ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2011

Promoting harmony and social inclusion

Registered Association Incorporation A0017562S
ABN 44148684508
CCOEI Aims and Objectives

The Communities’ Council on Ethnic Issues will continue to play a role in relation to public policy on multicultural matters. This is usually undertaken through the Migrant Settlement Committee (the standing committee of the CCOEI) where the focus is on advocacy.

Aims and objectives

- Influence public policy relating to migrants and refugees.
- Advocate on behalf of migrants and refugees on immigration, multicultural and settlement matters.
- Encourage cooperation, social inclusion and harmonious relationships among all Communities.
- Provide avenues of communication between mainstream, ethno specific and other service providers, migrants and refugees.
- Work with government and non-government organizations to develop appropriate services for migrants and refugees.

Who’s Who at CCOEI

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

Chris Cosgriff (President)
Glenis Crocker (General Secretary and Public Officer)
Clary Verbunt (Correspondence Secretary)
Twanny Farrugia (Treasurer)
Sam Navarria (Migrant Settlement Committee Chair)
Cynthia Shaw (Migrant Settlement Committee Deputy Chair)
Leonie Burnham
Sui Ting Tse
Marilyn Gurry
President’s Report

2010, 2011 has been a year of change. The move to our new office and meeting space at Forest Hill, a new government and a restructure of the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

The move from the shopping centre complex was an agenda item for many months. There were continual delays before the move became a reality and then delays on moving into the new premises. During that time the City of Whitehorse did everything they could to minimise disruption. Meetings were moved to the Court Yard Room at the council complex. The Council kept us informed and did everything they could to assist. On behalf of the CCOEI I extend our thanks to them.

The changes to the Victorian Multicultural Commission have been harder to understand. I believe many other groups have had little or no information about the restructure, or what effects it may have. The process, while all may end well, has been abysmal. Our thanks go to the tireless work over many years by George Lekakis and we look forward to a close working relationship with his successor and other members of the Board.

The decision by Victoria Police to disband the Multicultural Advisory Unit and the Police and Community Multicultural Advisory Committee (PACMAC) was undertaken with little or no consultation. A Letter sent by the CCOEI to the Chief Commissioner of Police to seek clarification and give our support to the MAU was not even acknowledged.

I sincerely hope that community input and good working relationships have not become a thing of the past.

The next twelve months will need to see all partnerships in the east working together with the current situation of the “boat people”. The eastern suburbs has always had fairly large numbers of refugees and migrants spread across our seven local government areas and the numbers will probably increase as people in detention are placed in communities. The spread of people has made it easier for harmony in the community but stretches resources and support to its limits. Hopefully the issues of the east will be recognised by the new government.

We are fortunate to have the Blackburn English Language School in our area filling a vital role in the community. Now with two campuses, Whitehorse and Maroondah the school is continuing to grow. Glenis and I are privileged to be members of the school council.

During the year the CCOEI supported a number of organisations in funding and program applications and we remain ready and willing to assist.
The public face of the CCOEI is the Migrant Settlement Committee (MSC) and its activities are covered in the report from Sam Navarria. The number and depth of those involved with the MSC shows the strengths and support that is gained in strong partnerships and associations. The forums put together by working groups of members are well received and the time and commitment put in is a credit to all.

I appreciate the work and efforts of the Executive of the CCOEI and the support and input of all involved with the MSC.

Chris Cosgriff  
President
MIGRANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2010-2011

MSC key role: assist service providers to achieve better outcomes for migrants and refugees during their initial and long-term settlement periods, as well as address local settlement issues.

MSC core objectives:
- to provide a forum in which workers from local settlement service agencies (and related agencies) can discuss settlement service issues;
- to encourage settlement service agencies to work collaboratively by proposing strategies; and
- plan for effective service improvements

As in past years, in the 2010-2011 reporting period the MSC continued to bring together community members, and government and non-government organisations who work with people from CALD backgrounds, particularly refugee and humanitarian entrants, to discuss programs and services that best respond to their needs. The inclusive and consultative approach that has been a long standing practice of the MSC has also continued and the contribution of all members and member organisations are welcomed and valued.

MSC meetings and forums are developed in consultation with MSC members at various times during the calendar year. The annual calendar of meetings and forums gives the MSC a flexible operational framework. The calendar at times changes, depending on the availability of speakers or the emergence of needs that require urgent discussion. It is important to note that the MSC membership is fluid and dynamic to include new groups and interests that arise through the year, with a core group of members ensuring the MSC’s continuity and cohesion.

A key function of the MSC is to provide networking opportunities. Over the years, it has been noted that some lasting partnerships and interesting projects and forums have originated in the networking that takes place at the MSC.

