

Many came to mark Mamma Lena's 80th

A COMFORT, a friend, and a supporter. This is what Mamma Lena has been to many thousands of Italians in their time of need.

And on the occasion of her 80th birthday, more than 200 of her friends, supporters, admirers and distinguished guests, including Federal Opposition Leader Alexander Downer and Federal Member

Brown Bishop, were with her at Club Marconi in Bosseley Park and at Apia Club in Leichhardt.

Mamma Lena's dedicated work has been acknowledged not only by the Italo-Australian community, but also by the Italian and Australian media.

Prime Minister Paul Keating, Premier of NSW John Fabey and

Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Michael Phosios offered their congratulations as well.

Mamma Lena started to work for Italian migrants as a journalist and radio announcer in 1956, on the ethnic programs of various radio stations throughout Sydney, in a career which spanned 29 years.



AT MAMMA'S birthday bash: From left, Ms Bishop, Mamma Lena, Mrs, Downer and Mr Downer

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