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Local voices and traditions shine at Reconciliation Week gathering

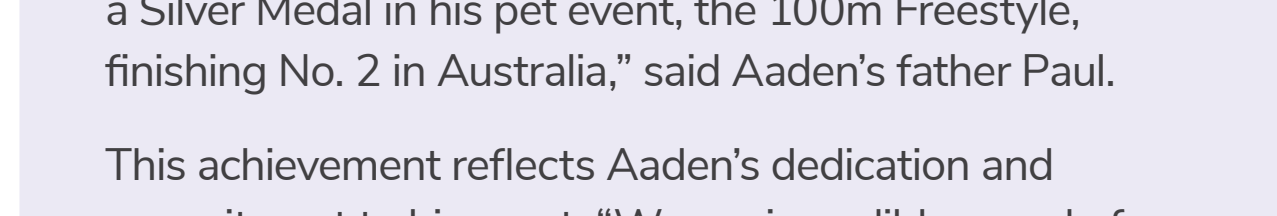
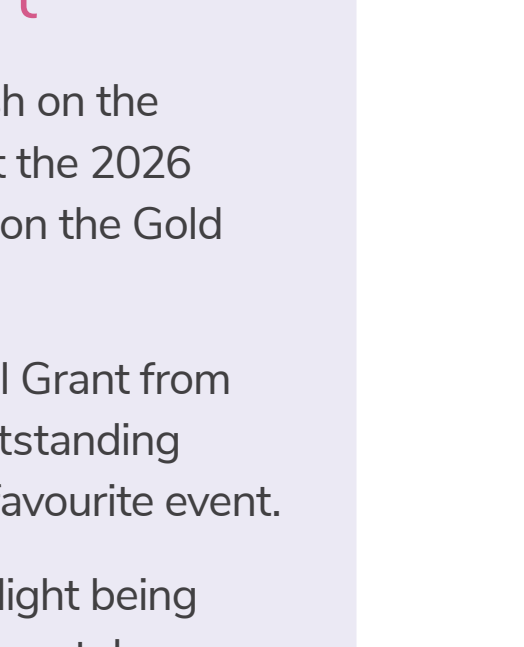
Shire of Mundaring came together to mark National Reconciliation Week with a warm and welcoming family event, celebrating culture, connection and community spirit.

Held in the first week of June, the gathering brought together local families and community members to reflect on the importance of reconciliation and to foster understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Highlights from the morning included a Welcome to Country delivered by Auntie Di Ryder OAM, as well as vocal performances by the Middle Swan Primary School Year 4 choir and a local Aboriginal choir, who shared traditional songs in the Noongar language, offering a powerful reminder of the richness of local Aboriginal culture.

Throughout the morning, attendees enjoyed breakfast and refreshments while taking part in a range of family-friendly activities. These included basket weaving and nursery rhyme storytelling sessions, providing opportunities for hands-on learning and cultural exchange. The event also welcomed Klasey Hirst MLC, who joined the community in recognising the significance of the week.

The Shire recognises the importance of coming together, listening, and learning, while celebrating the enduring cultures of First Nations peoples. For more opportunities to connect with community, check out our events page on our website.

[Check out our calendar of events](#)



Young swimmer makes waves nationally with Shire support

Local talent Aaden Kettle has made a splash on the national stage, proudly representing WA at the 2026 Australian Age Swimming Championships on the Gold Coast.

With the financial support of a Youth Travel Grant from Shire of Mundaring, Aaden delivered an outstanding performance, with a standout result in his favourite event.

