

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**29 November 2024**

### **Celebrate Christmas in the City of Melton**

The City of Melton will come alive with Christmas cheer over the next month with a range of festive activities including carols, twilight festivals, and plenty of opportunities to meet Santa!

Council will again host the much-loved annual Carols by Candlelight at Hannah Watts Park on 14 December from 5pm. Come along and celebrate Christmas spirit with family and friends and enjoy a special screening of the Grinch Christmas Movie, followed by community performances, carols and a special appearance by Santa.

Community carols events in Diggers Rest and Caroline Springs will provide further opportunities to singalong and embrace the Christmas cheer.

For family fun, join Twilight Christmas at Hillside on 20 December for a Santa Disco, face painting, roving entertainment, and the chance to meet Mrs. Claus and Santa.

As if Santa isn't busy enough, he will also be making his way to various locations around the City of Melton to meet and greet people as part of his very own roadshow.

For those wanting adventure, four Christmas-themed photo moments will be scattered around the City to capture festive snaps and create your own Christmas memories.

Other activities on offer include culinary Christmas creations for kids, DIY Christmas Wreaths, and festive film nights with the hilarious 'Elf' on the big screen.

For information on these and other Christmas activities on offer around the City of Melton, visit <http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/christmas>

### **Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi:**

*"The City of Melton is a wonderful place to be in the lead up to Christmas and is an important time for Christians in our community, as they come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ."*

*"Christmas is a special time to gather with family, friends and neighbours, enjoy each other's company, and embrace the community spirit."*

*"It's important that we all look out for one another at Christmas. For some, the festive season can be difficult, and I encourage you to join in the activities on offer and lean on the strength of our community at this time."*

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*“This is also a time to support our local businesses who contribute so much to our community, so don’t forget to shop locally for presents this year.”*

### **ENDS**

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