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2018 CALENDAR

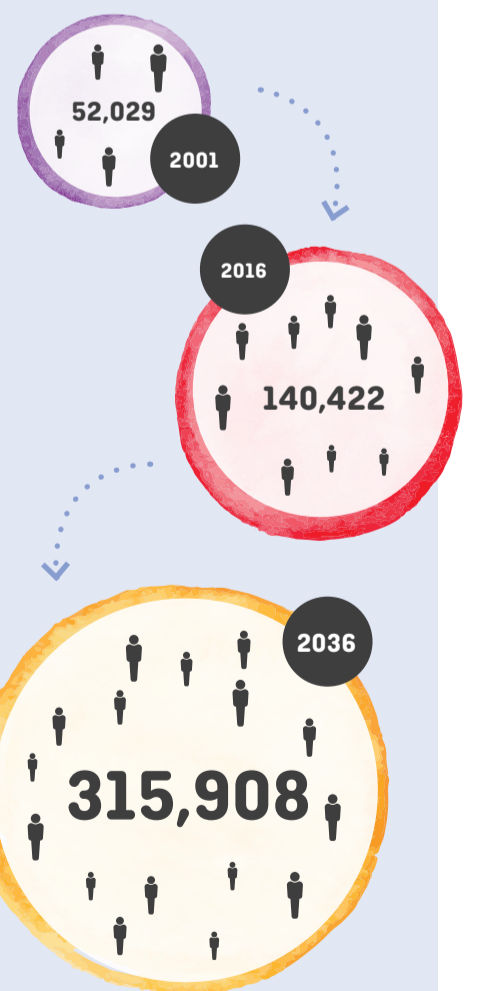




JANUARY 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 New Year's Day (Public Holiday)	2	3	4	5 Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji - Sikh 	6 Epiphany/Theophany - Christian 
7 Feast of the Nativity - Orthodox Christian 	8	9	10	11	12 Mahayana New Year - Buddhist 	13 Maghi - Sikh 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Australia Day (Public Holiday) 	27
28 Lunar New Year Year of the Dog (Chinese Zodiac) 	29	30	31 Birthday of Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji - Sikh Ganesha Jayanti - Hindu 			






Population growth projection



The City of Melton is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Australia.



●● FEBRUARY 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 United Nations - World Interfaith Harmony Week 	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Nirvana Day - Buddhist 	9	10
11	12 Clean Monday - Orthodox Christian 	13 National Apology Day 	14 Maha Shivaratri - Hindu Ash Wednesday - Christian 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

29%
More than 29 per cent of the City of Melton population (40,519 people) was born overseas.

32%
of residents (43,552 people) speak a language other than English at home.

68.4%
of the population identify with a religion

22.1%
have no religious affiliation



MARCH 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Purim - Jewish	2	3 Holi - Hindu
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	13	14	15 National Close the Gap Day	16	17 Cultural Diversity Week (17-25)
18	19	20	21 Now-Rúz (New Year) - Baha'i Harmony Day	22	23	24
25	26 Ramanavami - Hindu	27	28	29	30 Good Friday - Christian (Public Holiday)	31 Magha Puja Day - Buddhist Pesach (Passover) - Jewish (31 March - 7 April)

The City of Melton has a rich history of migration and cultural diversity, beginning with our Aboriginal heritage and migration over many decades from countries such as Malta, Italy and Macedonia.

The fastest increasing overseas born communities are from India, Philippines, New Zealand and Sudan.











APRIL 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Easter Sunday – Christian	2 Easter Monday – Christian (Public Holiday)	3 Mahavir Jayanti – Jain	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Yom HaShoah – Jewish	13 Isra and Mi'raj – Islamic	14 Vaisakhi – Sikh
15	16	17	18 Birthday of Guru Angad Dev Sahib Ji & Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji – Sikh	19	20	21 First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
22	23	24	25 Anzac Day (Public Holiday)	26	27	28 Narashima Jayanti – Hindu
29 Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i Buddha Day/Vesak Day	30 Theravada New Year – Buddhist					

'Intercultural' doesn't only mean recognising and valuing diversity. It focuses on the relationships between different groups – working towards a community where we can freely and safely express ourselves and share our cultures.



●● MAY 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 Lailat al Bara'ah - Islamic 	2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i 	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Feast of the Ascension	11	12
13	14	15	16 Ramadan - Islamic (16 May - 15 June) 	17	18	19
20 Shavuot - Jewish (20-21) Pentecost - Christian 	21	22	23 Declaration of the Bab- Baha'i Birthday of Guru Amar Das Sahib Ji - Sikh 	24	25	26 National Sorry Day 
27 National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) 	28	29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i 	30	31		

Theme 1 of Intercultural Plan




Embrace Cultural Diversity

Melton City Council strives towards achieving a sense of belonging for people from all cultural and religious backgrounds, allowing all members to feel connection and a sense of place.





