

Hot chilli radio

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BOLLYWOOD has come to Blacktown.

Rajesh Batra has been spicing up western Sydney since his Bollywood radio program hit the airwaves last month.

Hindi for hot chilli, Radio Mirchi mixes popular new hits, fusions of Bollywood music with western sounds, and traditional favourites.

The former Doonside resident said he was overjoyed by people's response to the program.

"I'm short of words to express how good it has been," he said.

"Last week I got 38 calls during the three hour show."

Radio Mirchi airs on Thursdays from 9pm to midnight on 2CCR FM 90.5. The show takes caller requests and gives talented locals a chance to have their music played.

Mr Batra has been performing Bollywood songs on stage in Sydney since 1999 and at Indian functions and corporate events.

"Bollywood music uses a wide range of instruments and has wonderful melodies," he said.



Music man Rajesh Batra is taking the sounds of Bollywood across western Sydney.