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- The Hellenic Club of Canberra
- All stall holders, performers and volunteers

**Thank you for participating and we trust you have enjoyed the activities and had a pleasurable day**

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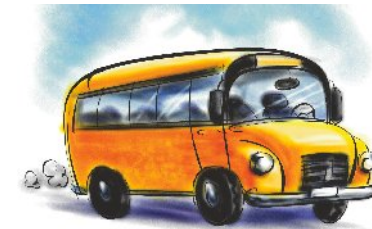
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# Harmony Day Passport

## Paint Canberra Orange



**A bus journey to some of Canberra's multicultural focal points**

**Living in Harmony**

**Proudly sponsored by**

**the Department of Immigration and Citizenship**



**Harmony Day**

**Saturday 29 March 2008**



## Paint Canberra Orange

Thank you for participating in the Harmony Day activities hosted by the Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) Inc. This bus tour and the Open Day is Canberra's major Harmony Day event for 2008 and with your help we can paint Canberra Orange.

Welcome to a bus tour to some of Canberra's multicultural clubs, associations, churches, temples, mosques and cultural sites. This is an opportunity to learn about our diverse Canberra community. Today each bus trip will include entertainment and CMCF executives will be acting as your tour guides.

Please take this Harmony Day Passport with you to the sites you visit and it will be stamped.

While you are waiting for your bus, you are invited to visit some of the stalls representing the multicultural community and participate in activities at the Theo Notoras Multicultural Centre. You will have the opportunity to experience a diversity of food, exhibits, cultural talks, music and dancing.

We are grateful for funding from the Australian Government's *Living in Harmony* program.

Sam Wong AM  
Chair  
CMCF

**We hope you will enjoy your day!**



## Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) Inc.

CMCF was incorporated on Harmony Day, 21 March 2006. Since its inception, CMCF has been busy ensuring that there is a united voice for the ACT multicultural community. With several small grants we have provided governance training, manage the volunteers for the National Multicultural Festival, facilitated a summit on languages and ACT education and much more.

CMCF liaises, lobbies and networks on behalf of Canberra's ethnic communities. We have provided submissions to numerous federal and territory government enquiries on behalf of the Canberra multicultural community, such including a strongly worded submission opposing the introduction of mandatory citizenship testing.

### Patrons

Mrs Ellnor Grassby and Her Excellency Karin Ehnbom-Palmquist, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of Sweden

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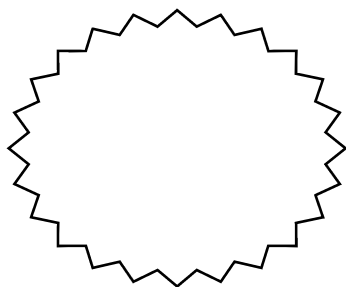
## Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre (HTCC)

The HTCC is a religious and cultural organisation that maintains and operates a Hindu temple, a cultural centre, and a library. It is a not-for-profit and incorporated community organisation. The temple is a place of worship for all Hindus and kindred faiths.

The main objectives of HTCC are:

- to promote an understanding of the teachings, philosophy and culture of Hinduism;
- to provide facilities to engage in Hindu religious and cultural activities, including the practise of Yoga;
- to foster inter-religious harmony, mutual understanding and respect for religious views of others and promote universal brotherhood; and
- to provide moral and spiritual support to the needy.

Major religious festivals on the Hindu calendar are observed at the temple either by way of prayer or by way of other celebrations. Prayers and other religious activities are conducted under the authority of the resident priest, Pundit Shailesh Kumar Diwedi. Other activities include Yoga, classes in Hindi and Sanskrit, as well as, cultural activities for children.

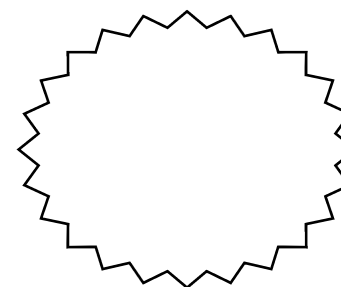


## Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre

The Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre was named after Theo Notaras, a pioneer of early Canberra, who emigrated from Greece in 1922. In 1927, he established the Capitol Café in Civic, which is known as the first sit-down establishment in Canberra.

The Notaras family played an important role in the life of the city and it was fitting that a centre housing multicultural groups would carry this family's name.

The Centre houses six peak bodies and 23 community organisations, including CMCF and representatives from the Pakistani, Mon, Thai, Vietnamese, Spanish, Korean, Samoan and Russian and many other communities.





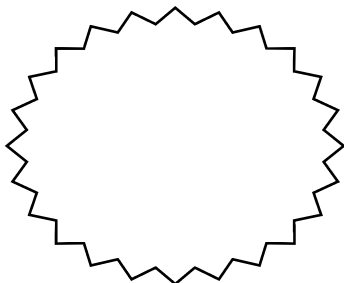
## Returned and Services League (RSL)

The RSL was formed in June 1916 by troops returning from WWI. Its aims were simple: to preserve the spirit of mateship formed amidst the carnage and horror of battle; to honour the memory of the fallen; and to help each other.

In 1916, there were no welfare services such as we know today. The League committed itself to provide for the sick, wounded, and needy among those who have served and their dependants including pensions, medical attention, homes, and suitable employment.

As a result, the RSL was instrumental in the creation of the medical repatriation system and the introduction of service, disability, and war widow's pensions.

