

## Radiomathon worldwide

Radiomathon reached new heights in 2005 with 1,572,552 Cypriot Pounds (app. \$4 526 337 AUD) being raised in Cyprus alone. This is the largest annual amount raised in Radiomathon's



16 year history and with most of Radiomathon's administrative costs covered by the Laiki Group, so that even more assistance will be possible worldwide.

In Greece, Radiomathon continued its outstanding fundraising drive in 2005 with proceeds for the charity totalling an estimated 406,131 Euro (\$673 563 AUD). In the UK, the Radiomathon cause raised 240, 218 GBP that equates to \$572 858 AUD.

To learn about the Radiomathon effort worldwide visit [www.radiomathonios.com](http://www.radiomathonios.com)

## Real life stories

Radiomathon has helped many children with special needs over the past year, here is one of their stories first hand.

Thomas Cracknell, a disabled boy from Victoria, was donated a new 'Mulholland' wheelchair from Radiomathon. Now in his new chair, he is able to sit comfortably for extended periods of time and his posture is much improved.

In a letter to Radiomathon, Thomas' mother, Mrs Cracknell wrote, "It is great to see him smile again and be able to participate in school activities in his chair instead of a bed".

This is just one heart-warming example of what a difference your contributions can make to children.



## Thank you

Thank you to the organisations that joined in the spirit of Radiomathon by organising fundraising events:

### Radiomathon Events:

- Aradhippou Brotherhood of SA
- Athienou Brotherhood of NSW
- St George College (SA)

- St Spyridon College (NSW)
- Kalavrita Association (NSW)
- Morphou Philanthropic Association
- Parthenon Marble

- Cypriot Youth of Brisbane
- Cypriot Youth of Sydney
- Pambris Bros
- Bill Kriitharas

Thank you also to the general community, volunteers and businesses for their generous support and for making Radiomathon 2005 a success!

### Radiomathon Radio Appeals:

- 1683am Greek Radio
- 2MM Greek Radio
- 3XY Greek Radio
- Doriforos Greek Radio
- Antenna Pacific
- Adanced Poultry
- Sydney Poultry Food Distributors
- Christopher's Cake Shop
- Merrylands Telstra Shop
- Georges Providers
- Kebia Importex
- Marrickville Seafood
- Hellenic Bakery
- Simeon Foods
- Mr Andreas Zervos
- Mr Andreas Kyriacou
- Handy Foods/ Stella Cakes

- Tim Products
- Sweet Fantasy
- Nikos Quality Cakes

### Radiomathon Ball/ Auctions/Raffles:

- Mars Property Group
- Kyrenia Travel Services
- Me First
- Global Pest Control
- Vicky Mar Fashions
- Gulf Air
- Sergio Alvajee
- Roses Only
- Cyrano Gift Shop
- Raptis Group
- Kaz Systems
- Harris on the Park
- Alexander Cigar Merchants
- George's Jewellery

- Arthur G Designs
- Grecian Tours
- The Audio Group
- Modern Line Furniture Manufacturers
- 21st Century Communications
- Olympiakos Greek Soccer Team
- Levendi Jewellers
- Mr Ellias Savvides
- Jim's Cellars
- IM Imports
- Atlantis Seafood
- Wardell Liquor
- Hypost
- Le Sands Restaurant
- Harrolds Shirt
- The Fitness Generation
- G & K Jewellery
- The Baby Gallery



## Radiomathon News

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## Welcome



On behalf of the Radiomathon Trust, it is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the next issue of Radiomathon News and thank you for your generous help and support in 2005.

Radiomathon made a significant contribution to the quality of life enjoyed by many children with special needs, whether by providing much needed assistance through the purchase of equipment, or from alleviating some of the continual financial pressure that burdens many special schools and the families of these children.

This year I would like to invite our supporters to volunteer their time at one of our events or activities and help us do even more in 2006.

As Chairman of the Trust over the last five years, I have had the privilege of seeing so many organisations benefit from your generosity. I sincerely thank you for this and look forward to your continued support in 2006.

Miltos Michaelas  
Chairman, Radiomathon Trust Australia

To become a Radiomathon Volunteer and help children with special needs, please contact Georgia on 02 8262 9071

## 2005 in Retrospect

With your support, Radiomathon Australia hosted various successful fundraising events, raising a remarkable \$275 000 to help children with special needs.

### Greek Business Ministerial Luncheon

A cheque for \$25,000 was presented to the Radiomathon Trust on behalf of the Greek Business Community at a luncheon hosted by NSW Minister for Justice and Minister for Fair Trading, the Hon. Mr John Hatzistergos, representing Premier Bob Carr, on Wednesday 29 June to honour the work of Radiomathon.

### Dinner at Le Sands Restaurant

The function at Le Sands restaurant that was held on Friday 19 August succeeded in raising \$10,000 for children with special needs. The event drew very generous guests from the Greek Community and included NSW Health Minister, The Hon. John Hatzistergos.

### Helena Paparizou

Talented Greek singer and winner of the 2005 Eurovision Song Contest, Helena Paparizou, displayed her affection for children with special needs on her recent visit to Australia in September. A portion of proceeds from ticket sales amounting to over \$10,000 from the Sydney leg of Helena's Australian tour was donated to Radiomathon.



