commemorating the 83rd Anniversary for the Battle of Crete, on Sunday 26th of May 2024 at 10:00am, at The Transfiguration Our Lord, 45 Poplar Street Thomastown. The Service will be presided by His Grace Bishop of Kerasounta EVMENIOS. For more information, please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

### MEMORIAL OPENING

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia are hosting the official Opening of the ANZAC Hellenic Memorial of Northern Suburbs in the presence of His Grace Bishop of Kerasounta EVMENIOS, on Sunday 26th of May 2024 at 12:00pm, at The Transfiguration Our Lord, 45 Poplar Street Thomastown. The Plaque that will be unveiled is dedicated to the ANZACs in Greece with reference to the ANZACs in Macedonia, Lemnos and Crete. For more information, please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

## JUNE

### DOXOLOGY & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Pammessinian Brotherhood, "Papaflessas" is hosting a Doxology following by a Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating the Battle of Maniaki on Sunday 2nd of June 2024 at Holy Monastery of "Axion Estin", 7 Hartington Street, Northcote. The program will commence at 10:00am with a Doxology Service. Guests will then be invited to proceed to the Cenotaph, located on site, where a Trisagion Service will be conducted, and there will be an opportunity to lay wreaths. For more information, please contact Mr. Anastasios Dimitrakopoulos on 0421 776 921.

### BOOK LAUNCH

The Greek Community of Melbourne with the support of the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria are hosting a Book Launch titled " Into the Moonlit Village- The Battle of Crete " on Sunday 9th of June 2024, between 2.30m and 4.30pm, at Mezzanine Level of the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. For more information, please contact Poli Tataraki (Sansey) on 9662 2722.

## JULY

### DOXOLOGY

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia in conjunction with the Pancretan Association of Melbourne and the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting a Doxology Service to commemorate the Holy Synaxis of the All Saints of Crete who are always commemorated on the first Sunday of July. The Doxology service will take place on Sunday 7th of July at 9:00am, at the Parish of the Saints Anargiri, 87 Willesden Road, Hughesdale, conducted by the Very Rev. Father Stavros Kakavas. For information, please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

### CEREMONY

The Weary Dunlop Foundation in conjunction with the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in Victoria are hosting a Commemorative Ceremony on Friday 12th of July at 2:00pm, in the Sanctuary of the Shrine of Remembrance. Incorporated in the service will be the launch of the 2023 Dunlop Appeal, and presentation of Swinburne University's Weary Dunlop Scholarship. For more information, please contact Mr. Robert Winter on 9496 2324.

### SCHOOL COMPETITION

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is launching the 2024 Annual Schools Competition on Monday 8th of July 2024. The aim of the competition is to explore the Australian and Greek involvement in Greece during both World Wars. For more information, please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

## AUGUST

### CEREMONY

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee will be hosting its official Service on Saturday 10th of August 2024 at 11:00am, at the Lemnos Gallipoli Memorial, Lemnos Square, Foote Street Albert Park. For more information, please contact Mr. Jim Claven on 0409 402 388.

### DOXOLOGY

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia in conjunction with the Pancretan Association of Melbourne and the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting a Doxology Service to mark the 324th Anniversary of the passing of The Holy New Martyr Mathaios of Lambis & Sfakion District, who was born in the village of Gerakari, Rethymnon, but was beheaded on 18th August 1700, because he was found to be a Crypto Christian. The Doxology service will take place on Sunday 18th of August 2024 at 9:00am, at the Parish of the Presentation of our Lord, 23 – 29 Victoria Street, Coburg, conducted by the Very Rev. Father Leonidas Ioannou. For information, please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

## OCTOBER

### WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The George Treloar Memorial Committee together with the City of Ballarat is hosting the annual commemorative service recognizing the work of George Devine Treloar in assisting the Christian refugees fleeing the Asia Minor catastrophe in the early 1920's on Sunday 13th of October at 11:00am, at Ballarat's George Treloar Memorial. For more information, please contact Mrs. Litsa Athanasiadis on 0421 804 968.

### DOXOLOGY & CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Ex Serviceman Association in conjunction with the Shepparton RSL Sub Branch are commemorating the 28th October OXI Day for the 2nd World War on Sunday 20th of October 2024 at 11:00am, at the Shepparton Cenotaph. For information, please contact Mr. Kostas Antoniadis on 0419 503 428.

