



THE INTERFAITH & INTERCULTURAL CALENDAR

The Interfaith & Intercultural Calendar is part of Council's intercultural and diversity work. This contributes towards nurturing a sense of belonging, increasing connections and understanding, and fostering inclusion, equality and prosperity. We do it through strengthening community participation and capacity and supporting leadership and advocacy.



Melton City Council nurtures
a sense of belonging that
enhances individual and
collective wellbeing.

Local children enjoying face painting at Council's
2022 Harmony Day celebrations.


January

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day (Public Holiday)	2 New Year's Day Additional Day (Public Holiday)	3	4	5 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (Sikhism)	6 Epiphany (Christianity)	7 Nativity (Orthodox) Mahayana New Year** (Buddhism)
8	9	10	11	12	13 Maghi (Sikhism)	14
15 Pongal (Hinduism) (15-18)	16	17	18	19 Epiphany (Orthodox)	20	21
22 Chinese New Year (Buddhism)	23	24	25	26 Australia Day (Public holiday)	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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Melton City Council promotes multilingualism as a resource and underlines the value of all languages present in the city.

An Ethiopian woman attending Council's Harmony Day celebrations in 2022.

February

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 World Interfaith Harmony Week (1-7) 	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Nirvana Day**(Buddhism) 	16	17	18 Maha Shivaratri** (Hinduism) Lailat al Miraj* (Islam) 
19	20	21 Tibetan New Year (Buddhism) (21-23) International Mother Language Day  	22 Lent begins (Christianity) (22 Feb to 6 Apr) 	23	24	25
26	27 Great Lent (Orthodox) (27 Feb-7 Apr) 	28	1	2	3	4

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Melton City Council believes in strong partnerships to promote the positive contribution of people from diverse backgrounds.



A Sri Lankan dancer performing at Council's 2022 Djerriwarrh Festival.

March

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5	6 Magha Puja** Day (Buddhism) 	7 Purim* (Judaism) 	8 International Women's Day Holi** (Hinduism) Lailat al Bara'ah * (Islam) Holla Mohalla (Sikhism)    	9	10	11
12	13 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Harmony Day Naw Ruz* (Baha'i) 	22	23 Ramadan**(**) (Islam) (23 March-21 April) 	24	25 Annunciation (Christianity) 
26	27	28	29	30 Rama Navami** (Hinduism) 	31	1

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Melton City Council supports faith communities to increase the accessibility and inclusion requirements of their events.

A local Afghan community leader delivering a keynote speech at Council's 2022 Refugee Week event.



April

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Holy Week (Christianity)	3	4 Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)	5	6 Theravada New Year (Buddhism) (6-8) Pesach* (Judaism) (6-13)	7 Good/Holy Friday (Christianity) (Public Holiday)	8 Holy Saturday
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9 Easter Sunday (Christianity)	10 Easter Monday (Public Holiday)	11	12	13	14 Good/Holy Friday (Orthodox) Baisakhi (Sikhism)	15
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16 Easter/Pascha [Orthodox]	17 Lailat al Qadr* (Islam)	18 Yom HaShoah* (Judaism)	19	20	21 Ridvan* (Baha'i) (April 21-May 2)	22 Eid ul Fitr* (Islam)
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23	24	25 Anzac Day (Public Holiday)	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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One of the purposes of an intercultural approach is reconciliation between Aboriginal peoples and other Australians.



The Djirri Djirri Wurundjeri Women's Dance Group performing at Council's 2022 NAIDOC Week event.

May

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5 Vesak/Buddha Day** (Buddhism) 	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 IDAHOBIT 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Declaration of the Bab* (Baha'i) 	25	26 Shavuot* (Judasim) (26-27) 	27 National Reconciliation Week (May 27-June 3) 
28 Pentecost (Christianity) 	29 Ascension of Baha'ullah* (Baha'i) 	30	31	1	2	3

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Melton City Council is committed to contributing to a welcoming community which embraces diversity.



