

NEMA NEWS

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Waminda Community House—Multicultural Morning Tea and Cooking

There was much to delight the senses at the first of the year's Multicultural Morning Tea and Cooking sessions conducted at Waminda Community House in Benalla.

From left: Faryal NEMA (Manager—Community Engagement & Programs), Rita, Fatima, Mira, Tracy and Luke. The Multicultural Morning Tea and Cooking sessions run every Wednesday from 9.30am—10.30am and everyone is welcome. *Please bring a dish to share.* (For further details, please refer to the flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.)



Discussing the finer details of future Morning Tea and Cooking sessions at Waminda Community House are from left: NEMA's Faryal Khan, Leeane Bullard (Waminda Community House Manager), and Ian Prentice (NEMA President).



2026 Cultural Dinners

Pangerang Community House - 38 Ovens St. Wangaratta 3677 6.00 pm—8.00 pm

The 3rd Wednesday of each month

April 15 / May 20 / June 17 / July 15 / August 19 / September 16

October 21 / November 18 / December 16

MARCH 18 - Dutch Dinner

NB: Details of the specific cultural food to be prepared on the night will be provided ahead of each month.

NEMA OFFICE CLOSED

NEMA wishes to advise that our office will be closed on the following Mondays:

March 16, 23 & 30 April 6 - Easter Monday - Public Holiday

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Bright Social Group

The weather was ideal when members of the Bright Social Group gathered at Myrtleford's Lupo's Kiln Café to celebrate the 70th and 80th birthdays, respectively, of two of their most valued members — Robyn and Pam.



DONATE YOUR CULTURAL DRESSES

Do you have cultural dresses you no longer use?
Help us celebrate diversity and heritage by
donating them to NEMA!

We collect dresses from different countries to
display at our community events, showcasing the
rich tapestry of cultures in our region.

Please note: Only dresses in excellent condition
can be accepted.

Thank you for helping us celebrate culture!
Contact us on: nema@nema.org.au



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WEBSITE FOR USEFUL LINKS AND
RESOURCES



NEMA'S WEBSITE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT NEMA'S
YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND WATCH OUR
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS VIDEOS,
AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, DARI,
PUNJABI, AND BURMESE.



**NEMA'S YOUTUBE
CHANNEL**

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NEMA'S FACEBOOK PAGE AND STAY
UPDATED AND CONNECTED WITH OUR
COMMUNITY.



NEMA'S FACEBOOK

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE OFFER TRANSLATED RESOURCES
FROM VARIOUS SERVICES AND DEPARTMENTS IN
MULTIPLE LANGUAGES.

ANY QUESTIONS: CONTACT US ON
NEMA@NEMA.ORG.AU OR 0477 995 306

COMMUNITY CULTURAL DINNER PROGRAM

Community Cultural Dinner Ambassadors Wanted!

Share Your Country's Cuisine!

WHAT WE OFFER =

- ✓ Ingredients Paid for by NEMA
- ✓ Showcase Your Culture
- ✓ Connect with the Community
- ✓ A warm and welcoming community

LOCK IN YOUR DATE =

- March 18th
- May 20th
- July 15th – PERUVIAN FOOD
- September 16th
- November 18th

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES =

- Call NEMA: 0477 995 306
- Call Pangerang Community Hub: 03 5721 3813

Celebrate Culture • Share Food • Build Community.



Multicultural Food & Art Festival

Saturday 2nd May 2026
10:30am to 1:30pm
Batchelors Green Park, Wangaratta
(Important Notes below)

**ENJOY FREE
EVENT WITH LIVE
PERFORMANCES
AND STALLS**

CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating diverse cultures through food, art and community



FOODS

Experience diverse cultural flavours from food trucks & stalls



CLOTHING

Showcase your country by wearing your traditional dress



IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ♥ Want to display a stall or participate? Contact us at nema@nema.org.au or 0477 995 306
- ♥ Lock the date and celebrate with us the diversity!
- ♥ In case of rain, the event will be held at the Victory Community Hall, Ryan Ave, Wangaratta! Updates will be posted on NEMA Facebook page



This event hosted by North East Multicultural Association & funded by Rural City of Wangaratta Council.



