

FECCAe-NEWS

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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF FECCA'S E-NEWS, ISSUE 4, 2018

Message from Chairperson, Mary Patetsos



Welcome to the fourth issue of FECCA e-News in 2018 with news and events relevant for Australia's CALD communities.

In April we saw a report released by the Federal Government showing huge economic benefits to Australia delivered by the nation's migration program. The report, by Treasury and the Department of Home Affairs, found that a single year's intake (2014-15) of migrants will deliver \$7 billion dollars in tax contributions to the Government over a 30-year period. Family migrants granted permanent visas in the same year will deliver a \$1.6 billion contribution. FECCA congratulated the Government on recognising the reality of migration and emphasised how migrants help make Australia strong and make it grow. Migrants give to Australia far more than they take because they are overwhelmingly hard-working, optimistic and entrepreneurial.

On 19 April I spoke with ABC news on how to ensure CALD access to the NDIS. Fewer than 10 per cent of people with approved NDIS plans are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. I expressed my concern that people living with a disability from CALD backgrounds are not in touch with the NDIS and have a high drop-out rate because the system is just too hard. The system must be simplified and

there must be support to CALD communities to help them navigate the system. You can listen to the whole radio segment [here](#). On the same day, FECCA's Disability Chairperson, Sue Graham, represented CALD communities at DiverseAbility, an NDIS Inclusion Conference in Sydney.

FECCA continues its work with all communities from CALD backgrounds—the ageing population, people living with a disability, migrant workers, youth and so on. We are grateful for each and one of you and the support you provide FECCA in its efforts to promote the benefits of an inclusive, multicultural Australia.

I encourage you to be engaged as we strive for fairness, equality and recognition for all Australians and to following FECCA's work through e-News, Twitter, Facebook and our website.

Mary Patetsos
Chairperson

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During the month of April, FECCA staff attended a variety of events and stakeholder meetings including:

WIRE Women's Information, a state-wide free, confidential information & referral service for Victorian women, meeting. WIRE hosted a roundtable on financial abuse and solutions for the different sectors.



UNHCR Consultations with Australian Non-Government Organizations discussing issues of refugees and asylum seekers and compliance with international law, discrimination of young Australians of refugee backgrounds, and the impact of family separation and uncertainty on refugees and asylum-seekers in Australia.



A stakeholder workshop with the Scanlon Foundation on how to shape Australia's future and the future of social cohesion in Australia.



A stakeholder meeting with the Multicultural Sexual Health Network Forum to discuss Racism & Health.



A roundtable on the complex social and emerging public health issue of loneliness where international loneliness expert Professor Julianne Holt-Lunstad offered solutions to the complex health issues. The Professor talked about the long-term health effects of social connection in a lecture titled 'Loneliness: a 21st century challenge.'



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In April FECCA made the following submissions:

FECCA submission on Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018 FECCA recommended the Bill to be rejected as it is currently worded.

FECCA submission to the Aged Care Funding Authority (ACFA) on Current Respite care arrangements where FECCA commented on several items including the process for applying for and seeking access to respite care, whether the current system for the allocation of respite bed days to residential care providers impacts the availability and provision of respite care, the impact of the current arrangement on equity of access for respite care recipients, and any unintended impacts or consequences of the current arrangements supporting access to residential respite care.

FECCA submission into Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment where FECCA strongly opposed the introduction of this legislation that will dramatically change the rules determining qualification for Australian citizenship.

FECCA and SCoA Joint Submission to the Inquiry into the efficacy of current regulation of Australian migration agents where both organisations recommend the continued robust regulation of migrant agents, combined with a well-resourced effort to reduce the impact of unregistered practice, in order to best serve and protect CALD and migrant communities from exploitation.

In April FECCA put out a number of press releases related to:

- the need for strategies to develop greater diversity in the senior leadership of Australian society
- the proposed changes to support for new migrants and how these changes would unfairly impact new migrants as they settle in Australia
- the report released by Federal Government showing the huge economic benefits to Australia that are delivered by the nation's migration program
- the establishment of an independent Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

[Click here](#) to read all press releases by FECCA.

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FECCA Consultations with New and Emerging Communities



Effective Advocacy Skills for New and Emerging Communities (NEC)

Are you active in your community?

Want to learn more about how to get politicians, journalists and
service providers to listen to your concerns?

COME TO A FREE EVENT where you can SHARE your experiences and
IMPROVE your skills

Monday 14 May 2018

6:00 pm-9:00 pm

15 Coley Street, Acacia Ridge
Queensland

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP by 2 May to join the discussion: Janecke 02 6282 5755 or Janecke@fecca.org.au

For further information please contact: Janecke 02 6282 5755 or Janecke@fecca.org.au



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In an increasingly interconnected world the internet has become an important part of life for many of us. CyberParent is a free app developed by the Australian Multicultural Foundation which aims to promote safe internet use in Australian homes. CyberParent is an interactive learning tool that covers topics including internet terms and definitions, information about social media and apps,

and different dangers for young people online such as cyberbullying or privacy issues. It also contains practical tips on how to encourage safe internet use at home, as well as where you can go for more help. CyberParent is available in 17 different languages, which can be found in different language packs on the App Store. CyberParent is available to download from the [App Store](#) today!



