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BONEGILLA '97 TO BE OPENED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

The Hon. Tim Fisher, MP, assisted by the Premiers of NSW and Victoria, Mr Bob Carr and Mr Jeff Kennett, will officiate at the Gala Opening of BONEGILLA '97 50th Anniversary Reunion Festival, on Friday 26th September at the Wodonga Exhibition Centre.

More than 3000 people are expected to attend the opening night extravaganza. Special guests will comprise a number of ethnic dignitaries including consulate representatives and Ambassadors from various nations represented at the Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre during its 24 years. This spectacular event will be hosted by celebrity MC, George Kapinaris, well known for his roles in 'Acropolis Now' and 'Wogs Out Of Work' and will feature a traditional welcoming by the local Wiradjiri people, multiple choirs and circus performances.

BONEGILLA '97, which will run from September 26 to October 5, will celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Australia and commemorate

the contribution to our cultural fabric made by the people who moved through the Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre on their way to start a new life in Australia.

Programme highlights include National Days hosted by the Italian, German and Dutch communities; the Croatian National Theatre Company; a series of lectures sponsored by La Trobe University and the Film Carnival from Carnivale Sydney.

Other events planned for the 10 day festival include a baccho tournament, reunion dance, Festival Club, art exhibitions and museum activities. High profile events such as an appearance by the Orana Orchestra and Teatro Oneiron are still in the planning stages.

Festival Co-ordinator, Trish Forrest, would be pleased to receive expressions of interest from individuals or organisations Australia-wide who are interested in participating in the festival's activities. In particular, Trish is interested in the areas of song, dance, musical instrumentation and heirloom exhibits.

For further information contact:

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Sad breakdown in interstate Dutch connections

The cooperation and good-will built up recently in the Dutch Courier between interstate Dutch communities suffered a set-back in the last few months.

fate. However, his heart attack was not as debilitating, and he continues to write for us. Our Tasmanian correspondent, Grace Seed, has now resigned because Dutch groups do

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It may not seem much now, but the months to come. This is the site where the Bierman-Sajet Nursing I will be built. At this stage the site is should be finished early next year.

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