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Hundreds join Greater Hobart councils for the second Walk Against Racism

School students, cultural leaders, leaders of industry, and community members have joined WeSTAR ambassadors, and Mayors and elected members of six Greater Hobart councils for the second-annual Walk Against Racism.

Around 400 people came together to show solidarity and make a stand against acts of racism in our communities by walking from corner of Hunter Street and Franklin Wharf, and finishing at the [Together for Harmony: Young Voices Shaping Change](#) event on Parliament Lawns.

The Walk Against Racism is a chance for everyone to raise awareness and commit to a future free from racial discrimination ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on Saturday 21 March.

The walk was organised by the We Stand Together Against Racism (WeSTAR) campaign, which was launched in 2025 by the Brighton, Clarence, Hobart Glenorchy, Kingborough, and Sorell councils and is supported by the Migrant Resource Centre of Tasmania.

More information on WeSTAR is available at standtogetherhobart.com

Brighton Council Mayor Leigh Gray

“By walking together on the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we are showing that our community stands united against racism.

“This walk is about respect, inclusion, and a shared commitment to ensure everyone feels safe, valued, and able to belong.”

City of Clarence Mayor Brendan Blomeley

“We invite everyone in our communities to stand with us and act against racism to help spread the message that any form of racism is unacceptable.”

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"If we collectively call-out perpetrators and openly voice our concerns, more people across our community will see and understand that it will not be tolerated, and our children will learn that it is always wrong.

"If we all commit to taking this action, we grow stronger."

City of Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds

"The WeSTAR Walk is a powerful reminder that Hobart's strength lies in our diversity, and we are proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our community to say that racism has no place here.

"By walking together, we're demonstrating our shared commitment to creating a city where everyone feels valued, respected, and safe, no matter their background.

"This event is both a celebration of belonging and a call to action, urging all of us to continue building a more inclusive Hobart – one where every voice is heard and every person is welcomed."

Glenorchy City Council Mayor Sue Hickey

"As part of a network of councils' committed to inclusion, Glenorchy proudly stands with our partners to say clearly: racism has no place in our communities.

"Standing against racism is part of our shared responsibility to ensure everyone feels included, valued, and heard.

"Today's walk is a reminder that our community thrives when we lift each other up."

Kingborough Council Deputy Mayor Clare Glade-Wright

"The diversity of our community is something we value and celebrate in Kingborough.

"We are stronger and enriched by our multicultural community.

"When councils stand together, it sends a powerful and unified message that racism will not be tolerated."

Sorell Council Mayor Janet Gatehouse

"The message I see at the heart of the Solidarity Walk, as our community comes together to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, is that diversity is the pattern and substance within the fabric of life.

"A multicultural community brings fresh ideas, new perspectives, and a wealth of experience and traditions that enriches our community, our culture, and daily lives.

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POWER IN UNITY

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“By walking together, we send a clear message that there is no place for discrimination. We are stronger when we stand united, and it’s up to all of us to continue building a community where everyone feels welcome, like they belong and are respected in their home.”

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