

Cultural Diversity Week 2025

*Embrace the journey
shape our future*

Workshop for teens: make a mandala

Thursday 20 March, 6-8pm

Braybrook Library
Braybrook Community Hub
107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

Soothe your soul, enjoy calming music and get creative making a mandala with colourful sand. Exclusively for teens.

Bookings required.

Multicultural picnic in the park

Sunday 23 March, 12-2pm

Maidstone Community Centre
21 Yardley Street, Maidstone

Bring your picnic and enjoy live music and cultural entertainment. Everyone welcome!

No bookings needed.

Creative Places activations

T.R.O.U (The rest of us)

Current opening hours available at @t.r.o.u_

Shop 32 - Metro West Shopping Centre, 136 Nicholson St, Footscray, accessible via the Albert St entrance.

Melbourne-based arts organisation dedicated to empowering emerging creatives and amplifying underrepresented voices. Hosting drawing, DJing, music workshops, and exhibitions showcasing diverse artists from the western suburbs.

Liew ceramics

Current opening hours available at @liewceramics

Shop 32 - Metro West Shopping Centre, 136 Nicholson St, Footscray, accessible via the Albert St entrance.

Liew is a multidisciplinary artist who practices their cultural crafts as a way of connecting to their homeland. Liew's studio features handbuilding workshops and courses for community to participate.

Us - public art

Available to view 24 hours throughout Cultural Diversity Week

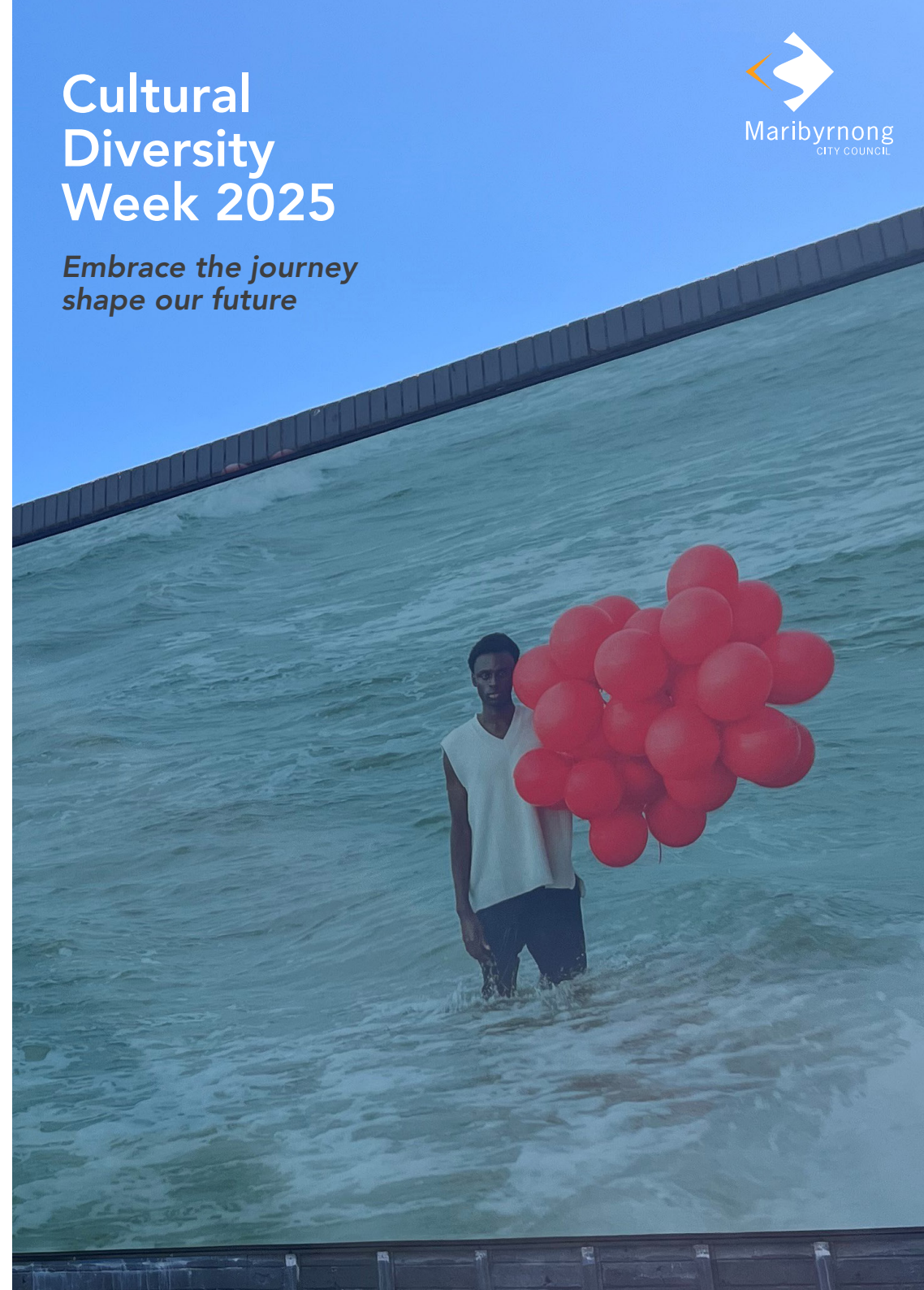
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Local photographer Daniel Temesgen's commissioned photographic billboard series, *Us*, highlights the collective resilience, struggles, and triumphs of those who come from different ends of the world to form a society. Presented in collaboration with the Centre for Contemporary Photography.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation. We offer our respect to the Elders of these traditional lands, and through them to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples past, present and emerging.



