

ADVERTISING FEATURE

HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Independent member for Nelson Meg Webb (second from left) attended the recent launch of the 177 Nations of Tasmania exhibition, which celebrates the rich and varied cultural backgrounds of people who have come to live in our state. (P.2)

A timely reminder for all

We can all attest to the importance of belonging.

To the feeling that we are seen, heard and are accepted, and also that we have a fundamental right to be seen, heard and accepted.

Harmony Week provides a dedicated opportunity to celebrate all the ways in which we are enriched by cultural diversity.

It is also an opportunity to bring together Tasmanians from all different backgrounds.

As member for Nelson, I have the regular privilege of welcoming new Tasmanians through our citizenship ceremonies.

It is such an honour to realise that all those new Tasmanians have chosen to join our community, to share with us their

heritage, skills and energy.

However, there is always work to do to ensure everyone can safely belong.

A key focus of Harmony Week is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD), marked on Friday, March 21.

This is an important reminder that we all have a responsibility to combat racism wherever and whenever it arises, whether it is systemic, structural or that casual comment.

So, let's celebrate while ensuring everyone feels they belong this Harmony Week.

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