

# **SOLOMOS SOCIETY GREEK – AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

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**PLEASE NOTE – This meeting will be held at the GREEK CLUB** (Ground Floor, last room on left)

This first meeting of the year will be held  
on Wednesday March 18, 2015  
in the **Olympus Room of the Greek Club**  
7.30 pm - Visitors welcome  
8pm for the Memorial Lecture

## **DR CON CASTAN MEMORIAL LECTURE**

**Presented by**

### **PROFESSOR ALISTAIR BLANSHARD**

the Paul Eliadis Professor of Classics and Ancient History  
University of Queensland

### **‘VIEWING AND REVIEWING THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD’**

For the Greeks, to see the marvelous was to touch the divine. The Greeks loved stories about fabulous works of nature and feats of engineering, and compiled many lists of ‘must see’ monuments. Alistair’s lecture focuses on the most famous of these catalogues of marvels, the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. He will describe the various monuments on this list and why they were so important. The talk also looks at the mentality of the ancient tourists that came to visit them and the industry that grew up to support this endeavour. It aims to separate some of the myths from the facts in the stories that we tell about these objects.