

## THE PELOPONNESSIAN FEDERATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - INC.

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The Peloponnesian Federation of South Australia (PFSA) is a non-profit umbrella organisation. It was founded in 1992 by Peloponnesian Greek Australians to bring together seven well-known organisations that jointly represent more than 30,000 Greek South Australians of Peloponnesian background.

### Aims of the Federation

The PFA is dedicated to:

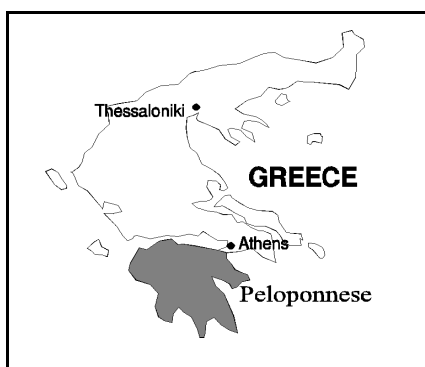
- maintaining the strong links amongst the Peloponnesian community of SA, encouraging co-operation and pooling of resources;
- promoting and celebrating the Peloponnesian influence as an inseparable part of Greek Australian culture;
- fostering cultural exchanges between The Peloponnese in Greece and South Australia

### What is The Peloponnese?

The Peloponnese is the southern region of mainland Greece. It is shaped like a plane leaf and extends southwards from the Isthmus of Corinth (see figure below). It is made up of the seven historically distinct yet culturally alike regions of Corinthia, Achaia, Ilia, Messinia, Laconia, Arcadia and Argolida.

This region dominated by rugged mountains and inhabited by spirited people is steeped in history. It is famous world wide as:

- cradle of the ancient Mycenaean and Spartan Societies
- birthplace of the Olympic games



- Centrepiece of Hellenic liberation

### When did Peloponnesians come to South Australia?

Peloponnesian migration to South Australia began in the late 1800s with the arrival in Port Pirie of a carpenter known by the name of Peter Warrick in the year 1875 from Kalamata, Messinia. More Peloponnesians continued to migrate to SA in the 1910s and 1920s but the major wave of Peloponnesian migration took place in the postwar 1950s and 1960s.

### Peloponnesian Contribution to SA

Peloponnesian migrants in their early years in SA contributed to the development of SA mainly as labourers in manufacturing industries and in agriculture. Today Peloponnesians are represented in all walks of South Australian life with increasing presence in the professions, business, the arts and community activities.

### Whom does the federation represent?

The federation is made up of seven member-Societies that early Peloponnesian migrants built in the last 50 years. Each Society, which draws support mainly from its own area of The Peloponnese, is noted for continued promotion of the Greek way of life, food, music and language. Additionally as charitable organisations they support local charities and individuals in need. Together the following PFSA member-Societies represent more than 30,000 Greek south Australians:

- Corinthian Society
- Kalavrita Society
- Elion Society "The Olympic Flame" of SA
- Messinian Association of SA
- Laconian Society of SA "Leonidas"
- Panarcadian Association of SA "Kolokotronis"
- Argo-Nafpliakos Association of SA "To Palamidi"

All member-Societies resolve to join together under the PFSA umbrella and work as one in representing the needs and interests of our

people and in promoting our rich cultural heritage both within the Greek community and the Australian community at large.