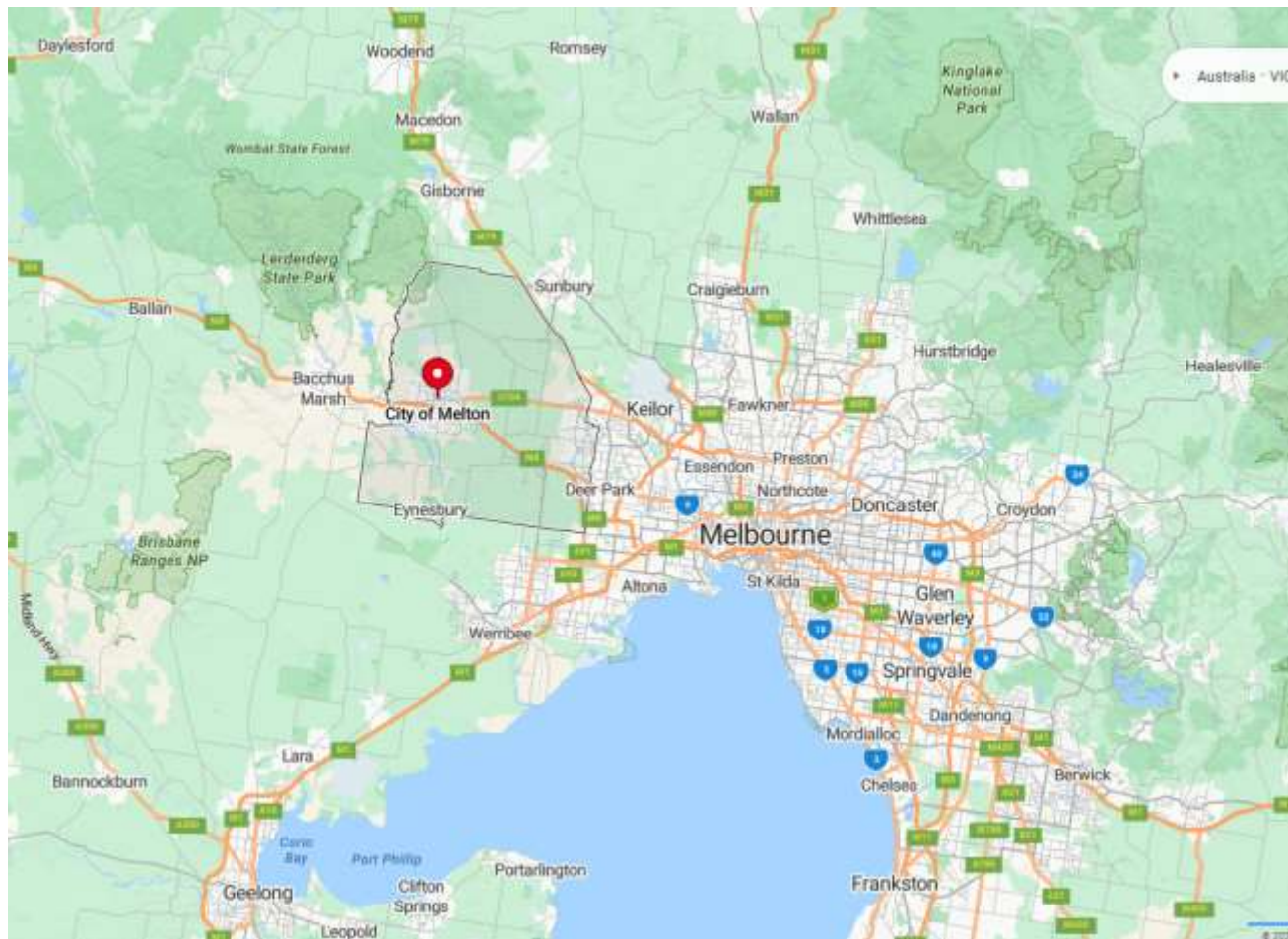


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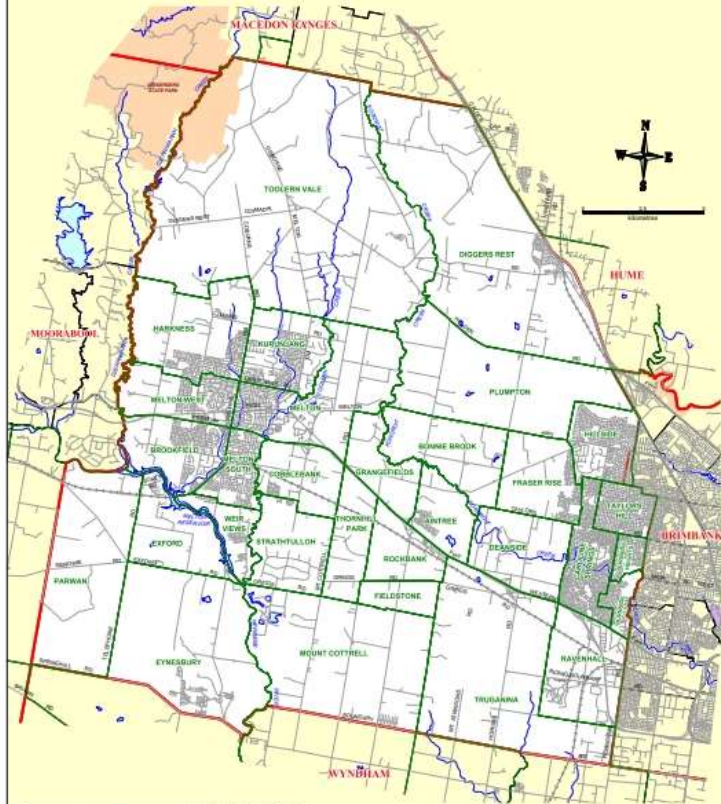
LEARNING FESTIVAL

31 AUGUST - 7 SEPTEMBER 2024

City of Melton, Victoria



CITY OF MELTON LOCALITY (SUBURB) NAMES AND BOUNDARIES



LEGEND
 Locality (Suburb) Boundary
 Local Government Boundary

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 Locality names are defined by the original council
 and may not be the same as the current council name.

Government Gazette:
 21 January 1988, page 43
 28 April 1988, page 974
 13 May 1988, page 1108
 10 August 2003, page 2013
 13 October 2008, page 2287
 4 May 2016, page 658
 8 September 2017, page 2017
 8 February 2017, page 158

VICTORIA
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 Land, Water
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There are three Traditional Owners in the City of Melton, each with their own rich history and traditions. In the north are the Wurundjeri People, in the south-west are the Wadawurrung people, and in the south-east are the Bunurong People. Mount Cottrell is a place of cultural significance for both the Wurundjeri People and the Bunurong People.



Please note that this map is a depiction only and may not be exactly to scale.

City of Melton – Demographic Snapshot

Estimated Resident Population

The population estimate for the City of Melton as of 2023 was 206,070.

Population growth

- The City of Melton is the fourth largest-growing municipality in Australia with an annual population growth of 6.61 per cent.
- City of Melton is the second fastest growing Local Government Area in Victoria. The Maternal and Child Health team reports averages of 50 new babies per week.
- Culturally diverse – 36% of our population born overseas from 161 different countries. 39% speak a language other than English at home.





