

## Media release — Celebrate Harmony Week at home 16 March 2020

The Multicultural Council of Tasmania has today cancelled numerous Harmony Week gatherings.

"Tasmanians of all backgrounds are doing what we can to constrain the spread of the COVID-19 corona virus," said Mr Waqas Durrani, Chair of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania.

"Today school groups missed out on coming to the Open Day of the Multicultural Hub in Moonah where they would taste some fantastic food from numerous cultures. So we delivered the food to schools so it could be distributed in the classroom."

"Tasmanians can continue to celebrate Harmony Week, despite the cancellation of gatherings for film, food and performances."

"As we spend Harmony Week at home, consider watching a great foreign language film from your favourite streaming service, cooking up your own multicultural feast, or even getting active and taking a dance class with the help of Youtube."

"Even though we will be apart, we are all in this together."

Cancelled events organised by the Multicultural Council of Tasmania are:

- The inaugural Tasmanian Multicultural Festival of film, food and performances at the Hobart Twilight Market on Friday.
- A Harmony Week reception on Wednesday evening at Government House, hosted by her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania.
- Open Days at the Multicultural Hub in Moonah.
- Basketball of Colours basketball match on Sunday.

Other cancelled Harmony Week events include Sunday's Moonah Taste of the World and Wednesday's ceremony to sign up Clarence City Council as a Welcoming City.

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