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Lantern Festival

The Lantern Festival is the final event of Chinese New Year. The site is decorated with Chinese Lanterns and lights and there are performances of Chinese traditional music, children's dances, martial arts, lion dance, a hand-made lantern competition and a lantern parade.

When: Saturday 15 February 2014, 6pm – 9 pm

Where: Commonwealth Park near Gallipoli Reach (west of the Rond Terraces, below ANZAC Parade)

Entry: Free

Bring your own lanterns or buy one there. Prizes for best hand-made lanterns.

For further information email acfsevent@gmail.com or ph 62478231

The Color Run

The Color Run™ 5k is coming to Canberra on **Sunday, February 16, 2014** at Stage 88, Commonwealth Park. "Are you ready for the craziest, colourful, 5k of your life?"

The Canberra Hospital Foundation in partnership with Give me Five for Kids is very excited to have been named the official charity for Color Run™ Canberra 2014.

If you would like to join in on the fun, go to: <http://www2.thecolorrun.com/australia/canberra/> to register to run the 'most colourful, 5k of your life'! Once you have registered you can also set-up a fundraising page to help you to raise money for children at the Canberra Hospital. Every dollar raised by participants in Color Run™ Canberra 2014 will go towards supporting children at the Canberra Hospital.

Register now for Read Around Canberra

If you love reading and discussing books, then Read Around Canberra could be just what you're looking for. In 2014 Canberra writer Susan Hampton will lead groups in a series of ten in-depth literary discussions. A fee of \$130 is payable in advance.

Books representing a variety of themes, times, characters, nationalities, styles and genres have been selected to interest participants and trigger stimulating discussions. The books are supplied by Libraries ACT and this year include:

- A Single Man by Christopher Isherwood
- Call of the Wild, White Fang and other Stories by Jack London
- The Party and Other Stories by Anton Chekhov
- Disgrace by JM Coetzee
- The Unbearable Lightness of Being by Milan Kundera
- Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson
- Suite Francaise by Irène Némirovsky
- Questions of travel by Michelle de Kretser
- Waiting for Godot: a tragicomedy in two acts by Samuel Beckett
- Just Kids by Patti Smith

Registrations close **18 February**: www.library.act.gov.au

Engaging People to Talk About Problem Gambling Issues

This course is aimed at any person assisting people who may have financial, legal, relationship, housing, drug and alcohol, child protection and mental health concerns. Many people who have problems with gambling or are gambling in a high risk fashion do not recognise the extent to which their gambling may be affecting themselves or people close to them. Even if people with gambling problems do self identify they are likely to seek help for the consequences of their gambling rather than, or before, seeking specific gambling help. If you work in the areas mentioned above, you are in a position to help.

This free one day course will be held at Woden CIT, Ainsworth Street Phillip ACT, on **Wednesday 19 February 2014 from 9:00am to 4:30pm**. Morning tea and lunch are provided. For more information or to book a place at the course for either day please contact Alex Ingham at the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission on 6207 0305 or alexander.ingham@act.gov.au

This course is run by the Centre for Continuing Welfare Training on behalf of the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission.

Course Content

Problems related to gambling can present in a range of guises such as financial, legal, relationship, housing, drug and alcohol, child protection and mental health concerns. Therefore, it is likely that professionals working in a range of settings other than the gambling specific context will encounter people with gambling related problems.

Raising and addressing the issue of gambling within non-specialist settings can pose a challenge for professionals. However, the opportunity to begin to address problem gambling regardless of the setting can be an important step in the process of change. The aim of this one-day workshop is to increase the awareness and skills related to addressing problem gambling within contexts other than gambling specific services.

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Recognising problem gambling
- Raising the issue of gambling
- Assessment of gambling and related concerns
- Measuring readiness for change in relation to gambling
- Working with reluctance and resistance to changing gambling
- Overview of best practice in the gambling context
- Gambling specific referral options.

To register for this course you should seek approval from your manager or supervisor using the attached external training nomination form. You will also need to book a place directly with ACT Gambling and Racing Commission.

