## Australian Friends of Kastellorizo



Sydney, 17 February 2009

#### Vision/Core Purpose



To help create a positive future for Kastellorizo, recognising our proud heritage, and giving something back to the island of our forefathers.

### Aims



- $_{\gamma}$  To contribute our skills
- γ To pass on our heritage to young people
- γ To work together with all those who love and are committed to the island
- γ To build formal and informal bridges with local community interests



### Goals



- $_{\gamma}$  Cultural
- γ Educational
- γ Environmental
- $_{\gamma}$  Economic
- $_{\gamma}$  Infrastructure



### Stakeholders

- γ Australians with an interest in Kastellorizo
  - $_{\gamma}$  Emotional
  - $_{\gamma}$  Financial
  - γ Cultural heritage







## Values



Generosity Inclusivity Visionary Enrichment



#### Customs and traditions brochure



# γ The first project completed was the Participation in Feast Days brochure.



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CUSTOMS AND SPECIAL DAYS OBSERVED BY KASTELLORIZIANS KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR HERITAGE

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

to help create a positive future for Kastellorizo by recognising our proud heritage and by giving back to the island of our forefathers.

#### WE AIM

-to focus on the youth of Kastellorizo by assisting in the areas of environment, education and culture. -to consult and work closely with the island's residents, honouring their culture and values; and -to implement initiatives sensitively and collaboratively with all interested parties.

#### WE SEEK

-the involvement of all Australians with a love for, or interest in, Kastellorizo; -to liaise with worldwide and state based Kastellorizian

associations catering for people of Kastellorizian descent and to welcome their participation; -to proactively communicate our purpose and activities,

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providing information in English via our website and other media; and

-to avoid involvement in local politics or contentious issues.



THE KASTELLORIZIAN SYMBOL HONOURING THE THREE CORE VALUES OF THE ISLAND THE CROSS—FAITH THE ANCHOR—HOPE THE HEART—CHARITY



#### Youth Festival



- An opportunity for Australian children and teenagers to be immersed in their cultural heritage on their ancestral soil
- γ A crash course in dance, music, art, language, history, walking tours and architecture







## Cultural Project





### Student Exchange 2008



- γ Two students placed in Australian Greek Orthodox Schools for one month in August
- γ St Andrews Perth
- γ St Anargiri Oakleigh, Victoria
- γ St Spyridon in Sydney







### **Educational Project 2009**



- Two 15 year old girls (Chrisovalando Niti and Eleni Dionoydi) from Kastellorizo selected for Australia in August.
- Reciprocal Student
  Exchange 2
  students from
  Australia to visit
  Kastellorizo during
  the October school
  holidays.



γ Scholarships

### Student Exchange 2009



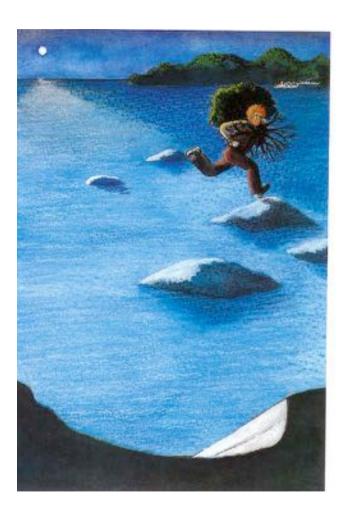
- γ Criteria for student selection to Kastellorizo:
  - γ Knowledge of the Greek language
  - γ 15 years of age; either all boys or all girls
  - Australian Kastellorizian
    students who otherwise may
    not have the opportunity to
    travel to Kastellorizo
  - Preference would be for Kastellorizian descent in accordance with the AFK charter
  - Demonstrating integrity & community spirit; willingness to help others; responsible, reliable



### Children's Literature 2008



- *Orlif the Gentle Giant* Ethel Kanganas & M. Sauer
- Translated the story into Greek for the children at the local school and donated copies to students on Kastellorizo.
- γ Re-printed English copies for sale.
- γ It encourages students to plant trees on the island.
- Your assistance is needed to help with sales of the book
- $_{\gamma}$  1000 copies still available



### Children's Literature 2009



- γ An illustrated history of Kastellorizo for children up to 14 years of age
- γ Artwork produced by Dr Platon Alexiou
- γ Words are in the process of being written