A local Fijian girl performing at Council's 2022 Djerriwarrh Festival.

June

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 King's Birthday (Public Holiday)	13	14	15	16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjun Dev Ji (Sikhism) 	17
18 Refugee Week (18-24)	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Eid ul Adha* (Islam) 	30	1

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The City of Melton has a rich history of migration and cultural diversity.

Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria (DBSV) Melton Unit: A Nepalese-Bhutanese cultural organisation dancers performing at Council's 2022 Harmony Day event.

July

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 NAIDOC Week (2-10) 	3 Asalha Puja** (Buddhism) 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Martyrdom of the Bab* (Baha'i) 	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Hijra* (Islam) 	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Tisha B'Av* (Judaism) 	28 Ashura* (Islam) 	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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A young girl with dark hair styled in braids, wearing a blue top and a decorative headband with colorful beads, is smiling and playing a djembe drum. She is looking towards the right of the frame. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in colorful clothing.

Melton City Council acknowledges the importance of providing opportunities for meaningful community engagement, especially with diverse faith and cultural groups.

Young community member enjoying African drumming workshop at Council's 2022 Harmony Day event.

August

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christianity)	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Ullambana** (Buddhism) Raksha Bandhan** (Hinduism)	31	1	2



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Melton City Council is committed to supporting and strengthening the Reconciliation Advisory Committee.

Emma Mildenhall, a young emerging Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung woman opened Council's 2022 Refugee Week event with a Welcome to Country.


September

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 Krishna Janmashtami** (Hinduism) ॐ	7	8	9
10	11 Paryushana** (Jainism) (11-19) ☞	12	13	14	15	16 Rosh Hashanah* (Judaism) (16-17) ✧
17	18	19 Samvatsari** (Jainism) Ganesh Chaturthi** (Hinduism) Daslakshana** (Jainism) (19-28) ॐ ☞	20 Kshamavani** (Jainism) ☞	21 International Peace Day 🌐	22	23
24	25 Yom Kippur* (Judaism) ✧	26	27	28	29	30 Sukkot* (Judaism) (30 Sep-6 October) ✧

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Members of a local Tongan Dance Group posing at Council's 2022 Djerriwarrh Festival.

Melton City Council is committed to providing accessible information about the availability of community places, spaces, services and programmes.