For more information or to book a place at the course for either day please contact Alex Ingham at the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission on 6207 0305 or alexander.ingham@act.gov.au

When: Wednesday, 19 February, 9.00am to 4.30pm

Where: Woden CIT, Ainsworth Street, Phillip, ACT

Language Walk

Australia is now the only country in the world to have people from all languages spoken in the world. To share the pride and to complement the International Mother Language Day in Australia, let's join the inaugural annual **International Mother Language Walk** (the Walk) in Canberra on 21 February 2014 between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. The purpose of this Walk is to establish a very strong foundation to enhance community awareness about the significance of mother/heritage languages in Australia.

This proactive initiative will complement the spirit to value and respect linguistic diversity among Australian communities. The Walk will include a variety of community activities with the 'Multilanguage focus' to celebrate mother languages across the globe. This will be another great opportunity for you and your community to show your strong support for Australian multilingual strengths.

We also encourage **at least one short performance (song, dance, recitation) from your community member(s)** to reflect your language/culture. Please confirm your availability to allow us to organise the event accordingly. We also hope that you may like to share this open invite among your peers and circulate through your networks.

When: 21 February 2014, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Where: Reconciliation Place (behind Questacon), Lake Burley Griffin

For more information, contact: Ziaul Hoque, International Mother Language Movement (IMLM), Phone: 0411 031 942, Email: IMLM.21Feb@gmail.com Web: www.imlm21.org.au

DonateLife Ball

DonateLife ACT is the organ and tissue donation service for the ACT and surrounding areas.

Join us for a night of frivolity, fine food, fundraising and frocks at our 'Light for life' Ball (OK men do not HAVE to wear frocks!).

Saturday 22 February 2014 is the night for THE social event of the year!

This event will launch DonateLife week and fundraising for organ and tissue donation in our local community. This black tie event will be at the National Arboretum Canberra with fine dining provided by Ginger Catering.

Our MC is local funny guy and Melbourne International Comedy Festival comedian Greg Kimball.

Entertainment includes other local comedians, a light show and party music by the Baker Boys Band.

Please join us at 7pm, Saturday 22 February 2014.

- To buy 'Light for life' Ball tickets online go to www.act.gov.au/lightforlife
- To buy 'Light for life' Ball tickets with cash or cheque come to Main office DonateLife ACT Canberra Hospital, Building Six, Level 1
- For more DonateLife ACT information please go to <http://www.health.act.gov.au/health-services/organ-and-tissue-donation/>
- Phone enquiries: (02) 6174 5625 Business hours
Email: Organ.Donation@act.gov.au

Position Vacant - Part time Education Officer

Are you a bi-lingual person looking for an opportunity to further develop your skills with a respected community organisation? The AIDS Action Council of the ACT is seeking a highly motivated person to join our dedicated and innovative Sex Worker Outreach Program (SWOP) team who provide outreach to sex workers in ACT.

We are looking for someone who has English as well as Korean, Thai or Chinese oral and written communication skills, has a broad knowledge of the sex industry, HIV, Hep C and sexual health issues for multicultural sex workers. Previous experience in, or knowledge of, the sex industry is essential. The role entails some outdoor and evening work. All information provided by applicants is kept confidential and only viewed by the interview panel.

This is a part time position, 15 hours per month.

Contact Philippa Moss, Manager Education and Support at the AIDS Action Council on 6257 2855 for more information and to receive an information pack and application form. Application forms must be received by **5pm on Monday 24 February 2014**.

Gift of Life's DonateLife Walk 2014

Show your support for organ and tissue donation and encourage others to discuss their donation wishes at Gift of Life's DonateLife Walk – Canberra's largest community event during national DonateLife Week.

Organised by Gift of Life and sponsored by the Organ and Tissue Authority, the walk will start at Regatta Point. You can choose one of two routes to walk: a circuit around Lake Burley Griffin via the Kings Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue bridges, or a shorter route through Commonwealth park. Both kick off from the same starting point.

You can walk or jog at your own pace, and pets, children and friends are very welcome. There's even a free barbecue breakfast on the grass of Regatta Point afterwards!

