



MEDIA RELEASE

20 November 2024

Join the campaign to end violence against women

Melton City Council will hold a range of events to help raise awareness and support the campaign for this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence.

The international campaign aims to strengthen action to end violence against women and girls around the world.

More than 1 in 3 women have experienced men's violence. On average, a woman is killed by a man she knows every 10 days, and in 2024 that number is much higher.

The campaign begins on 25 November to coincide with International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on 10 December, which marks Human Rights Day.

Council encourages residents to participate in the various activities being held throughout the campaign and help drive support for the elimination of violence against women and children in our community.

For details on Council's 16 Days of Activism events, visit melton.vic.gov.au/16days

EVENTS IN THE CITY OF MELTON

Women's Empowerment Yoga Workshops

Thursday 21, 28 November and 5 December, 6:15pm-7:15pm, Fraser Rise Children's and Community Centre

Everyday Heroes Art Project: Brookfield

Saturday 23 November, 10:30am-12pm, Botanica Springs Children's and Community Centre

Webinar: Understanding Gender Based Violence

Monday 25 November, 6pm-8pm, Online

Breaking the Silence: Bystander Power & Consent Awareness

Thursday 28 November, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Cobblebank Stadium Multipurpose Room

Women's Karate Workshop

Friday 29 November, 4pm-6:30pm, Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre

Everyday Heroes Art Project; Thornhill Park

Saturday 30 November, 10:30am-12pm, Thornhill Park Children's and Community Centre

Leading Gender Equitable Sports Clubs Training

In-person: Wednesday 4 December, 6:30pm-8pm, Burnside Children's and Community Centre
Online: Thursday 5 December, 6:30pm-8pm, via Zoom

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Community Brunch: Commitment to Ending Gender Based Violence

Thursday 5 December, 12pm-2pm, Grace Community, 17 Yuille Street Melton

Craftivism Workshop at the Library

Thursday 5 December, 3pm-6pm, Caroline Springs Library

Everyday Heroes Art Project: Hillside

Saturday 7 December, 10:30am-12pm, Hillside Community Centre

Cupcake Decorating for Dads & Kids

Wednesday 11 December, 5:30pm-7pm, Mount Atkinson Children's and Community Centre

In 2024, Respect Victoria and Safe and Equal are working together to support local community engagement with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Melton City Council has been funded under Respect Victoria's 16 Days of Activism grassroots initiative.

If you or someone you know is experiencing or is at risk of experiencing family violence, please call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or visit the [1800RESPECT website](https://www.1800respect.vic.gov.au/).

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger please call 000.

Quotes attributable to Roslyn Wai, Chief Executive Officer, Melton City Council

"Everyone has a role to play in putting an end to gender-based violence in our community and creating a respectful and supportive culture, free from violence against women."

"All women and children in our community have the right to feel that they can go about their lives feeling safe and valued."

"Council has collaborated with some wonderful community groups who are working hard in this area to help raise awareness of gender-based violence and provide support to those who may need it."

"I encourage everyone to get involved in the events taking place during this year's 16 Days of Activism and help take a stand against violence against women."

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