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Australia Day Celebration 2012

26 JAN 2012 @ Balla Balla Centre, Cranbourne

Passport to Casey's Cultural Heritage Showcase

Doors open to the public at 10.45am & close at 5:00pm

A warm welcome to all

Thank you for joining us

This **FREE** event aims to:

- unite the community
- celebrate our rich and diverse cultural heritage and what makes us proud to live in the City of Casey

The vibrant and multicultural Casey cultural heritage showcase program will feature:

- **Free performances**
- **Free children activities** including colouring, drawing, games, jumping castle, face painting
- "Photographic Exhibition Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the gazetting of the township of Cranbourne"
- A **cultural exhibition** that will give a glimpse into the cultures in our multicultural municipality, this will also feature the **Ahmadiyya Muslim Association in Casey & key panels from the Immigration Museum "Beyond the postcard image...Mauritians & Rodriguans in Victoria"**

- ✚ **Free BBQ Sausage (beef/chicken halal) for the first 250+ visitors**
 - More **ALSO AVAILABLE FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION**
- ✚ **Free tea & coffee, sweet and savoury vegetarian, halal delicacies; soft drinks available for a gold coin donation**
- ✚ **the day will be full of great family fun, surprises, giveaways, door prizes**

The event is proudly brought to you by

The Cultural Historical Association of Rodriguans and Mauritians in Victoria (C.H.A.R.M) and supported by the City of Casey, Casey RaCe, the Cranbourne Lions Club, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association in Casey

Program

Time

- 11.00 **Welcome by Master of Ceremonies**
Address by Australia Day Ambassador, Mr. Dan Romanis
Woolworths Representative Derek Johnson presents gift to Mr. Dan Romanis
- 11.10am **Official proceedings conclude for the morning**
Ambassador and the Woolworths Representative mingle with the crowd (photo opportunities); refreshments will be available for guests
Free finger food, BBQ sausages, coffee/tea; soft drinks will be at a gold coin donation
- 11.15am **Opening Act - Oliver Thomson - I Still Call Australia Home**
Oliver Thomson is 9 years old and has been in Australia for nearly three years since emigrating with his family from London England. He has recently moved to Narre Warren and will start attending Mary Mackillop primary in February. On advice from his school music teacher, he auditioned for the National Boys Choir of Australia where he now sings as a Junior Chorister. More recently, he took part in the 2011 Casey's Got Talent and Won the Primary School Section and the People's Choice Award and as such will be performing at the Berwick Show 2012 along with the other finalists. Oliver takes acting lessons at Screen Actor's in Mount Waverley where he enjoys working in front of the camera and has recently started to learn piano. Oliver aspires to be an Actor/Singer as he just loves to entertain.
- 11.20am **SS Superstars** – they were born in Sudan and migrated to Australia, they started singing in 2008 Sara, sings in a choir since 2006, and her off sider knew she was talented, so they joined to form a small band. They have performed at multicultural events ,weddings ,and Sudanese community celebrations
- 11.40 **The Mauritian Golden Age Line Dancers** - The dancers are actively involved seniors from the MAURITIAN GOLDEN AGE CLUB, they also call themselves Happy Feet Line Dancers as they are happy when they dance. They have performed at Noble Park Centenary Celebrations, the Multicultural Prime Timers events, for different clubs; they have also hosted a Line Dancing workshop during the Seniors Festival in 2010 and have been a feature act at LA FAYA, the Mauritian community festival held at Federation Square.
- 11.55 **Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Australia** - A group of Youth from the association will present a medley of poems in Urdu/Arabic in a unique style, along with a translation in English.
- 12.10 **Sikh community Youth Choir** – Avatar Singh, Jasbir Singh, Prabjot Singh, Amrit Kaur, Anika Raam Kaur, Jhaan Singh and Tara Dev Kaur will bring you some traditional songs from their culture.
- 12.25 **Speyside Highland Dancers** A group of kids aged from 4 years to 18 years that rehearse at the Factory in Cranbourne. The group was formed to bring the Scottish Tradition of Highland Dancing to the area and is now proud to say some of their dancers train for competition, exams, concerts and fun. They are proud to have in their group many National and International Championship Title holders. Dancers are trained in traditional highland as well as modern Celtic choreography.
- 12.40 **Brittany Leo** - a local, 16 year old singer who performs regularly around Melbourne; including many events for the City of Casey. She has performed at venues such as Ormond Hall and Federation Square. Brittany takes singing, guitar, piano and dancing lessons and enjoys performing a mix of musical styles, especially pop, rock and RnB
- 13.00 **National Anthem – Shanelle Jacobs**
City of Casey Mayor, Cr Sam Aziz address and Welcome
- 13.15 **Shanelle Jacobs** – a 17 year old Narre Warren Sth local performer, 2009 Casey Idol secondary section winner has performed at many City of Casey charity functions, Mayoral concerts, Casey Kids Carnival & the Berwick Show and Berwick Show Star Search in 2010 & 2011. Shanelle recently completed VCE & would love to pursue music and the performing arts in the future