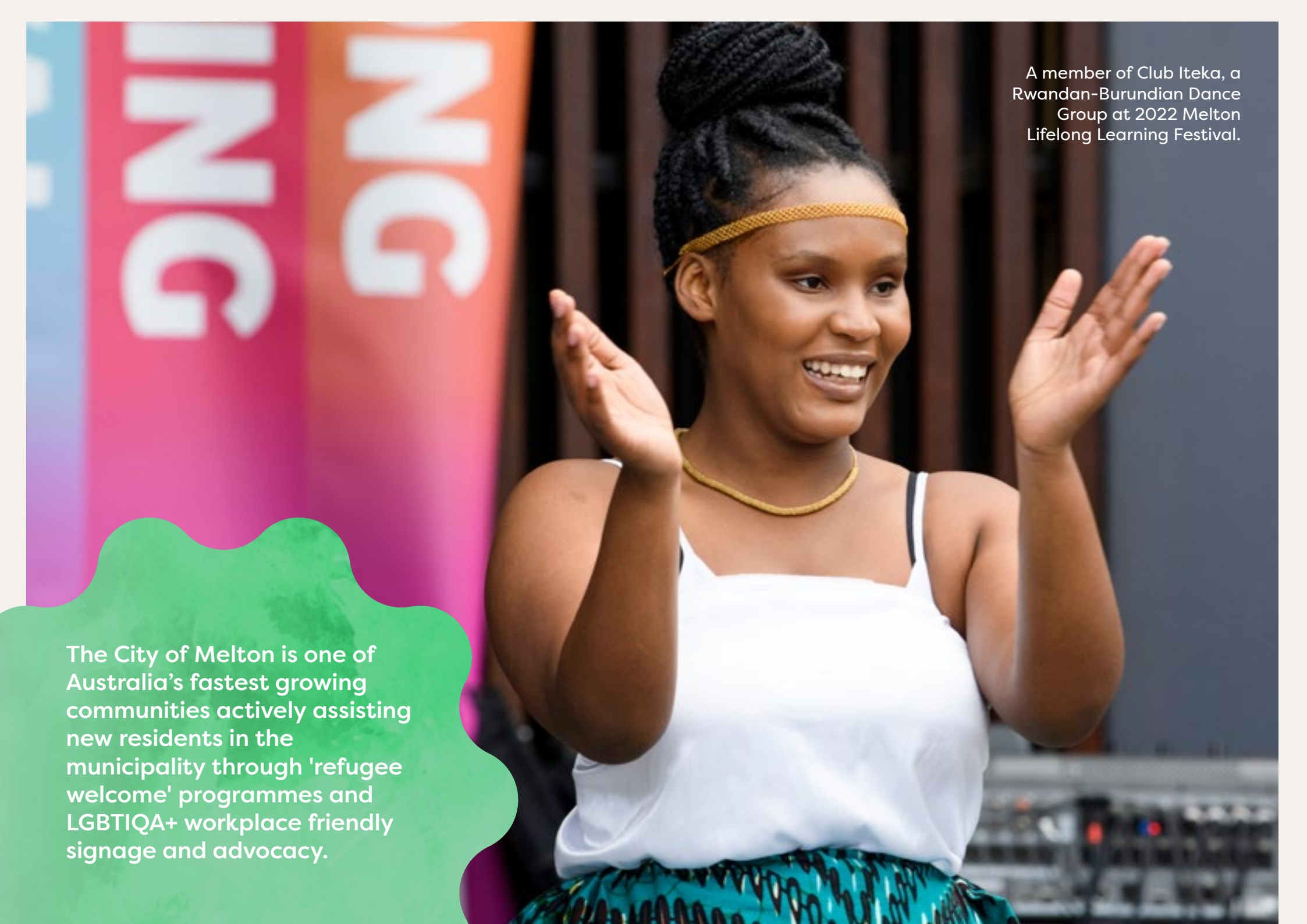
October

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Shemini Atzeret* (Judaism) 
8 Simchat Torah* (Judaism) 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Navaratri** (Hinduism) (15-October 23) 	16 Birth of the Bab* (Baha'i) 	17 Birth of Baha'ullah* (Baha'i) 	18	19	20 Conferment of Guruship to GuruGranth Sahib (Sikhism) 	21
22 	23 	24 Dussehra (Hinduism) 	25	26	27	28 Kathina** (Buddhism) 
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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A member of Club Iteka, a Rwandan-Burundian Dance Group at 2022 Melton Lifelong Learning Festival.

The City of Melton is one of Australia's fastest growing communities actively assisting new residents in the municipality through 'refugee welcome' programmes and LGBTIQ+ workplace friendly signage and advocacy.

November

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 All Saints Day (Christianity)	2	3	4
5	6	7 Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)	8 	9	10	11 Remembrance Day
12 Diwali** (Hinduism) (or 13) Mahavira Nirvana [Diwali-Jainism] Bandi Chhor Divas (Diwali-Sikhism)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19   	20	21	22	23	24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (Sikhism)	25
26 Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)	27 Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Ji (Sikhism)	28 Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha (Baha'i)	29	30	1 	2
						

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Melton City Council strives to foster collaborative partnership and supports leadership and advocacy.

Staughton College emerging young leaders emceed Council's 2022 Harmony Day event.

December

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Advent (3- 24) (Christianity)	4	5	6	7	8 Bodhi Day (Buddhism) Hanukkah* (Judaism) (8-15)	9
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10 Human Rights Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day (Christianity)	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
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31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

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 City of Melton. On behalf of the municipality, Council pays respect to their Elders, past, present, and future.

