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**Locals join worldwide celebrations**

Local members of the Baha’i Faith are joining in worldwide celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Bab, the Herald of their religion.

The festivities will culminate in thousands of celebrations taking place in Australia and throughout the world on 28-30 October.

**Local celebrations will feature [add details of local activities]**

The Baha’i Faith has been present in Australia since 1920, and there are now Baha’is in all parts of the country.

Born in 1817, the Bab was a prophetic figure who revitalised religious teachings, calling for spiritual and moral renewal including improving the status of women and the situation of the poor.

He gained thousands of followers before being put to death in 1850.

“The Bab’s mission was to prepare the way for Baha’u’llah, the prophet and founder of the Baha’i Faith”, explained local spokesperson [insert name].

“The transformative power of the teachings the Bab foretold is reflected in our activities today, which seek to contribute towards a vibrant and inclusive community based on the principle of the oneness of humanity.

“Because the Bab and Baha’u’llah were born on successive days, two years apart, we celebrate their births each year as consecutive or ‘twin’ holy days.

“In 2017 we celebrated the bicentenary of the birth of Baha’u’llah, and this year we are celebrating the bicentenary of the birth of the Bab.”

“Everyone is invited to join in the celebrations.”

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