

## ITEM A LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - CULTURE MIX

On 19 October 2024 over 15,000 people attended the Culture Mix festival in Wollongong CBD. It was a fantastic celebration of Wollongong's diversity and the rich contribution different community groups make to the cultural life of our city.

Culture Mix was able to be delivered in 2023 and 2024 through a two-year grant from the Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Major Festivals Grants Program. Council also contributed funding and staff time and resources to deliver this successful community event.

### RECOMMENDATION

I therefore recommend Wollongong City Council –

- 1 Acknowledge and thank the staff, volunteers and community groups who contributed to the outstanding Culture Mix event on 19 October 2024.
- 2 Write to the NSW Minister for Multiculturalism to –
  - a thank the NSW Government for supporting Culture Mix in 2023 and 2024; and
  - b request advice on NSW Government funding opportunities to support future Culture Mix events.

### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.