

# Celebrating Harmony Day 2021



## Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc. The Rotary Club's of Canberra and Canberra Burley Griffin

Cordially invite you to take part in  
**Unveiling of Peace Pole 100 of 100  
Ceremony**

**Sunday 21 March 2021**



**11:30am to 1:30 pm**

## Canberra Nara Peace Park Yarralumla ACT

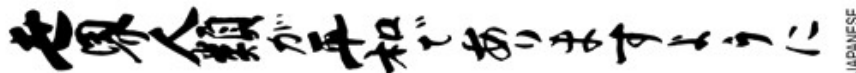
Flynn Drive Yarralumla Opposite Hyatt Hotel Canberra

Celebrating

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rotary in Australia (1921-2021)

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc. (2006 – 2021)

Cultural performances will be performed on the day



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COVID safe – social distancing – bring your own everything including chair food and drinks only

Languages featured on Peace Pole 100 of 100

Ngunnawal	English	Chinese	French	German	Italian	Japanese	Spanish
Indonesian	Korean	Arabic	Polish	Greek	Vietnamese	NZ Maori	

## Rotary 100 Down Under Centenary Celebration

Celebrating 100 years since Rotary was established in 1921 with hundreds of projects undertaken by Rotary Clubs across Australia.

### The Peace Pole idea

Peace Poles are monuments which feature the Universal Peace Message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” The first Peace Pole was developed by a Japanese man Masahisa Goi in 1955 and there are now over 250,000 peace poles scattered around the world.

As part of the Rotary 100 Down Under Centenary the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin proposed to see 100 Schools receive a Peace Pole donated by their local Rotary Club. This was an extension of the work undertaken from the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell. The idea was inspired from the Warsaw World Peace Bell where Peace Poles are also distributed to schools and communities.

To date 125 Peace Poles have been reserved by Rotary clubs with Peace Pole 100 of 100 being placed in Lennox Gardens Canberra on Sunday 21 March 2021.

Regular Peace Poles feature four languages all bearing the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth”. Peace Pole 100 of 100 is an octagonal pole and features 15 languages with this same message in each of the languages.

### 100 World Peace Day Ceremonies in 100 Schools



*Peace Pole 19 of 100 Brisbane / Peace Pole 46 of 100 Chapel Hill / Peace Pole 5 of 100 St John Vianney*

Each School or park where Peace Poles have been located are invited to participate in World Peace Day ceremonies on 21<sup>st</sup> September each year by holding a short ceremony at their Peace Pole. The local Rotary Club could send members to deliver a keynote Peace message to each school.

### Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc. Celebrating 15 years Achievements

The Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) Inc. is the recognised peak body representing more than 110 ethnic and associated community organisations in the Australian Capital Territory and its surrounding area. CMCF was established in December 2005 to have a unified voice and a single peak body to promote the common interests and articulate the purpose and direction of the multicultural community in the ACT. The forum is established to act as the multicultural voice of ACT. We acknowledge the support of Multicultural Hub for this event.

### Harmony Day 2021 – Everyone belongs - come and join in Sunday 21 March 2021

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural and/or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. It is held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day is represented by an orange ribbon, and participants are encouraged to wear orange due to connotations of social communication, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australia prides itself on being a multi-cultural society, with figures showing that nearly half of all Australians were born overseas, with the country seeing a high volume of migration every year.