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Celebrating our cultural diversity

Melton City Council will celebrate Cultural Diversity Week 2025 with an all-inclusive festival featuring cultural performances, family-friendly activities, and storytelling.

Cultural Diversity Week will run from 17-23 March with this year's theme being *My Melton, Your Melton, Our Melton!*

Council will host a free event on Saturday 22 March at Melton Community Hall for all ages and abilities to come together and celebrate the City's rich cultural diversity.

The event will kick-off at 11am with cultural performances and fun activities for the whole family including First Nations performances, Indian sari trials, Henna, face painting, hair braiding and a silent disco.

There will also be a range of delicious multicultural food on offer, and a chill out zone for those needing some quiet time.

Throughout the week, Council will feature inspiring stories from 12 residents who have played a vital role in making the City of Melton a more inclusive and welcoming place for all residents to call home. Starting on Monday 17 March, the video series called *The City of Melton – My Home, Your Home, Our Home* can be viewed on our social media channels.

The annual festival also recognises the United Nation's Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, also known as Harmony Day, on 21 March.

To find out more, visit melton.vic.gov.au/cdwf

Main event details:

Date: Saturday 22 March
Time: 11am - 3pm
Location: Melton Community Hall, 238 High Street, Melton

Quotes attributable to City of Melton, Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi:

"The City of Melton is a culturally diverse community with over a third of our residents born overseas from 161 different countries."

"Cultural Diversity Week is an opportunity to recognise and embrace the many cultures that make up our wonderful city and come together to celebrate and learn about one another."

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“Storytelling is such an important way to pass on traditions and experiences and to learn about different cultures. I’d like to thank the 12 participants who have shared their inspirational stories with us.”

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