

**Question on Notice
No. 954
Asked on 8 June 2007**

QUESTION:

MR HINCHLIFFE asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

Will she detail the collaboration involved in the Roar Against Racism campaign, including events which individuals and families in the electorate of Stafford may attend and support?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is very pleased to be collaborating with many organisations for a special series of events leading up to 1 July at Suncorp Stadium. Individuals and families not only from Stafford but from all over Brisbane and its surrounds are welcome to attend.

On Sunday 24 June an exciting family friendly event will be held at Annerley to mark World Refugee Day. The World Refugee Day Community Festival will start at 10.00 am and go through to 5.00 pm. St Vincent de Paul has been funded by Multicultural Affairs Queensland to undertake this event.

Football teams will vie for the 'Queensland Roars Against Racism World Refugee Day Cup' and patrons will be entertained by cultural performances, ethnic food stalls, art and craft markets, a refugee art exhibition, children's workshops, carnival races, live bands and a volleyball tournament.

Multicultural Affairs Queensland and Queensland Roar Football Club (FC) will be on hand promoting the Queensland Roars Against Racism match on 1 July and members of the public can meet their favourite player on the day.

On Friday 29 June, I will launch an event in the Queen Street Mall. The community will be able to see some of the celebrities including the Queensland Roar football team and will get their first glimpse at the visiting South African team, SuperSport United.

On 1 July, celebrities and sports stars will come together for the 'Buffalo Sports Celebrity Stampede Against Racism', followed by the big match between Queensland Roar FC and SuperSport United who will vie for the inaugural 'Translink Roar Against Racism Cup'. There will be wonderful entertainment, giveaways for the kids, information stalls and much more.

I am pleased to advise that Roar against Racism is being sponsored by Translink, Channel Ten, Anglo Coal, The Courier-Mail and Buffalo Sports Queensland.

Queensland Roars Against Racism will send positive messages in support of harmony and social cohesion and make it clear there is no room for racism in Queensland.

Over the course of the next three years there will be a range of events and activities in support of the anti-racism message, targeting the whole community and especially young people to challenge racist attitudes and stamp out racial intolerance. It is important that clear messages be reiterated that prejudice and discrimination against any ethnic or religious group are unacceptable.