### AWARDS CEREMONY

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is hosting the official School Competition Awards Ceremony at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens Melbourne on Sunday 20th of October 2024 at 12:00pm. For more information, please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

### DOXOLOGY & CEREMONY

The Australian Greek Ex Servicemen's Association Inc. is hosting the Official Doxology and Wreath Ceremony for the 28th of October OXI Day on Sunday 27th of October 2024 at Holy Monastery of "Axion Estin", 7 Hartington Street, Northcote. The program will commence at 10:00am with a Doxology Service. Guests will then be invited to proceed to the Cenotaph, located on site, where a Trisagion Service will be conducted, and there will be an opportunity to lay wreaths. For information, please contact Mr. Kostas Antoniadis on 0419 503 428.

### DOXOLOGY

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia in conjunction with the Pancretan Association of Melbourne and the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting a Doxology Service to mark the 200th Anniversary of the passing of The Four Holy New Martyrs of Rethymno, namely Aggelis, Emmanouil, Nikolaos & Georgios who were born in Melambes, but were beheaded in Rethymno, on 28th October 1824, because they were found to be Crypto Christians. The Doxology Service will take place on Sunday 27th of October 2024 at 9:00am at Holy Monastery of "Axion Estin", 7 Hartington Street, Northcote, presided by His Grace Bishop of Kerasounta EVMENIOS. For information, please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

### CEREMONY

The Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee is hosting a Commemorative Service for the Armistice of Moudros at the Shrine of Remembrance on Thursday 31st October 2024. 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. Jim Claven on 0409 402 388.

## NOVEMBER

### CEREMONY

The Austin Repatriation Hospital is hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Monday 11th of November 2024 at 11:00am, in honour of all the ANZACs that fell that were connected to the Hospital, at the Memorial Plaque, Waterdale Road Heidelberg West. For more information, please contact Mr. Robert Winter on 9496 2324.

### DINNER DANCE

The Thessaloniki Association of Melbourne "White Tower" is hosting a Dinner in conjunction with the City of Melbourne, and the Milan Community of Melbourne, on Saturday 23rd of November 2024 to commemorate the Sister Cities relationship between Melbourne, Thessaloniki and Milan with the attendance of the Mayors from all three cities. For more Information, please contact Mr. Iakovos Garivaldis on 0413 057 426.

### FESTIVAL

The Thessaloniki Association "The White Tower" is organising the Sister-Cities Festival on Sunday 24th of November 2024 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Queen Victoria Market. This year Melbourne and Thessaloniki are celebrating 40 years of Sister-City relationships. For more information, please contact Mr. Iakovos Garivaldis on 0413 057 426.



## PATRONS:

**His Grace Bishop of Sozopolis KYRIAKOS**, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Melbourne District, **His Grace Bishop of Kerasountas EVMENIOS**, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Northcote District, **Mr. Emmanuel Kakavelakis**, Consul General of Greece in Melbourne, **Ms. Bella Karz**, Consul General of New Zealand in Melbourne, **Mr. Steph Lysaght**, Consul General of Great 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:

**Mrs. Natasha Spanos** (Chair), **Mrs. Joanna Psarakis** (Secretary), **Mrs. Mary Rissakis**, Vice President, Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, **Ms. Aggie Mihelakis**, President, Pancretan Association of Melbourne, **Mr. Milton Stamatakos**, President, Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne, **Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis**, President, Intercommunities & Parishes Council of Victoria Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, **Mr. Nikolaos Makridis**, 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, **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, **Mr. Stan Dimitrakopoulos**, President, Pammessinian Brotherhood Papaflessas, **Mrs. Simela Stamatopoulos**, Australian Federation of Pontian Associations.

## AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS:

Joint Committee Battle of Crete & The Greek Campaign (New South Wales), Battle of Crete Memorial Committee (Western Australia), Battle of Crete Veterans Association (New Zealand), Cretan Commemorations Committee - The Battle of Crete & the Resistance (Chania, Crete)

## SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS:

Shrine of Remembrance, Australian National Ex-Prisoners of War Foundation, Sir Weary Dunlop Foundation, 2nd / 2nd Australian Field Regiment, Ballarat RSL Sub Branch, Keilor East RSL Sub Branch, Coburg RSL Sub Branch, Prahran RSL Sub Branch, Pascoe Vale RSL Sub Branch, Ringwood RSL Sub Branch, Shepparton RSL Sub Branch, 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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