

## **City of Marion celebrates Harmony Week**

Harmony Week in the City of Marion is being celebrated with a Community Open Day at the Marion Mosque and a Multicultural Music & Dance Spectacular at the Marion Cultural Centre.

This year Harmony Week takes place from Monday, March 20, to Sunday, March 26, and is a time when Australians recognise their diversity and the importance of fostering inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Day on Tuesday, March 21, is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

### **Marion Mosque Community Open Day – March 18**

The Marion Mosque at Park Holme is a cultural and religious landmark in the City of Marion.

In the spirit of cultural and religious harmony, the Islamic Society of SA is inviting the community to step inside during a special open-day event aimed at encouraging interfaith dialogue and cross-cultural understanding.

Come along and enjoy Arabic coffee with sweets, a tour of the Mosque, prayer observation and a Q&A sessions with volunteers and community members.

This free family event is being held at the mosque on Marion Road, 1 pm – 2.30 pm, Saturday, March 18. Bookings are essential and can be made [HERE](#).

All visitors are asked to remove their shoes to enter the Mosque and to dress modestly. Limited shawls will be available for women to use or they can use their own.

### **Multicultural Music & Dance Spectacular! – March 25**

A free multicultural music and dance spectacular for all ages is being held at the Marion Cultural Centre on Saturday, 25 March, 7 pm – 8:30 pm.

This Harmony Week event offers residents the opportunity to experience the colour and diversity of contemporary and traditional cultural performances.

Performances also include a Welcome to Country with the didgeridoo, ancient Chinese zither and drum dance from the Art Troupe of the Overseas Chinese Association SA, the percussive foot sounds of the Newry Irish Dance Studio, the passion and beauty of local group Casa de Flamenco, and the excitement of Bollywood performed by the Euphorigo Dance School.

[Registration](#) is essential. For more information about the multicultural services and programs available in the City of Marion head to our [website](#).

## **Libraries**

The children's programs at City of Marion Libraries at the Cove Civic Centre, Marion Cultural Centre and Park Holme will have a Harmony focus during Harmony Week.

During storytelling sessions, children and their guardians will be encouraged to add their hand prints and names to an interactive Harmony Week poster.

The artwork will be on display during Harmony Week.

## **City of Marion Census data**

According to 2021 Census data, 29.1 per cent of residents in the City of Marion were born overseas and more than 20 per cent speak a language other than English at home.

The three largest ancestries in the City of Marion in 2021 were English, Australian and Scottish. Around 1.2 per cent of the population are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the top languages other than English spoken in Marion were – Mandarin (3.1%), Nepali (1.8%), Punjabi (1.2%), Greek (1.1%), Arabic (1.1%), Cantonese (0.9%), Hindi (0.9%), Filipino/Tagalog (0.9%), Italian (0.7%), Spanish (0.6%).

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