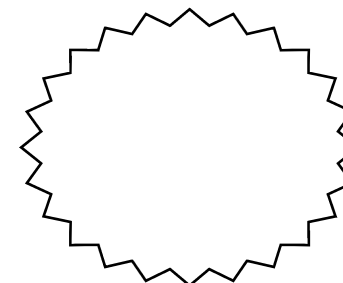
The RSL was also responsible for the introduction of various employment and retraining programs and for many years operated its own employment bureau, child health program, and vocational guidance service.



## Sakyamuni Buddhist Centre/Van Hanh Monastery

Established in 1983 the monastery is the first and still the largest, Buddhist temple in Canberra. It houses the tallest open air statues of Buddha in Australia.

The temple has facilities for community services, charitable/relief activities, education, monastic training, personal/family counselling, youth/women/aged groups activities, chaplaincy services, meditation groups, public library, free books on Buddhism, budget accommodation, group catering (vegetarian kitchen).





## Canberra Islamic Centre (CIC)

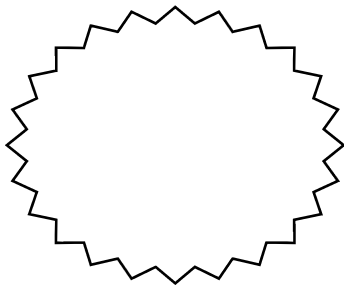
The CIC was established in 1994 - with its basic aim to educate Australians [Muslim and non-Muslim] in matters of Islam, its culture and its people - in order to remove the barriers between them placed by ignorance, intolerance, and fear. It is also an organisation for celebrating commonality in culture, belief and festivals.

Currently, there are more than 1300 life members, who originate from over 45 countries and speak around 30 languages. This reflects the diverse makeup of Australian Muslims.

The CIC building currently consists of a large main hall, commercial kitchen, temporary library, computer room, and prayer room. The complex, when complete, will consist of a further courtyard, dedicated library, office space, and museum.

Every month since the CIC was established local, interstate, or international speakers, who are eminent in their field, are invited to present to the community at a social function.

Some of the projects run by the CIC include: Women's Health, musical concert Nasamat, poetry reading evenings, computer courses for adults, security against vandalism, Interfaith dialogues, publication of its newsletter and many more activities.



## Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (ACCC)

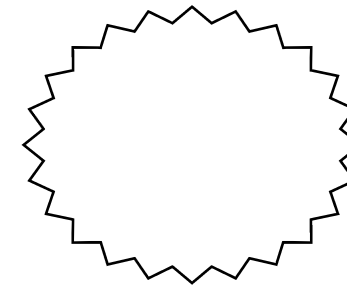
The history of the Australian Centre of Christianity and Culture is interwoven with the history of Canberra. It is located on the land cared for over the centuries by the Ngunnawal people.

In 1913, the foundation stone of Canberra was laid and in 1926, the Commonwealth Government allocated land to the Church of England (now the Anglican Church of Australia) to build a national church.

No church was built. However, in 1995 the Anglican Church entered into an agreement with other Christian churches in Australia to develop the site together, in consultation with the local Aboriginal community.

In March 2001, the first sod was turned of Stage 1 of the building project and in 2002 a Prayer Labyrinth was opened on the Pilgrim Walk. The Chapel was opened in May 2002.

In 2003, the Reverend Professor James Haire was appointed Executive Director and the Great Cross was erected on the crest of the hill.

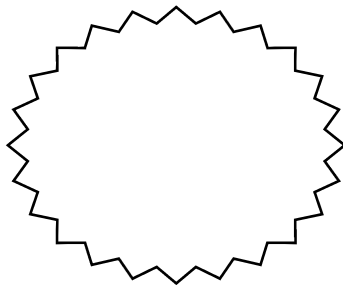




## National Jewish Memorial Centre

The ACT Jewish Community was formally constituted in 1951, and the National Jewish Memorial Centre was opened in 1971, with generous financial assistance from individuals and organisations interstate, and the continuing assistance of the NSW Jewish Communal Appeal.

Canberra has a single Jewish community, run by an elected Board, which needs to accommodate spiritual and temporal needs across the full spectrum of Jewish diversity. It provides for religious needs through both Orthodox and Progressive services, run in different parts of the Jewish Community Centre. It is also responsible for such activities as adult education, cheder, youth activities, social activities, welfare, and relations with the general community and Jewish organisations outside Canberra.



## Hellenic Club of Canberra

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Canberra's Greek community grew and there was a need for a dedicated place to meet. On 20 October 1970, 45 people each donated \$300 to become foundation members signalling the birth of the Hellenic Club of Canberra.

On 2 December 1972, a celebratory dance was held at the Italo-Australian Club during which the selection of the Phillip site for constructing the Club premises was announced. On 9 May 1976 the Greek Orthodox Archbishop Ezekiel blessed the foundations and the Greek Ambassador laid the first stone.

The Hellenic Club opened on 24 February 1979. Since then, the Greek community has had a place to meet and a vehicle to showcase Hellenic culture and cuisine to the wider local community. Since its' opening, a couple of significant renovations and transformations have elevated the Club to the largest Hellenic Club in Australia,

The Club has contributed enormous economic and social benefits to the ACT economy and has served as the bridge between the Greek and Australian culture. Today, the Hellenic Club is the largest single site Club in Canberra and provides employment to over a 100 people. It contributes to worthwhile community projects, charities, and sport, including sponsoring about 100 community organisations.

