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Windows of the World celebrates success



Federation Square Melbourne

23 September 2009 - The inaugural Windows of the World 2009 event united citizens, organisations and communities around projects building capacity for sustainable life.

Celebrating Melbourne's cultural diversity, the 3-day festival opened with traditional Indigenous games and Welcome to Country, along with presentations by Elder MK Turner and famous Indigenous restaurant, Tjanabi.

The event included multi-cultural and multi-faith presentations, Tibetan Buddhist monk chant, African drumming, Fijian song and dance, student band, artist competition and more.

Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black played guitar and sang to welcome Rosh Hashannah (Jewish New Year). President of the Somali community Abdurahman Osman brought music, song and dance celebrating Muslim Eid-ul-fitr (the end of Ramadan). Federation of Indian Associations of Victoria presented a Bollywood performance to celebrate Indian Navaratri and Diwali festivities.

Two shipping containers piloting Global Shipment were displayed on the River Terrace. Noah's Ark wildlife sanctuary project, Changing the Dream Symposium, Kaisei ocean clean-up, Centacare's refugee projects, Catholic Mission's community development, SAGE India and Bumblebee presentation to Melbourne fire affected school, were among projects presented.

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