



Celebrate
what's
great!

Australia Day Celebration 2013

26 JAN 2013 @ Balla Balla Centre, Cranbourne

Passport to Casey's Cultural Heritage Showcase

Doors open to the public at 10.45am & close at 4:00pm

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, Romanian Folk storytelling and Chess Games, Chinese traditional fan dance workshop
- A **cultural exhibition** that will give a glimpse into the cultures in our multicultural municipality, this will also feature a display from the Romanian Cultural Association (UNIREA INC), Cranbourne Arts and Craft Society, a Photographic Display by Joanne Mendes and the key panels from the Immigration Museum "Beyond the postcard image...Mauritians & Rodriguans in Victoria", a photographic display by Joanne Mendes

- ✚ **Free BBQ Sausage (beef/chicken halal) for the first 250+ visitors**
 - **More ALSO AVAILABLE FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION (subject to availability)**
- ✚ **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, raffle raising funds for local community programs**

The event is proudly brought to you by **The Cultural Historical Association of Rodriguans and Mauricians in Victoria (C.H.A.R.M)** and is supported by the **City of Casey, Casey RaCe, the Cranbourne Lions Club, BadFolk, Darrel Hayward** and all volunteers, artists & performers listed on the program

Program

- Time**
- 11.00 **Welcome by Master of Ceremonies**
Address by Australia Day Ambassador- Dr Nouria Salehi OAM
Australia Day Woolworths Ambassador, Mr Simon Thompson presents Australia Day Ambassador pin
- 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**
7 Valley Ensemble – Persian Traditional Music
- 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.*
- 12.00 **Nadanalaya Academy of Indian Classical Dance students of Smt. Meena Elankumaran will perform a classical Indian traditional dance, Binayagar Sthuthi**
- 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 **Chinese Fan dance – Sindy Mu, Chinese Mu Lan Fan Centre.** *Sindy has learnt and practiced Chinese traditional Kung Fu Dance Mu Lan series for more than 10 years and has performed many demonstrations and shared Chinese culture at various events and with various audiences. Sindy now works as an entertainer and Kung Fu dance teacher demonstrating and teaching Chinese traditional dances and sharing culture.*
- 13.00 **Brittany Leo Brittany Leo** *is an intense vocalist who at only 16 years of age has already performed at numerous events around Melbourne and at great venues such as The Palladium at Crown Casino, Melbourne Exhibition Centre and Bennett's Lane. Brittany is also a dancer and musician and has just completed writing and recording her debut EP with singer/songwriter Michael Paynter.*
- 13.15 **Stephanie Bosquet - National Anthem**
City of Casey Mayor address and Welcome
- 13.30 **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.

- 13.35 **The Romanian Cultural Association - UNIREA INC presents "Romanian Verse, Song and Dance"**; this performance will showcase traditional popular costumes, poetry and joyful dance, including a wedding custom.
- 13.55 **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.
- 14.05 **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
- 14.45 **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
- 15.15 **The Rodriguan Social Club of Victoria – RSCV – Traditional Rodriguan dancers**
The RSCV club aims at promoting the Rodriguan Culture in Victoria and also to facilitate "Rencontres" with our fellow members which currently comprise of a total of 405. Over the past years the club has, no doubt achieved an enormous growth. We have shown Victorians our beautiful and colourful culture. The club is very active and we organise a lot of events during the year. The RSCV is focused on coordinating various Social and Cultural activities. We are committed to promoting their rich culture within the Multicultural Society of Victoria. They host many fundraising events and perform at various dances, festivals such as Globe to Globe, La Faya Festivals and more

Also enjoy the free Activities

Display by the Romanian Cultural Association (UNIREA INC) showcasing arts, crafts and traditions

Art & Craft Exhibition by the Cranbourne Arts & Craft Society

Photographic exhibition by Joanne Mendes

Face Painting

Chess games, storytelling and other kids activities coordinated by UNIREA Volunteers

And more...

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.

Source: Australia Day website accessed 24.1.2010

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

This event has been proudly supported & made possible by various key individuals, groups & organizations

We sincerely thank them for their dedication, passion, commitment, hard work, time & talents

We acknowledge

The many volunteers & the CHARM Organising Committee

**City of Casey Staff & Councillors
Casey RaCe**

The Cranbourne Lions Club

The Romanian Cultural Association UNIREA Inc

The Cranbourne Arts and Craft Society

Joanne Mendes – Photographic Display

The Artists &

The talented performers listed in the program

The Balla Balla Centre staff

“Together we have made a difference”