*program correct at time of print may be subject to change without notice

- 13.35 **Kanasuk – Kanasuk** (meaning sugarcane), a group of dancers and singers. They will sing and dance the "**Sega**" (Pronounced Saygah) the national traditional music and dance of the island where we come from the beautiful island of **Mauritius**.
- 13.55 **Fiesta Kreol** – Young sega dancers who perform regularly at community festivals, fundraising events, celebrations to preserve and showcase cultural heritage;
- 14.05 **Nicole Miller** - Nicole Miller is 19 years old. She has been singing for 11 years and is a singing teacher at Hit a Note Singing School. Nicole loves to perform and has been a part of local performances such as citizenship ceremonies, local competitions, Flood Benefit concert, Berwick Show and carol nights.
- 14.15 **Nadanalaya Academy of Indian Classical Dance students of Smt. Meena Elankumaran** will perform a classical Indian traditional dance, **Bharathanatya**
- 14.30 **Rythmology students** - will perform traditional West African songs. Moribayassa is the name of a very old rhythm and dance, which to this day plays a highly unusual role in the life of a woman. The rhythm is played exclusively for this joyful dance of a woman who has overcome a difficult situation. Djole was played all over West Africa where villages would get together in order to celebrate a big harvest or a wedding. The students get together once a week to learn traditional West African songs taught by Peta Minter. Peta will conduct a drumming workshop after the performance
- 15.00 **Rochelle Bruce** - 16 year old Rochelle Bruce has been singing for fun since she was 12. She has had the opportunity to sing at many events with her Sister Jessica-Jade and has now commenced singing lessons just before Christmas. Rochelle has qualified for the heats for Berwick Idol and is really excited about it. Rochelle is currently studying year 12 at Sacred Heart girls' school and wishes to study primary school teaching or Law after completing year 12.
- 15.10 **Maryse Bruce** - married mother of 4 has reached the age where she believes it's never too late to explore her singing abilities. She has qualified for the heats for Berwick Idol as well and is thrilled to be singing today. She is new at all this and says she has lots to learn!
- 15.15 **Kayla Massing** – Kayla is in year 12 and studying to be a musician and performer. She also sings, plays guitar, drums, piano and loves to dance. She has been singing for about 4 years now and dancing for 11. Today she will sing rather than dance for us
- 15.20 **Badfolk** - The Berwick and District Folk Club (Badfolk) is an acoustic music group which provides a performance platform for both local and international artists. Meeting every third Friday of the month at 7.30pm at The old Cheese Factory. As a nonprofit group they also support like-minded community groups
- 15.35 **The Auvale Brothers** - they will be performing Samoan and English songs. Three brothers who have been living in the Casey district for the past 15 years and have seen this municipality grow from its farming community to a vibrant metropolitan community. They are very active in our community work and love singing as a general hobby. They continue to support our community activities and will keep doing so as long as music is a part of it.
- 16.10 **Cranbourne Lions Concert Band** –The Cranbourne Lions Concert Band is a community band with over 40 members from varied and diverse backgrounds. They play an assortment of community and municipal functions throughout the year as well as hosting the Casey Concert Band Festival in May. Events include Variety Concerts, "People in the Parks" afternoons, music festivals, Pleasant Sunday Afternoon concerts, workshops and rehearsals with college bands fostering music education, the Berwick show, Christmas Carols plus more.

Also enjoy the free Activities

**Oriental & Eastern Art Workshop
by Lubna Ahmad**

**Oil paintings display by Punya
Henna Stall by henna artists from the
Ahmadiyya Muslim Association**

**Nadia Khakimi qualified beauty therapist
from Nadia's Beauty Lounge
Will kindly offer a free hands massage**

Kathy's Face Painting

Australian National Anthem

Peter Dodds McCormick wrote the Australian National Anthem lyrics in the late 19th century. It quickly gained popularity and was sung by a choir at the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia on 1 January 1901.

A referendum held in 1977 to choose a National Song saw Advance Australia Fair received 43.6% of the vote. Waltzing Matilda received 28.5% of approval ahead of God Save the Queen 18.7% while Song of Australia received 9.7% of the vote. Only the first chorus of Advance Australia Fair is sung at the majority of events where the national anthem is played.

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
With golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia fair

<http://www.e-australia.com.au/national-anthem/>

History of Australia Day

The tradition of noticing 26 January began early in the nineteenth century with Sydney almanacs referring to First Landing Day or Foundation Day.

That was the day in 1788 Captain Arthur Phillip, commander of the First Fleet of eleven convict ships from Great Britain and the first governor of New South Wales, arrived at Sydney Cove.

Yet the tradition of having Australia Day as a national holiday on 26 January is a recent one. Not until 1935 did all the Australian states and territories use that name to mark that date. Not until 1994 did they begin to celebrate Australia Day consistently as a public holiday on that date.

The evolution of Australia Day has included a number of nationally significant events, including the strong emergence of the Indigenous rights movement on the sesquicentenary of 1938, and the huge bicentenary celebrations of 1988.

A detailed history of Australia Day, written by Dr Elizabeth Kwan and commissioned by the National Australia Day Council, can be found on the Australia Day website: www.australiaday.org.au/history.

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<http://www.australiaday.org.au/experience/page76.asp>

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Casey RaCe

Nadia's Beauty Lounge

Chef's Pantry

Darrel Hayward

The Cranbourne Lions Club

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

The Artists &

The talented performers listed in the program

The Balla Balla Centre staff

“Together we have made a difference”