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Call George Poulos on 02 9388 8320 for more information. Or contact Kathy Samios on 02 9349 1849 or e-mail [john.fardoulis@gmail.com](mailto:john.fardoulis@gmail.com) to reserve your place at the free lecture.



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## Community Backed Archaeology

A case study of how, with support from Australia, the ancient capital on the Greek island of Kythera was rediscovered in July 2010

A talk explaining how the GreekAustralian community can help support the quest for new chapters of ancient history over in Greece, discovering history from the ground (dirt) up. The concept is that volunteers as well as financial and other support is provided from Australia. This vital support helps Greek archaeologists undertake field work, the results of which are then shared with the community/Diaspora.

A case study will be presented where members of the KytherianAustralian community organised a team to support archaeological digs on Kythera during July, 2010. Sections of the mostly forgotten 2400+ year old Laconianruled ancient capital were found at Palaeokastro, helping write a new chapter of ancient history. Hear how the team found walls, columns, coins, thousands of roof tile fragments, ancient ceramics and dozens of other different kinds of artefacts.

Key finds and an explanation of how the same community backed concept could be implemented in other parts of Greece will be presented. Where: Sydney University, New Law School Lecture Theatre 101

When: Wednesday, November 10th, 7pm for a 7.30pm start

How Much: Free. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by Nov 1st is essential.

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## Legal battles on the horizon to return Parthenon marbles to Greece

In Melbourne, at their 56th annual convention, AHEPA appointed Emanuel Komninos and lawyer Victor Bizanis in charge of the case.

Mr Bizanis said the precise defendant for the case is yet to be established, however there is no evidence of legal documentation from the time allowing Lord Elgin to remove the sculptures from the Parthenon before selling them to the British government.

The legal battle will be an expensive pursuit, Mr Komninos said, however AHEPA has already provided funding of \$15,000.

Getting the okay from the Greek government may present difficulties, Mr Komninos said. "The Greek Minister for Culture has made it very clear to me that the Greek government does not wish to go to court," he said.

Mr Bizanis said he will pursue an appointment in person with Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou to present their case. "These were a component ripped off one of the great buildings of Europe, the other half is in Athens, it's a restoration to unite two articles in the appropriate place, which is in the hands of the Greek people," Mr Bizanis said.

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PHOTO LEFT: from left to right: Peter George, Father Dimitrios Giameos, John Hatzistergos, Con Raptis, Emmanuel Samios.

PHOTO TOP: (inside the church building), from left to right: Peter George, Con Raptis, John Hatzistergos, Father Dimitrios Giameos, Emmanuel Samios.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL RE-VISITS ANCIENT GREEK HISTORY GROWING IN DUBBO

NSW Attorney General and Minister for Citizenship, John Hatzistergos last week made a visit to Dubbo to inspect the descendant of Hippocrates' teaching tree.

Mr Hatzistergos visited the University of Sydney's School of Rural Health in Dubbo to see the tree which he planted in 2005 as Health Minister.

"The famous plane tree of Hippocrates still grows on Kos and according to tradition it was planted by Hippocrates who taught students of medicine in its shade," Mr Hatzistergos said.

"In 2005, the University joined with the local Greek community in celebrating medicine's teaching tradition and planting a sapling taken from Hippocrates' teaching tree in Kos.

"Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, was born on the island of Kos between 470 and 460BC. Students of medicine still take the Hippocratic Oath today.

"I congratulate Professor Bruce Harris, along with others from the University, for instilling in the students of medicine a sense of ancient tradition and their role in having the tree planted at the school."

Mr Hatzistergos said he also met with representatives from the Greek Orthodox Church, The Lady of Myrtles, in Dubbo to discuss the tremendous work of the local community.

Amongst them were parish priest, Rev. Fr. Dimitrios Giameos the President of the Committee, Mr Emmanuel Samios and other Committee members, Mr Con Raptis and Mr Peter George.

"Greek-Australians in Dubbo are a vibrant community that continues to celebrate its faith and traditions, forming an integral part of New South Wales' multicultural mosaic," Mr Hatzistergos said.