



RSL Hellenic Sub-Branch
RETURNED SOLDIER –
“APOSTRATOS”

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Lieutenant Commander H.N. Filippou TOURKAKES (Retd) boarded the HMAS SYDNEY DDG 42

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In April this year and by invitation, our member Lieutenant Commander H.N. Filippou TOURKAKES (Retd) visited the HMAS SYDNEY DDG 42 as it was docked in Port Melbourne. Pictured with Filippou are the ship’s Combat Officer and Gun Technician.

HMAS Sydney (DDG 42), named after the city of Sydney, New South Wales, is the third and final ship of the Hobart class air warfare destroyers used by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).

Hellenic Sub Branch - Opening Times

OPEN - 10:00am-2:00pm Wednesdays and Saturdays

MEALS - Hot traditional Greek food are only served on the first Saturday of each month

From the President

Dear Veterans, Members and Friends of the RSL Hellenic Sub-Branch,

As you can see from the many brief articles and photos within this edition of Apostratos newsletter, we have had a very busy six months. We had a very successful mid year afternoon Luncheon at the Hellenic RSL in June 2023. The Kalymnian Youth Dance Group were a hit, as was entertainer Spiros Vitzenzatos. The committee has already organised the 2023 Christmas function. Before you know it, the 17th of December will be upon us. And yes, by popular request, we have booked Spiros.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Returned Soldier “Apostratos” Newsletter.

Emanuel “Manoli” Karvelas, President

Date	Future Events
Saturday 28 th October 2023	OHI Day at the Australian Hellenic Memorial & Shrine of Remembrance.
11 th November 2023	Remembrance Day
12:30-5:00pm 17 th December 2023	Hellenic RSL Christmas function at the Hellenic RSL – See details in attached flyer

SEKA Commemorative event - Sunday 16th July 2023



Pictured left to right - The High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus in Australia Mr Antonis Sammoutis, Ms Doxa Komodromou, Spokeswoman for the President of the Republic of Cyprus. (The official representative from Cyprus), Dionysios Daskalou, Hellenic RSL President Emanuel Karvelas and SEKA President Tony Kyriakou. Dionysios was a young 20-year-old ΕΛΔΥΚ soldier when the 1974 invasion occurred, and he was one of the few hundred Greek soldiers and officers of ΕΛΔΥΚ who fought against the Turkish invaders.



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Greek Independence Day – Melbourne 25th March 2023

The Hellenic Sub Branch hosted two wreath laying ceremonies at the Australian Hellenic Memorial and within the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance. The day concluded with a light complimentary lunch back at our club rooms.



Pictured L-R – Paul Mavroudis OAM, Greek Consul General Mr Emmanuel Kakavelakis, Dennis Patisteas OAM, Malcom Fallon President 2/2 Field Regiment Assoc, Flight Seargent Deese Tyriss, Warrant Officer 2 Ken Tsirigotis.



Dr Ben Fillipopoulos and Associate Professor Marinis Pirpiris from The Hellenic Medical Society lay a wreath



Anzac Day - 25th April 2023





50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War



Steve Kyritsis and Warrant Officer class 2 Ken Tsirigotis were at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance on 18th August 2023 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Afternoon Luncheon at the Hellenic RSL – 25th June 2023

The Kalymnian Youth Dance Group put on a spectacular show. Great music by Entertainer Spiros Vitzenzatos.

