

# INTERFAITH & INTERCULTURAL CALENDAR 2025



## MY DREAM

Melton is a vibrant city, celebrated for its cultural diversity and dynamic communities, and Melton City Council is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and valued, regardless of their background.

We prioritise community engagement and partnerships, encouraging residents to actively participate in shaping our City's future. Our goal is to build a thriving, harmonious, and inclusive community for all who live here.

**For more details please  
visit [melton.vic.gov.au/mydream](https://melton.vic.gov.au/mydream)**

This year's calendar features 12 community members who have significantly contributed to making the City of Melton inclusive and welcoming. It showcases individuals sharing their pride in our diversity, and their dreams for our community's future.



### **Jono Ingram**

My dream for the City of Melton is to see our community actively managing and caring for our local waterways and natural spaces. We have some really important creeks, grassland and bushland areas which are the only remaining habitat in our city for many native birds, reptiles, insects and animals.



# January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day (Public Holiday)	2	3	4
5	6†  Epiphany (Christianity) Birthday of Guru Gobind	7†  Nativity (Christian Orthodox) Singh Ji (Sikhism)	8	9	10	11
12	13  Maghi (Sikhism)	14  Mahayana New Year** (Buddhism) Pongal (Hinduism) (14-17)	15	16	17	18
19† Feast of Epiphany (Christian Orthodox)	20	21	22	23	24	25
26  Australia Day (Public Holiday)	27  Lailat al Miraj* (Islam)	28	29  Lunar New Year (Buddhism)	30	31	

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### **Mukhles Habash**

My dream for the City of Melton is to see the City become more inclusive of all people. I would like to see community services and public services become more accessible. I would like to see each community member thrive and have a great sense of belonging to the wider community. Most importantly, I would like to see my community members develop a strong feeling of belonging to the City of Melton and feel safe and secure.

# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>  World Interfaith Harmony Week (1-7)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	<b>13</b>  Magha Puja Day** (Buddhism)	<b>14</b>  Lailat al Bara'ah * (Islam)	<b>15</b>  Nirvana Day** (Buddhism)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	<b>26</b>  MahaShivaratri ** (Hinduism)	27	<b>28</b>  Losar/Tibetan New Year (Buddhism) (28-2 March)	

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**Dr Loudeen Lam**

My dream for the City of Melton. Melton is my dream home. I am proud and grateful that I took that leap of faith and started my journey here in the City of Melton. Of all the experiences and beautiful memories, one aspect stood out that sums up all the reasons as to why the City of Melton is my dream home. It is the people, the people of the City of Melton! This is my dream realised.



# March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31  Eid ul Fitr * Islam					1  Ramadan * (**) (Islam) (1-30)
2	3 † Great Lent (Orthodox Christianity) (3 March-18 Apr)	4	5 † Lent begins (Christianity) (5-17 April)	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13  Purim* (Judaism) (13-14)	14  Holi* (Hinduism) Hola Mohalla (Sikhism) (14-16)	15
16	17	18	19	20  Naw Ruz* (Baha'i)	21  United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Harmony Day)	22
23	24	25 † Annunciation (Christianity)	26	27  Lailat al Qadr * Islam	28	29

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**Andrew Makumbe**

My dream for the City of Melton is to continue embracing diversity and inclusion and its rooted belief that every member of the community deserves to be heard, valued, and represented.



# April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6  Rama Navami** (Hinduism)	7	8	9	10  Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)	11	12
13  Theravada New Year (Buddhism) (13-15) Pesach* (Judaism) (13-20) Holy Week (Christianity) (13-19)	14  Baisakhi (Sikhism)	15	16	17	18 † Good/Holy Friday (Christianity) Good/Holy Friday (Christian Orthodox)	19
20 †  Easter (Christianity) Easter/Pascha (Christian Orthodox) Ridvan* (Baha'i) (April 20-May 1)	21 † Easter Monday (Public Holiday)	22	23	24  Yom HaShoah* (Judaism)	25   ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)	26
27	28	29	30			

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**Alex Osborne Briggs**

My dream for the City of Melton is to be one family and one community. We can achieve that by working together to build a better future for ourselves, our children and grandchildren by learning from each other about different journeys we have had and our cultures to make Melton a safe and wonderful place to live in.



# May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  Vesak/Buddha Day** (Buddhism)	13	14	15	16	17  IDAHOBIT
18	19	20	21	22	23  Declaration of the Bab* (Baha'i)	24
25	26	27	28  Ascension of Baha'ullah* (Baha'i)	29	30	31

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### **Comfort Kennedy**

My dream for the City of Melton is that families have facilities that are accessible and tailored to a variety of cultural backgrounds, ages and interest points. Additionally, facilitating conversation and initiatives that embrace the cultural diversity of this nation will empower individuals living in the City of Melton to engage and participate in programs available to them.

