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I attended a lecture on Greek War Stories earlier this year at The Greek Club in Brisbane. Professor Joy Damousi from the University of Melbourne discussed the war trauma that Greek families faced, Greeks migrating to Australia, and the intergenerational transmission of war to children who inherited war stories.

Professor Damousi spoke of the experiences and memories of Greek immigrants who endured the Second World War (1941 to 1944) and the Greek Civil War that started in 1946, which was the battle between the Communists and Royalists.

It was interesting to hear these traumatic war stories, which our families endured during this difficult time. During such hardship, the majority of Greeks migrated to Australia seeking a fresh and prosperous life. During the lecture, it was noted that some Greek families did not discuss to their children these traumatic events, while others shared these stories, some of disturbing devastation.

We have a great history and I believe it is important to discuss the civilization of Greece and to be aware of our ancestors' lives and experiences. It is important for young Australian Greeks to attend lectures, seminars and group discus-



sions to further develop our knowledge and understanding of our culture and history.

Professors such as Joy Damousi, who study our Greek history, are a great source of information in learning more about our culture.



We should be proud of our Greek heritage and embrace it in all measures, for both ours and future generations. As today's young Australian Greeks, we have many opportunities and resources available to not only celebrate our culture, but to honour and appreciate our ancestors.

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