City of Melton –UNESCO Learning City

- City of Melton adopted the first Community Learning plan in 1998
- Awarded the UNESCO Lifelong City Award in 2015
- We offer regular and special learning opportunities across our two library branches and our community centres spread across the municipality
- The Learning Festival is a yearly event, aligned with Adult Learners Week in September – all events are free and are for all ages and all abilities

**Celebrate
wonder.**

**Celebrate
curiosity.**

**Celebrate
fun.**

**Celebrate
knowledge.**

**Celebrate
learning.**



Identifying the themes/gaps

- *Environmental literacy needs*
 - Waste cross-contamination – higher than similar municipalities
 - Household survey identified resistance to purchasing second-hand goods
 - Local teachers expressed difficulties in delivering an environmental curriculum
 - Internal landscaping teams shared frustration over low uptake of new tree plantings – our lack of tree canopy contributing 3' difference in temperatures compared to the city.
- *Reconciliation and First Nations*
 - Creating culturally safe spaces
 - Cultural training for CALD community

Sustainability Theme

“Sustainability and Reconciliation are two sides of the same coin.”
- Zena Cumpston



[Indigenous-plant-use.pdf \(nespurban.edu.au\)](https://nespurban.edu.au/Indigenous-plant-use.pdf)

Key Sustainability Themes

- Household Energy Efficiency
- Food Waste/cooking & gardening
- Biodiversity
- Fast Fashion
- Environmental Literacy
- Recycling ideas – craft, arts, toys and activities for children

Key Messages

- Individual choices are impactful
- There is hope
- Good for the planet = good for the wallet





- Expo of sustainable local businesses – tastings and giveaways
- Author talks
- Family Entertainment & Workshops
- **Sketch and Chat:** participants sit down for 5-minute portrait sketches by artist and chat about their “learning bucket list” and answer questions about sustainability.
- **Eco-passport** – children receive a little “passport” booklet with questions that can be answered throughout the day with different activities and at the end can get a lucky dip prize.

Average Saturday engagement at libraries - 520

Attendance on opening day - 1785

Scheduling and Space Activations:

- Many “roaming” activities throughout the day
- All events were drop-in and (rather than requiring bookings) as we wanted to remove all barriers to engagement.
- Placement of exhibitors and businesses in all parts of the Library not only according to the function/ age group
- Staggered programs instead of simultaneously.





Giveaways:

- Honey and cacao samples from local sustainable businesses
- Fridge magnet with top sustainability tips
- Bookmark illustrated by local artist with watercolours of local birds
- Guide to waste/ recycling and other relevant council pamphlets
- Recipe cards/ hints for minimising food waste
- Packets of veg and herb seeds to sow in spring



Embedding Sustainability in Program Delivery:

- Materials required for workshops will be reusable and/or recyclable
- Minimal rubbish produced – food and drinks will be in compostable containers
- Promotion of sustainable methods – for example, a sensory room built with cushions made by the craft group with second-hand clothes



Hey Dee Ho Sustainability Songs & Performance



Collecting learning stories



Little Sprouts Education Programs



Sketch and chat – portraits



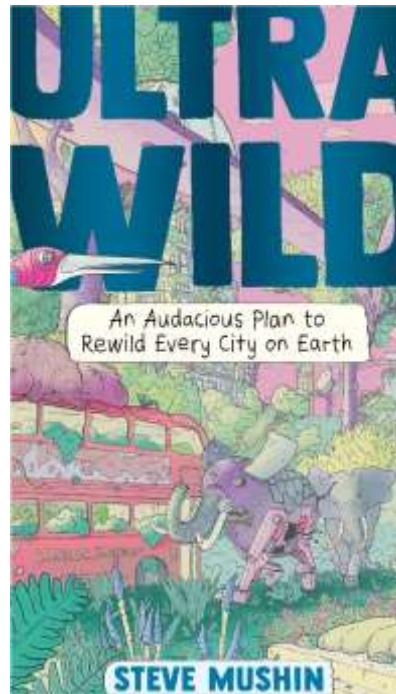
EnviroCom waste sorting games



Asian Australians for Climate Solutions –
[Asian Australians for Climate Solutions | \(aafcs.au\)](http://aafcs.au)



Author talks and workshops:





City of Melton Library

- Celebrated 10 years
- first library in Australia to be awarded a 5 Star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA)