



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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Celebrating Diversity Through Stories of Belonging

Huon Valley Council is celebrating the region's cultural diversity on Harmony Day (21st March) with Stories of Belonging.

This year's *Huon Valley Harmony Festival* acknowledges the importance of stories in achieving inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

"Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here." Sue Monk Kidd

"*Stories of Belonging* aims to preserve stories from people in and around the Huon Valley including the traditional custodians who have lived here for generations," Mayor Bec Enders says.

"We have an exciting program lined up at Huonville Town Hall starting at 3:00pm on Harmony Day."

- 3:00pm – 7:00pm residents are invited to tell their own stories through the *Wayfinder Mobile Storytelling Studio*
- 3:30pm – 5:15pm art therapist *Anna de Little* invites you to paint a river stone to become part of a large mandala to be displayed throughout the evening
- 5:30pm – 6:15pm welcome to country performed by Julie Dunlop followed by a traditional Aboriginal story and the premier screening of the *Huon Being Project*
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm *Playback Theatre* capturing and re-enacting stories on the fly on stage
- Authentic Taiwanese market food made from local, ethically sourced produce will be provided by Deep End Farm

Tickets to this event are strictly limited. Anyone interested in attending is asked to register on 6264 0300.

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