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*A five-day community festival
celebrating cultural harmony*

Dalai Lama's Monks Harmony Exchanges Big Sing Choir
Multi-Phonic Chanting Sand Mandalas Meditation Classes
Tenzin Choegyal Flag Art Exhibition Interfaith Public Forums

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Join the Warburton community for a five-day multi-cultural, inter-faith community festival celebrating harmony between voices, people and the environment.

Three of the Dalai Lama's Monks and Tibetan musician Tenzin Choegyal bring their 'Compassionate Mandala Tour' to town and stage multi-phonetic chanting performances, sand mandala workshops and meditation classes.

Other highlights include free Harmony Exchanges, a Flag Art Exhibition, a whole-of-community Big Sing, public forums, a film screening and a host of performances by local choirs.

Daily events

9am–10am	Tibetan Meditation. Join the Dalai Lama's Monks from the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery and Tenzin Choegyal for guided meditation. Free. (March 22–25 only).
11am–12pm & 2pm–4pm	Sand Mandala Creation & Workshops. Try your hand at the ancient art of sand mandala and watch the Tashi Lhunpo Monks create a mandala for Warburton. Free. (Not held March 25, 2pm to 4pm).
2pm–2.30pm	Tibetan Chanting. The Tashi Lhunpo Monks and Tenzin Choegyal lead workshops on the techniques of multi-phonetic chanting. Free. (Held at 1pm on March 24 and not on March 25).
2.30pm–5pm	Harmony Consultations. Private meetings with senior Tashi Lhunpo monk, Ngakchen Rinpoche. Places are limited. Charges apply. Phone 0438 28 86 88 to book.
All day	Flag Art Exhibition. Prayer flags depicting images of harmony, created by local school students, will be hung around the Warburton township. Free.

Wednesday, 21 March – National Harmony Day

10am	Blessing Ceremony. The Tashi Lhunpo Monks will bless the Warburton Mechanics Institute Hall. Free.
12.30pm–1.30pm	Harmony Exchange. Community leaders will welcome the Tashi Lhunpo Monks to Warburton. Private Function.
2pm–4pm	Spiritual Direction. Personal consultation with local Christian Ministers. Free. Places are limited. Phone 0409 517 273 to book.
7pm	Official Opening. The Tashi Lhunpo Monks and Tenzin Choegyal perform with Yarra Valley Singers. Includes launch of Flag Art Exhibition. Free.
8pm	Film Screening. Yarra Ranges Film Society present the Academy Award winning film, <i>Kundun – the story of the Dalai Lama's early years</i> . Free.

Thursday, 22 March

10.30am–12.30pm	Compassionate Communication. An introductory workshop teaching new ways to communicate honestly with Psychologist and Minister Bob Ridley. Free.
12.30pm–1.30pm	Harmony Exchange. Students from St Josephs Parish Primary School exchange songs, music and messages with the Tashi Lhunpo Monks. Free.
2.30pm–3.30pm	Christian Meditation. An introduction to meditation using Taize singing by Outreach Psychologist and Minister Bob Ridley. Free.
3.30pm–4.30pm	Meditation with Story and Words. Join Psychologist and Minister Bob Ridley and discover a new way of meditating. Free.

How to get to Warburton

Warburton is on Melways Map 290 B4 or log in to the RACV website for direction maps.racv.com.au/tripPlan.do

Make a booking

Most festival events are free. Tickets need to be purchased to the Friday and Saturday evening concerts. To purchase tickets phone the UYAC on 5966 5040.

Friday, 23 March

12.30pm–1.30pm	Harmony Exchange. Students from Little Yarra Steiner School exchange songs, music and messages with the Tashi Lhunpo Monks. Free.
2pm–5pm	Spiritual Direction. Personal consultation with local Christian Ministers. Free. Places are limited. Phone 0409 517 273 to book.
5pm–6pm	End of Week Meditation. Join Warburton's own Buddhist Monks, from the Buddha Bodhivana Monastery for an hour of guided meditation. Free.
8pm	World Healing Concert. The Monks from the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery and Tenzin Choegyal perform their unique multi-phonetic singing and play a range of traditional Tibetan instruments. Tickets \$20 full and \$18 conc.

Saturday, 24 March

2pm–3pm	Harmony Forum. Community leaders share their thoughts on creating harmony in individuals, townships, and with the environment. Free.
3pm–5pm	Harmony Big Sing. Everyone is invited to form an on-the-spot community choir and sing songs of peace and harmony. Free.
8pm	Dream Seeding Concert. The Tashi Lhunpo Monks and Tenzin Choegyal will collaborate with local musicians to create a unique musical performance. Tickets \$20 full and \$18 conc.

Sunday, 25 March

10am–1pm	Spiritual Direction. Personal consultation with local Christian Ministers. Free. Places are limited. Phone 0409 517 273 to book.
2pm–3pm	Compassion in Action Forum. Community leaders share their views on the power of compassion and give tips on how to put it into action. Free.
4pm	Dissolving Ceremony. The Tashi Lhunpo Monks, Tenzin Choegyal and the Yarra Ranges Children's Choir will perform. The sand mandala created during the festival will be dissolved.

All events will be held at the Warburton Mechanics Institute Hall, (part of the Upper Yarra Arts Centre), 3409 Warburton Highway, Warburton.

Warburton Harmony Festival 2007 would not have been possible without the generous support of volunteers, artists, the committee and the local community. Thank you to everyone who helped!

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