

# Star Search finals go off with a bang!

by Ross Dickson

Well, didn't the finals of Star Search 2009 go off with a bang!

Really, they did! The Star Search opening act was a great tribute to Michael Jackson and as the trophy was lifted up in the air, it fell and landed in 2 pieces!

So I guess in saying that, it was also a smashing contest!

The final show was held at the Norths League Club in Cammeray, and a large crowd of people attended to see the fantastic kids perform.

We had **Anthony Ikin** from 'So You Think You Can Dance' attend the show as a judge. Anthony also owns and runs a dance studio called Ikin Dance Australia in Chatswood. Thanks also to Anthony for donating the first prize - a term of dance at the studio.

Our other judge was **Tara Swinfield** - she was a great judge and had lots of great things to say about the kids' performances.

Tara is a singer, dancer and actress and has been involved with many great kids' shows as well as in roles on stage.

And we can't forget the Mayor **Pat Reilly**. He was fantastic as per normal - unfortunately he didn't perform his famous Elvis impersonation, but has promised to do a great act at next year's Artarmon Fair.

Also, many thanks to **Allison Thomas**, who produced the programs, and to our fantastic host, **Bethany Kennedy**. Bethany and I met through a movie we both worked on last year and she is also very involved in doing things for the community. She therefore jumped at the opportunity to help me out as the host of Star Search 2009.

I would like to thank the fantastic sponsors:

- Ikin Dance Australia
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The winner of Star Search 2009 was **Lucy Boyd** - she was a great dancer and we can't wait to see her performance at the Chatswood Spring Fair.

The runner up was **Archie Croston** on guitar. Archie will also be performing at the Spring Fair.

I would also like to mention great efforts from the rest of the kids - well done **Julia Sheedy**, **Bonnie Lemke**, **Emma Morton**, **Sanjano Suresh**, **Kate Robinson** and **Leah Porges**, and **Charlotte de Rocquigny**.

Hope to see you all back on the stage next year.

**Please come along to the Spring Fair on September 12th to support the kids from Star Search who will be performing on the stage from 12:05pm till 12:25pm.** ■



*Archie Croston,  
Star Search 2009  
runner up*



*Star Search 2009  
winner  
Lucy Boyd*