

# MARCONI

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## NEWS



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## In Memory Mamma Lena

### *A name that will not be forgotten*

*An era came to an end when Mamma Lena died at the age of 89 on September 21st 2003. Mamma Lena, an icon of the Italian community was closely linked with the club having for many years celebrated a variety of events where the presence of a thousand people was not unusual.*

Mamma Lena and her husband Dino migrated from Italy in 1956 and shortly after their arrival, Mamma Lena's radio and newspaper started. It was also the time that Club Marconi came into existence. Its proximity to a large number of Italians made it ideal for the grand scale activities that Dino lived to organise. Many careers and musical groups were launched during the talent quests that this dynamic couple organised through the club and publicised on radio. Many fund raisers were held at the club to raise money for the earthquake and flood victims as well

as the Sorella Radio Child Care Centre (now Mamma Lena Child Care Centre) which Lena and Dino built for the community in Fairfield.

Mamma Lena, Dino and Club Marconi were for many years the central social hub for the community.

More recently and during the celebrations for Mamma Lena's 89th birthday in July, Mamma Lena in her capacity as the Honorary President of ANEA (National Association of Migrants Americas and Australia) honoured the club's president Tony Campolongo, by conferring on him the title of "Italian of the Year 2003" for his services to the Italian community as both the president of Club Marconi and the SWIAA Retirement Village.

