



# Moving Forward Together

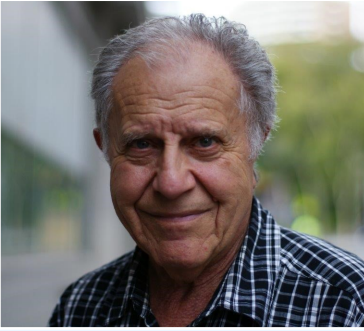
Summer 2018 - 2019

## 2018 Campbelltown Harmony Walk for Unity Event



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# What we humans should review and deal with



Judging by the constant barrage in most of the media, people can be excused for being cynical and negative – but this only leads to looking on the dark side instead of seeing the light – even if it is at the end of the tunnel.

Looking at the positives, which I believe outweigh the negatives, particularly in Australia. Most of us get a FAIR GO, so instead of complaining what we are missing let us look at what we have – and appreciate it.

Our Moving Forward Together Team is adamant in its vision to encourage humanity to review its attitudes of those who are prejudiced and who stereotype and discriminate. This too often leads to conflict and violence.

Our Harmony Day Poster & Song Writing competitions have once again brought out wonderful Interpretations on the topic of “Growing Together in Harmony with over 3000 entries.

Our Harmony Walks in Blacktown & Campbelltown projected our visions clearly, by bringing diverse groups of people, together – getting to know each other better and taking away some of the fears of the unknown. Sean Chew was instrumental in providing extra manpower, time and effort in making it happen. In Campbelltown we were fortunate to have ‘Good Morning

Macarthur’ News Station creating an excellent video, which we can forward on request. The facility of the Campbelltown Athletic Centre was ideal for our event “The Moving Forward Together Festival – Harmony Walk for Unity”. This pilot event connected to the local leaders – with the opportunity to have a much larger event there in 2019. Our working relation with the NRL has gone from strength to strength – incorporating the Harmony Walk into their “League in Harmony” program in 12 locations in 2018. I also like to acknowledge the dedicated effort of Yona Cass and a new volunteer, Val O’Carroll.

Hoping you moved in the New Year well and contended.

**Ernie Friedlander OAM**  
**President**  
**Moving Forward Together**

## Crowd gathering after the Campbelltown Harmony Walk for Unity Festival



# Campbelltown Harmony Walk for Unity Festival

## (18 November 2018)

The Harmony Walk for Unity Festival was held in Campbelltown on a bright sunny spring day at the Campbelltown Athletic Centre. It was a partnership between Moving Forward Together (MFT) Association, the West Tiger and the NRL.

The Festival was a celebration of the cohesiveness of the multicultural Australian society. It served to motivate people to recognise and honour the richness and vibrance of our diverse community.



Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the day was Liz Deep Jones from SBS. Liz is a multi-media journalist, published author, producer and TV presenter, film maker and is currently working at NITV and SBS Television.



Liz started the proceedings by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land in which the Walk was going to be held; the Dharawal people. Her introduction was followed by the Australian national anthem sung in English and the Dharawal language by Year 5 Student from Robert Townson Public School; Mariah Alone.



The entertainment program started with a performance by Jason Paolo, a Hawaiian tutor at the Matavai Cultural Arts Centre, who shared with his audience a traditional Hawaiian chant. He was followed by a performance of two young students singing their own songs; followed up by Mal Fruean demonstrating a Poi Dance. Mal was later on joined by two participants from the event, Yona Cass from MFT and Nicole Smith from the Police.



The next performers were Donny Janks from Ayeket HaShachar Jewish Community who performed traditional Jewish music while the Choir of students from Al-Faisal College Campbelltown singing the song "Children of the World" completed the program.



VIPs attending the day included Greg Warren, MP State Member; Darcy Lound Campbelltown Deputy

Mayor, Anoulavk Chanthivong MP, State Member for Campbelltown Mqccuarie Field, Laurie Ferguson former MP, Masood Chowdhury Councillor, Dr Michael Freeland Federal Member of Macarthur, Brian Laul presenting the local media, West Tigers, NRL, the Multicultural Police and Ernie Friedlander OAM President Moving Forward Together.



In their speeches the local MPs and guest speakers called for a harmonious and peaceful society in Australia and encouraged participants to embrace unity, cohesion and harmony.

Following the speeches and presentations, the two winners (Primary and High Schools) of the Harmony Poster Competitions were called to present their winning posters.