An indicator of the respect that participants have for the MSC is the excellent attendance at each meeting, and the considerable contribution they make in terms of time and involvement to the meetings and to the events that are supported by the MSC through CCOEI. The MSC works because of its relevance and value to its members and ultimately to the CALD communities that are at the focus of its deliberations.

Highlights of key areas of business during 2010 – 2011

August 2010. Guest speaker - Ben Waterhouse, Senior Project Officer, Reducing Race-based Discrimination and Supporting Diversity, VicHealth. Ben spoke about VicHealth’s mission of addressing behavioural and social influences on health, and provided the MSC with an
overview and delivery of the Localities Embracing and Accepting Diversity (LEAD) project. The project is a 3 year pilot involving Whittlesea and Greater Shepparton City Councils, the Municipal Association of Victoria, the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, the University of Melbourne School of Population Health, DIAC, and beyondblue.

On August 26th Walk the Thin Line, a forum on domestic violence, was held with the support of CCOEI, the VMC, EACH, Eastern Health, and ECLC. Speakers from Foundation House, Eastern Health and Victims of Crime Support, shared their experiences of how culture and language affects perception of age in CALD communities and how transfer of power within the family could create the thin line between perceived and actual abuse. The forum was attended by around 70 people, and was of particular interest and usefulness to those who work with people from CALD backgrounds.

September 2010. We took stock of the MSC calendar for 2010 and provided input to the 2011 calendar. The meeting also gave an opportunity to MSC members to provide more comprehensive reports about the work of their organisations. The regular reporting at every MSC meeting by agencies, organisations and community members, is an important share- and- tell feature of the meetings. Reports include those by providers of the AMEP (AMES, Swinburne University, and Holmesglen TAFE), government agencies and departments (Centrelink, DIAC, Victoria Police, DOJ, DPCD, and CAV), local governments, and other key organisations like CCOEI, MIC, EACH, ECLC, LMCC.

October 2010. The focus was on the 2011 Census with guests Peter Vine and Tanya Perera from the Victorian Census Management Unit, Australian Bureau Statistics (ABS). The ABS is reaching out to CALD Communities in preparation for the census scheduled for Tuesday 9th August 2011 and the cooperation of CALD communities is vital for its success. They noted that the 2011 census will be the 100th anniversary of the first national census.

To better reach CALD communities, Peter and Tanya outlined various bilingual strategies and sought the support of community agencies and organisations to promote the census.

November 2010. Jason Dodson, Project Worker, presented the Community Learning Partnerships project. The project which is funded to March 2011 explores the role of local community houses in service delivery for the emerging Burma communities of Chin, Karen and Zomi in Maroondah and has both social and vocational elements. The partnership group consists of nine organizations: 2 Community Houses; 3 Community Associations, a church, Swinburne University, MIC, and Maroondah Council.

Jason spoke of the project deliverables including a Community House Resource Kit, which will consist of information about local communities; DIAC settlement reports; humanitarian settlement & services summary; service provider maps; an engagement/development framework; a guide to local CALD advocacy & network groups; community information distribution networks; and a guide to servicing CALD communities.

On the 23rd of November CCOEI and its MSC supported the Youth Forum Living In the East – Tell It Like It Is. The forum brought together the Maroondah Youth Services Providers
Network (MYSPIN), the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY), Maroondah City Council, Centrelink and the Office of Youth. By all accounts the forum was very successful.

**February 2011.** The focus was settlement services, with Leah Nichles, Director, Settlement & Multicultural Affairs Branch, DIAC, providing an update of key areas including the Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS) contract, the Community Detention (CD) initiative, the review of the Complex Case Support program, Settlement Grants, and the challenging situation on Christmas Island that is placing high work demands on DIAC staff and social workers.

The MSC raised a number of issues for DIAC to consider including the erroneous perception that the ‘leafy’ EMR is seen as a well off area – this perception may have impacted on the results of grants, and continues to be of concern. The MSC also noted that services and programs provided to migrants particularly those in the 2 year waiting period, are inadequate.

**March 2011.** Neil Sheldon General Manager, METEC, and Chris Cosgriff, CCOEI President, presented the work of the Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre (METEC), a community not-for-profit organisation. The driver education and training centre which was established 40 years ago in 1971 is located in Bayswater North on 10 hectares of land, and has about 5km of private roads including the usual traffic features such as intersections, traffic lights, and roundabouts to provide an ideal learner's training facility. METEC is committed to help reduce the road toll, particularly amongst young drivers, through on and off road training and education.

Neil and Chris highlighted work done on the *New Learners Course* which is designed to introduce new drivers, including recently arrived youth from CALD backgrounds, to road law and to learn the basics of driving. A major initiative recently introduced was a visual dictionary.

At the March meeting, Normal Gale, Salvation Army Camberwell presented the *Bridges to Employment Program*, a pilot project to engage the local community and employers to provide family support and assistance to recently arrived migrants living in Boroondara who are searching for work. The project is in partnership with employers in Boroondara and beyond.

