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**23 May 2019**

## **Walk together with courage this National Reconciliation Week**

Shared histories, cultures and traditions will be explored through upcoming National Reconciliation Week events in the City of Melton.

In line with the 2019 theme, Grounded in Truth, residents from all backgrounds are encouraged to seek truth in our nation's past in order to create a unified future.

Mayor Cr Bob Turner said National Reconciliation Week was a timely opportunity to focus on fostering positive relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader community.

"A number of events across the city will celebrate Australia's indigenous culture and teach us more about our nation's history," Cr Turner said.

"The theme, 'Grounded in Truth. Walk together with courage', is a powerful message which reminds us that this is a week not just of reflection, but of change and unity.

"I hope City of Melton residents will get involved in these local events and help bring about a greater understanding, value and respect for each other and our shared histories and cultures."

The celebratory and educational week, running from 27 May to 3 June, will include a flag raising, traditional art workshops, an exhibition and botanic garden tour.

### **National Reconciliation Week FREE events:**

#### **Melton City Council Flag Raising**

Date: Monday 27 May  
Time: 1 – 1.30pm  
Where: Melton Community Hall and Garden, 232 High Street, Melton

Melton City Council in partnership with the Melton City Council Reconciliation Advisory Committee will host the raising of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to mark the beginning of Reconciliation Week.

#### **Making it! Tips and tricks for young artists**

Date: Tuesday 28 May  
Time: 4 – 5pm  
Where: Caroline Springs Gallery  
Bookings: [making-it.eventbrite.com.au](http://making-it.eventbrite.com.au)



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An informal workshop for aspiring young artists of any medium to engage with award-winning Aboriginal professional photographer Wayne Quilliam and hear about his journey as an artist. Includes a tour of Quilliam's exhibition at CS Gallery.

### **Emu Feather Workshop with Glenda Nicholls**

Date: Thursday 30 May  
Time: 10am – 12pm  
Where: Taylors Hill Youth and Community Centre, 121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill  
Bookings: Annette Vickery at [annettev@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:annettev@melton.vic.gov.au)

A women's only workshop where artist Glenda Nicholls will demonstrate a cultural practice of emu-feather flower making, using contemporary materials. Registrations essential as places are limited.

### **Wayne Quilliam Exhibition Official Launch: Djiwarr**

Date: Thursday 30 May – Launch (exhibition on now – 19 June)  
Time: 6.30pm  
Where: Caroline Springs Gallery  
Bookings: [djiwarr.eventbrite.com.au](http://djiwarr.eventbrite.com.au)

Experimental photo art exhibition by internationally acclaimed photographer, Wayne Quilliam.

### **Melton Botanic Garden Guided Tour**

Date: Friday 31 May  
Time: 10am  
Where: Melton Botanic Garden, 21 William Street, Melton  
Bookings: John Bentley at [friends@fmbg.org.au](mailto:friends@fmbg.org.au)

Take a guided walking tour through the Melton Botanic Garden to see plants indigenous to the Melton region and other Aboriginal use plants. The walk is just over one hour. Highlights are the remnant vegetation, Ryans Creek indigenous plantings, Koori Student Garden and the Victorian Volcanic Plains Aboriginal Plant Usage Garden. A joint partnership with Melton City Council and the Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden.

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