

Media Release

Grant provides multi-cultural focus for Turning Wave Festival

The Turning Wave Festival has received a grant awarded under the 2009 Community Development Grants Programme of the Community Relations Commission (CRC) for a project titled *Culture Connect*.

Culture Connect will be an integral part of the 2009 Turning Wave Festival, providing an opportunity to celebrate some lesser known facets of Gundagai's cultural heritage and compliments the 2009 festival theme **A Many Coloured Land**.

The Italians, Greeks, Scots and Chinese have all impacted in different ways on the region and by creating a multicultural ambience in the town during the festival the Gundagai community and festival patrons will experience first hand how communities are enriched and informed through the meeting of different life-styles, beliefs and customs.

Smorgasbord of events: Events planned as part of *Culture Connect* include the screening of the Italian film "Marmellata" with live music by the fabulous Zumpa, a Chinese lion dance, concerts of Greek and Scottish music, Canberra Celtic Pipe Band and Dancers, Strathmannan a Scottish Chamber music ensemble, shop-front displays, and the opportunity for festival goers to participate in a community music project which features music from each of the four cultures along with Irish and Australian music.

Parade is the centrepiece: The culmination of the project will be the Festival Parade with its 2009 theme *A Many Coloured Land*. It is here that cultures will connect as the parade makes its way down Sheridan Street in a riot of colour and sound.

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The 2009 Turning Wave Festival
will be held from Wednesday 16th to Sunday 20th September.

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