Various activities to celebrate Harmony Day took place in March, and many of the member organisations of the MSC such as Victoria Police, local governments, ECLC, the MIC, and AMES were actively promoting community harmony and community connection. The CCOEI through its MSC actively promoted Harmony Day activities.

**April 2011.** The focus for the April meeting was the Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre (RILC) with David Manne, RILC CEO, Principal Solicitor and Migration Agent providing an overview of the work of RILC and of developments in immigration law.

David noted that RILC is a small organisation that has been operating for 22 years. It has limited funding with few staff and around 70 volunteers who provide assistance under
supervision. RILC helps over 4,000 people annually. Apart from philanthropic grants and donations, the work of RILC is supported by Federal Government funding, under the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS), and Victorian State Government funding, mainly under the Community Legal Service Program (CLSP) administered by Victoria Legal Aid. Under DIAC’s IAAAS, RILC provides free advice and representation to asylum seekers and people with general immigration matters in the community and in immigration detention, as well as community information sessions. Through recurrent funding under the CLSP, RILC provides legal advice and casework, community education, law reform and advocacy.

The work of RILC falls under three main areas:

- Legal advice and assistance in relation to refugee, immigration, and citizenship matters;
- Advocacy, with a focus on policy review and reform to improve the system (RILC is a member of the UNHCR Advisory Board to the High Commissioner in Geneva; it has contributed to a parliamentary enquiry and holds discussions with the DIAC minister);
- Education, through community and school talks, publishing articles and papers, media comment, running professional courses for people who work in the area, PD programs for migration agents, and continuing professional development.

David made available the RILC Annual Report and referred MSC members to the RILC website www.rilc.org.au.

May 2011. The May meeting focused on an overview and service delivery of Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS), with guests Jenny Richards, Manager Settlement Services DIAC, and Ramesh Kumar, General Manager Humanitarian Settlement Services AMES.


Jenny referred to the new providers of HSS which are listed at http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/settle-in-australia/find-help/hss/hss_service_providers.pdf In Victoria the AMES Consortium is the successful provider, with AMES as the lead agency with organizations funded by DIAC for 3 years.

Presenters described the Case Management Model which focuses on developing a tailored package of services to meet the individual needs of refugee and humanitarian entrants. They spoke about other areas including:

- The overseas orientation information program, as well as the information sessions available on arrival and throughout clients’ access to the HSS program;
- Accommodation challenges being addressed in various ways, e.g. via a group-housing-model;
- Local Area Coordination (LAC) – regular meetings organized by AMES with representatives from key government agencies (e.g. Centrelink) and other service
providers, to improve service coordination and cooperation between key service delivery agencies for better settlement outcomes.

In addition to the focus on HSS, at its May meeting the MSC was informed of developments relating to the future and function of the Multicultural Advisory Unit (MAU) due to changes in government policy and the VMC. Chris Cosgriff provided an update on the changes and their potential impact on the workings of the MAU. CCOEI has made a formal approach to the State Government to provide clarification and assurance that services will not be adversely affected.

**June 2011.** The work of DIAC’s Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) was presented by Josh Presser and Alice Beattie, Community Liaison Officers (Africa and Asia respectively). They informed the MSC that CLOs are part of a national network and that there are CLOs in most of the states across Australia.

The main role of CLOs is to manage community relationships on behalf of DIAC. They build and maintain relationships with community leaders and provide feedback to DIAC on many issues. For further information, the MSC was referred to the following DIAC link [http://www.immi.gov.au/about/reports/access-equity/2008/html/community_feedback/](http://www.immi.gov.au/about/reports/access-equity/2008/html/community_feedback/).

**Refugee Week Forum.** On Saturday 25th June the MSC through CCOEI supported the Refugee Week community celebrations. This annual event hallmarks the range of contribution and participation of agencies working together under the coordination of the MIC to make the event successful. The MIC, AMES, Anchor, Refugee Council of Australia, Victoria Police, CFA, CCOEI, Knox, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges Councils, and the Mooroolbark Community Centre joined forces to deliver to the community at large the experience of the colours, tastes, sounds, stories and culture of refugee communities that have settled in the EMR.

**Key participating organizations in 2010 - 2011**
Adult Community and Further Education EMR
Adult Multicultural Education Services Education, Box Hill and Oakleigh
AMES Multicultural Education Services, Community Social Enterprises
Adult Multicultural Education Services Settlement (AMES consortium)
ANCHOR
Australian Bureau of Statistics
BELS
Centre for Multicultural Youth
Centrelink (Box Hill, Glen Waverley, Ringwood, Area North Central, and others)
Centre for Multicultural Youth
CHAOS Inc
City of Boroondara
City of Knox
City of Manningham
City of Maroondah
City of Monash
City of Whitehorse
CCOEI thanks members of the MSC for their commitment and contributions and for making the MSC a valuable forum for sharing ideas and good practice, and strengthening partnerships and effective working relationships aimed to better respond to the settlement of migrants and refugees in the EMR.
2011 Outer East Refugee Health Forum

Refugee Health Across all Sectors:
Can good refugee health be created outside the health sector?

