



## **Celebrate Queanbeyan's cultural diversity at the Multicultural Festival**

### **21 February 2012**

Queanbeyan will proudly celebrate its cultural diversity with the annual Multicultural Festival in the Queanbeyan Park on Sunday 26 February.

"This year's Carnivale Multicultural Festival will again have an exciting line-up of performances on stage in the Park, along with food stalls and many fun activities for the whole family to enjoy," Queanbeyan Mayor, Cr Tim Overall said. "The festival theme of Carnivale! reflects the high energy music and dance performances from local multicultural groups and the events we have come to expect from such a Festival – Food, Dance, Music and above all a vibrant atmosphere."

The Festival runs from 10am until 4pm on Sunday 26 February under the magnificent trees in Queanbeyan Park and entry is free. The Park will be filled with music, dance and food and bustling with the many local multicultural community groups coming together to showcase their food, dance and song.

The Festival is being held to celebrate Queanbeyan's culturally diverse society which has helped create the unique and vibrant identity of our City. Queanbeyan is indeed home to people from all around the World, who have come here from many places including Macedonia, Greece, Serbia, Italy and Croatia, from the UK and New Zealand and more recently from India, China, Indonesia the Philippines.

Highlights of this year's Festival will be the ever popular dance and song performances by communities as diverse as Serbian, Maori, Chinese, Macedonian as well as Indonesian, African, and South American performers.

There will be delicious multicultural food ranging from Asian delicacies to hearty BBQs and a variety of locally made sweet cakes.

"The Carnivale Multicultural Festival is proudly supported by Queanbeyan City Council in conjunction with the Queanbeyan Multilingual Centre. I encourage everyone to come along and enjoy the many activities taking place during the Festival weekend," Cr Overall said.

For more information contact John Gunn, Queanbeyan Multilingual Centre, on 6297 6110 or Council's Cultural Development Officer on 6285 6170.

### **Media opportunity**

The 2012 Multicultural Festival will be launched in Queanbeyan Park (near the rotunda) on Tuesday 21 February at 11am. Organiser John Gunn from the Queanbeyan Multilingual Centre will be available for comment and performers will be available for photos/footage.

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