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LONSDALE STREET GOES ALL CARNIVAL! ANTIPODES ANNOUNCES 2011 DATES FOR ITS FAMOUS STREET EVENT

The annual celebration of all things Greek, the Antipodes Lonsdale Street *Glendi* is going all *Carnivale!* In what organisers hope will help add to the party atmosphere, the 2011 street festival will be held on the final week of *Apokries*- Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 March 2011.

Apokries is the pre lent festive period which is celebrated across the Greek world with parades, fancy dress parties and rich regional customs and traditions.

The Lonsdale Street *Glendi* has long be known for its celebration of traditional art craft, dance and music and in 2011 it looks to enhance its program with a truly carnival atmosphere and a reshaping of its well know format..

Along with the Main Stage program of music and dance, the 2011 event will see activity spread across the event with emphasis on a celebration of Greek food, Greek art and craft and all sorts of activities for the young and the young at heart.

New Glendi Coordinator Tony Tsourdalakis was ecstatic with the changed focus of the event.

Antipodes Festival co chair Tammy Iliou reiterated Mr Tsourdalakis' enthusiasm noting that the change of date had been something that had been thought of for some time: "the Board is constantly thinking of ways to keep the Glendi fresh-which is why we have decided to coincide the 2011 Glendi with the biggest celebration on the Greek calendar".

Anyone interested in participating in the Lonsdale Street event is encouraged to submit an application online at www.antipodesfestival.com.au

ABOUT THE ANTIPODES FESTIVAL

The Antipodes Festival is the largest celebration of Greek culture outside of Greece. A multi faceted program of activity that runs throughout the year, Antipodes is the cultural arm of the Greek Community of Melbourne and produces amongst other events, the annual Lonsdale Street Glendi, the Tastes of Greece food festival and the Greek Film Festival.

ABOUT THE LONSDALE STREET GLENDI

The Lonsdale Street Glendi is a marquee event fo the annual Antipodes Festival program. Held in the traditional Greek precinct of Lonsdale Street Melbourne, the Festival is a feast of food, music, dance and culture attracting tens of thousands to its 2 day program each March.

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