The Outer East Health & Community Support Alliance, in partnership with the Migrant Settlement Committee (East Melbourne), would like to invite you to the 2011 Refugee Health Forum.

WHAT: This free informative forum will showcase local projects across the community that support refugee health and wellbeing. Presentations will include healthy mothers healthy babies, schools, settlement support, training and employment opportunities, and English language support, among others.

WHO: This forum is open to anyone working or interested in Refugee Health & Wellbeing.

WHERE: Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood

WHEN: September 15th, 9am—1.30pm, Lunch and refreshments provided

HOW: RSVP by Friday 9th September to gloria.morrison@oescp.org.au

For further details contact: Meg Scobyer
(03) 9871 2608 or mscobyer@each.com.au

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INVITATION
REFUGEE WEEK EVENTS
at Mooroolbark Community Centre - ALL WELCOME!

Exhibition of Refugee Art & Craft
Opening 20 June 7pm, Exhibition 20 June - 7 July

Refugee Week Community Celebration
Saturday 25 June 12pm – 3pm
Experience the colours, tastes, sounds, stories and culture of our refugee communities

125 Brice Avenue, Mooroolbark
Phone: 9726 5488 or Migrant Information Centre: 9285 4888

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walk the thin line

Abuse in the family - Respecting culture within the Australian context.

How age is perceived in different cultures.

How power is passed from parent to child at an early age and its consequences.

Speakers: From Foundation House, Eastern Health and Victims of Crime Support will share their experiences of how culture and language affects perception of age in CALD communities and how transfer of power within the family can create the thin line between perceived and actual abuse.

All welcome, however workers dealing with people from CALD backgrounds and issues of power abuse will find this session valuable and will be an opportunity to discuss and share information.

Thursday 26th of August 2010
12:45pm to 4:15pm
Federation Estate - 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood
Admission is FREE - Refreshments and a light lunch provided
RSVP by 26th August
Glenis Crocker - glenis crocker@hotmail.com

Foundation House
The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture

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Community Council on Ethnic Issues (Eastern Region) Inc.
| **Communities Council on Ethnic Issues (Eastern Region) Inc ABN** |
| 44 148 684 508 |
| **Income and Expenditure Statement** |
| **For the year ended 30 June 2011** |

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<td>Other - (inc. Membership)</td>
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<td>Vict Multicultural Commission</td>
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<td>Interest received</td>
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| **Expenses** | |
| Advertising and promotion | 575 |
| Bank Fees And Charges | 11 | 162 |
| Conference/seminar costs | 1,426 | 1,993 |
| Filing Fees | 42 | 41 |
| Insurance | 1,510 | 1,489 |
| Postage | 78 | 87 |
| Printing & stationery | 111 | 182 |
| Rent | 836 | 1,122 |
| Repairs & maintenance | 36 | |
| Subscriptions | 50 | 50 |
| Telephone | | 88 |
| **Total expenses** | **4,101** | **5,788** |
| **Surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities** | **(968)** | **294** |
| **Total changes in equity of the association** | **(968)** | **294** |

Opening retained surplus | 9,681 | 9,387 |
Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the association | **(968)** | 294 |
Closing retained surplus | **8,712** | **9,681** |
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### Current Assets

#### Cash Assets

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<td>Cash on hand</td>
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<td>GST clearing</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Tax Assets</strong></td>
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### Non-Current Assets

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

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<td>Furniture &amp; Fittings</td>
<td>6,123</td>
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<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
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### Members' Funds

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Note 2: Revenue

Operating Activities:

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<td>Other sales revenue</td>
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The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of COMMUNITIES COUNCIL ON ETHNIC ISSUES (EASTERN REGION) INC as at 30 June 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President

[Signature]

Treasurer

[Signature]

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of COMMUNITIES COUNCIL ON ETHNIC ISSUES (EASTERN REGION) INC (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2011.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of COMMUNITIES COUNCIL ON ETHNIC ISSUES (EASTERN REGION) INC are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of COMMUNITIES COUNCIL ON ETHNIC ISSUES (EASTERN REGION) INC as at 30 June 2011 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act.
Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist COMMUNITIES COUNCIL ON ETHNIC ISSUES (EASTERN REGION) INC to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on 3 September, 2011:

[Signature]

Peter G Cooke CPA
D & C ACCOUNTING SERVICES
19/42 New Street Ringwood 3134