

# Little squares a big leap to building harmony



Hellen Miranda and Angelica Palma, pictured with children Josette Roa and Amelia Cotter, admire the quilt.

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OVER the past three months, more than 100 Rosemeadow and Ambarvale residents have drawn, painted, embroidered or appliquéd their designs on to quilt squares to mark Harmony Week.

The harmony quilt was created and launched at Campbelltown Arts Centre recently.

Organised by the Benevolent Society and Macarthur Diversity Service, the project brought together people of all ages and backgrounds as they decorated their quilt squares.

Project co-ordinator Carol Mackay said it gave the residents

an opportunity to build relationships within their community.

“We know that the first step in promoting tolerance is to bring people together and give them a chance to meet others in a safe and fun environment, where they can work on something together and at the same time, learn about other people’s cultures or experiences,” she said.

“It truly reflects the contributions from people of all ages, abilities and interests.”

Parliamentary secretary for multicultural affairs Laurie Ferguson launched the quilt at a morning tea event.

The quilt can now be viewed at Campbelltown Arts Centre.