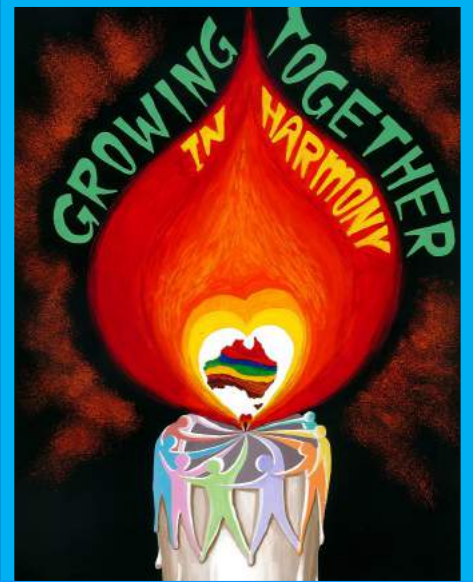
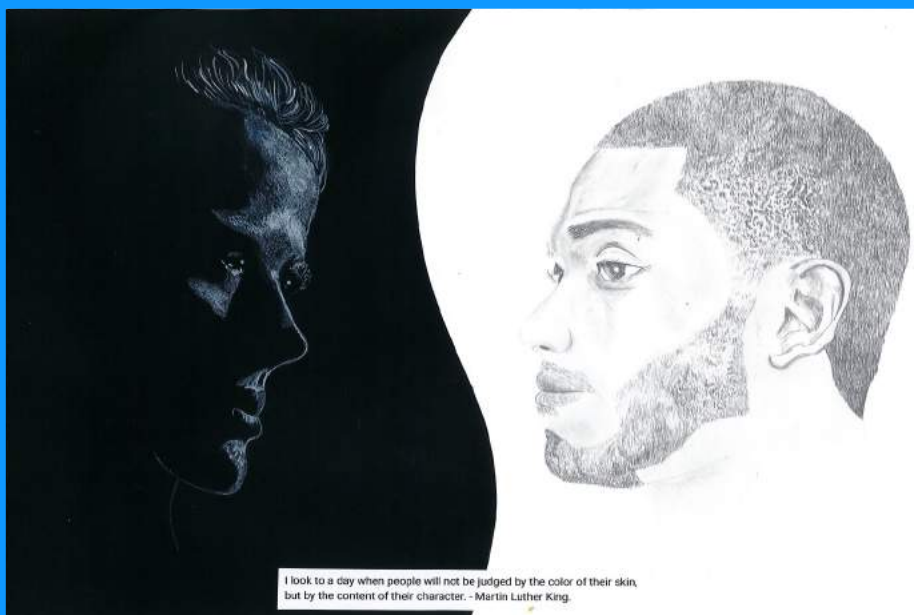
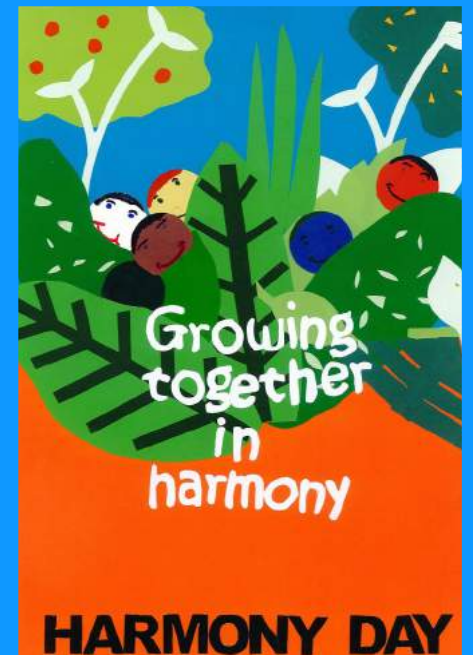
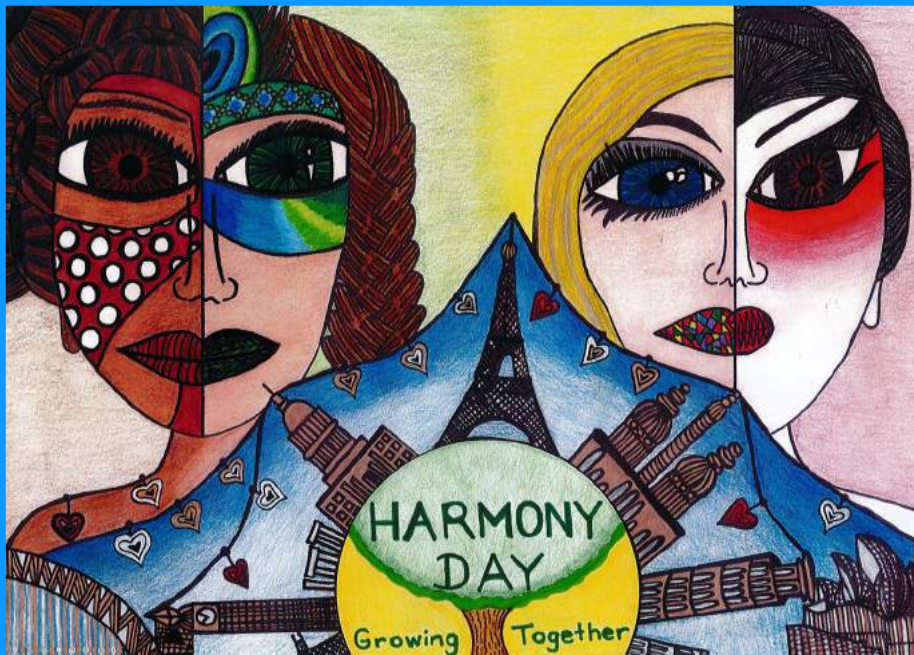




# Moving Forward Together



## 2018 Harmony Day Poster Competition



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# From the President: Where shall we GO, Australia?



