



# ACT BELONG COMMIT

## Northam Heritage and Multicultural Festival 2024

# Program

Northam Army Camp Heritage Association Inc (NACHA) welcomes you to the Act Belong Commit Northam Heritage and Multicultural Festival 2024. This year some new activities have been added and old friends are welcomed back.

In the special exhibition area the WA 10th Light Horse organisation and the Westralian Great War Living History Association will have a display depicting life on the front during WWI. Northam farmer Hugo Throssell was awarded the Victoria Cross 'For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.' He was the only Light Horse member to be awarded this honour.

NACHA welcomes Coastal Scottish Pipe Band and Perth Metro Pipe Band to share in some rousing marching music. Please clear some room as they march through the park.

### National Archives of Australia

If you would like to learn more about your own family history or about your community head over to Bilya Koort Boorga to meet representatives for National Archives of Australia (NAA). Enjoy the walk along the river for ease of entry.

Research is important and NAA staff are happy to help if you are just starting or help with more complex research if needed.

Located in the round room from 10am - 3pm

### Anna Salen Migrant Ship

Post WWII 8 trips on the Anna Salen carrying Displaced People from Europe to Australia were carried out. Amanda Haas-Lovitt started researching her father's journey and has continued with research into more than 6,000 passengers.

Amanda will be sharing her story between 10 and 1pm at Bilya Koort Boorga.



2nd Lieutenant Hugo Throssell  
10th Light Horse Regiment, AIF  
Victoria Cross Recipient  
Northam Farmer



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## NORTHAM HERITAGE & MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 27th October 2024



Additional parking available at the M&M and Newsagency Carparks along Minson Avenue



Additional toilets available at the Visitors Centre and Bilya Koort Boodja Centre



NACHA has divided the area into different activity zones. The Special Display zone is for military history as already mentioned. Volunteers are happy to share their knowledge of WWI and especially WA's 10th Light Horse Regiment.

Welcome to the Consuls who are visiting today representing their different communities. Northam is made up of many different migrant communities who have moved here at different times.

Seating is available around the main dance floor and the Soundshell. You are welcome to bring your own chairs. There is a variety of different food trucks allowing for a truly multicultural feast.

Face painting and children's activities are available in the Kids Zone. Parents please remain with your children.

There will be a free 15 minute Japanese drumming workshop at 11am and 12pm located next to the play grounds if you would like to learn more about this wonderful music. Booking required as numbers are limited.

There is a water fountain located outside of the toilet block. Thank you to Water Corp for the supply bottled water available at the Northam Army Camp Gazebo.

Rubbish bins and Containers for Change bags are available around the park.





Time	Mainstage
10.00	Welcome to Country Yvonne Kickett
10.10	Welcome/ Genny & VIP's
10.20	Jamie Garlett
10.35	St Joseph's School Choir
10.50	Mauritius
11.05	Coastal Scottish Pipe Band
11.20	Highland Dancers
11.35	Polish Dancers
11.50	Indian Dancers
12.05	Ukrainian Dancers/Ukrainian Singers
12.20	Hungarian Dancers
12.45	Indonesian Children
12.55	Japanese Drums
13.10	Peacock Dance (Indonesian)
13.20	Japanese Drums Audience
13.30	Metro Pipe Band
13.45	Filipino Dancers
14.00	Children's Writers award / Raffle
14.10	PERTIWI Indonesian Angklung Musics
14.25	N.Z. Dancers
14.40	Northam Line Dancers
14.50	Roztlazhka Cossack Dancers
15.10	Thank You/ Genny





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Northam Army Camp and Holden Camp, Northam

### Telling the Migrant Story

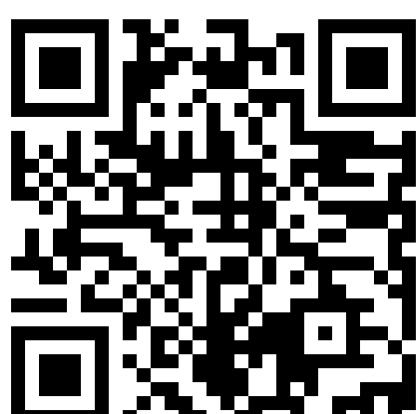


2024 marks the 75th anniversary of the first Displaced Persons to Northam. To mark this event Northam Army Camp Heritage Association Inc welcomes the WA Migrant Research Network and distinguished writers from Edith Cowan University to share their stories.

Located at the Central Regional TAFE on Hutt Street. The venue is important to Northam heritage as the former 118th Hospital and then the Holden Camp home to many Displaced Persons following WWII.

There are many ways of sharing stories and our distinguished guests have great experience presenting across the globe. Head to TAFE to hear about these experiences and ask questions.

Name	Affiliation & awards	Ways of telling the migrant story
Loretta Baldassar Distinguished Professor ECU	NSW Premier's Literary Award	MC and Chair
Matt Dyktynski	Comedian, actor (NIDA), radio announcer. His father, uncle and grandmother were Polish DPs at Northam Army Camp.	Standup Comedy
Susanna Iuliano	WA Premier's Literary Award (book).	Publishing migrant community histories. Susanna will share her journey from academic publishing to community histories and the challenge of capturing migrant and community histories in publications.
Verena Thomas	School of Arts and Humanities, Edith Cowan University	Co-Creative Media and Digital Storytelling: Beth's story (Indigenous)
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Lesia Melnyczuk	International book award	Children's migration stories books (Ukrainian) DP Northam Army Camp
Manonita Gosh (ECU) Simone Marino (ECU)	Music and migrant health	Telling the multicultural migration story via music
Nonja Peters ECU	Displaced Persons Stories Shorted-listed Premier's literary awards WA, NSW & QLD (ECU)	Museum exhibitions that tell the stories of Dutch, Displaced Persons, Italians, Vietnamese and Greek migration stories.



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