So please join thousands of Canberrans and help spread the word about becoming an organ and tissue donor by taking part in Gift of Life's DonateLife Walk 2014.

Register your participation now at www.giftoflife.asn.au – its free!

When: Wednesday 26 February 2014, 6.45am for a 7am sharp start

Where: Regatta Point

Changes to the Libraries ACT Loans Policy

Overdue library items are an ongoing issue for libraries around the world. We are revising our loans policy with the aim of balancing the need to provide access to library items for all with the importance of having items returned.

From 1 March 2014:

- Maximum loans per member = 50 items.
- 4-week loan period (except for items in high demand), with the opportunity to renew up to 3 times (excludes requested items).
- 25 cents per item per day overdue fine, with a maximum cap of \$7 per item.
- When items are overdue, members will be suspended from borrowing and other library privileges, such as using computers.
- When an item is 30 days overdue, it will be deemed lost and an invoice sent for the replacement cost of the item plus a \$6 administration fee per item.
- Changes apply to all memberships.

Courtesy notices we send to you:

- Pre-due reminder notice (email) 4 days before item is due.
- Overdue notice (email, mail) at 7 days overdue.
- Final overdue notice (email, mail) at 21 days overdue.
- Invoice for lost items (email, mail) at 30 days overdue.
- Notification of request availability (email, SMS*, mail).

The best way to get notices is by email, sign up for email notices in your branch today (*SMS notices are currently for requests only).

More information: www.library.act.gov.au or phone 6205 9000.

New Canberrans urged to update their address with Medicare to win \$10,000!

If you've recently moved to Canberra, welcome to the neighbourhood! Now that you've settled in, you should update your address with Medicare.

Updating your address will ensure the ACT Government receives its fair share of Commonwealth funding to provide new and improved services to benefit the local community.

If you update your address before **2 March 2014**, you will be eligible to enter the draw to win \$10,000, thanks to SERVICE ONE Members Banking.

To find out how to update your address with Medicare visit www.humanservices.gov.au/medicare and then enter the competition at www.updateyouraddress.com.au

2014 Global Cricket Day

A free Indigenous and Multicultural event for the family!

Free cricket kit for registered participants.

Meet past and present cricket stars and Maximus Thunder.

To register:

1. Visit www.in2CRICKET.com.au
2. Enter postcode 2604
3. Select Global cricket Challenge

When: Sunday 2 March 2014

Where: Boomanulla Oval, 34 Goyder Street, Narrabundah

10am to 12pm

FREE cricket clinic and games for 5-18 year olds

12pm

FREE lunch for participants and their families

12pm to 3pm

Exhibition match – Indigenous XI vs Multicultural XI

3pm to 6pm

Exhibition match – FINACT XI and AIBC XI

For more information contact Matthew at Cricket ACT on 0416 531 998 or matthew.william@cricket.com.au

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated each year on 8 March across the world. It is a global day to recognise and celebrate women's economic, political and social achievements. It is also an occasion for reflecting on past struggles and accomplishments and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

Holding an event

If you are holding an event to celebrate International Women's Day, you can [register it online](#) to promote it to the wider community.

Canberra International Women's Day Lunch

Celebrate with the Australian National Committee for UN Women at the National Convention Centre on **7 March 2014** from 11:30am-2:00pm.

Join us in celebration of the achievements of women and to commit to a better world for women and girls. Tickets are selling fast so [click here](#) to purchase yours today.

Corporate tables (10 seats), individual and concession tickets are available.

Purple ribbons

To show your support for gender equality and women's empowerment, wear a purple ribbon this International Women's Day. Purple ribbons and other International Women's Day merchandise are available to buy now! [Click here](#) for details.

Economic Empowerment

The theme for International Women's Day 2014 is *Ending Poverty for Women and Girls through Economic Empowerment*.

Without an education, limited employment opportunities women and girls are unable to reach their potential. Ensuring women and girls have access to education, training and employment opportunities, they are able to break the are able to realise their dreams, provide for themselves, their family and contribute to their community.

