

# REFUGEE WELCOME DECLARATION

Wellington Shire Council welcomes refugees into our community and we value and acknowledge the contributions they make to Australian society.

This Refugee Welcome Declaration is a formal statement by Council to reinforce the importance of strong, involved communities which is a theme in the Wellington 2030 Community Vision:

*“We know and support each other and have a strong sense of community belonging. Diversity is respected and there are many social and community activities providing opportunities for all people to interact.....”*

Our community has told us the things they love most about Wellington are the friendly people, communities that care for each other and small town rural living. We want to ensure this friendliness and support is experienced by all newcomers to Wellington, including those from refugee and culturally diverse backgrounds.

Wellington Shire Council endorses and supports the intention and commitments of this Declaration.



Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

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