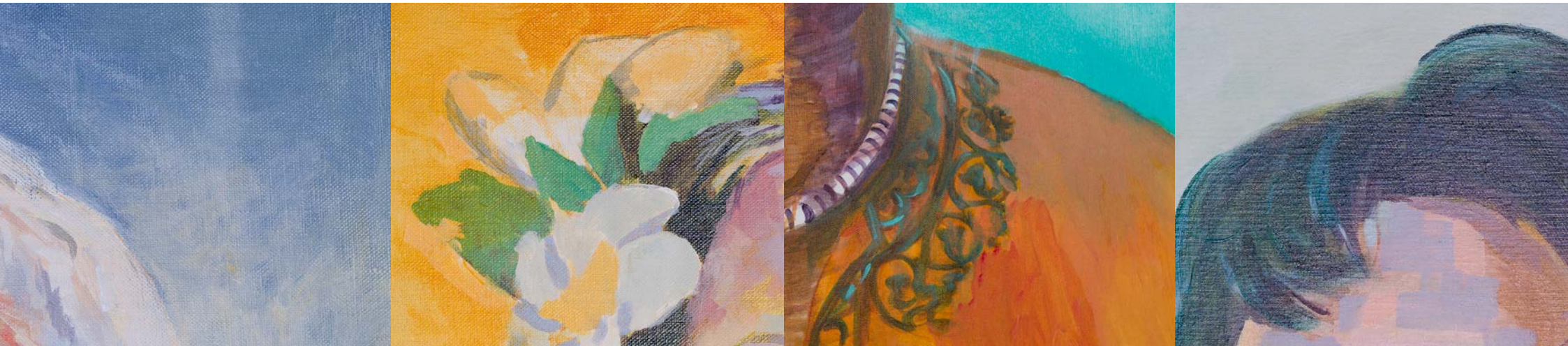
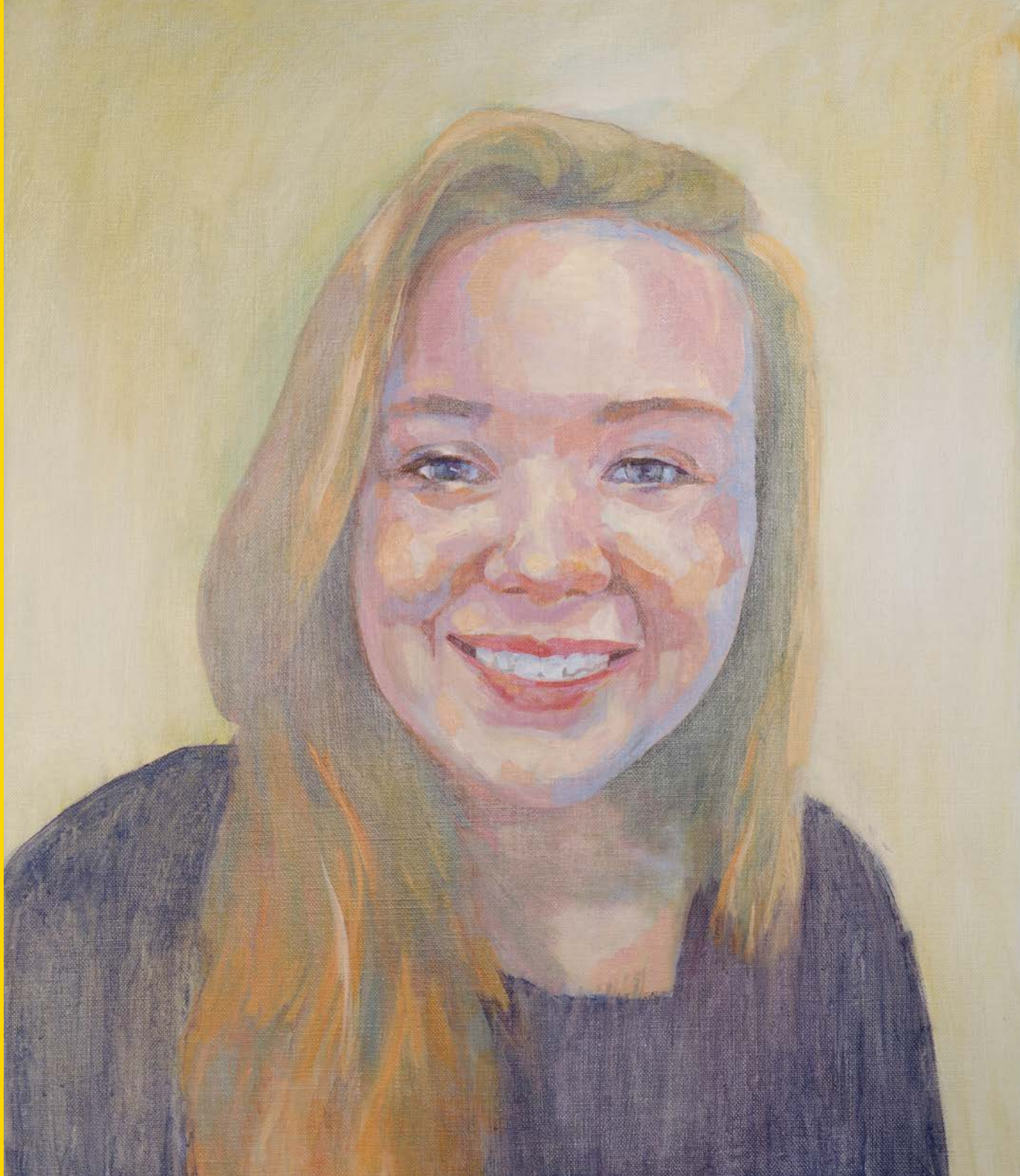


Interfaith & Intercultural Calendar 2020











“No matter who you are
or what you do, there
are always creative and
innovative ways of becoming
involved in your community
and passing on valuable,
practical skills to others.”

