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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Each year, when Harmony Week comes around, I can't help but think of a song made famous by former Beatle Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder.

The lyrics of the song and the imagery of the keys playing in harmony on a piano keyboard really strike a chord with me. This year, Harmony Week is more significant than ever.

It's a time to be kind and respectful to everyone around us, but also a time to remember those who live in places where harmony seems like a wishful dream.

As we continue to turn on the news and be confronted with images of war and violence, let us make a point this Harmony Week to consider those who live in circumstances and locations where conflict exists.

And, how timely is it this year, that Harmony Week coincides with the holy month of Ramadan! I encourage everyone to use this time to pray for peace and reflect on the current crises in Palestine and the Ukraine.

Harmony Week is an opportunity to be thankful for the many wonderful privileges we have here in Australia and to be respectful of the many different cultures in our City.

Our Council fosters and encourages harmony in the community throughout the year and has a wide range of activities running in our Libraries and Knowledge Centres.

To highlight the week, there are world dancing lessons, henna tattooing, bilingual story times and more.

Let us continue to appreciate the rich diversity in our City and show respect to everyone we encounter.

For more information on how to get involved in Council's Harmony Week activities, visit **cb.city/HarmonyDay**

Regards



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