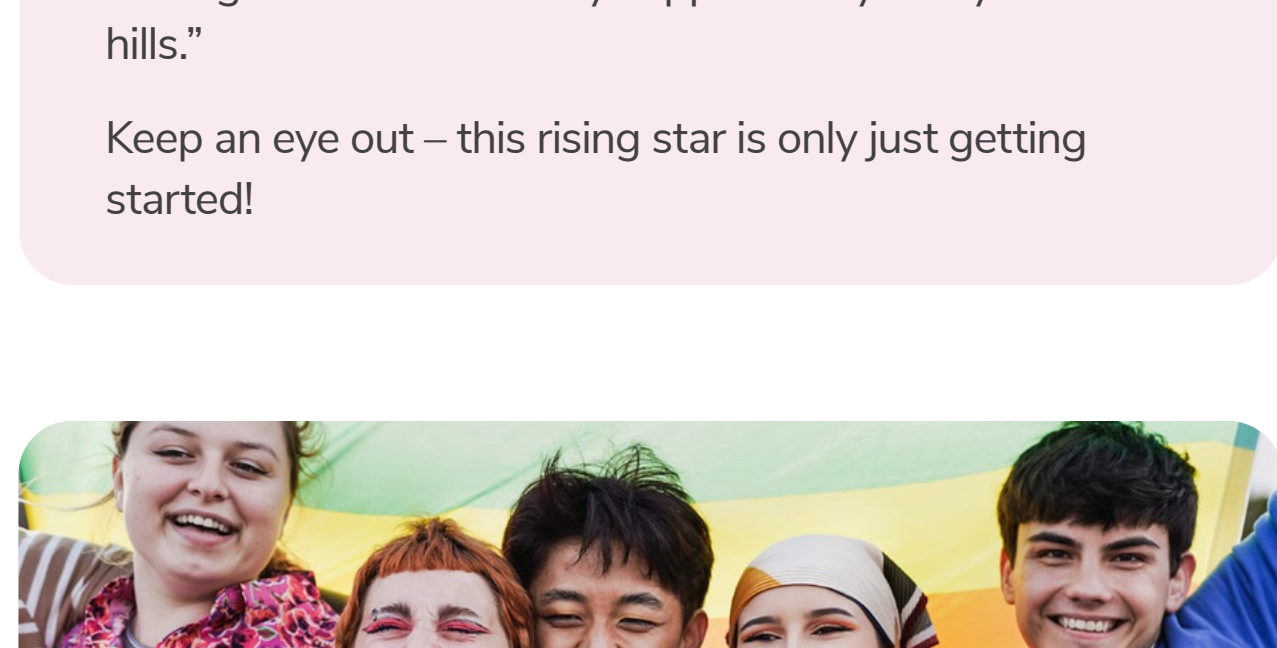
"Aaden had a fantastic meet, with the highlight being a Silver Medal in his pet event, the 100m Freestyle, finishing No. 2 in Australia," said Aaden's father Paul.

This achievement reflects Aaden's dedication and commitment to his sport. "We are incredibly proud of Aaden. Results like this come from an enormous amount of focus, discipline, and sustained effort over a long period of time," Paul said.

The family also acknowledged the role of local support, adding, "We greatly appreciate the support from the Shire. The continued backing over many years has been invaluable and plays a significant role in enabling opportunities like this for kids to compete at the national level."

Inspired by Aaden's journey? You can learn more about the Shire's Youth Travel Grants and apply via the Shire website to support your own goals.

[Apply now](#)



Hills talent hits high note Meet Elanie

Perth Hills teenager Elanie is quickly making waves in the music scene, turning her lifelong passion into an exciting career. Growing up in a musical household, she says her love for music began early.

"I started playing piano when I was three years old on my great grandfather's upright piano," Elanie said. "My Dad was also a percussionist in the WA Symphony Orchestra so growing up in a really musical household definitely sparked my passion for music."

Since then, Elanie has built an impressive list of achievements. She's supported major acts including Keli Holiday, Thelma Plum, Budjerah and Drax Project, even landing a last-minute Triple J Unearthed win to open a national tour. "It was just this whirlwind of excitement and happiness... but also, 'oh my goodness, it's tomorrow!'" she said of the experience. She also won the WAM Pop Act of the Year Award and Robert Juniper Award for the Arts in late 2025.

