



MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE

Welcome to the 9th Victorian United Nations Day of Vesak.

Today, Melburnians will join together to celebrate the Buddha Gautama's birth and enlightenment. Each year, the United Nations acknowledges Buddhism's contribution to fostering spirituality, harmony and world peace.

Events like this are a reminder of the many diverse cultures that give our city its character. Here in Melbourne, we pride ourselves on our multicultural and inclusive society. We are home to people from more than 200 countries, who speak 260 languages and dialects and practice 135 religious faiths. But we are one Melbourne.

I hope you enjoy this special day and are inspired by the messages of co-operation, understanding and peace.

Robert Doyle
Lord Mayor