



Our Parish News

St George Rose Bay community news & events

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AIMS FOR 2015

- 1 Communicate more ✓
- 2 Progress the Building Development
- 3 Grow our parishioner numbers
- 4 Maintain the Church

"The measure of who we are is what we do with the talents that God gave us."

What a period that was...

John Gesouras (Secretary) on behalf of the 2015 Board of Directors

You could easily be forgiven if you thought that the last few months were action packed...

Since our April news letter we have celebrated the following events:

1. Palm Sunday lunch (5th April)
2. Easter 2015 (12th April)
3. St Georges day (26th April)
4. Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group Fundraiser (3rd May)
5. Archbishop's 40th Anniversary dinner (15th May), and
6. Autumn dinner dance (23rd May)

As a parish, we should all feel proud of the support we give the broader Greek community, and the various charitable fund-raising events that we conduct and contribute to.

Thank you.

Update on 2015 Aims.

As mentioned in the last news letter, the Board of Directors have set themselves a 2015 list of key objectives.

1. **Communication.** Continuing to provide regular parish updates. Please visit www.stgeorgerosbay.org.au
2. **Development.** In May, we received council approval to proceed with a 2 stage approach to the development. The Northern side works can now proceed separately from the Southern side. In the very near future we will present a series of information updates to explain & discuss the parish's next steps.
3. **Growth.** A new subcommittee has been established consisting of 10 local members. They are currently gathering options of how we can re-energise our Church and draw younger people through our doors.
4. **Maintenance.** In April and May, we have carried out a series of excavation works to fix aging plumbing and storm water problems. We thank you all for your patience during that time. The next major activity is the repair and replacement of the Church's electrical wiring and safety boards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Greek School Holidays

- 25 June - Term 1 ends
- 13 July – Term 2 starts

Panagia's cake day – 16 AUG

- Stalls will have a selection of Greek cakes & sweets, immediately after Divine Liturgy

Father's day – 13 SEP

- First ever celebration
- In the church hall immediately after the Divine Liturgy

Christmas Luncheon – 1 DEC

- Dunbar House Watsons Bay, on the 1st of December

An Update from the Ladies Auxiliary

Maria Bekiaris (President)

Hello to all,

June already... The first half the year has seen plenty of activity.

We started with Palm Sunday at the Royal Motor Yacht Club, where the rain stopped to reveal a warm, sunny day, that was enjoyed by so many families.

This was followed by services for our Greek Orthodox Easter, and the celebrations for St George's name day. A seafood dinner was served for the Esperino in the Church hall, followed by morning tea on the day of St George, culminating in our ever popular BBQ.

On the 23rd of May, a taverna night was held at George's Mediterranean Bar & Grill, where there was plenty of food, drink, kefi, music, lots of dancing & good fun.

Of course there is still more to come. We look forward to Panayia's Cake Day, and our first ever Father's Day celebration to be held in the church hall on the 13th of September. Our annual AGM, and our end of year Christmas Luncheon at Dunbar House Watsons Bay, on the 1st of December. The year will finish with the Christmas Carols.

These events are always enjoyable, as we come together as a Parish to share in each other's company. So please come along and support our Church, it's important to be supportive of one another, whilst at the same time we can have fun, bringing our family and friends together.

On behalf of my fellow committee members we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Community & Charity

Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group (SNOG) fund raiser.

Suzane Brisimis

In May our parish hosted this very special 'Brain Cancer Research' fund raising event. We would like to thank the more than 215 people who attended and supported this fundraiser.

Through your generosity we collected over \$31,000 for the Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group (SNOG), \$500 of which was donated by our parish.



Africa Appeal.

Kyriacos Mavrolefteros

We would like to everyone that for their both their time and donations to the recent Africa Appeal. This was widely supported by all Greek Orthodox churches.

Aside from generous individual donations, as parish we contributed \$1,000 to this worthy cause.