



Inaugural Award

CCOEI Excellence Award



Background. For some time the CCOEI Committee of Management has been looking at ways to acknowledge excellence within the ranks of high performing members of the Migrant Settlement Committee (MSC). At the July CCOEI management meeting the committee decided to unveil a new way of acknowledging excellence in services to migrant and refugee settlement in the eastern region.

This award will be known as the **CCOEI Excellence Award** and will be presented each year at the time of the CCOEI Annual General Meeting.



Gitta Clayton and Jasmina Mulugeta. (Photo by Heather Cosgriff)

Looking through the years it is obvious that many MSC members fall into the category of providing excellence in migrant and refugee settlement in the Eastern Region. However, considering the criteria as well as the consistency and deep commitment to migrant and refugee settlement, the committee were unanimous in their decision.

Award Presentation. Mr Bwe Thay, said “It is important to take time to recognise and

celebrate achievements and be inspired by those around us. Today, two special people, members of the MSC, will receive the very first awards. Their deep commitment to assisting the MSC achieve objectives in the eastern region is legendary. These two special people have been members for over 10 years each. They have demonstrated exceptional commitment, generously sharing their vast experience, regularly contributing on working groups and providing excellence in settlement services.”

Mr Thay then announced the winners by saying “CCOEI management is proud to announce the very first winners of the CCOEI Excellence Award, two well-known and highly respected members of the MSC: **Gitta Clayton and Jasmina Mulugeta**”. Mr Con Pagonis, Acting EO, Ethnic Communities’ Council of Victoria then presented the awards and congratulated both Gitta and Jasmina.

- [Gitta Clayton \(Read more here\)](#)
- [Jasmina Mulugeta \(Read more here\)](#)

