Northern Midlands Council

Harmony Week Unites Hearts: Australia Welcomes Three New Citizens with Open Arms. Evandale to enjoy enhanced facilities.



Citizenship Ceremony celebrations.

In a heartwarming citizenship ceremony held during Harmony

Week, Australia proudly welcomed three new citizens who pledged their allegiance to the Land Down Under. Celebrating the nation's rich cultural diversity, the ceremony marked a poignant moment as individuals from diverse backgrounds embraced their new Australian identity.



Mr and Mrs Ronald Plumridge.

As part of the ongoing commitment to inclusivity, Australia continues to open its doors to people from all corners of the globe, valuing the unique contributions each citizen brings. The ceremony echoed the resounding message that "everyone belongs" in the tapestry of this multicultural nation. More than 6 million people have chosen to become citizens since the first citizenship ceremony in 1949.

In acknowledging our country's cultural richness, the ceremony emphasized that Australia's multicultural fabric extends beyond recent arrivals. We pay homage to the cultures and histories of the First Nations people, whose traditions have endured for an impressive 65,000 years. The foundation of modern multicultural Australia is rooted in the resilience and contributions of these First Nations, creating a nation that embraces diversity while honouring its unique history.

As we celebrate the addition of three new members to the Australian family, the overarching message remains clear: diversity is the strength that binds us together, and in this great southern land, everyone belongs.



L to R: Mayor Mary Knowles, Jacky Johnson, Hon. Guy Barnett MP, Ronald Plumridge, Tenzin Johnson and Deputy Mayor Janet Lambert.

Congratulations to our new citizens who received their Australian Citizenship during Harmony Week at the Northen Midlands Council! We welcome you and are happy to celebrate Australia's strong cultural diversity together during the 75th anniversary of Australian citizenship.

Upgrades Underway for Pioneer Park Toilet block in Evandale.

The Pioneer Park toilets in Evandale are

The refurbishment aims to enhance accessibility and convenience for park visitors, catering to diverse needs within the community.



Work in progress on the plumbing and sewerage.

The revamped toilet block will feature two ambulant unisex toilets, strategically positioned with entrances facing Russell Street. This arrangement ensures ease of access and convenience.

Additionally, one of the toilets will be disability compliant, providing essential facilities for individuals with special needs. The upgrade will introduce a dedicated parenting room/ ambulant toilet. This design addition is to support families visiting the park, offering a private and comfortable space for parents with young children.



New façade taking shape on the amenities.

Highlighting the significance of Harmony Week, the event underscored the importance of fostering unity and understanding among Australia's diverse communities. The pledges of allegiance from the three new Australians symbolized a shared commitment to building a harmonious and inclusive society, presided over by Mayor Mary Knowles.

set to receive a significant upgrade with renovations planned for its toilet facilities due to be completed this month.



The decision to use funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program from the Federal Government to enhance the Pioneer Park toilets, reflects Council's commitment to improving public amenities and creating community wellbeing within Evandale for residents and visitors alike.

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