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“EMPTY NET” BOOK LAUNCH

Heidi Victoria, Member for Bayswater is happy to be launching a new book by well known local identity George Stavrinou.

The book records the history of Greek migrants who were entangled in the Scallop Fishing Industry in Port Phillip Bay and Lakes Entrance in the 1960's and 70's.

“This was a turbulent time in our history and it is important for all future generations that colourful accounts of this time are put on paper. We need books like this to provide us with clear imagery of the tough conditions that our migrants worked through. Their triumph against, at times, seemingly unbeatable odds provides an insight into the hard working nature of our migrants during these years,” Ms Victoria said.

“It is a pleasure to be able to help spread the word about such detailed accounts of our past. We have an interesting history and it is vital that we make every possible effort to retain and share this information with generations to come.”

“I congratulate George on bringing this huge personal project to completion. Empty Net is truly a reflection of the perseverance of this proud man. I encourage people to read the book and reflect on these experiences. Readers really will see our migrant past in a whole new light,” Ms Victoria said.

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