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Harmony Day Celebrations at Town of Gawler

Tuesday 21 March is the nationwide day of harmony that aims to embrace Australia's cultural diversity.

With approximately 45 per cent of Australians either born or having at least one parent born overseas, Australia is truly a multicultural society.

The Town of Gawler will recognise the day at their various customer locations, making it a fun and delicious day for all community members.

Council will have free Harmony Day branded cupcakes, postcards and other promotional material from the Harmony Day office and, to fit the day's official colour, oranges from local businesses available. The Gawler Public Library will also hold a special Harmony Day Storytime session at the Evanston Gardens library.

Gawler is growing in its cultural diversity and Harmony Day is a great way to recognise and respect our differences, learn from the past and be a welcoming community.

"The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is about community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect for each other and a sense of belonging for everyone said Mayor Karen Redman.

In recent years, there have been more projects and committees that strive to address inequality and discrimination.

'Council initiatives such as the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group, Youth Advisory Committee and Refugee Week activities all aim to raise our awareness and understanding to important issues such as racism, discrimination and inequality, said Mayor Redman.

'Harmony Day provides us with an opportunity to encourage all people in Gawler to be inclusive, respectful and welcoming to everyone in our community no matter what their cultural background or circumstance.' Ms Redman said

Harmony Day is held each year on March 21 as it coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



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