

## MARY ANWAT

Mary Anwat is a weaver and community cultural leader for the Dinka community from South Sudan. For 7 years she was President of South Sudanese Womens Support in Melton Inc. She is passionate about passing on culture to the new generation, and believes this brings the community together.

She has exhibited, given talks and held workshops & demonstrations throughout Melbourne over the past 13 years, including at:

- Maribyrnong Community Centre
- African Village at the Arts Centre Melbourne
- 45 Downstairs, Melbourne
- Emerge in the West Festival
- Australian Tapestry Workshop
- Melton Festival
- Caroline Springs Library (solo exhibition)
- Wyndham Community Cultural Centre (photographic exhibition with her husband)

For Mary, sharing with people is very important. She has volunteered her time at local primary and high schools for many hours on Cultural Day. She is working to find a permanent community meeting space for all South Sudanese people in Melton, especially women, to pass on culture and make the community stronger.

In 2017, she will hold art workshops and exhibit her new works as part of the Big Dream Festival in Melton South in September.

Mar was featured on SBS Dinka Radio earlier in 2017:

<http://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/dinka/en/content/weaving-and-dinka-culture-mary-anwat>