



Winners of the students' competition



Mrs Paroula Therban with the dancers of the Creek Community schools, President Albert Vella and guests



The dancers from the Tamils Study Centre Homebush Hon Consul of Nepal Deepak Khadka, Victor Dominello MP, with some of the guests and school committee members

NSW FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

2010 Annual Dinner

The NSW Federation of Community Language Schools held this year's Annual Dinner last Saturday, August 7, at the Croatian Club in Punchbowl.

The event was well attended by over 200 people representing 19 language groups. The annual dinner brought community language schools in NSW together to celebrate languages in harmony. It also gave them the opportunity to network with people from other communities. Dedicated teachers received Long Service Certificates, and students were presented with awards for excelling in this year's drawing and writing competitions. The dinner had a number of distinguished guests. Representing the Leader of the NSW Liberal Party Mr Barry O'Farrell MP, was Mr Victor Dominello MP, Member for Ryde and Anthony Roberts, Member for Lane Cove and Shadow Minister for Citizenship. The chairman of the Community Relations Commission Stepan Kerykasharian was represented by Mr Michael Christodoulou AM and fellow Commissioners Ms Sienni Afeaki and Ms Ezel Jupiter. A number of diplomats also attend the function.

The guests had the opportunity to present the community language school students and the teachers with their awards and to talk with those present about community matters. The Members of Parlia-



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ment gave very supportive speeches about the important role community languages schools play in both education and community and were made aware of the very important issues such as the need of and increase in the Per Capita Grant Funding, recognition of a student academic achievement and the problems related to the use of government schools facilities.

Entertainment on the evening was provided by 3 dance groups from the Greek, Tamil and Philipino communities from different parts of Sydney. These beautiful dancers represent the diversity in cultures and highlight the vibrant part that communities add to the multicultural society of NSW.



John Pitsas, from the Greek Consulate, Anthony Roberts MP, Albert Vella and Michael Christodoulou AM, CRC Commissioner



The dancers from the Penrith Community Filipino School

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