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## **New artwork unveiled on CS Gallery windows**

New artwork that celebrates the City of Melton's diverse community has been unveiled on the windows at the CS Gallery.

*The Picnic* by Justine McAllister represents our multicultural and diverse community enjoying all the activities that are on offer in our great City.

It shows how each member of the community contributes to making the City of Melton the great place that it is to live, work and play.

The artwork stretches across seven windows and portrays a large communal picnic that is a powerful ode to the values of connection, inclusivity and recreation that bind us together.

McAllister, represented by Eddie Zammit, is a Melbourne-based artist and has been creating large-scale murals for display in public places for more than 10 years.

For more information visit [www.melton.vic.gov.au/thepicnic](http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/thepicnic)

### **Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Kathy Majdlik**

*"This is a beautiful celebration of our community and shows why we embrace the diversity that makes the City of Melton such a special place to live."*

*"Justine's artwork brilliantly captures the connections we feel to our community and those around us."*

*"I'd encourage everyone to stop and enjoy the display on the windows, but also take the opportunity to explore the exhibitions inside the gallery."*

### **Quote attributable to Justine McAllister, artist**

*"In my work, I celebrate Melton's diversity through a communal picnic, embracing all ages, orientations, cultures, and abilities for joyful connection and inclusivity."*

**Artist's contact details and headshot available on request.**

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