



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Vibrant Cultures on Show at Yarra Plenty Regional Library

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Take part in a global fiesta at Yarra Plenty Regional Library in March. We're celebrating Cultural Diversity Week from March 15-21 with an abundance of new sounds and tastes to savour, and interesting activities to delve into. Our libraries invite residents to learn African drumming, hear interesting stories from East Timorese weavers and see an Italian cooking expert reveal the art of Mediterranean cuisine.

#### Cultural Diversity Week

**Saturday March 15 – Saturday March 21**

Highlights:

#### **East Timor Women's Association**

Be inspired by the stories of the East Timorese weavers and the Australian women who work with them. The women will bring their colourful hand-woven items along to show and sell.

Watsonia Library Tuesday 17 March 7.00pm - 8.00pm

#### **Rhythm of Life – West African Drumming**

**Dunia Foli** workshops present an insight into the exciting and colourful culture of West Africa. Dunia Foli share their stories and experiences of West African music and life, and teach traditional rhythms and songs. This event is listed as a multicultural music evening in our bimonthly brochure.

Rosanna Library Wednesday 18 March 7.00pm - 8.00pm

#### **Cultural Cooking Demonstration**

Celebrate the art of Italian cooking with Mediterranean cooking expert **Agata Commisso** from **Amoré Cucina**.

Rosanna Library Thursday 19 March 12.00noon - 1.00pm

#### **Cultural Diversity Week with the Aeolian Players**

Hear some lively Italian folk music with guitar and accordion and enjoy some traditional Italian-style morning tea.

Ivanhoe Library Friday 20 March 11.00am – 12.00noon

For further information on Cultural Diversity Week events and more contact your local Banyule library branch in Ivanhoe, Rosanna or Watsonia or go to [www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)

**MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time for pre-event photography.**

- Photo of Italian folk music guitar and accordion players, the Aeolian Players (Ivanhoe Library)
- Photo of East Timorese weavers and their colourful hand-woven items (Watsonia Library)
- We also have hi-resolution photos of Rhythm of Life West African Drumming (Rosanna Library) available upon request.

Please note that photo opportunities for any of the library's March activities are available upon request. Contact me for full March program details.

**For further information:**

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