The entertainment was closed with Ernie Friedlander with his incredible holocaust survival story; how at the age of nine his life was saved by a German soldier, He made the point that he a Jewish boy was saved by a German soldier. His story touched the audience and everybody stood up and applauded him.



The last activity of the day was the Harmony Walk itself. Two groups were formed and each started walking in opposite directions with the intention to meet at the centre of the stadium. When they met, they did "Hi Fives" while walking, smiling and laughing.

Those who attended the event enjoyed it very much. The walk was a great success in uniting people from diverse background giving them the opportunity to have fun and joy and celebrate the uniqueness of this country. The day was full of beauty, joy, laughter and music.

Everybody felt very welcome and proud of taking part in such wonderful happening. The atmosphere was very cheerful and festive.

The local News Network "Good Morning Macarthur" did a wonderful video which can be seen on:

<https://goodmorningmacarthur.com/episode-57/>.

Val O'Carrol  
Yona Cass  
Moving Forward Together



**MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER FESTIVAL**  
incorporating International Mother Language Day And Harmony Walk

**Blacktown Showground**  
**Richmond Road, Blacktown**

**SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019**  
**— noon to 4 pm**

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- On stage performers
- Cultural showcase
- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Come and try rugby league

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# NRL - In League in Harmony

“The National Rugby League is a proud supporter a partner of the Moving Forward Together Association, particularly the Harmony Walk initiative. Through the NRL’s social cohesion program, In League In Harmony (ILIH), during 2018 over 2,000 young people have participated in a Harmony Walk hosted during the program’s culmination Harmony Celebration Gala Day.

Throughout 2018 the NRL has hosted 10 Harmony Walks involving

young people, dignitaries from Government, former and current NRL players and NRL/NRL Club staff members across NSW, QLD and VIC.

We look forward to an even bigger year in 2019 sharing the Harmony Walk as we expand the In League In Harmony program to WA.

Thank you team!

**Emily Latu**  
**Projects Coordinator**  
**NRL Respect**



# Poster and Song Writing Competitions 2018 - Prize Giving Ceremony

On Thursday 20 September 2018, there was standing room only in the NSW Parliament's newly refurbished Theatre for the Annual Prize-giving Ceremony of the Harmony Day Poster and Song-writing Competitions. Students came from Catholic, Independent and Public schools all over NSW to once again celebrate their achievements. The theme in 2018 was *'Growing Together in Harmony'*, a theme which was reflected strongly in the several thousand entries submitted by students across the state.

The State Winner of the Junior Poster Competition was Coco Batu-Sampson from Reddam House Woollahra while the State Winner of the Senior Poster Competition was Casey Ridd from Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School. The State Winner of the Song-writing Competition was Jasmine Cho from Star House Art and Music College. Congratulations!

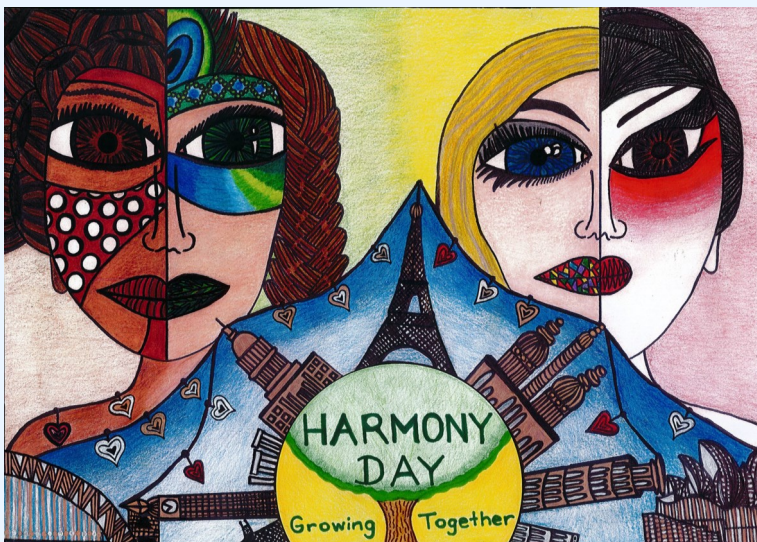
The major awards were presented by special guest presenter Mr Christopher Sullivan, Official Deputy Secretary to His Excellency, General David Hurley, NSW Governor.

A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to everyone involved.

We look forward to the competitions running again next year - the theme for 2019 is *'Harmony - It's up to us'*. (see promotional flyer on page 8).