Attention! - Young models required

NEMA is looking for young girls and boys (under 15 years of age) to participate in the *Cultural Fashion Show* at the Multicultural Food and Art Festival. You will be required to wear your own traditional cultural dress. For further information please contact Faryal on 0477 995 306

MULTICULTURAL
Morning Tea & Cooking

EVERY WEDNESDAY
9:30AM - 10:30AM
Please bring a dish to share



AT WAMINDA COMMUNITY HOUSE
19 BALLINTINE STREET BENALLA
NEMA: faryal@nema.org.au - 0477 995 306
or contact WAMINDA 0491 630 213



WANGARATTA VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

New teams and players welcome

Now 2 Courts

STARTING 4TH OF FEBRUARY AT 5:30PM

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD AND SKILLS TRAINING - EVERYONE 5:30PM TO 6:15PM

COURT 1 - SCRATCH MATCHES 6:15PM- PC VS CHECKMATE 7:10PM - DICKEY KNEES TOO VS JAGUARS

COURT 2- NEW PLAYERS AND TEAMS 6:10PM - JUNIORS SCRATCH MATCH 7:15PM - NEW PLAYERS/TEAMS FINISH AT 8:10PM

LOCATION: WANGARATTA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE

EVERYONE WELCOME TO COME AND TRY

SUPPORTED BY
Wangaratta
SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE

PLEASE CONTACT
[FACEBOOK.COM/WANGARATTAVOLLEYBALL](https://www.facebook.com/wangarattavolleyball)
OR MESSAGE VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
OR CALL RUSSELL ON 0418 573 647



Correction!

In last month's newsletter we incorrectly attributed the Australia Day Award for Albury's Young Citizen of the Year to Chi Chi Wang. Chi Chi Wang, however, received a nominee's award for Young Achiever of the Year and it was instead Olivia Britton who was awarded Albury's Young Citizen of the Year.

Happy Birthday to: Jan, Yata, Mary Ann, John, Yashika, Jayme, Natividad, Jegatheswaran, Helen, Gavan, Neelo, Faryal, Sarlee, Felicidad, JoJo, Bikash, Dawitra, Syliva, Bing, Andrew, Pheba, Andy, Andrew, Sunil, Kamlai, Eduardo, Mary, Anu, Emil, Tute, Thelma, Karanvir, Judyta, Olga, Genevieve, Michelle, Rebecca, Yaw Han, Yusnita, Garry, Jun, Sarah, Nonsy, Kaomi, Nella, Sim, Hazel, Elva, Mehak, Leah, Emilio, Fari.



Happy Independence/ National Day/ New Year to our friends and members from Bangladesh, Greece, Iran and Mauritius

welcome



Welcome to: Pai, James, Monica, Cecilia, Yinghua, Rohit, Anu and Chawintee

MARCH EVENTS

Wednesday 18th March: Multicultural Morning Tea and Cooking. 9.30am—10.30am. Waminda Community House, 19 Ballintine Street, Benalla. *Please bring a dish to share.*

Wednesday 18th March: Midweek Break. 10.30am to 12.00pm. 90 -100 Ovens St, Wangaratta. Everyone welcome. *Please bring a plate of food to share.*

Wednesday 18th March: Bright Social Group: Lunch at Happy Valley Hotel Ovens. Bright Group to meet at the carpark at 11.20am. We will carpool. Myrtleford ladies to meet at the Hotel around 11.45am.

Wednesday 18th March: Cultural Dinner: 6.00pm—8.00pm. Pangerang Community House - 38 Ovens St, Wangaratta.

WEEKLY EVENTS

All weekly events for NEMA are free unless stated otherwise.

Tuesday : 5.30pm—6.30pm Benalla English lessons at Waminda Community House, Benalla.

Wednesday : 6.00pm —7.00pm Wangaratta English lessons at our offices.

Alpine Shire Region: If anyone is interested in English lessons please contact the Office.

Contact details below. *(Future lessons would be held in Bright)*

I.T. Lessons **by appointment only.**

Suite 3, 90-100 Ovens St, Wangaratta.

Ph: 03 5721 5490 Mob: 0477 995 306

Office open Monday - Wednesday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Availability outside these hours by appointment only.

Calls to 0477 995 306 will be answered Mon - Thu 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Any messages outside these hours will be returned next business day.

If you need help with education, advocacy or just feel like a 'cuppa' and a chat, call in and see one of our friendly volunteers.



