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Diary Note: A Taste of Harmony 19 - 25 March 2012

An event to share your culture and food at work

A Taste of Harmony is Australia's biggest celebration of cultural diversity and food on the Australian calendar.

What?	<i>A Taste of Harmony</i> is an annual week that invites all Australians to bring in a dish and share a meal and stories with work colleagues to celebrate our diverse cultures.
When?	From the 19 – 25 March 2012, coinciding with National Harmony Day on 21 March
How?	Simply register your workplace for free by visiting www.tasteofharmony.org.au
Why?	Participating in <i>A Taste of Harmony</i> is a great way to enjoy a delicious meal with your colleagues as well as learning more about the cultural diversity in your workplace! There is no fundraising involved, it is simply about enjoying a great meal and sharing stories.

From 19 - 25 March, Australians from workplaces big and small will stop what they're doing to share a meal and their culture with colleagues. Participation in *A Taste of Harmony* is free and easy – simply register your workplace, set a date and ask workers to bring a dish representing their cultural background, their favourite dish or even food from a culture they have never tried before.

“Life is about eating, exploring and travelling and *A Taste of Harmony* opens up that door to you within your workplace,” says chef ambassador Shannon Bennett, owner of Vue de Monde.

More than 16 celebrity chefs including Tobie Puttock (The Kitchen Cat), Guy Grossi (Grossi Florentino, Merchant), Meava O’Meara (Food Safari, SBS and director of Gourmet Safari tours), Ed Halmagyi (*Better Homes and Gardens*), the *MasterChef* winners Adam Liaw (2010), Julie Goodwin (2009) and a host of others are on board to encourage all Australian workplaces to join the fun.

Last year more than 175,000 Australians experienced the joy of sharing food and stories from their backgrounds and 2012 is set to be bigger than ever.

This March get ready to dish up some dumplings, swap stories over shepherd’s pie and enjoy a tasty multicultural lunch!

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