



## INVITATION TO THE OROMUMMAA CONFERENCE

**Subject: Public Awareness Meeting with Oromummaa and Religion Wisdom for**

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Irreechaa 2009 @ Footscray

The 2010 Irreechaa Holiday Organizing Committee in Melbourne, Australia is pleased to announce the forthcoming Awareness Making Meeting on Oromummaa versus Religion and Irreechaa Holiday festival that will take place from 19 September to 3 October 2010 on the theme of Walooma Oromummaa-Oromummaa Harmony.

The main aim of the meeting is to create public awareness discussion where Oromo cultural and religious elders will discuss Oromummaa related issues with a view to provide a better understanding of Oromo culture and history, to pave the way for promotion of the Oromo culture, history and lifestyle and to celebrate Irreechaa, a festival that takes place during the months of September and October, in Australia. The actual Irreechaa ceremony also honors elders blessing and wisdom, preserves Irreechaa heritages and assesses the progress of Oromummaa. For almost 6404 years, Oromo families have gathered to take part in the largest thanks-giving ceremony of the Gadaa calendar. Friends, old and new, parents and children join together in a celebration on the theme of walooma Uumaa-uumamaa (Creator-creatures harmony).

The media awareness, the meeting and the 2010 Irreechaa ceremony are co-organized for the future advancement and harmony of Oromo Culture and History. Hence, the organizers would like you to mark these meeting and holiday events in your scheme agenda and start identifying your appropriate means to attend the events.

Hereunder the foreseen agenda:

Date: 19 September 2010 (Sunday)

Media release will be given on the 3ZZZ community radio from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Date: 26 September 2010 (Sunday)

Time: 3pm to 7pm

Venue: 5 Osborne Avenue, Community Neighborhood House, Springvale, Melbourne

03:00 Welcome

03:15 Elders' Blessing

03:30 Oromummaa versus Islam

- 04:15 Oromummaa versus Christianity
- 05:00 Break
- 05:15 Oromummaa versus Waaqeffannaa
- 06:00 Oromummaa and Irreechaa
- 06:30 Comments and Opinions
- 07:00 Conclusion

Date: 03 October 2010 (Sunday)

Time: 11am to 4pm.

Venue: Footscray Park,

Hereunder the foreseen agenda:

- 11:00 Welcome
- 11:30 Elders' Blessing
- 12:00 Irreeffannaa orientation
- 01:00 Irreechaa Ceremony
- 02:00 Eenyummaa, Aadaa and Irreechaa Teachings
- 02:30 Dhangaa
- 03:30 Sirbaa fi weedduu
- 04:00 Conclusion

We proudly invite you to participate on this annual event and it will be definitely a good opportunity for promoting the Oromo culture and history, for building a stronger relationship and for creating consensus among the Oromo community. Come and promote a diverse and multicultural environment in Australia. Please don't hesitate to contact us for any further information. We look forward to seeing you there!!

## ARAARAA fi NAGAA OROMOO

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