

# FECCA welcomes new Executive Members

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) held its annual general meeting (AGM) on Saturday 7 November, where new Executive Members were elected.

FECCA Chair Joe Caputo said, "I would like to congratulate the members of the Executive on being part of our great team for the next two years. The new FECCA Executive has quite some continuity, as well as a sound renewal: Hina Durani, Women's Chair; Suzanne Graham, Regional Chair; and Siddique Panwala, Hon Treasurer, are most welcome to our group."

"To our outgoing Hon Secretary Sam Afra, Hon Treasurer Yogan Sathianathan, Regional Chair Ricardo Viana, and Women's Chair Pallavi Sinha, I would like to extend my warmest thanks for all your hard work and support over the past two years."

There are also some changes to the Executive this year, with some members taking on other roles. Parsuram Sharma-Luitai will now serve as the Hon Secretary. Senior Deputy Chairs Eugenia Grammatikakis and Tina Karanastasis will be continuing in their roles. Also continuing in his role is Mohammad Al-Khafaji as Youth Chair, while Alphonse Mulumba will step into the New and Emerging Communities' Chair role, in addition to representing FECCA's Tasmanian peak member.

"We are pleased by the outcome of this year's elections, with FECCA actively taking steps to advance the gender and age balance within the organisation", said Joe Caputo.

A Constitutional amendment was carried during the AGM whereby the FECCA Executive agreed to the addition of a Healthy Ageing Chair, and the position will be filled in due course. The Disabilities' Chair position will also be filled shortly.

"The governance that we have in place at FECCA is one that is open and transparent, and has worked well. The role of the Executive, ably supported by the FECCA Secretariat, is a strategic role, and one of policy direction and bringing to the table ideas and issues that affect our communities," Joe Caputo concluded.

To view the full FECCA Executive click [here](#).

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