

Company goes on a journey around the world

VENTURA put Cultural Diversity Week in the spotlight last Friday - and on a plate.

The Dandenong company printed posters bearing flags for each of the 40 cultures its workers represent and the words 'We are Ventura' in languages from around the world.

"One of the things that makes Ventura such a special place to work is the diverse culture of our employees and this was a great opportunity to share some wonderful food from various countries," spokeswoman Sarah O'Connor said.

Workers brought a plate of food to represent their heritage to the 20 March event, with the menu including Croatian spinach and feta pita, Indian dokhla and samosa, Portuguese custard tarts, Lebanese za'atar and felafel, Greek semolina cake and Aussie Anzac biscuits and meat pies.

"It's something that we'll look at doing every year," Ms O'Connor said.



Ventura staff with their multicultural spread.

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STEP TO IT: Employees from Ventura Bus Lines "walked off" their jobs on Thursday - all in the name of better workplace health and productivity. The staff were taking part in Walk the Block, a workplace-health initiative by Victoria Walks aimed at combating the dangers of a sedentary lifestyle. Victoria Walks executive officer Ben Rossiter said prolonged sitting could be as dangerous as smoking and there was growing evidence to show links to obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart

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Showers on the buses

A DANDENONG business is helping to deliver dignity - one shower at a time.

Ventura fleet and maintenance general manager Michael Hourn on Wednesday 13 May handed One Voice president and founder Josh Wilkins the keys to a decommissioned bus.

The One Voice team will refit the bus interior over the next six weeks, creating a mobile shower service that will head to the Rosebud, Mt Eliza and McCrae areas during winter.

It will offer homeless people a safe place to shower, brush their teeth and access clothing and hygiene products.

One Voice last year launched its mobile shower service pilot at Rebecca Walk in Batman Park, Melbourne. About 14 people used the shower each night and their feedback indicated there weren't enough shower facilities.



One Voice founder and president Josh Wilkins with Ventura fleet and maintenance general manager Michael Hourn.

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