# June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  Shavuot* (Judaism) (2-3)	3	4	5	6	7  Eid Al Adha* Islam (7-10)
8 † Pentecost (Christianity)	9 King's Birthday (Public Holiday)	10	11  Saga Dawa Duchen (Buddhism)	12	13	14
15  Refugee Week (15-21)	16  Martyrdom of Guru Arjun Dev Ji (Sikhism)	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27  Hijra* (Islam)	28
29	30					

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**Kulvinder Singh**

My dream for the City of Melton is to see Melton's diverse community supported through cultural awareness programs, training opportunities, workshops, health education and welfare support.



# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5  Ashura* (Islam)
6	7  NAIDOC Week (7-14)	8	9  Martyrdom of the Bab* (Baha'i)	10  Asalha Puja ** (Buddhism)	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing black-rimmed glasses and a maroon t-shirt with colorful floral embroidery. She is smiling warmly at the camera. The background is a plain, light grey.

### **Shaofei Liang**

A large, stylized graphic of a red flower with multiple petals, positioned on the left side of the image. The petals are layered and have a slight gradient from dark red to bright red.

My dream for the City of Melton is to create more opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds, to listen to them and help them, so that people from different cultural backgrounds have equal opportunities and live together peacefully and respectfully, without hostility and discrimination.

# August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31					1	2
3  Tisha B'Av* (Judaism)	4	5	6	7	8	9  Raksha Bandhan** (Hinduism)
10	11	12	13	14	15 † Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christianity)	16  Krishna Janmashtami** (Hinduism)
17	18	19	20	21  Paryushana** (Jainism) (21 Aug - 28 Sep)	22	23
24	25	26	27  Ganesh Chaturthi** (Hinduism)	28  Samvatsari** (Jainism)	29  Daslakshana** (Jainism) (29-7 September)	30

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**Kim**

My dream for the City of Melton is that everyone comes together and be happy. I talk to people to make people feel happy. I like making new friends in the community and participating in new activities.



# September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5  Milad un Nabi ** (Islamic)	6  Ulambana** (Buddhism)
7	8  Kshamavani** (Jainism)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  International Peace Day	22  Navaratri ** (22- 1 October)	23  Rosh Hashanah* (Judaism) (23-24)	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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**Karuna Malik**

My dream for the City of Melton is to become a community where people from diverse cultures can interact through various social groups and be able to build strong connections through supporting each other.





# October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2   Dussehra (Hinduism) Yom Kippur* (Judaism)	3	4
5	6	7   Sukkot* (Judaism) (7 -13) Kathina** (Buddhism)	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  Shemini Atzeret* (Judaism)	15  Simchat Torah* (Judaism)	16	17	18
19	20  Conferment of Guruship to Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)	21    Diwali** (Hinduism) Mahavira Nirvana (Diwali-Jainism) Bandi Chhor Divas (Diwali-Sikhism)	22  Birth of the Bab * (Baha'i)	23  Birth of Baha'ullah * Baha'i	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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**Matt Richardson**

My dream for the City of Melton is that the City continues to embrace mental health advocacy and understand the importance of welcoming the queer community as a part of that advocacy.

# November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30† Advent (30- 24 Dec) (Christianity)						1† All Saints Day (Christianity)
2	3	4 Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)	5  Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Ji (Sikhism)	6	7	8
9	10	11  Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24  Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (Sikhism)	25  Day of the Covenant* (Baha'i)	26	27  Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)	28	29

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**Sainab Sheikh**



My dream for the City of Melton is to see it evolve into a thriving, inclusive, and harmonious community where diversity is celebrated, and every resident has the opportunity to prosper. The most important aspect of this dream is to witness the local council actively engaging with and uplifting the African Australian community, ensuring equal opportunities, representation, and a strong sense of belonging.


# December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8  Bodhi Day (Buddhism)	9	10  Human Rights Day	11	12	13
14	15  Hanukkah* (Judaism) (15-22)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  Christmas Day (Christianity) (Public Holiday)	26 Boxing Day (Public Holiday)	27
28	29	30	31			

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**Melton City Council acknowledges Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples living and working in Melton. Council recognises the people of the Kulin Nations as the original custodians of the land now known as the City of Melton. Council pays respect to their Elders, past, present, and future.**

Please note: The names of certain events may have alternative spellings or be recognised on different dates by groups and individuals within communities. The calendar focuses on countries, national days, significant multicultural festivals in Australia, and events that are widely celebrated by Australia's major ethnic and religious communities. Please be advised that the calendar is not exhaustive of all events that are celebrated around the world and should be considered a guide only. Calendar users should seek further advice regarding particular events.