Emily Attard

January 2020

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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 Mahayana New Year ** (10 – 12) 	11
12	13 Maghi 	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Chinese New Year 
26 Australia Day	27 Australia Day (Public Holiday VIC)	28	29	30	31	











“My grandparents taught me to always see good in others. Keeping this in mind enables me to build strong relationships and foster positive interactions with people from culturally diverse backgrounds.”

Sharie Go

February 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 World Interfaith Harmony Week (1 - 7) 
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Magha Puja Day / Sangha Day** 	10	11	12	13 Anniversary of Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples  	14	15 Nirvana Day** 
16	17	18	19 	20	21 MahaShivaratri ** 	22
23	24	25	26 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 	27	28	29











“I am grateful to be here in Australia, where I can live freely and in safety. I am committed to giving back to the community that has helped my family and I so much.”

Ehab Hadaya

March 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Great Lent [Orthodox] (2 Mar – 10 April) ✝	3	4	5	6	7
8 International Women's Day 	9 Labour Day (Public Holiday)	10 Holi * Purim * Hola Mohalla   	11	12	13	14
15	16 Cultural Diversity Week 	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 Naw Ruz * 	21
22 Lailat al Miraj * 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
















“Creating an intercultural community, involves everyone in the community interacting with one another to build trust and social cohesion.”

Kubir Khanal

April 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Rama Navami** 	3	4
5	6	7 Theravada New Year (Tue 7 - Thurs 9) 	8	9 Lailat al Bara'ah* Pesach * (Thurs 9 - Thurs 16)  	10 Good Friday (Public holiday) 	11 Holy Saturday
12 Easter Sunday 	13 Baisakhi Easter Monday (Public holiday) 	14	15	16	17	18
19 Easter/Pascha [Orthodox] 	20 Ridvan * (20 Apr - 1 May) 	21 Yom HaShoah * 	22	23	24 Ramadan * (**) (24 Apr - 23 May) 	25 Anzac Day (Public Holiday)  
26	27	28	29	30		












“I enjoy sharing my passion of music with the community. Following your passion will lead you to wonderful life experiences.”

Felipe Cornejo

May 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Vesak / Buddha Day 	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 IDAHOBIT Day 	18	19 Lailat al Qadr * 	20	21	22	23 Declaration of the Bab* 
24 Eid ul Fitr * 	25	26 National Sorry Day 	27 National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) 	28 Ascension of Baha'ullah* Shavuot * (Fri 29 - Sat 30) 	29	30
31 Pentecost 						



“As members of the community we should act towards one another in the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood. This is how we can unite and create change.”

Rachel Saidi

June 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3 Mabo Day 	4	5	6
7	8 Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)	9	10	11	12	13
14 Refugee Week: Sunday 14 June to Saturday 20 June 	15	16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjun Dev Ji 	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				







“Cultural celebrations foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures. Celebrating our differences, as well as our common interests, helps unite and educate us.”

Suhana Salim

July 2020

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










“Supporting your local community can bring a whole host of benefits to you and the people around you. Be the best person you can be.”

Inderjit Singh

August 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3 Raksha Bandhan ** 	4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day  	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Krishna Janmashtami ** 	12	13	14	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 
16	17	18	19	20 Hijra * 	21	22 Ganesh Chaturthi ** 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					






“Sport is an important part of community life. It brings people together and promotes a healthy, active lifestyle.”

Tony Mitrovski

September 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Rosh Hashanah * (Sat 19 - Sun 20) 
20	21 International Peace Day 	22	23	24	25 AFL Grand Final Friday (Public holiday)	26
27	28 Yom Kippur * 	29	30			







“We each have an abundance of skills, knowledge and resources that we can share with our community. I am using my artistic and creative talents to help the community in Melton.”

Tutana Bradshaw

October 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3 Sukkot * (Sat 3 – Fri 9) 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Simchat Torah 	12	13	14	15	16	17 Navaratri ** (Thu 17 - Sat 26) 
18 Birth of the Bab * 	19 Birth of Baha'ullah * 	20 Conferment of Guruship to Guru Granth Sahib 	21	22	23	24
25 Dussehra 	26	27	28	29	30	31









“Living together in peace is all about accepting our differences and having the ability to listen to, respect and appreciate others.”

David Kockedhia

November 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 All Saints Day 	2	3 Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)	4	5	6	7 Djerriwarrh Festival
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day 	12	13	14 Diwali ** Bandi Chhor Divas (Diwali) 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji 	25	26	27	28
29 Advent (29 Nov – 24 Dec) 	30 Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Ji 					







“I want to strengthen minority communities and build bridges of common understanding and common cause between majority and minority groups in the Melton area.”

Eun Mi Kim

December 2020

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5 Carols by Candlelight
6	7	8 Bodhi Day** 	9	10 Human Rights Day 	11 Hanukkah* (Fri 11 – Fri 18) 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day (Public Holiday) 	26 Boxing Day
27	28 Boxing Day (Public Holiday VIC)	29	30	31		

Melton City Council acknowledges that the municipality is built on land with a human history that began with the Wurundjeri, Bunurong and Wathaurong people. Council pays its respects to 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.