Proudly rooted in the Hills, Elanie credits the local community and landscape for inspiring her songwriting: "It's such a beautiful, tranquil place to be when you're writing music... I feel really supported by everyone in the hills."

Keep an eye out – this rising star is only just getting started!



Youth voices shaping Mundaring Update from the Mundaring Youth Group

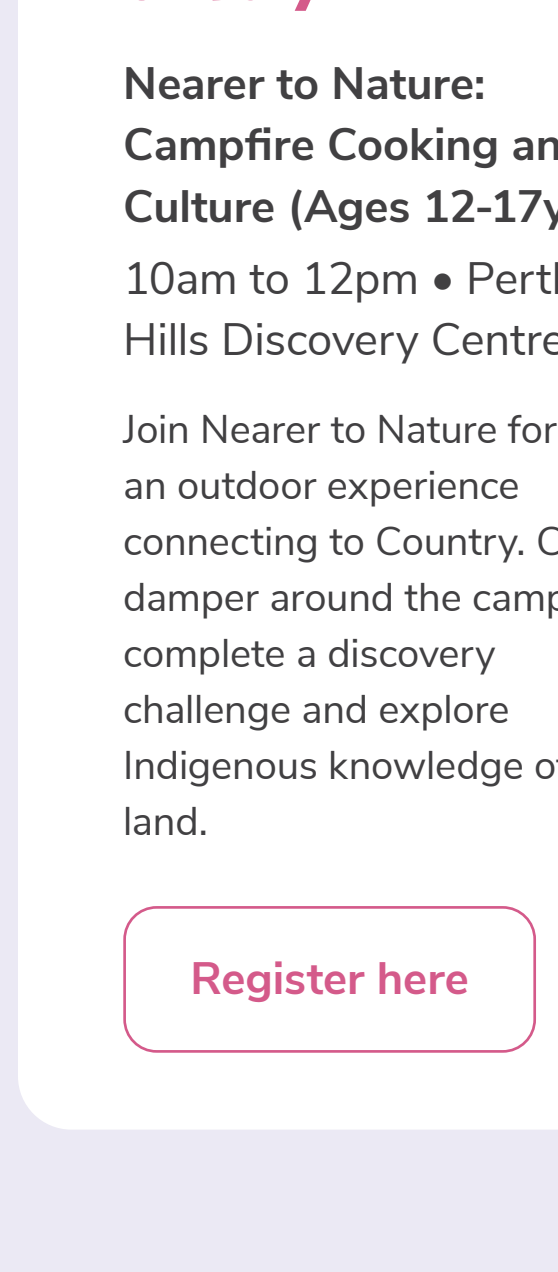
The Mundaring Youth Advisory Group continues to play an active role in shaping local projects and events, working closely with Council staff to ensure youth voices are reflected in community initiatives. Most recently, the group has been collaborating with the Shire's project team to co-design elements of the Brown Park Master Plan, including a proposed dog park. Their input is helping create spaces that are engaging, inclusive, and tailored to young people's needs.

Looking ahead to the school holidays, the group has also contributed ideas for upcoming activities. A campfire experience in partnership with Nearer to Nature will offer a relaxed outdoor gathering, while a cozy movie night is planned for the end of the school term.

The Youth Advisory Group continues to provide valuable insight and enthusiasm, helping build a vibrant and youth-friendly Mundaring. You can learn more about the group or apply to become a member by clicking the link.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events



03 July

End of Term Movie Night
4pm to 6pm • Mundaring Arena

Join the Shire of Mundaring youth movie night to celebrate the end of Term 2.

