

## Gold Gold Gold for Olympic Fundraising Effort



**Michael Richard and Hayden Sharpe with Olympians Martin Kelly, John Konrads and Rocky Gattellari.**



**AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM FUND**

The Gala Event to raise funds for Australian Olympians was a great success. Over 30 Olympians were special guests including Gold Medalist John Konrads, Champion Boxer Rocky Gattellari and Judo star Martin Kelly who enjoyed a night of great dining and entertainment.

The Australian Olympic Team Fund Committee was made up of prominent sporting and business leaders including Chairman – Kerry Ruffles, Edgar Adams, Horst Endrulat, Peter Reynolds, Shane Alvisio, Paul Barnes, Tim Cullen, John Taylor, Simon Earthrowl and Michael Sharpe.

The Sharpe Bros team was honoured to support Australian athletes travelling to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Chairman Kerry Ruffles invited guests to “join in this historical dining event as we rally together to support our local Olympians and celebrate their passage to the world’s centre stage. Representing your country and your community remains one of the highest accolades bestowed upon an Australian.”

Legendary sporting commentator Norman May, who is considered the enthusiastic voice of the Olympics for many Australians, was a special guest speaker at the event. Mr May was the first to bring swimming into our lounge rooms and introduced us to some of Australia's greatest swimmers – from Dawn Fraser and Murray Rose in the 1960s, to Shane Gould in Munich, Tracey Wickham in Edmonton, and latter days stars such as Susie O'Neill, Ian Thorpe and Grant Hackett. Many of his calls, such as 'Gold Gold to Australia, Gold' at the Moscow Olympics, have been as memorable as the performances themselves.