



2023 Program

Welcoming Australia Symposium Power of Place

Tuesday 09 May

pm 1.00

Welcoming Cities Member-only Networking Event

Opening Reception | **Melbourne Town Hall** | Proudly supported by SSI

5.30

Guests arrive

6.00

Acknowledgement of Country performance | **Djirri Djirri**

6:15

Lord Mayor Welcome

6:25

Presentation of the Welcoming Cities Awards for Change | **Yamamah Agha**, General Manager, Service Delivery Settlement SSI

6:40

Presentation of the Welcoming Australia Medals | **Brad Chilcott**, Founder, Welcoming Australia | **Anthea Hancocks**, CEO Scanlon Foundation and Chair, Welcoming Australia

6:55

Networking

pm 7:30

Event concludes

Wednesday 10 May | **Zinc** | **MC Janice Petersen**, Presenter SBS

am 8:30

Event registration opens

9:30

Welcome to Country | **Uncle Andrew Gardiner**, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elder

9:45

Event opening | **Hon Andrew Giles MP**, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

10:00

Table discussion (introductions)

10:15

First Nations Keynote and Q&A | **Another day in the colony** | **Prof Chelsea Watego**, Executive Director, Carumba Institute, QUT

11:30

What's the story, and who's telling it? Stories of people and places are powerful - who is telling them and what are they saying? | **Prof Chelsea Watego**, Executive Director, Carumba Institute, QUT | **Janet Curtain**, Self-Advocate, Power in Culture and Ethnicity | **Uncle Andrew Gardiner**, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elder

pm 12:20

Table discussion

12:30

Lunch

1:30

Community of sport Are sporting clubs reflective of, and creating, community? | **Fatima Yousufi**, Member, Afghanistan Women's Football Team | **Kate Thomas**, Lead Trainer The Centre for Healing Justice through Sport

2:15

Unlocking the power of Welcoming Clubs | **Maia Tua-Davidson**, Manager, Welcoming Clubs

2:30

Afternoon Tea

2:50

What does it look like to settle in a new community? | **Noushin Barghi**, Advisory Committee Member, Forcibly Displaced People Network

3:10

International Keynote & Q&A | **How do migrants find their place?** | **Prof Susanne Wessendorf**, Professor of Social Anthropology at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University (UK)

4:15

Table discussion

4:30

Speaking truth is power: from 2016 to now | Welcoming Australia now leads and activates the largest network for advancing social cohesion across the country: how did we get here and what's next? | **Aleem Ali**, CEO, Welcoming Australia

pm 4:45

Day 1 close

Program for Day 2 overleaf





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Thursday 11 May | **Zinc** | **MC Janice Petersen**, Presenter SBS

am 8:30	Registration Opens
9:00	Opening Provocation Sporting a community and national identity Rana Hussain , Inclusion and Belonging leader
9:15	National Keynote and Q&A How do we strengthen neighbourhoods? Prof Kate Reynolds , Professor of Psychology at the Australian National University (ANU)
10:15	Table discussion
10:30	Morning Tea
10:50	Getting on with it: by community for community Community groups starting their own organisations and making communities better Belle Lim , Founder, Future Forte Abdulmalik Abdurahman , Founder and President, Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club Tharini Rouwette , Founder, Centre of Multicultural Political Engagement, Literacy and Leadership (COMPELL)
11:30	Stories of welcome panel discussion The role of council in creating welcoming places Gary Lee , Manager, International Education, City of Melbourne Sarah Janali , Community Strategist, Churchill Fellow Zaki Haidari , Refugee Rights Campaigner, Amnesty International Australia
pm 12:30	Lunch
1:30	Places of welcome How to create welcoming environments Liz Ritchie , CEO Regional Australia Institute Ken Dachi , Multicultural Program Coordinator, Leeton Shire Council Lisa Button , CEO, Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA) Alison McClure , Group coordinator, Rural Australians for Refugees - Bendigo Zia Alami , Group member, Rural Australians for Refugees - Bendigo
2:20	Afternoon Tea
2:45	Over the fence: an invitation to generous conversations Engaging in complex conversations Kara Keys , Deputy Campaign Director, Yes23 Rana Ebrahimi , National Manager, Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN) Melissa Morton , Inclusion Coordinator, Footscray Hockey Club Peter Morris , General Manager, Reconciliation Action Plan Program, Reconciliation Australia
3:50	Closing Address Fred Alale , Chair, African Music and Cultural Festival
pm 4:00	Symposium Close