Schools are encouraged to visit the [www.movingforwardtogether.org.au](http://www.movingforwardtogether.org.au) website for more details on the 2019 Harmony Day competitions.

**Peter Grace**  
State Manager -  
Education Policy and Programs,  
Catholic Schools NSW



# Moving Forward Together

## Our Story



Moving Forward Together is a social initiative by various community groups committed to creating a better understanding amongst all sectors of the community for a vision of living in harmony. It is based on the philosophy of a decent society and caters to all people regardless of colour, origin, culture or religion.

We invite other groups with similar concerns to work together with us. We want to do something about it.

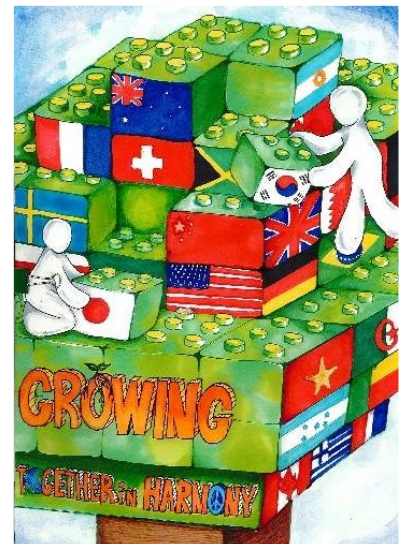
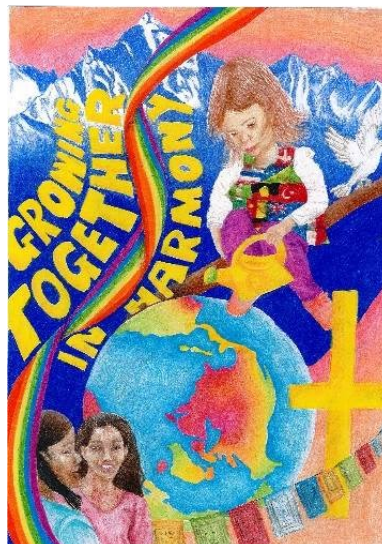
“Moving Forward Together” aims to bring together people from diverse national, ethnic and religious backgrounds helping to build an inclusive society to acknowledge and celebrate the enduring principles of fairness, harmony and respect.

The vision is to work towards reaching most of the communities within Australia and to start addressing the major issues that impair harmony.

Through a series of community wide programs such as our Harmony Walk Festival and Poster and Song Writing Competitions, we have established a platform for communicating the positive benefits of harmony, humanity, unity and co-operation and minimizing parochialness and thereby creating a safer future for our society.



## Stop Think Consider Others





# 2019 Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions

## ‘Harmony – it’s up to us’

Each year the Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions attract thousands of entries and brings out the creativity and passion of school students motivated by a desire for a peaceful and inclusive society. The competitions are open to all primary and secondary students across NSW and the ACT.

### Closing date

The closing date for entries is Friday 12 April 2019

### Prizes – Poster Competition

Prizes are awarded in two categories – Senior (Year 7 – Year 12) and Junior (K - Year 6). In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- State Winner \$500
- Regional Winner \$150
- State Winner’s School \$500

### Prizes – Song Writing Competition

- 1st Prize \$500
- 2nd Prize \$300
- 3rd Prize \$150

Winners will be decided in May-2019 and a prize giving function is scheduled to be held at the NSW Parliament in June 2019

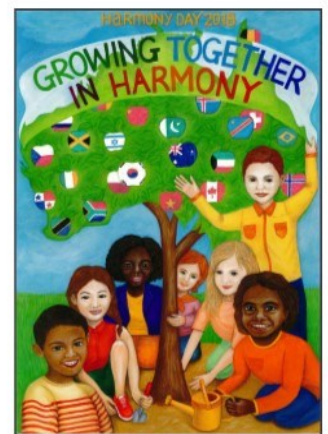
### Entry forms

Entry forms and instructions are available at:  
[www.movingforwardtogether.org.au](http://www.movingforwardtogether.org.au)

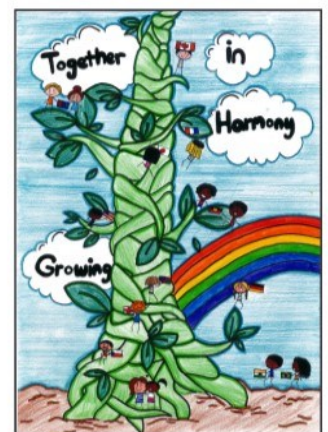
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2018 entry



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