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New hub for learning and employment pathways complete

The new, \$4.7 million Melton Central Community Centre is officially complete and ready to deliver training, employment support and health and wellbeing services.

A partnership project between Melton City Council and the Victorian Government, the redevelopment was funded with \$2 million from the government's Growing Suburbs Fund and \$2.7 million from Council.

The centre on Station Road in Melton, has replaced an existing, aged building and is the new home for both Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services and CatholicCare.

It will house key community services including employment and education services (such as vocational student and adult classes), migrant and refugee settlement support, family violence support programs, and neighbourhood house activity programming.

Melton City Council CEO Kelvin Tori said the new centre was tailored to ensure the best possible outcomes for local residents.

"Centres like this one have the potential to improve outcomes in employment, health, and social inclusion," Mr Tori said.

"It's a place that will bring community services and Council support together to provide a hub tailored to local needs.

"At a time when employment support and social wellbeing are so important, we're proud to have this centre ready for residents.

"I'd like to thank the State Government for its generous funding contribution which has helped us to deliver this important project."

The new centre features:

- Nine multipurpose/training spaces
- Open plan office space
- Six interview rooms
- Lounge and foyer space
- Interfaith space for reflection and prayer

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- Outdoor space to socialise, reflect or garden
- Staff collaboration space
- Training kitchen

Please note that Melton Central Community Centre is currently closed to the public under State Government restrictions. To stay up to date with Council facility changes, visit melton.vic.goc.au/COVID19

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