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PEOPLE'S PARTY IN THE PARKLAND HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan today encouraged local residents to attend the Beattie Government's *Queensland Multicultural Festival: a world of difference*, this Sunday 10th October at Roma Street Parkland.

Ms Nolan said the free festival would offer something for everyone with more than 40 performances across four stages involving more than 400 musicians and artists, including Paul Kelly and Christine Anu.

"A full program is available at www.multiculturalfestival.qld.gov.au," she said.

"There will be food, music, children's activities, Yoga, Tai Chi, a Bollywood dance party, Macedonian and Balkan Gypsy dancing, a Gujarati Garba Dance with live music, a travelling light ceremony around the cliffs and lake and roving performers throughout the day.

"Short listed entries in the government's inaugural *Images of Queensland Photographic Awards: multiculturalism in focus* will also be on display, with people encouraged to vote for their favourite photograph for a People's Choice Award."

Ms Nolan encouraged people attending the festival to use public transport.

"King George Square carpark will offer \$5 all day parking to festival patrons, however buses, trains and citycats and ferries offer a fuss free way to get to and from the event," she said.

"Alcohol will be available from licensed outlets within the festival area and can not be carried into the festival."

"Ms Nolan said the Beattie Government would continue to promote the value of cultural diversity and the many and varied contributions of all Queensland Indigenous and ethnic groups.

"Our difference is a great strength that enhances our communities, our families and our workplaces – it's something that makes life fun and interesting," she said.