THE GREEKS IN AUSTRALIA

The Greeks have made an enormous contribution to Australian cultural and social life, and this book tells their story. Beginning with an examination of the conditions in Europe that led to migration, it details the role of the Greek people in Australian settlement, the two large waves of Greek migration in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and the ways in which the Greeks have maintained a solid sense of Greek cultural expression. Numbering approximately half a million, the Greek community in Australia comprises the second-largest ethnic minority after the Italians. The contribution of Greek settlers to the large industrial cities and other major urban centres modernised them by injecting new ideas into the economic, social and political life of their new environment. The role of Greek settlers has been vital in building the nation we have today.

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Illustrations are from the Dardalis Archives of the Hellenic Diaspora, National Centre for Hellenic Studies and Research, La Trobe University.
ABBREVIATIONS

ANZAC Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
EU European Union
GDP Gross Domestic Product
GOCM Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne
GOCNSW Greek Orthodox Community of New South Wales, also GOC
GOS Greek Orthodox Community of New South Wales, also GOCNSW
HACCI Hellenic Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
KAM Kentro Apodemon Makedonon (Centre of Macedonians Abroad)
LTU La Trobe University
NCHSR National Centre for Hellenic Studies and Research
PASOK Panellenion Sosialistiko Kinema (Panhellenic Socialist Movement)
SAE Symvoulio Apodemou Hellenismou (World Council of Greeks Abroad)