



# *Tramountanas-North Association Inc.*

The Tramountanas-North Family [*Since 1842*]

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## **First Annual Report to Members [To be tabled at the AGM 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010]**

*The Chairman: Mr Daryl Edmonds and the Secretary: Mrs Dianne Jaspers take great pleasure in presenting the first Annual Report.*

The Tramountanas-North Steering Committee convened a General Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2008 of Tramountanas-North family members and supporters. This historic meeting determined to:

[a] formally establish the Tramountanas-North Association [T-NA];

[b] adopt the draft constitution; and

[c] apply for registration under the South Australian Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

The General Meeting elected the Managing Committee consisting of:

Chairperson: Darryl Edmonds

Secretary: Dianne Jaspers and Assistant Secretary: Mario Jaspers

Treasurer: Pauline Warne and Assistant Treasurer: Karyn Young

Committee Members: John Lesses [Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia [GOCSA] Liaison], Bill Roubanis, Denise McEvoy, Andrew Bartlett, Leo North, Bernadette North, Anne Gavini, Kerry Williams and Paul Willis.

The Managing Committee met quarterly on 10 occasions and discussed key issues including:

1. **Inaugural Managing Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008:** The Managing Committee (MC) members' applications were accepted together with three further family descendants.
2. **Membership Applications:** Over the 20 month period, the MC accepted 58 membership applications from descendants and supporters.
3. **Common Seal:** The T-NA "common seal" was accepted.
4. **North Wind Newsletter:** 11 newsletters have been distributed to family members
5. **T-NA website** was established and placed on the World Wide Web in November 2008. Assistant Secretary: Mario Jaspers' expertise and contribution was acknowledged.

The TN-A website continued to grow and adapt, with new pages added to highlight publications by Greek historians & family members, details of the Managing Committee and privacy/copyright policies.

Disclaimer/copyright policy was added to the website. We added Dina Gerolymou's SBS Radio interview with John Lesses and a link to SBS Radio website.

Over 1000 hits on our website to July 2009. A photo of old Colton Catholic church was restored and added to our website.

The Aboriginal Kurna [Adelaide region] and Wirangu [SA West Coast region] land statements were added to the website in October 2009.

Due to the end of the free web hosting for the T-NA website, the T-NA purchased a 3 year professional web hosting service with Just Host Ltd. including a domain name, our new URL is "http://www.tramountanas1842.org". In the 20 months since the creation of the T-NA website it has been visited 4925 times.

Links to the new articles for Neos Kosmos, SBS Radio, Greek Tribune, Messenger papers and Kosmos Plus were added to the website in December 2009.

A Members Business page was added in June 2010 & also a page calling for “Family Histories” to be written and posted to Mario Jaspers.

A page for the Lemnos Association of S.A was added in July 2010 as a gesture of thanks for their ongoing support.

The T-NA now has a **Facebook** page called Tramountanas-North which has 208 “friends”, with 183 being new contacts.

6. **Membership Certificate:** A certificate will be issued to new members when they join.
7. **GOCSA:** Donated \$200 to fund the T-NA’s application for registration to the Office of Business and Consumer Affairs. The Tramountanas-North Association Incorporated was confirmed on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 with our certificate of incorporation. GOCSA has also assisted the T-NA with the provision of meeting rooms and postal address. In July 2010, John Lesses & Mario Jaspers drafted an article for the commemorative 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary GOCSA Pulse magazine.
8. **Blessing of the Waters:** In January 2009 MC members Darryl Edmonds, Karyn Young and Mario Jaspers attended the GOCSA Festival at Henley Beach, as representatives of the Tramountanas-North Association Inc.
9. **February 2009,** 6 more North descendants become T-NA members.
10. **SBS Radio:** Journalist Ms Dina Gerolymou interviewed John Lesses re “Descendants of the First Greek form an Association” (refer Messenger Newspaper article by Mario Jaspers)
11. **Immigration Place Project:** The T-NA registered George Tramountanas and Lydia Vosper as pioneers with the Canberra project on the initiative of Bernadette North. Immigration Place registration was finalised, certificates for George & Lydia now received and a page added to our website with links to the Immigration Place website. All contributors’ names are placed on the website with a thankyou message.
12. **Financial Status:** The T-NA funds were consolidated and was financial from January 2009
13. **ACCU Community Lottery:** The MC registered the T-NA to sell 100 books [a total of 1000 tickets] at no cost to our association. 85 books were sold with the T-NA purchasing the remaining 15 books-\$1700 was raised for the Association.