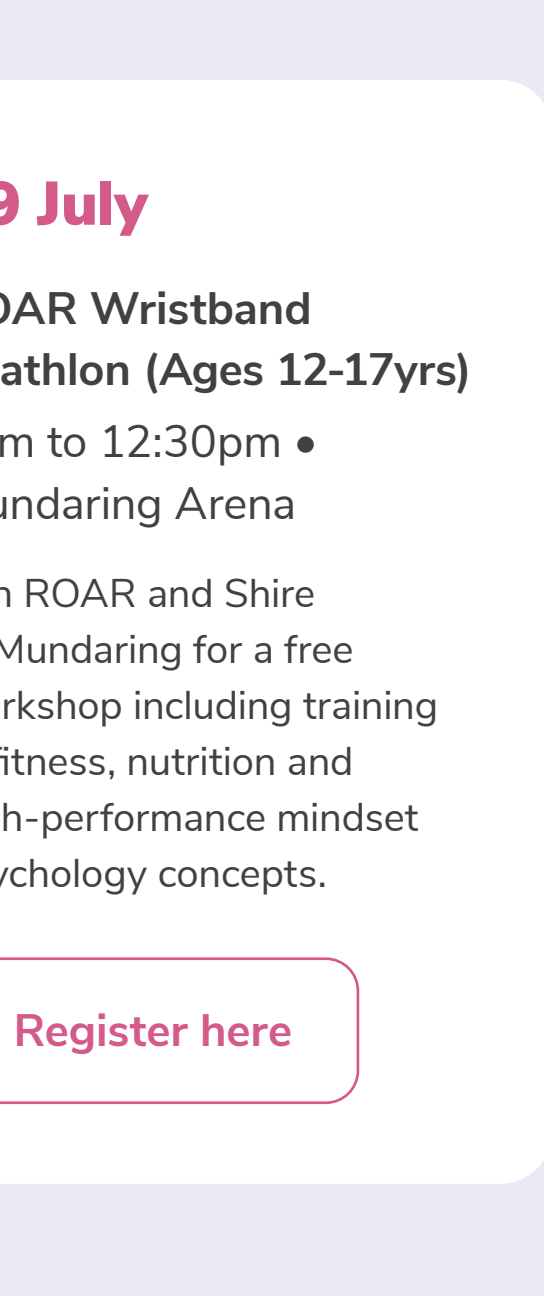
[Register here](#)

07 July

Nearer to Nature: Campfire Cooking and Culture (Ages 12-17yr)
10am to 12pm • Perth Hills Discovery Centre

Join Nearer to Nature for an outdoor experience connecting to Country. Cook damper around the campfire, complete a discovery challenge and explore Indigenous knowledge of the land.

[Register here](#)



09 July

ROAR Wristband Triathlon (Ages 12-17yrs)
9am to 12:30pm • Mundaring Arena

Join ROAR and Shire of Mundaring for a free workshop including training in fitness, nutrition and high-performance mindset psychology concepts.

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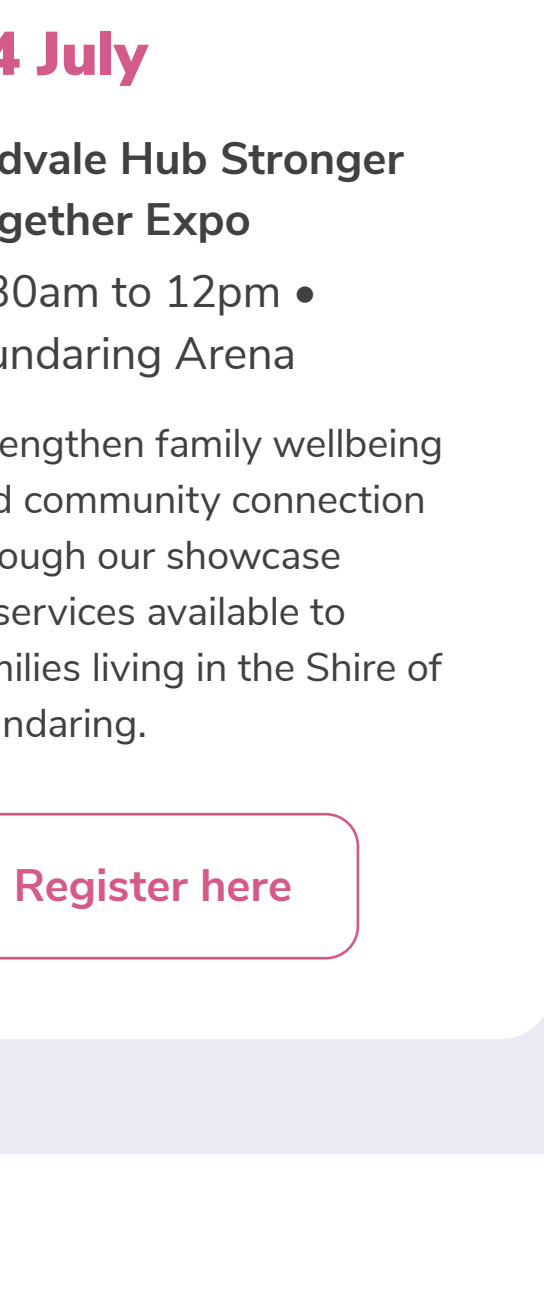