Front cover image credit: 'Sea of Hope' by Daniel Temesgen. Photograph installed on the wall of the former Forges building.



Cultural Diversity Week

Maribyrnong City Council is proud to celebrate our thriving multicultural community during Cultural Diversity Week.

The 2025 theme, *Embrace the journey, shape our future*, encourages us to reflect on our unique cultural journeys and those of others, fostering understanding, belonging, and connection.

There's a range of events for everyone to enjoy, including Council's Creative Places pilot program that aims to transform underutilised commercial properties in the Footscray Central Business District into dynamic, vibrant, accessible creative spaces.

Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/culturaldiversityweek to find out more and book.

Cultural games day

Monday 17 March, 10am-6pm
Maribyrnong Library
120 Rosamond Rd, Maribyrnong

A fun-filled day of games celebrating cultures from across the globe! All ages and experience levels welcome. Light snacks provided.

No bookings needed.

Kiki and Zuki shadow puppetry

Monday 17 March and Tuesday 18 March 11-11.45am and 2-2.45pm
Bluestone Church Arts Space
8A Hyde St, Footscray

A captivating intergenerational theatre experience for all children and adults.

Bookings required.

Mahjong

Monday 17 March, 2-3.30pm
Maribyrnong Library
120 Rosamond Rd, Maribyrnong

Enjoy a relaxed Mahjong group where you can jump straight into this classic Chinese tile game.

No bookings needed.

Qigong and tai chi

Tuesday 18 March, 10.30-11.30am
Footscray Library courtyard
56 Paisley St, Footscray

Gentle, safe exercises to promote overall health, fitness, and wellbeing. All welcome.

No bookings needed.

Auslan story time (cultural diversity theme)

Tuesday 18 March, 11-11.45am
Braybrook Library
Braybrook Community Centre
107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

Suitable for children aged 3-5 their families, and carers.

No bookings needed.

Cultural diversity eat together lunch

Tuesday 18 March, 12.30-1pm
Braybrook Community Hub
107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

A free community lunch that will showcase foods from different cultures. Registration a must.

Bookings required.

Movie club: Cultural Diversity Week family film

Tuesday 18 March, 4-5.30pm
Braybrook Library,
Braybrook Community Centre
107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

Experience the magic of cinema and enjoy the latest film releases and indie favourites.

Bookings required.

Introduction to Brazilian jiu jitsu

Tuesday 18 March
4.15-5pm: Kids (4 - 6 years old)
5.15-6pm: Kids (7 - 9 years old)
6.15-7pm Teens (10+ years)
7.15-8pm Adults
12/44 - 56 Hampstead Rd, Maidstone

Bookings required.

Bollywood dance

Tuesday 18 March, 7.15-8pm
Braybrook Community Hub
107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

A vibrant and entertaining dance that is suitable for beginners.

Bookings required.

Bilingual story time (Spanish)

Wednesday 19 March, 11-11.45pm
Braybrook Library,
Braybrook Community Centre
107-139 Churchill Ave, Braybrook

Suitable for children aged 0-5, their families and carers.

No bookings needed.

Zumba

Wednesday 19 March, 6-6.45pm
RecWest Braybrook,
39 Lily St, Braybrook

Thursday 20 March, 6.30-7.30pm
RecWest Footscray
Cnr Market and Essex Sts,
West Footscray

A high-energy group fitness class combining dance moves with Latin and international music.

Bookings required.

Conversation cafe

Thursday 20 March, 2-3pm
Footscray Library courtyard
56 Paisley St, Footscray

Practice your English conversation skills and make new friends!

No bookings needed.