



2019

INTERFAITH CALENDAR












Interfaith dialogue involves people of different religious faiths coming together in an environment of respect, honesty and freedom.

JANUARY



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 New Year's Day (Public Holiday)	2	3	4	5 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji 
6 Epiphany 	7 Nativity [Orthodox] 	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Maghi 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Mahayana New Year** (21 - 23) 	22	23	24	25	26 Australia Day 
27	28 (Australia Day Public Holiday) 	29	30	31		

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The City of Melton's diversity has increased to include more than 130 nations and more than 120 different languages.

FEBRUARY



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						1 World Interfaith Harmony Week (1 - 7) 	2
3	4	5 Lunar New Year 	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13 Anniversary of Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples 	14	15 Nirvana Day** (or 8 February) 	16	
17	18	19 Magha Puja Day / Sangha Day** 	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28			

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Harmony Day is the largest intercultural celebration that takes place in the City of Melton. It is an opportunity for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

MARCH



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						1	2
3	4 MahaShivaratri**	5	6 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (6 March - 18 April)	7	8 International Women's Day	9	
10	11 Labour Day (Public Holiday) Great Lent (Orthodox) (11 March - 19 April)	12	13	14	15	16 Cultural Diversity Week	
17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Harmony Day / Purim* Holi** / Hola Mohalla / Naw Ruz*	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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A thriving community where everyone belongs defines Melton City Council's commitment to actively work with and celebrating our community's cultural and religious diversity.

APRIL



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1 2 3 4 5 6



Lailat al Miraj*

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 Holy Week [14 – 20]
Rama Navami**
Baisakhi

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19 Theravada New Year [19 – 21]
Good/Holy Friday (Public Holiday)

20 Pesach* [20 – 27]



21 Lailat al Bara'ah*
Ridvan*
Easter

22 Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

23

24

25 Anzac Day (Public Holiday)

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27



28 Easter/Pascha [Orthodox]

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There is beauty and strength in diversity; and it is our differences that make us robust, vibrant and stronger as a whole.

MAY



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Yom HaShoah*	3	4
5	6 Ramadan* (**) [6 May - 4 June] 	7	8	9 	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 IDAHOBIT Day 	18
19 Vesak / Buddha Day 	20	21	22	23	24 Declaration of the Bab* 	25
26 National Sorry Day 	27 National Reconciliation Week [27 May - 3 June] 	28	29 Ascension of Baha'ullah* 	30	31	

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Each year Melton City Council celebrates Refugee Week to raise awareness of the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions they make to Australian society.

JUNE



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						1 Lailat al Qadr*
2	3 Mabo Day	4	5 Eid ul Fitr* (5 - 7)	6	7	8 
9 Shavuot* (9 - 10) Pentecost	 10 Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)	11	 12	13	14	15
 16 Refugee Week (16 - 22) Martyrdom of Guru Arjun Dev Ji	17	18	19	20	21	22
 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Melton City Council
upholds the rights of
residents and visitors who
are unable to communicate
effectively in English by
offering interpreting and
translating services at any
customer service desk.

JULY



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 NAIDOC Week (7 - 14) 	8	9	10 Martyrdom of the Bab' 	11	12	13
14	15	16 Ashala Puja / Dharma Day** 	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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32.2 % (43,552) people speak a language other than English at home. The most commonly spoken languages at home are Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Maltese and Arabic.

AUGUST



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					1	2	3
4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day 	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11 Tisha B'Av* 	12 Eid Al Adha* (12 - 15) 	13	14	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Raksha Bandhan** 	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23 Krishna Janmashtami** 	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Hijra* 	

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In 2017 Melton City Council announced its membership to the Council of Europe's Intercultural Cities programme, having a strong focus on developing and embracing cultural diversity.

SEPTEMBER



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						1
1	2 Ganesh Chaturthi**	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 ॐ	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Navaratri** (29 Sep - 7 Oct)	30 Rosh Hashanah* (30 Sep - 1 Oct)					



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The Community Partnership Program brings together community groups from different cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds to work in partnership on a joint project.

OCTOBER



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13 14 15 16 17 18 19



20 21 22 23 24 25 26

20
Conferment of Guruship to Guru
Granth Sahib

22
Simchat Torah



27
Diwali**
Bandi Chhor Divas (Diwali)

29
Birth of the Bab*

30
Birth of Baha'ullah*



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Religious pluralism is a condition of society in which numerous distinct ethnic, religious, or cultural groups coexist within one nation.

NOVEMBER



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					1 All Saints Day	2
3	4	5 Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)	6	7	8	9 Djerriwarrh Festival
10	11 Remembrance Day 	12 Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Ji 	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji 	25	26	27	28	29	30



Interculturalism is the sharing and learning across cultures that promotes understanding, equality, harmony, and justice in a diverse society.

DECEMBER



S M T W T F S

1 Advent (1 – 24) **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7**

 **8** Bodhi Day** **9** **10** Human Rights Day **11** **12** **13** **14**

 **15** **16**  **17** **18** **19** **20** **21**

22 **23** Hanukkah* (23 – 30) **24** **25** Christmas (Public Holiday) **26** Boxing Day (Public Holiday) **27** **28**

29  **30** **31** 

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**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.