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**13 November 2025**

### **Join the campaign to end violence against women**

Melton City Council invites residents to join in this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a global campaign aimed at ending violence against women and girls.

The campaign begins on 25 November, marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and concludes on 10 December, Human Rights Day. It serves as a call to action to raise awareness and strengthen efforts to eliminate gender-based violence.

As part of the campaign, Council will host a keynote address by Tarang Chawla—award-winning advocate, writer, and Commissioner with the Victorian Multicultural Commission—at the Melton Library and Learning Hub on Thursday 27 November, from 1pm-2pm. Tarang founded *Not One More Niki* in response to the tragic loss of his sister to domestic violence in 2015. His powerful story and advocacy continue to inspire change across Australia.

Council is also holding a *Walk for Inclusion and Respect* event on Wednesday 3 December which coincides with International Day of People with Disability. The walk aims to promote unity against gender and disability-based discrimination, inclusion, and respect across the community. It will start at 9:30am from Hannah Watts Park, concluding with a community event at the Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre.

To register for the talk or to find out more about the community walk, visit:

[melton.vic.gov.au/16days](https://melton.vic.gov.au/16days)

In 2025, Respect Victoria and Safe and Equal are working together to support local community engagement with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Melton City Council has been funded for the event at Melton Library and Learning Hub under Respect Victoria's 16 Days of Activism grassroots initiative.

If you or someone you know is experiencing or at risk of family violence, please contact 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or visit <https://www.1800respect.org.au>. In an emergency, call 000.

### **Event information:**

#### **16 Days of Activism with Tarang Chawla**

**Date:** Thursday, 27 November 2025

**Time:** 1pm - 2pm

**Location:** Melton Library and Learning Hub, 31 McKenzie Street, Melton

#### **Walk for Inclusion and Respect**

**Date:** Wednesday, 3 December 2025

**Time:** 9.30am - 12pm

**Location:** Starting at Hannah Watts Park, 183 High Street, Melton, ending at Melton Town Centre Amphitheatre, Palmerston Street, Melton



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### **Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Lara Carli:**

*"Everyone has a role to play in putting an end to gender-based violence in our community and creating a respectful and supportive culture, free from violence against women."*

*"Everyone in our community has the right to feel that they can go about their lives feeling safe and valued."*

*"I encourage everyone to get involved in the events taking place during this year's 16 Days of Activism. Together, we can help drive unity, inclusion, and respect across the community."*

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