



Fr Steven Scoutas, Senator Matt Thistlethwaite, Elia Economou & fiancé Dimitra Liverys.

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2011

ST SPYRIDON PARISH GALA DINNER

On Saturday 5th November, St Spyridon Parish held its Gala Dinner to celebrate the opening of the new Sports & Performing Arts Centre (SPACe) on Anzac Parade, Maroubra. The SPACe was partly funded by the Federal Government through its Building Education Revolution (BER) initiative for which the Parish & Community is most appreciative.

On this glittering evening the SPACe was transformed by beautiful, candlelit décor.

Among the guests for the evening were:

- The Hon. Peter Garret MP, Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth;
- Senator Matt Thistlethwaite;
- The Hon. Marie Anne Ficara - Parliamentary Secretary NSW;
- The Hon. Michael Daley - Member for Maroubra and Mrs Daley;
- Cr Scott Nash - Mayor of Randwick, and
- Detective Superintendent Arthur Katsogiannis, Commander Gangs Squad, NSW State Crime Command.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Dr. Nicholas Pappas, Archdiocesan Council, Chairman of South Sydney Football Club and Chairman of Powerhouse Museum. In his welcome address the Parish President, Mr Elia Economou thanked the Government as well as the many benefactors who have supported the growth of the College over its 28 years of progress.

Acknowledgements were given to the following:

- Acknowledgement of the Estate of the Late Professor Manuel Aroney - who had been on the Board of Governors of the College for 28 years,

and who had bequeathed \$60,000 from his Estate to the College Building Fund... Received on behalf of his family by his son and daughter-in-law Steven & Sophia Aroney.

- Acknowledgement of the Estate of the Late Mrs Marina Pappas - who had pledged \$50,000 to the College Building Fund prior to her sudden passing in 2009. Her son & daughter-in-law Dr Nicholas and Eleni Pappas honoured her pledge from her Estate and received a commemorative plaque in recognition of this donation.

- AHEPA NSW pledged \$30,000 to the College's Building Fund, as well as a commitment for ongoing support to the College's scholarship & bursaries program. Mr John Theodorides, NSW State President of AHEPA was acknowledged for this announcement.

- The Parents & Friends Association of the College announced also that their fund-raising contribution for 2011 was \$50,000. The P & F Committee led by their President Ms Anna Stamoulis were warmly acknowledged.

Other speakers for the event were:

- The Hon. Peter Garrett,
- The Hon. Marie Anne Ficara, and
- Senator Matt Thistlethwaite who presented the Australian Flag to Mrs Stefanou - Haag, Head of College.

Parish Priest Rev. Father Steven Scoutas closed the formal part of the evening by reminding all those present that St Spyridon College welcomes students from 20 different cultural backgrounds, all of whom are valued and cherished members of their learning community.

The evening closed with live Greek music and dance and was enjoyed by all.



Efrosini Stefanou-Haag, Kevin Haag & Peter Garrett



Consul General Vasilius Tolios & Mrs Dora Tolios



Fr Steven with Nicholas & Eleni Pappas