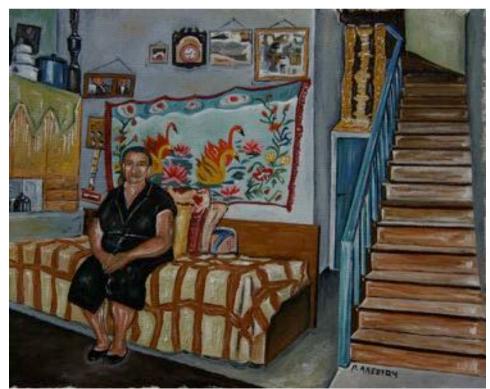


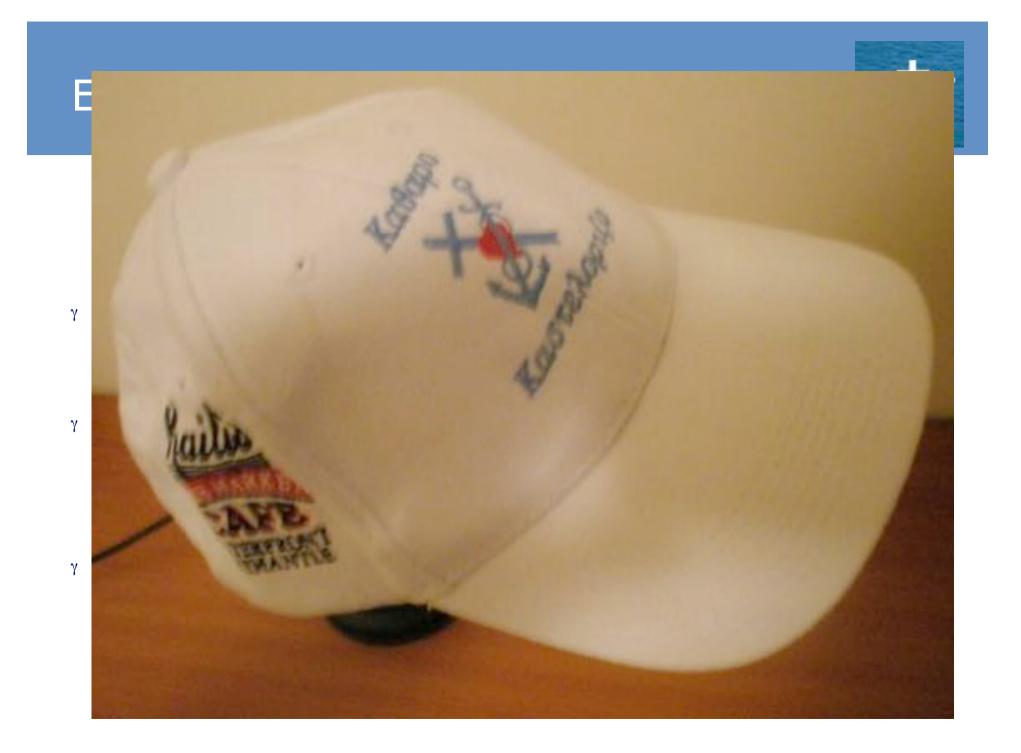


### Children's Short Story Anthology 2010

- γ Nick Bogiatzis has written a collection of stories that tells the social history of the island
- γ Sponsorship is needed to produce this short story collection for children

"Yiayia's Time" published in K.N. News





#### Restoration

- Passas Wells Project the role & function of the wells and knowledge of the water supply system
- γ Ownership of wells lies with the Municipality of Kastellorizo
- Y Cost of the study is quoted at €15,000 per well for historical, functional and structural research by Archaeological Architect which includes the restoration and rehabilitation of the wells
- Kastellorizian Restoration Committee
  in Sydney have been approached to
  assist with the funding of this project







#### Communications



- γ Website update costs \$5,800 + GST
- γ Extra \$3000 for interactive function
- γ Quarterly Newsletter
  - $_{\gamma}$  200 x 4 colour process A3 folded to A4 front and back
  - γ First newsletter design and artwork: \$1200.
  - γ Subsequent newsletters \$600 per issue.
  - γ Printing: \$445+GST
  - $_{\gamma}$  Cost of posting newsletter \$150 for 250 copies
  - γ Total =\$5380 + GST compared with
    \$16,610 spent on English Supplement in KN News

#### Web Home Page







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#### Emailing Lists

Keeping up to date with developments and events. Extending the concept to involve a bean methatati list to allow members to ask questions and get some answers.

#### Forum

An online discussion forum for members to interact on any topic relevant to the community.

#### WiKi

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**Forum** Formal discussion questions, answers, debates, opinion polls on any issue

#### **Social Network**

Informal dialogue post photos and talk about themselves Make social contacts online; profile pages of other members

#### Wiki

Enables you to edit and create new pages