10 July

Alex Crisp Youth Cooking Workshop (ages 12-17yrs)
11am to 2pm • Swan View Youth Centre

Join former Masterchef contestant, Alex Crisp for a free cooking workshop focused on fun, creativity and healthy eating.

[Register here](#)

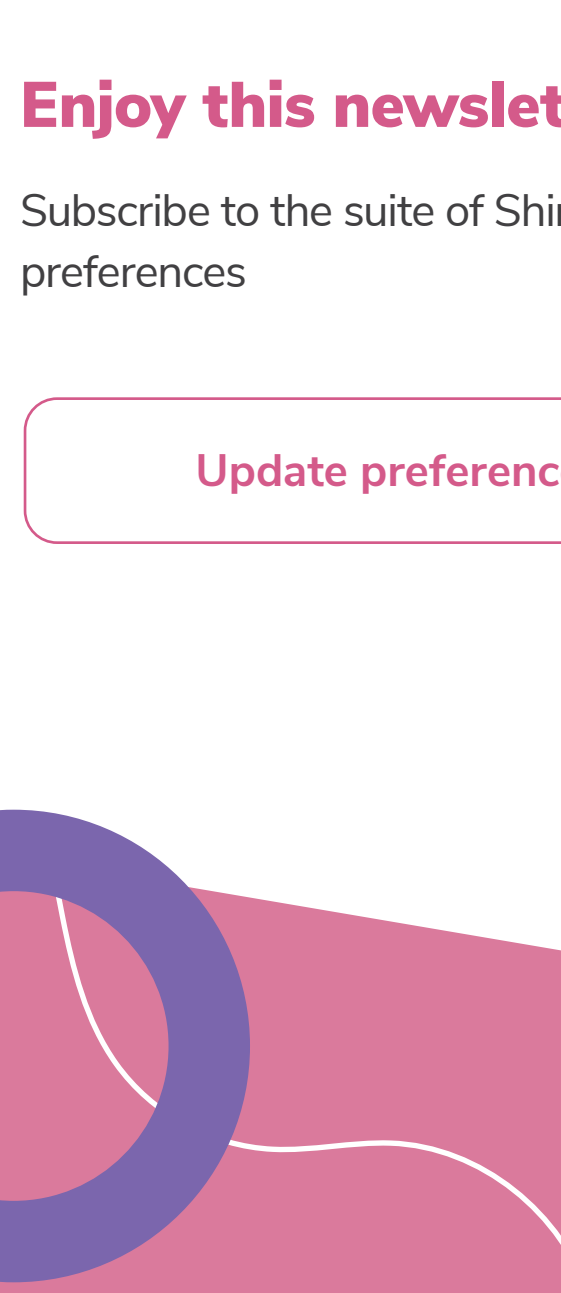


14 July

Midvale Hub Stronger Together Expo
9:30am to 12pm • Mundaring Arena

Strengthen family wellbeing and community connection through our showcase of services available to families living in the Shire of Mundaring.

