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# **JETAA-NSW** visits Cowra for the Sakura Matsuri

Our new JET Program Coordinator reports on the 2014 Cowra Sakura Matsuri. JETAA-NSW visited Cowra to enjoy the cherry blossoms and explore the NSW town which is now a centre of Japan-Australia friendship. Page 3.

#### **Cultural news**

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