There many diverse opinions about living in Australia, but looking at the positives, they outweigh the negatives. We can complain on what we are missing but, should also look and appreciate what we have.

The Moving Forward Together organisation is focused on making the communities aware and rise above prejudice, discrimination and stereotyping and at considering people on their merit, rather than their nationality, colour or religion.

We were successful with Harmony Day Poster & Song Writing competitions, where this year, school students entered some brilliant interpretations on the theme of 2018 "Growing Together in Harmony". With over 3000 entries from all over the State, it exceeded our wildest expectations, not just by numbers but the quality of the posters submitted. The Prize Giving will be held on 20 September at the NSW Parliament. It will be hosted by our Premier Gladys Berejiklian MP.

Alan Joffe is now chairing the committee, and Peter Grace will again be the MC, having done a sterling job in 2017.

In Blacktown for the 3rd year we had a Harmony Walk. We changed the Walk's title slightly from Harmony Walk to "Moving Forward Together Festival" which we will use for an

event we are planning to conduct in Campbelltown adding- "Harmony Walk for Unity". The Campbelltown event will take place on 18 November from 1 - 5pm.

In all this, we work closely with the NRL, who now also got the West Tigers to take a leading role in the Campbelltown event. We expect local schools will also be heavily involved in the event. One school in particular, the Sarah Redfern Public, was outstanding in encouraging others to be involved. The West League Club has also been very supportive, along with the Campbelltown Council and both the Federal & State members of Parliament.

Many thanks Yona Cass for being the Editor for our Newsletter.

**Ernie Friedlander OAM  
President Moving Forward Together**

## Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions

The Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions for 2018 have been completed. This year the number of entries was modestly ahead of last year and according to the judges the standard was excellent. The prize giving function will be held at Parliament House on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and at that time the State winners will be announced. Efforts are underway to arrange for media coverage of the event.

At this year's prize giving function we will also be awarding four Certificates of Appreciation to four teachers who have consistently supported the competitions over the last five years.

Preparations for the 2019 competition are underway.



The theme for the 2019 competition is - "Harmony - it's up to us" and the competition will be launched on the website at the beginning of October.

The format of the competition will be unchanged other than for the Song Writing competition being split into separate Primary and High school competitions. As before, the students entering the song writing competition will have the option of using the music provided or writing their own music.

**Alan Joffe  
Chair Poster & Song Writing  
Competitions Subcommittee MFT**



# Harmony Day posters on display at Strathfield

I was delighted and privileged to work with Strathfield Council to launch our Harmony Day Posters for the first time at High Street library, Strathfield. The exhibition showcased amazing artworks by our previous award winners from the past eight years, who have creatively displayed what Harmony means to them.

Strathfield Council and Moving Forward Together launched the Harmony Day Poster Exhibition on 15 March. It was a fantastic evening as there were many students, parents and members of the community attending. The guests and visitors who came to the exhibition were amazed by the artwork and displays. The dignitaries that attended, Hon Scott Farlow

MLC (representing the Premier Hon Gladys Berejiklian) and Hon Craig Laundy MP and Cr. Gulian Vaccari made the launch successful as they spoke so well about the importance of cultural diversity, harmony and living in an inclusive society.

**Richie Kim**  
Harmony Poster and Song Writing  
Coordinator, Strathfield





# 2017 Prizewinning Harmony Day posters on display around the state.

In order to give the winning posters greater exposure and to assist communities around the state with their Harmony Day celebrations, a PowerPoint Presentation of the prize winning 2017 posters was offered to a number of NSW councils and libraries. Those who responded that they would like to take up the offer were able to download the presentation from Dropbox. The following councils/libraries took up the offer:



- **Willoughby Council** - The posters played during the week of Harmony Day on their large "Urban Screen" in the



Chatswood Concourse with other Harmony videos from around midday to 5:30pm. They were then played on Harmony Day, Friday 23 March until later in the evening as Willoughby held its celebrations in Chatswood on that day. They made a wonderful sight.



- **Mid North Coast Council (Taree)** - They held their Harmony Day event at Taree Library on Tuesday 20 March. The posters were displayed on their marketing screen in Taree Library. About 100 people attended their event and they have around 200-300 visitors every day. "The marketing screen is in a prominent position on the wall so the PowerPoint can be enjoyed by all who come into the library space. It's a great resource



for Harmony Day" - Debbie Horgan, Community Outreach Librarian.

