

NEMA NEWS

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NEMA OFFICE CLOSED

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

30th March, and 6th April - Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

HARMONY DAY—MANSFIELD

Sunny autumn weather provided the perfect conditions for Mansfield's 2026 Harmony Day. Organised by Marie Sellstrom and her wonderful team of volunteers, the day offered a seemingly unending range of delights.

Commencing with a Welcome to Country and an official opening by Cindy McLeish MP, Harmony Day provided a host of entertainment, demonstrations and traditional cultural foods. Just to name a few, there was Dinawan First Nations Dancers, Irish Dancing, Line Dancing and also Filipino Children's Dance, as well as Fijian and Vanuatu singers, Irish singing and Community Choirs. Demonstrations on offer included Petanque, Traditional Chinese Massage, Sari Folding, African Dance Workshop as well as Indian Dance, Henna Painting and First Nations bark craft, clay modelling and story telling.



Attendees too enjoyed Indian and Pakistan cuisine, Austrian food and coffee, Asia Bao Buns, Chinese Noodles and German Brezel Madie in addition to Japanese delights, East Timor Portuguese Tarts, and The Country Women's Association of Victoria (CWA) traditional sponges and scones.

Above: Harmony Day attendees enjoy the atmosphere.

Left: NEMA Volunteer - Antoinette (at left) and NEMA Receptionist - Mary-Ann (at right) man the NEMA stall at Mansfield's 2026 Harmony Day celebration.

2026 CULTURAL DINNERS

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

The 3rd Wednesday of the month

20th May / 15th July / 16th September / 18th November

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

DUE TO THE EASTER BREAK THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT RUN

Benalla English class will not run on Tuesday 7 April - resuming Tuesday 14 April.

Benalla Multicultural Morning Tea will not run on 1, 8, 15 April - resuming Wednesday 22 April

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day highlights women's gains in overcoming the disparities which exist between men and women in the workplace often with a focus on income levels and leadership opportunities. However, inequalities, such as these also exist between women themselves.

International Women's Day Through a Migrant Lens: What "Balance the Scales" Really Means (Part one of a series on migrant women's stories) discusses the ways in which race, identity, migration and opportunity variously inform workplace outcomes among women.



(Copy and paste the link below in your browser).

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/international-womens-day-through-migrant-lens-what-balance-peart-3i9uc?trk=feed-detail-main-feed-card-reshare-feed-article-content>

Please Note: You do not need to join LinkedIn to access the article.



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



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS USEFUL RESOURCES



**SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS NEMA
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**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO FOLLOW
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)



- Chinese Dragon Show
- 360 Video Booth
- Lucky Draw Raffle
- Live Performances
- Henna Art
- Write your name in Korean
- In the Groove - Drumming

- Jumping castle
- Face Painting
- Local Mini Market
- Kids Fashion Show
- Stalls
- Food Trucks



CELEBRATING DIVERSE CULTURES THROUGH FOOD, ART & COMMUNITY

Experience vibrant cultural flavours from our food trucks and stalls.



CLOTHING

Showcase your country by wearing your traditional dress



IMPORTANT NOTES:



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



For Further info: Contact us at nema@nema.org.au or 0477 995 306



Rural City of
Wangaratta



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.

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
 **SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE**

PLEASE CONTACT
FACEBOOK.COM/WANGARATTAVOLLEYBALL
OR MESSAGE VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
OR CALL RUSSELL ON 0418 573 647

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

   

Happy Birthday to: Nhung, Anne, Sereena, Bruce, Ramandeep, Khong, Kelly, Srey Leak, Seneil, Latte, Jeanette, Mary Ann Pepito, Cheryl, Horacio, Santosh, Bilal, Labella, Margherita, Fatna, Chi Chi, Chino, Krystna, Hanah, Robyn, Caterina, Jeryll, Nia, Gitta, Pina, Rutuja, Isobelle, Marlon, Matthew, Nesma, Amitpal, Gabriella, Flor, Anant Sagar, Khyam, Daniel, Jessica, Girish, Lorraine, Pawandeepkaur, Razel, Alan, Stephen, Annie, Catherine, Dion, Manpreet, Romana, Mary-Ann, Astrid, Angika, Tarnvir and Sandeep



Happy National/Kings/Independence/Freedom/St George/Day to
our friends and members from
Cyprus, Netherlands, Zimbabwe, South Africa and England



Welcome to: James, Cecilia, Monica, Yinghua, Rohit, Anu, Chawintee, Giuseppa, Edith, Paddy and Jill

APRIL EVENTS

Thursday 9th April: Savoy Ladies Social Group: 12.00 Noon. Lunch at Club Savoy , Myrtleford.

Wednesday 15th April: Midweek Break: 10.30am to 12.00pm. 90 -100 Ovens St, Wangaratta. Everyone welcome. *Please bring a plate of food to share.*

Wednesday 22nd April: Bright Social Group: 12.00 Noon. Lunch at Wandiligong Hotel.

Bright Group: Meet at 11.40am at Croquet Car Park for carpooling.

Myrtleford Group: Meet at 11.20am at Reject Shop Car Park for carpooling.

Saturday 25th April: Anzac Day: Members of NEMA will be laying wreaths at all 5 LGAs. Lest We Forget.

WEEKLY EVENTS

All weekly events for NEMA are free unless stated otherwise.

Tuesday: 5.30pm—7.00pm Benalla English lessons at Waminda Community House, 19 Ballantine Street, Benalla.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: DUE TO THE EASTER BREAK BENALLA ENGLISH CLASSES WILL NOT RUN ON 7th APRIL. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON 14th APRIL.

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

PLEASE BE ADVISED: THIS WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL.

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*)

North East Multicultural Association
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.

