



TOP: Latin Dance OZ mania- Performers from Latin OZ Dance Mania
LEFT: Michalis Athanasiou addressing the guests.

Radiomathon NSW Annual Dinner Dance 2008 a resounding success

\$120,000 raised for kids with special needs

In a memorable evening at the fabulous water front location of the Dockside on Cockle Bay, the Radiomathon Community once again joined forces to raise an incredible sum of \$120,100 for kids with special needs!

More than five hundred guests gathered to participate in a fundraiser like none other!

Amongst the dignitaries who attended were NSW Attorney General and Minister for Justice, the Hon John Hatzistergos MLC, the High Commissioner of Cyprus in Australia, His Excellency Yiannis Iacovou, and representing



The Consul General of Greece in New South Wales, Ms Eleni Chryssofaki.

Minister Hatzistergos highlighted the importance of supporting Radiomathon and commended Laiki Bank for its ongoing commitment to help kids with special needs. The Minister added, "the Bank's ongoing success with Radiomathon reflects the closeness it enjoys with its customers, which is something few banks can genuinely claim and is worthy of continued support".

Michalis Athanasiou, General

Manager of Laiki Bank and Chairman of the Radiomathon Trust, thanking the guests and the volunteers added "I am honoured to welcome you all once again to this extraordinary evening where business and community comes together to help kids with special needs. Radiomathon continues to prove an enormous benefit to children living with various disabilities, thanks to your generosity and support. For this we sincerely thank you all, especially in such turbulent times".

The night's entertainment began with the sensational and sensual performers Latin OZ Dance Mania, who had the entire room swinging to Latin beats. DJ Con Andrews maintain the vibrant atmosphere with carefully selection of popular numbers, which kept the dance floor full right

through to closing. The evening's successful fundraising began with an array of silent auction items and peaked with the live auction delivered by one of Sydney's favourite young celebrities, aerial traffic reporter, Vic Lorusso from Channel Ten and Mix 106.5. Amongst other exciting auction items, guests competed to win a trip over Sydney with Vic on Channel Ten's traffic helicopter.

The fundraiser was a phenomenal success, raising an impressive total of \$120,100. The funds will be disbursed

into the areas of the community where they are needed most, through special schools, hospital units and organisations that facilitate the learning and therapy required by kids with special needs. Some of the organisations that received support from Radiomathon in recent months are George Kranitis Juvenile Arthritis/ Uveitis Research Fund, Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club, Sydney Children's Hospital, Westmead Children's Hospital, Miroma Centre, Lucas Garden Special School, Wangee Park Special School, the Diabetes Prevention Research Centre and many more.

The Radiomathon Annual Dinner Dance in Sydney is one of several fundraising activities organised annually by Laiki Bank for the benefit of children with special needs. Laiki Bank covers 100% of the net administrative cost of fundraising, maximising the proceeds, which go to support kids suffering from physical and mental disabilities.

Find out more about Radiomathon



1. Sydney's favourite aerial traffic reporter, Vic Lorusso conducting the live auction 2. VIP-Jpg-Laiki Bank Chairman Mr Nick Pappas, the High Commissioner of Cyprus in Australia, His Excellency Yiannis Iacovou, and Chairman of Radiomathon Trust Mr Michalis Athanasiou 3. NSW Attorney General and Minister for Justice, the Hon John Hatzistergos MLC

