

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editor

### **Multicultural pride flies high**

Katanning's multicultural pride is flying high as the Katanning Action Network (KAN) unfurled the flags of 19 nations over the town on Friday 18 March.

Flag poles have been erected in Lions Park and the flags are flying for Harmony Day.

Supported by a \$15,036 grant through the Great Southern Development Commission's (GSDC) Community Chest Fund, made possible by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program, the flag project is part of a larger KAN community building exercise.

GSDC Chair Peter Rundle welcomed the flag display and said Katanning was renowned as the most multicultural regional town in Western Australia.

"As a local resident, it gives me a great sense of pride to know that Katanning's special qualities will be on display through these flags," Mr Rundle said.

"Katanning celebrates its many cultures all the time, and even more so on Harmony Day.

"Embracing the contributions of other cultures makes communities stronger, and that is a great outcome from the GSDC's point of view," Mr Rundle said.

Strong communities feature as a transformational project area in the *Great Southern Regional Investment Blueprint*.

Mr Rundle said the community building workshops run as part of the KAN project set the scene for the flag celebration.

"These events complement the work taking place in Katanning through the SuperTowns initiative, which is making a huge difference to the town," Mr Rundle said.

"People turning in from the new town entry on the highway will see these flags and know that they are in a strong town that is proud of its many cultures."

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