

Dear Friends,

The Sri Lankan High Commission in Canberra would like to extend a cordial invitation to the Sri Lankan Community in Canberra and NSW to the annual "Cowra Festival of International Understanding 2013".

Sri Lanka has been chosen as the guest nation for the year 2013 by the Cowra city. In the past, 48 countries have participated in this event, the last being Finland. This year's event has been scheduled for 02 Mar 2013 - 10/03/2013.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Sri Lanka in an Australian City where a nine day long program is set to portray and promote our country. Cowra Shire is located in Central New South Wales, approximately 200 km North of Canberra. The Lachlan River flows through the city of Cowra and the peace bell donated to Australia has been installed at the City Council premises.

Cowra's population is approximately 13000. It is expected about that the cultural pageant and the carnival to be held on the 9th of March would be the highlight of the festival with about 1500-2000 city dwellers participating. Your participation would add more colour to the event.

Saturday 9th of March

Festival Tree Planting

11:30 am at Brougham Park - International Arboretum

Planting of an Iron Wood tree to signify Sri Lanka's involvement as Guest Nation for the 2013 Cowra Festival of International Understanding

Main Street Festival Parade

12 noon start from Brougham Park

Book in from 11am with floats to have assembled by 11:30pm at Darling Street end of Brougham Park. Parade moves off at 12noon, down Kendal Street to River Park.

Essential Energy Festival Carnival

From 11am until 5pm at River Park

Featuring: Sri Lankan food and spice stations, carnival rides, Sri Lankan dancers and performances by local artists

Please do not hesitate to contact the Sri Lankan High Commission on (02) 6198 3756 or Email: admin@slhcaust.org for more details.

Please follow the link below for program for other details.
<http://www.cowrafestival.com.au/program.php>