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Media Release:

Annual Eid Festival to return to Gippsland

Gippsland residents and visitors are invited to the Eid Festival on Sunday 7 July 2019 at Old Gippstown in Moe.

The annual festival celebrates the end of Ramadan, a holy month of contemplation, prayer and renewal of faith. With all members of the community welcome at the festival, it also provides an opportunity for people of Muslim and non-Muslim backgrounds to come together and strengthen connections in the community.

The event includes free rides, face painting, an animal farm, jumping castle and henna tattoos, and popcorn. Food and drinks can be purchased from a range of food vans offering Pakistani, barbeque, baked potatoes, pizza, cakes and slices, and coffee.

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) is proud to support the Festival, which is hosted by the United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley Inc, and sponsored by the Latrobe Valley Authority, Latrobe City Council, Latrobe Community Health Service, Gippsland Ethnic Communities' Council and Centre for Multicultural Youth.

Kylie Lancaster, RAV's Acting Senior Manager Gippsland, said that Eid was an important milestone in the Muslim calendar and that the festival was a meaningful event for Gippsland.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to not only mark the end of Ramadan, but also show our support for the Muslim community and celebrate diversity," she said.

"This event has been embraced by locals in previous years, and we invite all Gippsland residents and visitors to join in this year's Eid Festival."

Entrance to the festival costs $5 per person or $20 per family. The festival will be held from 10am to 4pm on Sunday 7 July 2019, at Old Gippstown, Gippsland's Heritage Park, located at 211 Lloyd Street, Moe.

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