

# Showcase

## Law Week Writing Competition

### Diversity Makes the Difference The Stall

I am Chan Lee and I am 52 years old. I have lived in Australia for three years and the rest of my life I've lived in China. I moved here because China is too polluted and I wanted to see the rest of the world.

I was a fantastic chef in China and had a stall in the street market. I am going to set up a stall in my street to get more money. I am poor and need more money.

It is time to set up my stall. I have a shelter and traditional Chinese beef with black bean sauce, bok choy salad and fried rice. Someone is coming over to me. Maybe they will help set up my stall.

"Sir, you are not allowed to busk or set up stalls in this area. Please take it down."

The man was wearing a bright vest that said "council" on it.

"Please try my food, it is very nice. You will like it." I thought that maybe if the council man liked my food he would let me keep my stall.

I gave him a bit of each meal and he loved it.  
"Your food is delicious! I'll let you keep your stall."

He told others of my stall and because of that other people came to my stall and liked the food too. I decided to make a restaurant and I became very rich. It was all thanks to the council man.

## Different Food and Music

In Australia some people like to have food from different countries and from their own country. So people started to open different restaurants and cook different food.

Such as sushi from Japan that can have fish or different types of seafood, meat, or vegetables in it. Or people might like to have pizza from Italy with many different toppings such as pineapple, capsicum, mushroom or meat and many more other toppings. Or doner kebabs from Turkey with fresh tabouli, plus there are also Korean barbeque restaurants from Korea which you can also have a bowl of rice, raw slices of mushroom, cooked bean sprouts, Korean dumplings (which are called Mandu in Korea).

Also the music is different because different people listen to different music. People might like to listen to Aboriginal music, old music, Chinese music, classical music, French music, new music, hip hop music, instrumental music and many more other different types of music. People like to listen to different music because the people that sing the songs have different voices like a really high sound, a really low sound or just a normal voice to sing with.

All the music and food in Australia is great because both of these things are different. It is great because you can dance to music and do all sorts of things to music. The food is also great because there are different tastes, spices and smells in all kinds of food.

Diversity

How would the world be

Without diversity

All the same food

No different mood

How would the world be

Without diversity

Beliefs would be the same

And so would, every game

How would the world be

Without diversity

There would be no different tunes to play

Music would so be boring all day

Diversity is just great

All the festivals that we celebrate

There is always different food on the plate

Diversity is just great

Not everyone thinks the same

People wanted something different

So that's why they came

Diversity is just great

People want to do new things every day

And people don't have to always play

Diversity

Many people from came across the sea

From the earliest Aborigine  
They came by boats of wood and steel  
They came to this place so they could feel  
Happy and content and free  
My ancestors came from Italy long ago  
They settled down in Australia the land of fair go  
They fished and planted grapes and seed  
So that people could feed  
They built cities and bridges and roads and dams  
So that people could be proud of this wide brown land  
In recent times from Asia they came and gave us spice and  
noodles and lemon grass  
Now our food is really world class

At my school there are people from all over the place  
And at Coogee Public we always respect other peoples race  
There is no division if you are black or white or yellow or brown  
Or if you are in a wheel chair because you have fallen down  
We respect people's difference and their right to be free  
Australia the land of diversity.

### Diversity Makes the Difference

I walked down the main street and I smelt the delicious foods from all over the world. It was getting close to Chinese New Year, so people had started putting up decorations and lanterns on the streets. Everything was colourful and alive. I walked over to a particular stall that I knew well. My friend, who was the owner, was looking a sad and troubled. I asked her, "Liu-Min, what's the matter with you?"  
"Well I was just thinking, where will I go?" she mumbled  
"What do you mean?" I questioned. She told me how the officials were thinking about making 'my' part of town more 'Australian'.  
As I walked home, I thought about what my friend had said. How could anyone think of such a horrible thing? It made me angry, frustrated and annoyed.  
Within that week, sure enough most of the town seemed less exciting. The foods were nice, but they weren't the same as all the different smells from all over the countries making your taste buds tingle. Sure for a little time it was okay, but having every thing native made me feel ill after a while. It made me remember when I used to play with kids whose language I couldn't understand.  
Every one had noticed the change. My parents wrote to all the officials. Then one by one, I saw familiar faces returning to the streets. And once again, I saw my friends. I smelt new foods, but most importantly I saw all around me, diversity.

Diversity means difference  
Without it what would we be  
No education, no new things  
And not much fun for me  
A bad situation comes to mind  
No new ways of thinking  
Without diversity we would not know much  
We'd just be blinking  
I am hungry for new food  
Nothing new to try  
After all without diversity  
We'd eat things that are alike  
We all go to another place  
It's so easy to speak  
Then suddenly a new language appears  
We can't even say "Eeek"  
Because of diversity  
Our world is a very beautiful place  
And now that we have diversity  
We are all in one race

#### The Girl Who Was Different

I absolutely HATE my new school! Everyone makes fun of me because I'm Indian and most of all because I'm mute. They tease me loudly when the teachers aren't there and because I can't speak, the only thing I can do is give them a note telling them to stop bullying me. But it's not as if that makes any difference. They just tear my note up and shriek with laughter, telling me that I'm useless and that it wouldn't be much better if I'd yelled at them! I'm still a coward. Whenever they say this I know that it's true because if I had the courage, I'd have written my mind and wrote that just because I'm different it doesn't mean I'm not special. I know that diversity is one of the best things in the world. If we didn't have diversity everyone would have the same thoughts, the same appearance and the same ideas. Maybe all of these kids know that deep down diversity is a unique, special and amazing thing that will never fade. So one day, I set off to show them about difference. Once I was in the classroom I took the chalk and wrote "diversity may not show as clearly to you as it does to me but I know that diversity is always there and it is always a good thing" on the black board. Some students nodded and smiled, others waved. Now they understand.

#### Diversity Makes a Difference

Not long time ago, in a land far away a lot of people didn't like each other. They didn't talk to each other, they didn't play together and they didn't even say hello to each other in the street. They didn't get along because they didn't like each other's culture and food. Then one day a stranger came into town. He rang a bell and every glum person came into town. "Come on everyone lets try everyone's culture!" he said in a happy voice but everyone refused. "You're crazy," they said and all left.

Then one morning the people in the town heard music. They saw the man with food and asked if they could try some and he said yes. Then they ate, danced and laughed all day. Now everybody in the town is happy and gets along because they enjoy sharing in each other's cultures.

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