

Bollywood hits the airwaves



Rajesh Batra from Castle Hill is on air every Thursday night playing Bollywood music.

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BOLLYWOOD music and dance is setting a new fashion trend globally - and it's no different in the Hills.

The melodies of old Bollywood movies and the latest fusion with western music is so popular in Sydney's north west that a Castle Hill man has started a Bollywood radio show.

Every Thursday night radio host Rajesh Batra plays some of the old favourites and some of the funky

new songs which are proving popular with listeners.

The program, *Radio Mirchi*, is on each Thursday night from 9pm until midnight on radio station 2CCR at 90.5 FM.

Mr Batra is a music fan and has collected his own library of Bollywood favourites over the years.

"Music is my passion, and three years ago another radio station in Blacktown asked me to DJ for them.

"I realised how popular this type of radio program is and decided to apply for my own show," he said.

His application was only granted recently and the show has been on air for a month.

Mr Batra is an MBA graduate and works at a multinational electronics company.

The father of two young daughters says music is something his family simply loves.

"I also do a bit of karaoke singing at Indian functions or for corporate shows. People love it. They join in and sing some of the old songs and clap along to the newer songs," he said.