- **Hornsby Council** - Put them in libraries and the screen at their service desk.
- **Bathurst Council** - Were unable to use them on Harmony Day due to technical installations but were planning to use them soon after.
- **Tamworth Regional Council** - Projected them on a large wall on Fitzroy St Tamworth at an event they held on the evening of Harmony Day.
- **Orange City Council** - displayed them on screens in Orange Library
- **Parramatta** - hoped to display them on screens in the library once they overcame compatibility issues.
- **Albury** - planned to display them in the Murray Art Museum Albury

Due to the wonderful response from the limited number of offers made, all NSW councils will be offered the PowerPoint presentation of the 2018 winners for their Harmony Day Celebrations in 2019.

**Bruce Stavert**  
Retired Principal  
Mosman High School

# Blacktown's wonderful Harmony Walk Festival

Hundreds of people from Blacktown and other parts of Sydney turned out on Sunday 18 February, 2018 for a magnificent Moving Forward Together Festival, celebrating International Mother Language Day and Harmony Walk.

The event brought together people from diverse communities, of all ages, in a day of togetherness and har-

mony, highlighted by music, dance, and great food.

Thank you to the organisers, including Blacktown City Council.

And a special thank you to the wonderful performers – Maltese Cultural Association Choir, Australian Hindu Multicultural Association, Philippine – Australia Community Services

(PACSI), ORA Sydney Gujarati Grammar School, Ben Adler, Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, Guru Nanak Punjabi School, Bahais, Peiji Chinese School, and BSPC Bangla School. Thank you for your outstanding performances – you made us very proud!

**Moving Forward Together Assoc.**



## Harmony lunch with NRL





# Make Australia/USA Great Again!



America has been beset by a new wave of 'America First' nostrums that have found expression in trade barriers, bellicose warmongering talk of an enhanced border wall and nation-based entry exclusions.

While there is an inescapable ethnic dimension to these moves, they have their electoral genesis in the very real decline of vast sections of the US middle and working classes. Justin Gest's work, "The White Working Class", makes the point that amongst people who through their "economic circumstances" had decided this led to this recent increased support for

Trump by 41%, against only 20% if they thought they lost political power and 26% for those who conceived they lost 'social status'.

David Cole in the NY Review of Books (May 10, 2018) noted that the US top 1% had 8.5% of National Income in 1974 and by 2012 had 19.5%. In 2017 the richest 15% had 71% of wealth.

In his 2013-14 journeys 'Postcards for the end of America', Linh Dinh constantly meets people throughout the nation who have strings of extremely insecure, badly paid jobs, and have experienced constant reductions in their wages and health insurance rights. He endlessly engages injured vets untrusting of the Government's purpose overseas, people unable to feed themselves for the last days of each month, and abandoned city centres of former industrial giants.

In Australia similarly reduced, casual wages and consumer spending capacity, unless generated by private

debt, has reached such a level that our Reserve Bank cautions it is a serious economic problem.

Once people lose faith in Government's ability or interest in solving their ability to live a decent life, they often turn to ultra-nationalism and exclusivism. Australia's relatively stable political system, strengthened by a preferential system that forces both major parties to appeal to a broad spectrum, makes it difficult for more obscurantist forces to break through. However, unless people have some confidence in that system, we have the potential to retreat into a process stressing the 'other' as the cause of our plight. Recent years have witnessed public debate retreat from inclusive, nation building into marginalisation of groups, longer periods for entry to Australia and citizenship denial, accompanied by a media search for 'enemies' and scapegoats.

**Laurie Ferguson**  
Retired Federal Politician

## Wentworthville Harmony Walk Festival



*In the frame, The Hon Ray Williams, Ernie Friedlander OAM, Todd Greenberg, Federal Minister Citizenship & Multiculturalism- the Hon Alan Tudge*



Wentworthville Harmony Walk in the rain with Hon Ray Williams, The Hon Alan Tudge - Federal Minister, Todd Greenberg - CEO NRL



# Partnering with the NRL on Harmony Walk Festivals



**George Tuffour** migrated to Sydney from Ghana, West Africa as a refugee in 2015. Here is his Rugby League story.

I am 17 years of age and I have been here for less than a year. Being involved and participating in the rugby league program 'In League In Harmony' at Evans Intensive English Centre has given me great opportunities.

My first time playing rugby league was at school. When the 'In League In Harmony' staff came to the school and introduced us to rugby league, I felt so excited and eager to play. I encouraged myself to work hard and participate in the program.

The NRL 'In League In Harmony' and Youth Ambassador programs are really helpful, help new people in Australia (migrants) build their foundation of living, sport and education. In addition, it motivates others to build their confidence, encourage people to participate and get involved in any opportunities ahead.





# Moving Forward Together Festival

Featuring

## Harmony Walk for Unity



When: November 18th 2018, 1:00-5.00 pm

Where: Campbelltown Athletic Centre

Address: Cnr of Rose Payten Dr & Pembroke Rd,  
Leumeah NSW 2560

Registration: <http://movingforwardtogether.org.au/register/>

*Looking forward to seeing you*

