

# Canberra Region Languages Forum Update

October 2016

## 1. Mother Tongue Tuggeranong

Celebrate the variety of languages and cultures of Canberra! Anyone who speaks a language other than is welcome to participate. No experience is necessary, and any language or mix of languages is welcome. All events are free.

### Writing workshop

Meet others who write in languages other than English and share ideas to start writing and give your words impact. Have a go with fun writing activities. Anita Patel will be the guest tutor. Anita is a writer and teacher who writes and performs poetry in Bahasa Malay and English.

- Saturday 15 October 2016, 2pm-4pm
- TAC Shopfront, Tuggeranong Hyperdome

### Performance workshop

Have a go at reading or reciting out loud for an audience. Try fun activities to manage nerves and speak confidently (including with a microphone) and increase the effect of our words on the audience, in any language.

- Saturday 22 October 2016, 2pm-4pm
- TAC Shopfront, Tuggeranong Hyperdome

### Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry Showcase

Speak a language other than English? Sign up to share your words! All languages welcome, in any style of poetry from traditional forms to hip hop. Each person will have up to 4 minutes to read or recite a poem or story in their language or a mix of languages, which can include English. Original work is encouraged!

- Saturday 29 October 2016, 6pm-8pm
- Tuggeranong Arts Centre

For more information, to register for a workshop or sign up for the showcase: email [mothertonguemic@gmail.com](mailto:mothertonguemic@gmail.com), call Jacqui on 0433 845 900 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/mothertonguemic/>

## 2. Securing the Future: Multilingualism as a Social Resource

A free public lecture on multilingualism, which will be concluding the Symposium on bilingualism and multilingualism in education in the Oceania-Pacific region Presented by the Embassy of France in Australia and the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language

Speaker: Professor Joseph Lo Bianco, Professor of Language and Literacy Education at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, The University of Melbourne

- Monday October 17, 2016
- 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- Auditorium, China in the World - ANU

**Light refreshments** will be available from 5.30pm

Registration is necessary as seating is limited:

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-lecture-securing-the-future-multilingualism-as-a-social-resource-tickets-27619439487>

### 3. Languages Potluck Lunch

All welcome to attend a potluck lunch in Children's Week (which is also Grandparents' Week!). Celebrate the many languages spoken in the Canberra region. Meet families raising children in more than one language and others interested in bilingual education and teaching and learning languages.

**WHEN?** 11am - 1pm, Sunday 30 October 2016

**WHERE?** Function Room, 2nd Floor, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, Civic Square

- Free Games and fun activities for children
- Free face painting
- Awards for children's performances (a song, poem, or short dance)
- Bring along your favourite foods and share your cooking skills and recipes

This is a free event. For more details and/or to book (by 24 October please), email [canberrabilingual@gmail.com](mailto:canberrabilingual@gmail.com) or phone Mandy on 0408 089 235 (after 17 October).

*This event is organised by [ACT Bilingual Education Alliance](#) with the support of Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc. and an ACT Children's Week Grant*

### 4. Multicultural Spectacular to Aid Canberra's Italian Earthquake Relief Appeal

Canberra will host a spectacular multicultural concert in aid of earthquake relief efforts in central Italy. The concert will feature the Dante Alighieri Society's Musica Viva Choir and a variety of multicultural performance groups. An opportunity to enjoy a range and variety of performances outmatched only by Canberra's annual National Multicultural Festival.

- 3pm Sunday 30 October
- Function Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, 2nd floor North Building, Civic Square

Entry by donation (min. \$10). All proceeds will go to the appeal.

The concert is one of several initiatives being organised by the Canberra and Region Central Italy Earthquake Appeal Committee established by the Italian community to support the reconstruction of the towns destroyed by the 24 August 2016 earthquake in central Italy. Some 300 people were killed, many more were injured and tens of thousands were left homeless in several towns and villages.

For more information: Franco Papandrea 0419 269 864 and [info@comitescanberra.org](mailto:info@comitescanberra.org)

### 5. Multilingual Sydney: Human Sciences Perspectives on Urban Diversities

International multilingualism research has shifted from examining multilingual nations to refocus on how multilingualism is experienced in local contexts, specifically the idea of the 'multilingual city'.

The inaugural Multilingual Sydney: Human Sciences Perspectives on Urban Diversities workshop advances this refocusing of international research, bringing together a diverse group of researchers to foster transdisciplinary dialogue on multilingualism. The workshop is an initiative of the Macquarie Multilingualism Research Group and is funded by the Faculty of Human Sciences.

- Tuesday 15 November 2016, 8am-6pm
- Australian Hearing Hub, Macquarie University

[Download the Multilingual Sydney program here.](#)

To register – by 8 November: <http://www.cvent.com/events/multilingual-sydney-human-sciences-perspectives-on-urban-diversities/event-summary-6f73a6d44d324019b2335ccdb8209d96.aspx>

## 6. Opportunities to learn and Practice Languages in Canberra

a) If you're interested in Spanish, French, German or Danish, a community club meets at Fellows Bar at the ANU on Mondays 5.30-7pm for conversation. Check them out here:

<http://www.canberrapolyglot.org/>

b) There are also Spanish, Irish, Arabic, Hindi, Japanese and Portuguese conversation groups on [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) - check it out if you're learning these languages!

c) Indonesian Language Classes:

Fun vocational classes organised by the Australia Indonesia Association. Teachers are professional and native Indonesian speaking. Term 4 (eight weeks of classes) commences week beginning 10 October 2016. There are five levels

- Advanced – Tuesdays 7-9pm
- Intermediate – Thursdays 7-9pm
- Continuing Beginners - Mondays 7-9pm
- Beginners level 2 – Wednesday 7-9pm
- Beginners level 1 - Thursdays 7-9pm

Cost: non-members \$140; members \$120 (membership \$10pa)

For more information: phone Phil: 0406 930 835 or email: [vp-australian@aia-act.org.au](mailto:vp-australian@aia-act.org.au)

## 7. *The School Magazine* Exhibition

Curated by the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature, experience the memories and much-loved stories, poems, illustrations, music and crosswords of the world's longest continuously published children's literary magazine. See also the manuscript and artwork originally in the *Magazine*, now a picture book, *My Dog*.

- Civic Library, Canberra, 23 September – 21 October 2016

**Public talk** by Alan Edwards, Editor of *The School Magazine*, reveals highlights over the years, 4pm - 5pm, Friday 14 October, Civic Library

For more details: Belle Alderman on [belle.alderman@canberra.edu.au](mailto:belle.alderman@canberra.edu.au)

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<http://canberrallanguages.blogspot.com/p/forum-updates.html>