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Culturally diverse united by film, shared experiences

Celebrate cultural diversity and broaden your knowledge of migrant experiences at a free screening of films from the Colourfest Multicultural Film Festival on Friday 21 March at the Subiaco Library.

The City of Subiaco is one of sixteen local governments across Australia who will screen the Colourfest films as part of this year's Harmony Day celebrations. This year's collection of short films focuses on the migrant experience – in particular, the themes of inclusion and identity.

The event will also feature multicultural food tastings and a performance by Iranian-born jazz singer Tara Tiba. Born in 1984 in Tehran, Iran, Tara faced many challenges as a female singer in her home country. Prohibited from performing in public in Tehran, Tara moved to Perth in 2012 to pursue a career in jazz music.

Tara said: "It's great that Australia has a day to celebrate the differences and what other cultures bring to this relatively new country. The date – 21 March – also coincides with the Persian New Year, which adds another angle for me and all Iranian-Australians to celebrate."

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said it was important to acknowledge that Subiaco is made up of a diverse range of people from different cultures.

"Many of our residents are migrants who have chosen Subiaco as their home in Australia. One need only attend one of our regular citizenship ceremonies in Subiaco to appreciate what a culturally diverse community we live in."

She continued: "Our lives are enriched by the different cultural pasts that people bring with them when they decide to move to Australia. Harmony Day is about recognising our similarities and our differences, and celebrating that Australia as a nation does not rest on one single race or creed."

The event starts at 6pm and the first film will commence at 6.30pm. Films are rated PG – any children under the age of fifteen, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To RSVP, contact the Subiaco Library on 9237 9300 or library@subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Notes to Editor

The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes the suburbs of Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities, to more than 19 000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco. For more information about the City of Subiaco, visit **www.subiaco.wa.gov.au**