



George and Natalie Messaris, Yiannis Procopiades, Yiannis Tripidakis, Evangelos Athanasiou, Ioannis Pitsas, Christos Georgopoulos, Theo Constantinou and Harry Danalis

# Cocktail party to celebrate the 25th March

The Greek Orthodox Community of NSW celebrated the Greek Independence Day 25 March 1821 with a cocktail party held at the Greek Community Club on Thursday 25th March 2010. The official program commenced with the national anthems of Australia and Greece. The evening included speeches, poems and traditional Greek songs and dancing by the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Dance Group under the direction of Paroula Thurban.

The MC acknowledged the distinguished guests: Mr Harry Danalis, president of the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW, the Hon. Lynda Voltz Member of the NSW Legislative Council, Mr Evangelo Athanasiou, Vice Consul of Greece representing the Hon. Vas. Tolios, Consul General of Greece in Sydney, Mrs Apostolia Lykou, Deputy Prefect of Chios Island, Mr Nikos Niktas, President of the Chios Prefectural Education Committee, Cr John Prokopiades, Mayor of Randwick, Cr. Sam Iskandar, Mayor of Marrickville, Cr. Marika Contellis from Marrickville City Council, Cr Bill Saravinovski, Mayor of Rockdale and Lady Mayoress Christine Stavropoulos, Cr. Evangelos Anestis from Rockdale City Council, Dr Ioannis Pitsas, Education Officer Consulate General of Greece in Sydney, Mr Dirk Anthony, Director, Audio & Language Content SBS, Mrs Katina Nicholas, Member of the Oceania Regional Liaison Committee of the World Council for Hellenes Abroad, Mr Ioannis Papatheodotou, NSW Regional Manager, Bank of Cyprus, Mr Theo Konstantinou owner of "O Kosmos" newspaper.

"Wake up slave" was recited beautifully by Dimitra Papanтониου, a year 3 student from Clempton Park Greek Saturday school. "25th March" recited by Eleni Kalivrechtaki, Anastassio Konstanti and Christoforo Papatheodotou, all year 6 students of Beverly Hills North Greek Afternoon School.

Speeches were given by the president of the Greek Orthodox Community Mr Harry Danalis, Mr Michael Tsilimos, Secretary of the GOC, Mr Apostolia Lykos and Cr John Procopiades.



Mr Theo Constantinou owner of "O Kosmos" newspaper, Mr Sam Pappas General Manager of GOC, Kleanthis Kontopoulos, Soula Thliveris, Penny Kosta, Gerasimos Lymberatos



Cr Sam Iskander Mayor of Marrickville, Cr Manolis Tsarhoulias, Cr John Procopiades Mayor of Randwick, Secretary of GOC Michael Tsilimos, Cr Angelo Anestis from Rockdale City Council