



DAP Newsletter

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Making Connections in Noble Park

A valuable and ongoing relationship between the Adult Migrant Education Service (AMES) and the Returned Services League of Australia (RSL) in Noble Park is one of the great outcomes of a project funded through the Diverse Australia Program's Emerging Issues Funding.

The AMES project *Making Connections* involved members of the RSL engaging with newly arrived young people through dialogue, activities and celebratory events such as Harmony Day and a youth citizenship ceremony.



Younger students at AMES celebrating Harmony Day

A strong connection was forged between the two groups as a result of an Anzac Day Ceremony during which the RSL war veterans and young people, many of whom come from war-torn areas, joined in honouring those who have fought for the freedom of their countries. Such was the shared significance of this experience that the combined commemoration is set to become an annual event.

The President of Noble Park RSL, Gordon Murray, now regularly speaks to classes at AMES and also encourages RSL members to become volunteer tutors.

In addition to the RSL, the project involved many other organisations within the City of Greater Dandenong and the City of Casey providing support and guidance to newly arrived migrants and refugees.

Y Challenge – celebrating diversity

A new educational resource, *Y Challenge – celebrating diversity*, developed by the Australian Red Cross was officially launched on Tuesday 19 May at Lockridge Senior High School in Kiara, Perth.

The resource provides activities for young people to explore and celebrate diversity. What's more, it supports youth to actually bring about social change through the development of school and local community projects.

The launch was a hit, with members of the community getting together to show their support of this great resource, which



will provide secondary educators with ideas and practical approaches to teaching in a modern multicultural society.

Y Challenge – celebrating diversity was funded by the Diverse Australia Program's Emerging Issues Funding.

The resource is available from the youth education section of the Australian Red Cross website www.redcross.org.au

Check out our education segment (on page 4) that features one of the activities from the *Y Challenge – celebrating diversity* resource.

Congratulations..... Cricket Australia

Congratulations to Cricket Australia who were short-listed for a Beyond Sport Award under the category of Best Project by a Sport Federation or Governing Body.

The Beyond Sport Awards, which were held on July 7-9 in London, are a global initiative that seeks to unearth, celebrate and support the world's most inspirational sports projects, people and organisations that drive positive change through sport.

Cricket Australia were one of four finalists, nominated for their resource *Indigenous Playing in Harmony Classroom Schools Resource*.

■ Best Project by a Sport Federation or Governing Body 

The resource is an offshoot of the original *CricKids Playing in Harmony* resource that was developed in partnership with the former Living in Harmony Program.

While the title went to the International Federation of Netball Associations in India for their project *Goal*, Cricket Australia's nomination was an excellent outcome and a

great opportunity to promote Australian programs that support inclusiveness and harmony on a global stage.

For more information on the Beyond Sports Awards, visit www.beyondsport.org/

Community Grants Funding – Small & Large projects

In this year's Community Grants funding round, we received some 870 applications. Of these, 291 were applications for Small Grants projects and 579 for Large Grants projects.

Assessment of the Small Grant applications is currently being finalised and applicants can expect to be notified of the outcomes by late September.

Short listing of Expressions of Interest for the Large Grants is expected to be finalised during September.

Farewell Gil Maher

Gil Maher, who has been with the Diverse Australia Program since its inception in 1999, retired in July.

During his time he saw the evolution of the program that was formerly known as the Living in Harmony Program, including the many different themes & messages such as "Say no to racism" and "You + Me = US".

From Palm Island to Fitzroy Crossing – Gil's involvement with community organisations spans a nation.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment, Gil, and all the best with your retirement!



Seeing Red

Seeing Red: A facilitation manual for responding to anger and violence among culturally diverse young men was officially launched in April 2009 at the Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre in Adelaide.

The 'train the trainer' manual, designed for community/youth organisations who work specifically with young migrant men on anger management and conflict resolution was developed by Multicultural Youth South Australia (MYSA), in partnership with the Shopfront Youth Health Service.

The manual was developed as part of a project titled *Culturally Diverse Young Men and Violence* funded through the Diverse Australia Program.

