



Pako Festa 2010

MatchWorks Pako Festa

**Saturday 27 February, 2010.
Pakington Street, Geelong West**

Pako Festa is Victoria's premier multicultural festival and a vibrant celebration of our rich diversity.

The event provides an opportunity for people from all cultural backgrounds to come together and celebrate the enriching capacity of multiculturalism. It attracts the participation of around 30 cultural community groups, up to 60 community groups and a total attendance of around 100,000 people.

Pako Festa is free to attend.



Pako Festa from 11am

- The grand Pako Parade brings hundreds of performers, cultural community members, community, school groups, local businesses and highly-decorated floats parade the 1km stretch of Pakington Street.
- At 12 noon, join the throngs in West Park for the welcome by the Wathaurong and Official Opening Ceremony.



Street Face - a Community Arts Project

Over the summer of 2010, 6 photographic workshops were held to allow community groups to photograph each other in creative ways. The 28 images that were created reflect our diverse community. Scaled up to 2.3 x 2.3m, these stunning portraits will adorn buildings along Pakington Street and the City Centre from 19 February to 5 March. From 19 Feb, download the 'Street Face' map and follow the trail www.youthcan.com.

Pako Festa from 9am

- Street open with stalls selling everything from fashion, jewellery, international flags, leather goods, beauty products, toys and hats to art and crafts.
- Food stalls range from the ever-popular ice-creams, hot potatoes and crepes to exotic dishes from India, Bosnia, Croatia, Greek, Iran – all corners of the world!
- Roving street performers, buskers and barber quartets begin mixing with the crowds. Look out for stilt-walkers, musical maestros and dazzling magicians.



Pako Festa 12.30pm - 8pm

- MatchWorks West Park and Westpac Diversity Stages host a full afternoon of multicultural song and dance groups. From Spanish to Serbian, Indonesian to Indian, Mexican to Macedonian and every country in between.
- Petrel Hotel and Barking Dog Stages bring you a line-up of Australian and International performers –from folksong to reggae, soul and hip hop.
- Don't miss the Freeza Youth Stage - showcasing local youth talent, the Channel 7 Stage – with stars from Home & Away, a fashion parade, cultural dance and a dance workshop, West Town Hall – with activities for children and drum & dance workshops, Bethel Church – with community choirs.
- Street stalls, food stalls, roving entertainers and buskers continue all afternoon to make this festival one of the biggest and most popular in the country!