The T-NA received a cheque from ACCU for \$2000 in September 2009 proceeds of our lottery book sales. The MC decided to return a percentage of the funds raised, back into the Community to fulfil our Constitutional Objectives. Kerry Williams & family/friends, raised \$500 on the West Coast, the TN-A will donate \$250 to an Elliston community project.

Kerry Williams contacted Elliston Community Information Centre and our donation will purchase a red-gum slab bench top for their reception counter. The T-NA will supply ECIC with an engraved plate, to read; *“Donated to the Elliston Community Information Centre by the Tramountanas-North Association Inc. 2010”*

In December 2009 the Secretary e-mailed over 60 family descendants asking for assistance to sell 80 books of Lottery Tickets in the 2010 ACCU Community Lottery. 75 books were sold with the T-NA purchasing the other 5 books-\$1500 being raised for the Association.

14. **Visit to Elliston/Colton:** was set for Adelaide Cup long weekend in March 2009, to inspect the Olive Grove and make contact with family members on the West Coast.

The MC sourced and had delivered 2 water tanks for the Olive Grove at Colton. We received a donation of 2 x 700 litre tanks, for the Olive Grove, from Cartridge World and the transportation of the tanks to Colton was donated by Les Elliott Transport, Anthony North & Kerry Williams.

Mr Rob Gregor, CEO of the DCE, accepted the TN-A’s lunch invitation for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009. We discussed our thoughts for future mutual involvement between the T-NA with the DCE and Elliston/Colton community. While at Elliston, Dianne & Mario Jaspers purchased 3 books which have information of Family Historical significance and have

donated them to the T-NA. We also installed the water tanks at the Olive Grove and a new dripper system was purchased and also installed. The DCE has donated the funds for the purchase of the new dripper system for the Olive Grove at Colton & a letter of thanks sent by the T-NA to the DCE for their donation.

15. **Book Launch Adelaide:** George Zangalis' book "Migrant Workers & Ethnic Communities" referred to George Tramountanas and Andrew Bartlett.
16. **T-NA library archives:** The MC determined to purchase the book titled: "In Their Own Image, Greek Australians".
17. **Lemnos Association of S.A [LASA]:** The T-NA to make contact. The request from La Trobe University seeking to clarify the birthplace of George Tramountanas will be referred to LASA for assistance in contacting the archivists in Lemnos, Greece.

Dianne Jaspers, Mario Jaspers and John Lesses meet with Jim Marinakis, President of the LASA on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 to discuss a reunion venue and future relationship between our Associations. LASA was requested to assist with contacting archivists in Lemnos, to find an answer to query from La Trobe University re: clarify birthplace of George Tramountanas.

LASA hosted the T-NA's Family Reunion in February & the Mid-Year Lunch in July 2010.

The T-NA donated an encouragement award to the LASA youth dance group at the T-NA Mid Year Lunch in July 2010.

18. **May 2009:** A further 11 descendants have joined the T-NA.
19. **July 2009** and 3 more descendants become members of the T-NA.
20. **Annual Education Award:** The MC determined to establish an annual education award with a donation of \$50 each to [a] a student from GOCSA's Greek Language School; and [b] Elliston Area School.

GOCSA Greek Language Schools Coordinator was contacted re: TN-A award.

21. **T-NA Information Leaflet:** The leaflet provides T-NA information and a brief history of the FIRST Greek, George North (Tramountanas) and Lydia (nee Vosper). These will be available to tourists, from the Elliston Information Centre and generally from various locations around Adelaide.
22. **Family Reunion:** The third family reunion was held at LASA on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
23. **Estia Restaurant Sponsorship:** Dianne and Mario Jaspers asked Estia Restaurant at Henley Beach, to donate 2 x Dinner Vouchers which were drawn as door prizes at the Family Reunion in February 2010.
24. **Mid-Year Lunch:** The first T-NA mid-year lunch was held at LASA on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The T-NA presented an encouragement award and donation to LASA Dance Group.
25. **Life Membership Proposal:** T-NA member Amanda Maidment-Hodges requested "life" membership. The MC determined that a person could become a "Life" member after 20 years of continuous paid up membership or pay a one-off fee of 20 x current annual fee. This subject will be an item for discussion at the AGM for a constitution amendment.
26. **Honorary Member:** That Mr. John Lesses AM JP be recognised for his exemplary contribution to the T-NA by being awarded Honorary Membership. To be discussed at the AGM.

Daryl Edmonds  
Chairman

Dianne Jaspers  
Secretary

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