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Children's week a kid's treat

Melton City Council is helping residents celebrate Children's Week by hosting a range of free and entertaining events.

Children's Week is a national program recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of young people.

The week also highlights the importance of educational services, and the part they play in ensuring every child experiences the chance to succeed, in learning and in life.

This year, Children's Week will be held between 19- 28 October, and Council is getting involved by organising fun events for families.

During Children's Week, local councils, organisations, schools and early childhood services organise a range of open days, displays and special events that celebrate childhood and showcase children's achievements.

Council is running two free family fun days, for the community to attend and enjoy.

Melton Community Hall will host the first event between 10am-1pm on Tuesday 23 October, while the second family day will be held on Thursday 25 October, at the Taylors Hill Youth and Community Centre, from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

The Melton event will feature an animal farm, jumping castle, arts and crafts, sports and roving performers. The Taylors Hill event is aimed at primary school-aged children, and will feature cooking workshops, art exhibition, STEAM station and a YMCA skate park scooter clinic.

City of Melton Mayor, Cr Bob Turner, said Children's Week was a national celebration of kids' talents, skills and abilities, as well as their right to enjoy childhood.

This year, the theme is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 12: Children have the right to say what they think should happen and have their opinions taken into account.

The Taylor's Hill event will feature an art exhibition based on this theme.

"Thousands of children and their families around the country are involved in activities and events during the week through schools, playgroups, childcare, kindergartens, cultural groups, libraries, departments and community groups," Cr Turner said.

"We're proud to be able to take part in this wonderful initiative which celebrates children across the City, through fun and free activities."

For more information, see melton.vic.gov.au/events

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