

MEDIA RELEASE

Subject: **Welcoming Week 2023**

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge is proud to celebrate Welcoming Week 2023 as an accredited Welcoming City, fostering a sense of unity and inclusion among all members of our community.

From Friday 8 September to Sunday 17 September, Murray Bridge will host events and initiatives designed to bring together neighbours, old and new, in the spirit of unity and mutual understanding.

Launched in 2012 by Welcoming America and its members, Welcoming Week has grown into a movement that exemplifies the commitment of communities striving to create more welcoming environments for everyone. The week offers individuals and communities the opportunity to express and embrace welcoming values through a variety of activities that facilitate connections nurturing a sense of belonging for all.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge recognizes that its success pivots on the sense of inclusivity it fosters. Embracing new neighbours as integral parts of the community enriches the city with fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and entrepreneurial endeavours, contributing to the vibrant diversity that we all value.

Mayor Wayne Thorley said "This week, we celebrate the unity that binds us as neighbours. During Welcoming Week, I invite you to share the spirit of welcoming. By working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make Murray Bridge a place where individuals from across the world feel valued and want to put down roots"

"Irrespective of our birthplace or appearances, we are united in our efforts to build a strong community. By recognising the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture and a growing economy, we make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home."

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Let us come together to build a community where every resident has the opportunity to contribute their best. We hope you can attend one of the local events, invite a new neighbour over for coffee, or spend time with new friends at a nearby park to celebrate Welcoming Week 2023.

For more details regarding Welcoming Week and how you can engage in its activities, please visit [Council website](#). Reach out to Council at 08 8539 1100 or via email at council@murrabridge.sa.gov.au.

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