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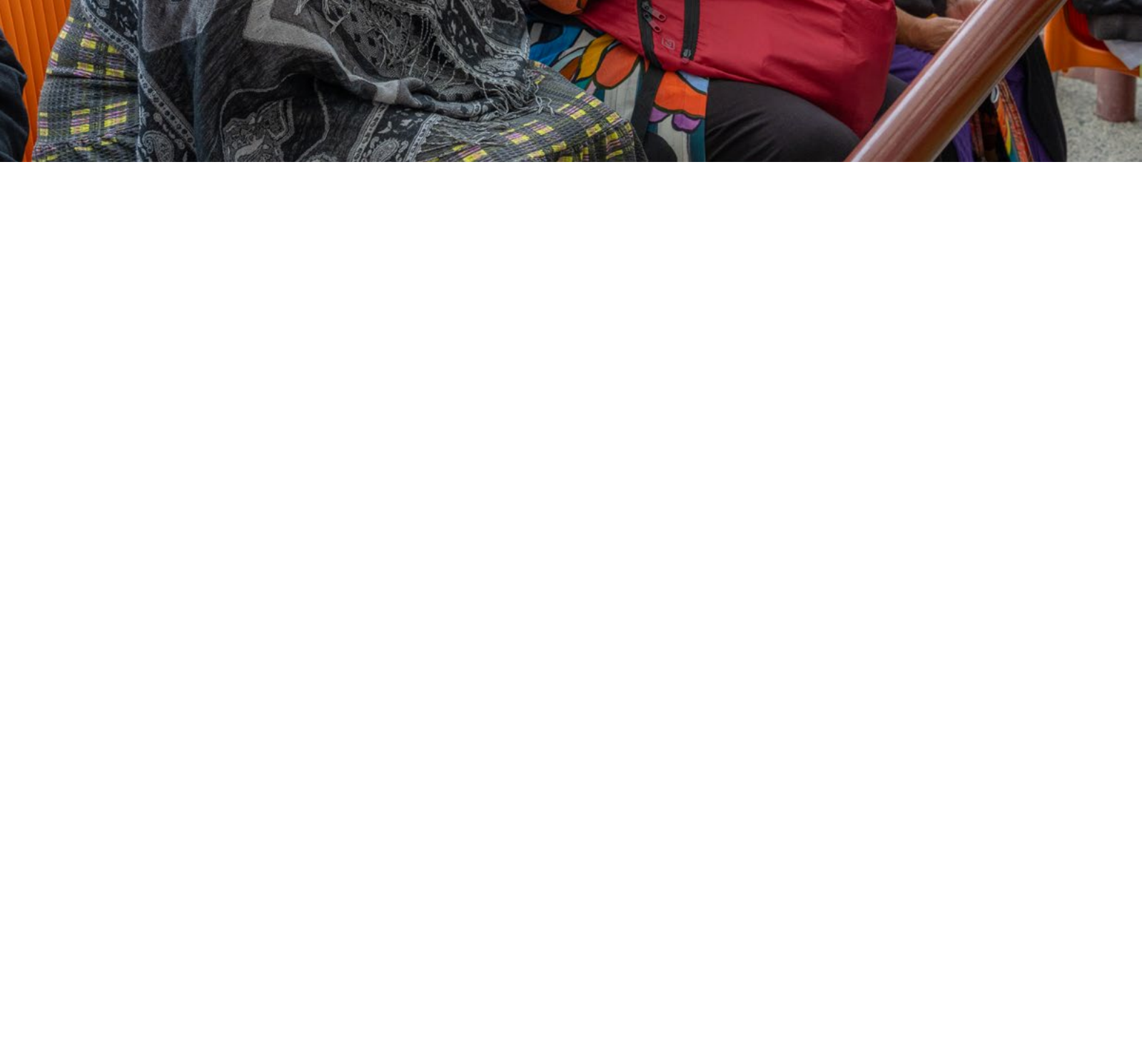
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