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An evening of Kytherian celebrations



Part of the crowd of over 300 who dined in Maitland Street outside the Roxy complex on Saturday night. The NSW Governor, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, is seated in the right, foreground, seated next to Mayor, Cr. John Coulton.

Over 300 people joined in a night of Greek feasting under the stars on Saturday to celebrate the opening by the NSW Governor, Her Excellency, Dr. Marie Bashir, of the Roxy Greek Museum.

Other official guests included Minister for the Arts and Kytherian cafe kid, The Hon George Souris, Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, Ambassador of Greece, Charalambos Dafaranos, President of the Kytherian association of Australia Victor Kepreotis, Museum committee trust members, Peter Prineas, and George Poulos.

The governor spoke about the way the Greek people had fitted into creating what is the Australian spirit.

"Beautiful Bingara has given so much to our state over the years in so many ways, contributing to the great sense of community, to our soldiers who went to two world wars and indeed, to that sense of mateship and rural prosperity, Dr. Bashir said.

"Major contributors to that sense of community and wellbeing have been the members of the Greek community who have gone to so many country towns and added to the culture and prosperity of those country towns such as Bingara."



Senator John Williams, NSW Governor Her Excellency Dr. Marie Bashir and Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall.

Dr. Bashir spoke of the contribution the Greek people have made to civilisation over thousands of years.

"Now the wise people of Bingara, Cr. Coulton and your fellow councillors have had the wisdom to realise that this wonderful piece

of heritage will now be held in the hearts and minds of future citizens of Bingara and all those with Greek Heritage."

Dr. Bashir unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

More photographs and story next week.

