

AUSTRALIA WEAVES A FABRIC OF MANY CULTURES - 2025

The Voice from the Pavement - Peter Adamis

These are but random thoughts of mine and such one must forgive the ramblings of an old romantic fool . As Australians, we are fast approaching an era where many will be going about their daily lives in an era of global financial uncertainty. Children will continue to be born, elders will die, businesses collapse other is raised, and people will continue working while others retire.

Nothing will have really changed in the way life is seen today for life will continue to live and decay, for such is the cycle of life. 2015 will see an Australia blooming and stepping onto the world stage as a player in the southern hemisphere. Australia will become a great power on its own, feeding and supporting its neighbours to the north. we may even see Australia becoming a Republic, much to the glee of hard line Republicans and cause angst to the monarchists. come what may, Australia and its people have yet to develop fully and realise their potential o the worlds stage.

Where does this leave the Australians of Greek heritage who are believed to number in excess of one million. For my part, I am of the belief that the Australians of Greek heritage will continue to contribute and become an essential part of the "Australian Fabric of Many Cultures". Each cultural fabric woven into the Australian landscape will become so dependent on each other for the sharing of essential materials of life and the equitable distribution of wealth to survive as a nation.

We who have made Australia home need to "pull up our socks", "put on our guernsy and go out fight the good fight". By that I mean, getting involved in all aspects of industry, at the political level, defence, community, health, academic, professional, research, government sectors and one must not forget our brethren in the agriculture sector. Involving oneself in these career spheres only adds value to the economic security, well being and defence of this country, a country that provides ample opportunities to rise above the "norm" and "shine brightly amongst the stars".

We also should be identifying, seeking out and/or encouraging young men and women to take on leadership roles instead of discouraging them and leaving it someone else. As with all things in life, there will be problems, yes, that is for sure, but Australia will be better prepared to manage any issues and confront any problems that arise with confidence in their ability to overcome any challenges they are faced with.

Currently in Australia we see a new generation of Greeks coming onto the scene, young vibrant, eager and spontaneous. What makes them different from the previous generation is their lack of emotional baggage from the past, no feelings of inferiority, no phobias and a more relaxed attitude to life in general. It is a generation that identifies well with the Australian culture and revels in being able to be comfortable with two cultures.

Unlike previous generations who struggled to identity their role in Australian society, future generations will be well equipped to handle the pressures of a new Australia. Those who had come before us had to survive amidst the pressures of growing in an Australian environment and post World War 2 era. There are no doors barred, no discrimination, and all barriers have appeared to be removed.

Although Australians of Greek heritage, (freed from the past phobias), and have risen to great heights in the fabric of Australian society, more will be expected of future generations if they are to emulate, sustain and surpass their predecessors achievements. This is where leadership will play a decisive hand. Encourage leadership and you encourage a united society worthy to be called Australians.

In the case of Australian Greeks who have integrated rather than assimilated into the Australian way of life, they are only emulating the cultures that preceded them. Cultures like their Irish, English, Welsh and Scottish brethren. Followed by their Italian, English Baltic, Russian, Americas, Asian cousins. At some time in the near future, I would prefer to see more Australians of every race and/or culture take a more active and responsible attitude towards the defence and well being of this country.

Only then can we say to our grand children that we have truly contributed and committed ourselves to this country we call home, Australia. Suffice to say, I have much faith in Australia's ability to absorb and integrate new comers to our shores and I look forward to a bright and exciting new era in Australia and Australians as whole. may this country we call home become a united one and not a race of many cultures. Therefore use well the multicultural policies in place as a vehicle to becoming an Australian citizen.



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