●● JUNE 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Laylat of Qadr – Islamic Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday) 	12	13	14	15 Eid of Fitr – Islamic (15-17) 	16
17 Refugee Week (17 June – 23 June) 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Theme 2 of Intercultural Plan

Strengthen Community Participation

Melton City Council engages with, and builds relationships between, individuals and groups from all backgrounds and local service providers to facilitate their participation in the economic, social and cultural life of community.





●● JULY 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Coming of the Light - Christian 	2	3	4	5 Birthday of Guru Hargobind - Sikh 	6	7
8 NAIDOC Week (8-15) 	9 Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i 	10	11	12	13	14 Ratha Yatra Festival - Hindu
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Dharma Day - Buddhist 	28
29	30	31				

Theme 3 of Intercultural Plan

Enhance organisational Responsiveness

Council ensures responsiveness to the growing needs of its diverse community by building on existing policies and programs and developing the cultural competency of the organisation.





●● AUGUST 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People - United Nations 	10	11
12	13	14	15 Assumption/ Dormition of Mary - Christian 	16	17	18
19	20	21 Waqfat Arafat/ Waqf al Arafah (Hajj) - Islamic 	22 Eid al Adha - Islamic (22-25) 	23	24	25 Hungry Ghost Festival - Buddhist (Vietnamese/Chinese) 
26	27	28	29 Raksha Bandhan - Hindu 	30	31	

Theme 4 of Intercultural Plan

Support Leadership and Advocacy

Supporting leadership and advocacy allows Council and the community to achieve better outcomes for people from all backgrounds.









●● SEPTEMBER 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3 Krishna Janmashtami - Hindu ॐ	4	5	6	7	8
9 Navaratri - Hindu (9-16) ॐ	10 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) - Jewish (10-11) ☆	11	12 Al Hijra (Islamic New Year) - Islamic ☾	13 Ganesh Chaturthi - Hindu ॐ	14	15
16	17 Radhashtami - Hindu ॐ	18	19 Yom Kippur - Jewish ☆	20	21 Ashura - Islam ☾	22
23	24 Sukkot - Jewish (24-31) ☆	25	26	27	28 AFL Grand Final (Public Holiday) ☾	29
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The City of Melton celebrates cultural diversity and embraces cultural expression by holding public events throughout the year such as Harmony Day, Refugee Week and much more. The aim is to engage people to participate in the community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.



●● OCTOBER 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 Simchat Torah - Jewish	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Vijaya Dashami/ Dussehra - Hindu	20 First Parkash Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji- Sikh Birth of the Báb - Bahá'í
21	22	23	24 Pavarana/ Kathina (Thai & Burmese) - Buddhist	25	26 	27 
28	29	30	31 			

The Melton Interfaith Network promotes respect, understanding, cooperation and appreciation for the many religious and faith traditions within the City of Melton, with the vision of a cohesive, tolerant and harmonious community.



NOVEMBER 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 All Saints Day – Christian	2	3
4	5	6 Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)	7 Diwali / Deepavali – Sikh/ Jain/ Hindu 	8 +	9	10
11 Remembrance Day 	12 Birth of Baha'u'llah – Baha'i 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Mawlid an Nabi – Islamic 	22	23 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday – Sikh 	24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Behadur Sahib Ji – Sikh
25	26 Day of the Covenant – Baha'i 	27	28 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha – Baha'i 	29	30	

Melton City Council is proud of its diverse workforce, reflecting the community we serve. With staff from all over the world, Melton City Council employees speak 31 languages, adhere to four religions and were born in 49 countries.



DECEMBER 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2 Advent – Christian (2–24) ✝	3 Chanukah – Jewish (3–10) ✡	4	5	6	7	8 Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) – Buddhist 🧘
9	10 Human Rights Day – United Nations 🌐	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day – Christian (Public Holiday) ✝	26 Boxing Day (Public Holiday)	27	28	29
30	31					

Migrants and refugees, regardless of when and how they arrived, bring with them a rich array of cultures, languages, skills and experience that add important layers to the fabric of our community.

AS OUR COMMUNITY GROWS, WE WELCOME NEW GROUPS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA, AND THE GLOBE.



Acknowledgement of the people of the Kulin Nation

Melton City Council acknowledges that the municipality is sited on land with a human history that began with the Aboriginal communities of the Kulin Nation. Council pays its respects to the Kulin Nation peoples and their Elders and descendants past and present.

Please note: The names of certain events may have alternative spellings or be recognised on different dates by groups and individuals within communities. The Calendar focuses on countries' national days, significant multicultural festivals in Australia, and events that are widely celebrated by Australia's major ethnic and religious communities. Please be advised the Calendar is not exhaustive of all events that are celebrated around the world and should be considered a guide only. Calendar users should seek further advice regarding particular events from the communities concerned.