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**6 June 2024**

## **Refugee Week celebrations across the City of Melton**

Shared cultures, stories, and Australia's rich diversity will be celebrated across the City of Melton this Refugee Week.

From 15-20 June, Melton City Council will host several events in collaboration with key community groups and stakeholders.

This year's theme, 'Finding Freedom: Family', will focus on the importance of family during displacement and the important role it plays in times of adversity.

Refugee Week has been observed annually across Australia since 1986.

Events in the City of Melton will engage directly with refugees, asylum seekers, local students, and service providers, aiming to foster dialogue and support within the community.

### **Journeys of Hope: Refugee Narratives Explored**

**Venue:** Melton Library and Learning Hub, 31 McKenzie Street, Melton

**When:** Tuesday 18 June, 11.30am - 1pm

Learn about the journeys and challenges of the City of Melton's refugees through interviews and a question-and-answer session at the Melton Library and Learning Hub. This event is held in partnership with Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services.

### **Unity in Exodus: Celebrating Family in Finding Freedom Symposium**

**Venue:** Fraser Rise Community Centre, 46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise

**When:** Thursday 20 June, 10am – 1pm

Learn about the challenges faced by the City of Melton's refugee communities, and how they could be addressed at a free symposium. This event is held in partnership with the Melton Interfaith Network.

To get involved, email: [intercultural@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:intercultural@melton.vic.gov.au) or call 9747 7200.

Find out more: [melton.vic.gov.au/refugeeweek](https://melton.vic.gov.au/refugeeweek)

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

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*“Gathering together and sharing stories is a great way for us all to celebrate the wonderful contributions refugees make to our community.”*

*“We value the unique skills, new perspectives, and cultural diversity that refugees and asylum seekers bring to our City.”*

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