



To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the program, ARRIVER-DERCI ROMA, the Italian community of Sydney, together with radio station 2CH, held a Ball at the Wentworth on the 31st January. Since she commenced this program on 2CH, Mrs. Lena Gustin ("Mamma Lena" as she is known throughout New South Wales) has played a big part in the successful assimilation of new arrivals from Italy. Her services to the community have been recognised by two nations with the award of an M.B.E. from Her Majesty the Queen, and the Italian decoration, the Cross of the Cavalier, from the President of the Italian Republic. Guest of honour at the celebration Ball was radio and television personality John Laws, who was presented with a FRIENDSHIP AWARD.

(Above) John Laws was more than happy to extend the hand of friendship to lovely Marisa Anania, after her crowning as "MISS ITALY 1970"—but Mamma Lena (Mrs. Gustin) kept a discreet watch nearby!

JOHN LAWS SPEECH

Mamma Lena, thank you very much. Italian Community, I thank you very much. I've been trying to practise *Molte Grazie*, but I don't do it too well. But I do thank you and I don't want to go on because I'm not too good at this sort of thing, but if ever in the future I can do anything to help the Italian Community, believe me, all you have to do is ask and I will be proud to do it, and I'll continue to do as much as I had in the past, which I really considered to be very little to promote the wonderful things that Italians have made for Australia. And I really think they have. And if ever at any time, anybody has a critical comment to make about any Italians that I know, I believe that they make critical comments because they're jealous — which is a frightening thing, but I think is a realistic thing — I think that the Italian Community has done more for the Australian Community than any other people who decided to make Australia their home. As I said the other night, I have an Italian Hairdresser, an Italian Tailor and an Italian Bootmaker and I'm sure I can't go any more than that. Thank you very much, and I mean it, thank you.