

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Lonsdale Street Festival set to serve up a feast this February

**30 January 2015** – From food trucks, to home cooking, sweet treats and cooking demonstrations, the 2015 Lonsdale Street (Antipodes) Festival, presented by Delphi Bank, will have something on offer for all the lovers of Greek cuisine on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

Over the two days, leading Greek chefs and cooks including Phil Vakos (who recently reopened Richmond's *Lefko* as *Bahari*) Kathy Tsaples (*The Sweet Greek*), Angie Giannakodakis (*Epocha* and *Elyros*) will join contestants from My Kitchen Rules (*Seven Network*) at the Flavours of Greece stage to prepare their favourite dishes and share a few of their secrets.

Jorge Menidis, director of The Greek Centre, said the festival is looking to celebrate the pivotal role food plays in the Greek culture.

"Any Greek celebration is not complete without a feast and the 2015 Lonsdale Street is no different. We want Melbourne to feast on the best that the Greek kitchen has to offer and maybe even learn how to replicate it at home," said Menidis.

"This is year the festival will be more than just eating a souvlaki on the street as we have sought out some of the best food Greek vendors in Melbourne who will be offering a mix of traditional and Modern Greek food.

"And for the first time, non-Greek cooks will be showing us how it's done, with My Kitchen Rules contestants Matt and Rob (VIC) and Sheri and Emilie (QLD) joining some of our food hall regulars to cook their favourite Greek dish."

The Lonsdale Street (Antipodes) Festival, which is staged in the heart of the City of Melbourne's Greek Precinct, will host over 100 00 visitors over the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February to celebrate their love of all things Greek.

The 2015 Lonsdale Street Festival will also feature a range of free entertainment, children's activities, cooking demonstrations and trader displays. The Lonsdale Street Festival is an event of the Greek Community of Melbourne.

#### What not to miss

##### Pop Up Bar

Open from 1.00pm, the Pop Up Bar will have DJs spinning the best in Euro tunes as you relax with cool Barbaresso ouzo or Fix beer in hand. .

##### Coffee&Co

Whipping up authentic frappe and freddo coffees just like those you sipped on at the beach in Greece, Coffee&Co will keep you up and partying long into the night.

### **Greek Street Food by Kara's Kalamaki**

Traditional Greek street foods - with a modern twist - and served right out of a truck.

### **St.Gerry's**

St.Gerry's is a fresh and exciting modern spin on traditional loukoumades and waffles. Prepare your tastebuds for a number of mind blowing flavoured treats!

### **Mr.Calamaro**

Delicious hand cut calamari and unique fish and chips, cooked and served up right in front of your eyes, creating theatre and atmosphere.

### **Metaxas**

Serving up traditional lamb, chicken, pork and beef souvlakia with all the classic trimmings.

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### **LISTING DETAILS**

#### **Lonsdale Street Festival**

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 February

Cnr Lonsdale & Russell Street, Melbourne 1pm – midnight – FREE EVENT –

[www.antipodesfestival.com.au](http://www.antipodesfestival.com.au)

#### **Getting there**

Leave the car at home, and take any city bound train, tram or bus towards the CBD and head towards the historic Greek precinct (between Swanston & Russell Street).