Proceeds from International Women's Day 2014 will assist to end the cycle of poverty for women and girls. UN Women is working to provide brighter futures for women and girls through education, training and supporting female entrepreneurs, ensuring girls can stay in school, and access to safe employment.

If you would like to explore further opportunities to support International Women's Day please contact the Office for Women at women@act.gov.au or (02) 6205 0515 or UN Women Australia at iwd@unwomen.org.au or (02) 6173 3222.

Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre – calling for expressions of interest – Multicultural Exhibition 2015

Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre is calling for proposals to exhibit in the 2015 program. Proposals are invited for a selected group exhibition to be held in conjunction with the National Multicultural Festival, held in Canberra during February 2015. The exhibition is designed to provide a platform for the celebration of cultural diversity, showcasing cultural traditions and heritage through craft and design. Proposals are invited from individual members and local and national craft and design practitioners whose practice reflects multicultural heritage and traditions. **Applications close Friday 14 March 2014.** For more information please contact Anne Radimin, Curator and Exhibition Manager on 02 62629333 or by email to anne.radimin@craftact.org.au.

Yarralumla Nursery Apprentice Reunion

Thursday 27 March 2014

As one of the events to celebrate the centenary of the Yarralumla Nursery in 2014, a morning tea for former apprentices is planned at the nursery on Thursday 27 March 2014. If you spent time at the nursery doing your horticulturalist apprenticeship, or a family member or friend did so, please register your interest in the morning tea by supplying your details to yarr.nursery@act.gov.au **by Friday 28 February 2014.**

Holi means Harmony Festival

India Australia Association of Canberra, the oldest, mainstream and the most vibrant Indian community organization, with the support of many Indian and non-Indian Community groups, has organized "Holi Mela" at Commonwealth Park West – Stage88.

"Holi" (the Indian festival of colours) means end of "evil and animosity" and growth of friendships. We plan to celebrate "Holi" together with the "Harmony Day" and name the festival "Holi means Harmony".

There will be many folk dances from different parts of India: some Bollywood dances, fashion parades, thrilling Holi songs, "Bhangra" etc. Many multicultural communities are expected to join in the performances. There will be 8-10 food and drinks stalls.

The stage items will finish at 2:00pm. At that time public will be able to play Holi with dry color powder and dance on "Dhol (Indian drum)" beats with a DJ in attendance.

When: Saturday 29 March 2014, 11am to 5pm

Where: Stage 88, Commonwealth Park West (Regatta Point)

Centrelink's 'News for migrants, refugees and visitors'

Visit Centrelink's website for the latest news for migrants, refugees and visitors.

To read complete stories and for more detail, click on to this link:

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/themes/migrants-refugees-and-visitors>

You can also subscribe to News for migrants, refugees and visitors and you will be sent news highlights once a month. You can opt out at any time.

Each new update will give you access to all of the latest news regarding Centrelink's payments and services relevant to people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

Volunteers - The AFC Asian Cup 2015

The AFC Asian Cup is the premier senior men's football competition of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). It is held every four years and is the pinnacle of Asian football.

The AFC Asian Cup will be held in Australia on 9-31 January 2015 and matches will be held in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and Newcastle.

The 47 countries of the AFC, making up half the world's population, will compete in the lead-up to this event in order to qualify for a place in the final 16 teams for the Cup.

The AFC Asian Cup will be the largest and most important football tournament ever held in Australia. The last tournament was held in Qatar in 2011 where Japan defeated Australia in the final.

The Local Organising Committee AFC Asian Cup Australia 2015 Limited will soon be recruiting passionate and dedicated volunteers who form an integral part in delivering the biggest football tournament Australia has ever hosted!

If you would like to be sent information about its Volunteer Program (including information about when applications open), please register your interest by sending an email to **volunteers@asiancup2015.com.au** stating your full name, email address and preferred host city.

The Local Organising Committee AFC Asian Cup Australia 2015 Limited may use third parties to collate your information. Please view their [Privacy Policy](#) for more information.