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Community centre redevelopment underway

A new home for Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services is in sight, with Council ready to start the build stage of the Melton Central Community Centre redevelopment.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Bob Turner and Victorian Minister for Local Government Adem Somyurek turned the first sod at the Station Road site on Tuesday to mark the start of construction.

The \$4.5 million purpose-built centre will be a hub for learning and training, employment pathways and health and wellbeing services such as migrant support and family violence support.

"I'm excited to see this project begin and I look forward to this centre helping residents reach their potential and feel included and supported in their local community," Cr Turner said.

"This new facility will bring together a number of services and introduce a range of new services to meet Melton's diverse needs."

The centre will have a particular focus on tailored services that will cater to Melton's culturally and linguistically diverse communities, with a vision to improve outcomes in employment, health, and social inclusion.

The Melton Central Community Centre redevelopment is a partnership project funded with \$2 million from the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund and a \$2.5 million contribution from Council.

"It's partnerships like this that ensure that Council can plan for, and deliver the facilities, infrastructure and services that will help our residents lead happy and healthy lives," Cr Turner said.

The redevelopment will include:

- Eight multipurpose spaces
- Kitchen space
- Open plan office space
- Six interview rooms
- Staff collaboration space
- Lounge and foyer space

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- Interfaith space for reflection and prayer
- Outdoor space to socialise, reflect or garden

The delivery of this project included the demolition of the existing building.

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