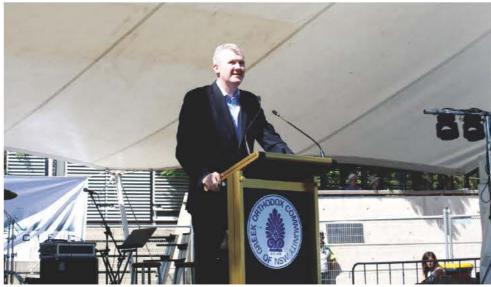
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## 31st GREEK FESTIVAL OF SYDNEY

## **DARLING HARBOUR, MARCH 17th 2013**











## RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE

21

The Greek Festival of Sydney broke attendance records on the weekend as thousands poured into Darling Harbour to experience what is Greece. The shores of Darling Harbour were a sea of blue and white as Greeks and Philhellenes celebrated with 2 days of music, food, dancing and the best of local and international live entertainment.

International superstar and highlight of the weekend's entertainment Michalis Hatzigiannis delivered the ultimate performance and the crowd was not disappointed. It was easy to see why he is the "Best-selling artist of the decade» in Greece, with more than 3.5 million albums sold, and with a faithful audience globally.

"I have chaired the festival for 10 years, and this is the first time I've seen numbers like this" said Festival chair, Nia Karteris.

Hatzigiannis may have been the highlight however there were no shortage of performances throughout the weekend. With cooking demos from last season's favourite My Kitchen Rules contestants Helen and Steve, dancing from a dozen different dance groups, music from some of the best local talent, and even a life jacket fashion parade hosted by Fat Pizza's Paul Fenech, there was plenty to keep the audience entertained.

Officially launched by The Hon Tony Burke, the Darling Harbour festivities are only a part of what's to come in the next 6 weeks of the Greek Festival cultural program.