Service Providers who are seeking ways to assist youth to deal with anger and violence will find valuable information in this resource on cultural and social factors which contribute to these issues.

For more information about *Seeing Red* or to obtain a copy, see MYSA's website at: www.mysa.com.au/



A participant in the *Culturally Diverse Young Men and Violence* project, David Morgan spoke at the launch of *Seeing Red*.

2009 Harmony Day Promotional Product Survey



We received a great response to the 2009 Harmony Day Promotional Product Survey – thank you for your contributions and great ideas.

The new 'look and feel' of Harmony Day evidently resonated with the community, with over 97% of participants responding positively to our new range of promotional products.

Participants commented that they thought the products were eye catching, appealing and symbolic of diversity. Others stated that they liked the design of the "little people".



Help us...

If you have any contributions, suggestions or feedback relating to Harmony Times, please send an email to: harmonyday@immi.gov.au

Taking the Initiative

Taking the Initiative - police working with Australia's diverse communities is a new section of the DIAC website www.immi.gov.au that will be launched in September 2009.

The website will showcase successful initiatives around Australia that build positive relationships between police and newly arrived refugee communities. It will be a useful tool for police, settlement service providers and the general public.

Stay tuned for more information in the next edition.....



Let's get educational!

A number of projects funded under the Diverse Australia Program produce educational resources.

In this edition, we are featuring a classroom activity from the new Australian Red Cross publication, *Y Challenge – celebrating diversity* (see article page 1).

This activity can be used with a variety of age groups as an introduction to a unit of study on Australia's cultural diversity.

For more information about *Y Challenge – celebrating diversity* visit: www.redcross.org.au

ACTIVITY 1.7 Is there an 'Aussie' culture?

Can we define Australian culture? Attempting to do so can challenge our ideas and promote vigorous debate. In its broadest sense, the Australian culture is described as an evolving multicultural one because it changes over time and in composition.

This activity gives young people the opportunity to share and explore ideas about Australian culture.

- Have the team members cut out images they think reflect Australian culture and spread them over a table or floor.
- Each person chooses an image and explains why they think it should be included in a montage.
- While they glue their image to the montage, the next person selects and explains their image. Continue until the team feels the montage is complete.
- Challenge the team to compile one sentence that describes Australian culture.
- Label the montage with the sentence and display it.

How would you describe Australian culture to someone who has never been to Australia? Was it easy or even possible to agree on one sentence to describe Australian culture? How has migration contributed to Australian culture?

You will need

- variety of magazines, brochures and other pictorial print materials
- glue
- craft scissors
- 1 x large sheet poster paper

What's Coming Up?

Date	Event	State	Organisation
25 Aug	NAP project launch "Across My Bridge" 1:30pm (for 2pm start) at the Auburn Town Hall 1 Susan St Auburn - Event is free. For more info: please contact the project manager at Beyond Empathy on (02) 6772 0101	NSW	Beyond Empathy
20 Sep	2009 Brisbane Peace Fair Multicultural & Community food and stalls – in conjunction with Arts Performances from Youth Peace Parliament Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens, Toowong. For more info, please visit: www.idpa.org.au	QLD	International Day of Peace Alliance
21-23 Sep	2009 Youth Peace Parliament Student discussion of issues of peace and conflict; complemented by youth music, arts and drama performances. Queensland's Parliament House. For more info, please visit: www.idpa.org.au	QLD	International Day of Peace Alliance
21 Sep	City of Playford community EXPO Playford Civic Centre - Features cultural food preparation and tasting, dance, music and art. The whole community is encouraged to attend. For more info, please visit: www.playford.sa.gov.au	SA	City of Playford
24 Oct	DAP Project "Empowering Women to Mix" Showcase event at Brunswick Town Hall Featuring female DJs, cultural food, dancing and music. Event is free, bookings not required Starts at 7pm but need to get there early!! For more info, please contact Rachel on 0402 749 441	VIC	Brunswick Neighbourhood House
31 Oct	Harmony Festival "A Day in the Park" Port Pirie Memorial Park from 3-9pm. The festival will be a celebration of the different cultures in Port Pirie. For more info, please visit: www.boystown.com.au	SA	Boystown Port Pirie