Mr Miltos Michaelas and Mr Sam Pambris (Encore Productions) together with Ms Helena Paparizou

### Taverna nights

A total of \$7,000 was raised for Radiomathon at charity taverna nights held during October at Anesi Tavern in Sydney and Yiannis Taverna in Melbourne. A big thank you to the owner of Yiannis Tavern in Melbourne, Mr Yiannis Aitsinis and the owner of Anesi Tavern Mr Chris Koulinos for helping to make the event such a success.

### Trivia nights

Over 200 people turned out to put their brains to the test at Charity Trivia Nights held at the Civic Hotel in Sydney and at the Moonlight Reception in Melbourne. It was the first time such an event was added to the Radiomathon program and proved to be a fun night for all who attended and looks set to be included in this years program of events. The two events raised \$5700 in total for the Radiomathon cause, which proved to be both a contest of knowledge and generosity amongst participants.

### Radiomathon Charity Balls

Radiomathon Australia's peak Victorian fundraising event, the Melbourne Annual Charity Ball was held on Saturday 26 November 2005 at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne, raising \$70,000. We thank all the guests for showing their support in the auction, and especially Mr Bill Alateras for his kind bid of \$16 000 for a Socceroo's Jersey. Furthermore Radiomathon extends its thanks to Mr Panayiotis Margaritis from Parthenon Marble, who sponsored the event with a contribution of \$10 000.

The Sydney Radiomathon Ball was held on Friday 11th November 2005 at Le Montage Reception Centre, raising \$60 000. Thank you to all the volunteers and guests who helped make the night a great success.

### Radiomathon 2005 Official Launch- Adelaide

St George College, Adelaide was the venue for the official Radiomathon Luncheon which marked the start of the fundraising activities .The event



Radiomathon Official Launch at St George College, Adelaide

was held on, Tuesday 25 October 2005 and was another great success raising \$20,000 for children with special needs. Many thanks to the students, teachers and Board of Directors of the school for their hard work.

### Radiomathon Radio Appeals

The genuine show of support by the community towards children with special needs was evident during the Radiomathon Radio Appeals that took place in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide on Saturday 5th November 2005. The Radio Appeals raised the record-breaking amount of \$55,000.

A big thank you to Con Nicolis from **1683am**, Ms Tina Courtesis from **2MM**, Mr Ross Alatsas from **3XY** and Mr Dimitris Kostarelis from **Doriforos Radio** for offering their radio stations for the day. Radiomathon also wishes to thank the radio presenters Costas Kolovos, Maria Pierou, Petros Karavatakis and Voula Hatzistergos for volunteering their time to help raise the much needed funds.

### “Open Line”- Ανοιχτή Γραμμή

Radiomathon is also very grateful to **Antenna Pacific** for producing a 1 hour program specifically for the promotion of the Radio Appeals and the Radiomathon effort. The program generated valuable awareness of the Radio Appeals and contributed to the success of Radiomathon 2005.

### Radiomathon New Year's Ball @ the Museum of Contemporary Art

It was a truly magical New Year's Eve celebration for everyone who attended the Radiomathon New's Year Ball on the rooftop of the Musuem of Contemporary Art, overlooking the picturesque Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Radiomathon is grateful to Mr Bill Kritharas who generously chose Radiomathon to receive the proceeds of such a successful and unforgettable event.



The Winning team from the Melbourne Trivia Night "Stellaktities"

## Help is on its way

Funds raised in 2005 are already well on their way to helping children with special needs in the Australian Community. Among the organisations to benefit from Radiomathon assistance include:

### NSW

Estia Foundation of Australia	\$30,000
Roselands Sports & Aquatics Club	\$10,000
Lucas Gardeners School	\$10,000
Diavitiko Association - Sydney	\$5,000
Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc.	\$5,000
Chalmers Rd School	\$5,000
Wangee Park Public School	\$5,500
Kingsdene Special School	\$5,000
Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hos.	\$3,200



Ms Sandra Gav at Kingsdene Special School

### VIC

Agapi Care	\$25, 000
Thalassaemia Society	\$5,000
Children's Cancer Institute of Australia	\$5,500
Epilepsy Foundation	\$5,000
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	\$5,000
Good Friday Appeal	\$3,000

### Ongoing Support, yet to be disbursed

Croydon Special Development School (VIC)	
Yooralla (VIC)	
OzChild (VIC)	
Doncare (VIC)	

### SA

Womens and Childrens Hospital	\$15,000
- Neurosurgical Unit	
Flinders University	\$12,000
- Early Intervention Research program	



Mr Theoharis Alaveras and Mr Soteris Matis at Croydon Special Development School

**Radiomathon Raffle Tickets & Christmas Cards NOW ON SALE! 1300 888 700**

## Upcoming Events

### Radiomathon Official Launch

22nd August 2006 - Luncheon  
St George College  
75 Rose St, Mile End, Adelaide

### NSW & VIC Radio Appeals

4th November 2006 - All day Radio Appeals  
NSW - 1683am & 2mm 1665am  
Victoria- 3XY Greek Radio 1422am  
SA- Doriforos 152.125fm

### Melbourne Radiomathon Ball

11th November 2006 - Dinner  
Crown Casino, The Palladium Room  
8 Whiteman St, Melbourne

### Sydney Radiomathon Ball

17th November 2006 - Dinner  
Le Montage  
38 Frazer St, Leichhardt

**If you wish to donated any prizes for the Radiomathon Radio Appeals, Auction Items or Lucky Door Prizes please call Georgia on 02 8262 9071 or email us at radiomathon@laiki.com**

For enquiries in regards to upcoming events please contact Georgia 02 8262 9071