

## **My Town Your Town Final Report**

<b>Name of the town</b>	Cobram/Barooga
<b>Project name</b>	Celebrating Diversity
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### **Introduction**

Community Celebration, to celebrate being part of our diverse community – this was a day of celebrating similarities and differences. The day was filled with food, entertainment, displays and information sharing.

There was a great sense of community spirit and the day was a lot of fun. With acts such as African Drumming, the Dili All Stars who have used music to highlight the problems faced by the people of East Timor and play songs in English, Tetum (East Timorese language) and Portuguese, and world renowned puppeteers Polyglot Puppet Theatre who promote understanding and respect for cultures through puppetry the day was an interactive celebration of our community.



### **Project Aims**

To work towards strengthening communities and increasing the communities capacity to build relationships with one another.



All the above mentioned performances involved participation from community members attending the event.

### **Outcomes**

It was a time to promote and celebrate the positive effects diversity is having on our community and will continue to influence us in the future. 300 community members actively participated in this event. Feedback was positive "I liked the drumming and performing for the people" Matilda 5 years (drumming workshop participant)  
"This was a fun way to learn about other cultures" Natalie 20 years

### **Conclusions**

This event was community run and owned. The event was driven by the Moira Shire Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee. The result of this event has and continues to be a community awareness of the diversity and the richness of our various cultural and ethnic communities

The Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee plans to host an event /events similar to this each year, however as always this is dependent of available funding.