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### *Sangamam 2013*

It is with great pleasure that I send my warmest greetings to the organisers and participants of Sangamam 2013.

This wonderful event is an important opportunity for members of the Nagarathar community from around Australia and the region to come together and share knowledge, build social networks and celebrate the richness of Chettinad culture.

Australia is a vibrant multicultural society that welcomes people from all parts of the world. Australians identify with more than 300 ethnicities, speak just as many languages and observe a wide variety of cultural and religious traditions.

A key to our success as a diverse and prosperous nation has been a commitment to allow all Australians the right to practise and share their cultural traditions and languages within the law and free from discrimination.

Australian Nagarathars are a prime example of a success story in multicultural Australia – working to build a cohesive community within Australia, while maintaining strong ties to their culture and heritage.

I congratulate Nagarathar Sangam Australia for presenting Sangamam 2013 and wish all those attending a productive and enjoyable event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Lundy', with a long, sweeping flourish extending downwards from the end of the name.

**Kate Lundy**