

Chairman's Report

Celebrating Hayek's 'spontaneous order'

They say that planning is useful, but despite all the planning we do at Mannkal Foundation, quite often the best things seem to develop from a series of coincidences.

One example is the origin of our two new Outgoing Student Programs to Greece.

In May, 2015 I was invited to participate in the speaker panel Free Market Road Show (www.freemarket-rs.com).

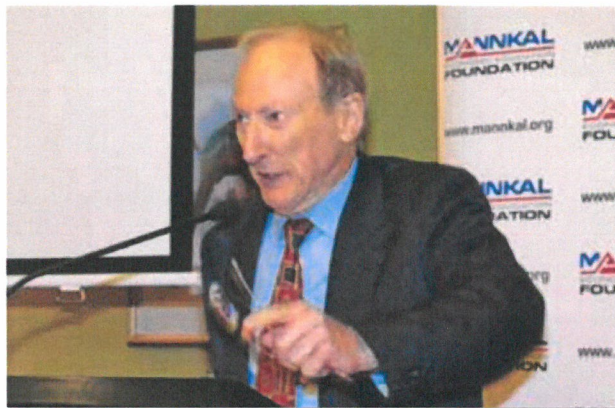
The four Greek cities (+ Budapest), coincided with attendance at the Atlas Network-CATO Greek Economic Crisis Summit in Athens.

From these events have emerged two Greek host economic think-tanks willing to accept our Mannkal scholars for periods of up to three months.

Then we were alerted by the Business News' article (<https://www.businessnews.com.au/article/Perth-business-carries-torch-for-Greece>) to the Hellenic Initiative by a group of Perth business people who have developed a Perth hosting program with local enterprises, to receive young Greek people for periods of up to 12 months.

So by matching-up our Mannkal opportunities with our newly developed network of Greek students, along with these Australian opportunities, a useful two-way exchange of young people will further develop the already deep cultural relationship between Western Australia and Greece.

Yes, there are many disturbing similarities between the way both Greeks and Australians are surrendering the discipline of individual responsibility to the seductive government offers to 'care and provide for us'. A longer piece, 'Greek Lessons for Australia', with video excerpts of the Greek Crisis Summit and Free Market Road Show, will be launched at Mannkal.org on November 1st, 2015.



Let me just mention one similarity (Greece and Australia) that I noticed.

It is only the younger generation that is expressing any concern.

The older generation has learned how to 'work the system' by moving their money elsewhere or finding clever ways to protect themselves from continual government encroachment.

However, the younger generation is very aware of the mess and debt being left to them by their elders.

As one eloquent young person said at the Thessaloniki event where nearly 1,000 students attended, "Our Government has stolen our future!"

So, today, from here in Perth, Western Australia, let me invite you to read these pages of our latest (biannual) edition of *Mannkal's Musings* to read what our own young emerging leaders have to say.

Thanks to all concerned.

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