

# Harmony Day celebration in City of Melville



Chorus Multicultural Activity Centre hosted a Harmony Week event with the City of Melville.

The day celebrated all the different cultures with performances including Chinese Opera and Scottish dance. Guests also got the chance to try different cuisine from around the world.

City of Melville Mayor, Russell Aubrey also attended the event, and reflected on the work the council and organisations like Chorus do to make sure everyone lives in harmony.



Clockwise from top: Chorus Community Care's Tina Giallorenzo, Grace Said, Caroline Lasrado, Endera Padmanathan and Suba Gunasekaran with Mayor Russell Aubrey; Caroline Lasrado, Endera Padmanathan and Suba Gunasekaran; Irene Cheong and Emily Yam.

## Mayor pauses to reflect on local spirit

CITY of Melville Mayor Russell Aubrey has reflected on the importance of Harmony Week after the shootings in Christchurch. The City held several events last week, including partnering with Chorus Community Care for the Making Music Together event at Bull Creek Community Centre on Thursday.

Chinese Opera, Bollywood and Scottish dance performances, along with multicultural cuisines, made it a colourful day. "I've been on council for about 30 years and there is a great amount of work that has gone into making sure everyone lives in harmony," Mr Aubrey said. "We saw an act of terrorism, an act of destruction, but we need to continue to make a better world. Harmony Week is an important event on the calendar because it reminds us we live in a multicultural place. "About 34 per cent of our residents were born overseas and it's important for everyone to recognise their culture."