The Turnbull Government has commenced a merit selection process for the position of Race Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission. The Race Discrimination Commissioner has the role of promoting understanding and acceptance

of, and compliance with, the Racial Discrimination Act, promoting understanding, tolerance and friendship among racial and ethnic groups, and leading the Australian Human Rights Commission's work in promoting the benefits of cultural and linguistic diversity for all Australians. Applications for the position are now being accepted, and will close at 9am on 11 May, 2018 for appointment from August 2018. [Click here](#) for further details.



CALDWays 2018 will equip you with the latest research and skills for employing, retaining and communicating with employees from diverse cultural backgrounds. Increase your employee wellbeing and productivity, reduce employee turnover and create a stronger team that connects with your increasingly multicultural customer base.

- Explore diverse workplace trends: What will the typical workplace look like in the future, and how can you prepare for it?
- Discover best-practice recruitment strategies: How to attract and (retain!) employees from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- Learn tactics for better employee engagement: How to use communication and training to harness your team's full potential.
- Gain tools for planning effective organisational strategies: How to navigate this changing workforce and see it add value to your business.

Register NOW. For more information, [click here](#).

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Language Loop

Powering VITS

Leading national language services provider LanguageLoop, has announced the launch of its Australian-first mobile video interpreting app—VideoLoop.

Partnering with Western Health the video app will deliver innovative interpreting services to make it easier for patients from multicultural backgrounds to get the care they need. For additional information on VideoLoop visit languageloop.com.au or contact LanguageLoop at info@languageloop.com.au or (03) 9280 1941. You can also stay in the Loop through their [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services has updated their Rent Assistance factsheets and they are now live. They can be found on the Department's

[community organisations](#) page under 'Rent Assistance' and under the relevant languages on the [information in your language](#) page. They are published in Arabic, Assyrian, Burmese, Chinese, Croatian, Dinka, Greek, Hazaragi, Italian, Karen, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Nepali, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.



NSW Reconciliation Council and Giant Dwarf are presenting I'm Not Racist But... the comedy event, on Thursday May 24th. Join our line-up of stand-ups and comedy writers as they take a hilarious and satirical poke at Australian society through their own observations and experiences. Featuring



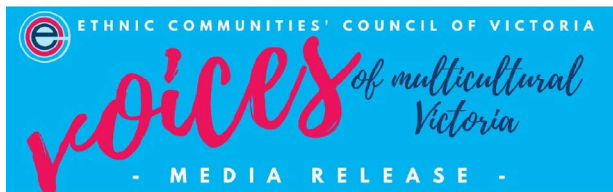
a combination of First Nations comedians and comedians from migrant backgrounds with Kevin Kropinyeri, Shiralee Hood, Diana Nguyen and Matt Okine, and hosted by Luke Carroll this will be a hilarious opportunity to turn racism on its head. Book your (very cheap!) tix [here](#).

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The 2018 International Metropolis Conference is happening in Sydney on 29 October to 2 November. This is the only gathering of its kind that brings together leaders and experts to discuss migration, diversity and integration. The conference will provide a unique platform to debate, discuss and

critique policy approaches, practice and research in relation to migration. Metropolis is hosted by **Settlement Services International (SSI)**, in partnership with **Australian Multicultural Foundation (AMF)** and **Multicultural NSW (MNSW)**. [Click here](#) for more information.



The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) in conjunction with iEmpower Inc Youth Services presents: The ECCV 2018 State Conference, *Workplace rEvolution: Blueprints for a Diverse Tomorrow* on 17-18 May. Over 500 delegates and 80 speakers are expected over two

days. The Conference will bring together leading decision makers, academics and employment services to explore the future of employment in multicultural Victoria. Panel discussions, presentations and plenary sessions will identify ways of enhancing knowledge and understanding of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. A strong focus on future income earning opportunities will benefit employers, diverse jobseekers, business leaders and future entrepreneurs. For more information, please contact Toulia Elefsiniotis, Conference Project Officer via 9354 9555 / conference@eccv.org.au



The 2nd Australian Bhutanese Conference in Australia will take place on 11 May 2018 from 9:30am-5pm in Adelaide. The Conference will be launched by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of SA with Guest Speaker Jane Sansom, Regional Director - Central Region, Department of Home Affairs. The conference will continue on

Saturday 12 May 2018 at Victory Church, 5 Maxwell Road, Pooraka from 4pm-9pm. Childcare can be provided at the AMRC Multicultural Centre, 23 Coglin Street, Adelaide by appointment. For catering purposes, service providers and government agencies please register at admin@amrc.org.au by no later than Monday 7 May 2018.

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SBS Radio has launched 'Welcome Home', a new marketing campaign to encourage Australians who speak a language other than English (LOTE) to feel at home wherever they are. The exciting digital first, radio brand campaign has the dual objectives of building brand awareness for SBS Radio and directing

people to download the refreshed SBS Radio app. Over 1.3 million people migrated to Australia during the past five years and nearly five million people speak a language other than English at home, reinforcing the importance of SBS Radio's services. Listeners will be able to access Australian news and current affairs, music, podcasts and community updates in 68 languages, reflecting today's contemporary multicultural Australia. Internally developed and conceptualised by SBS, the campaign features SBS employees from the Punjabi, Korean, Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese and NITV programs. The word 'home' features prominently throughout, in languages including Italian, Mandarin, Greek, Hindi, Somali and Samoan. For more information, [see here](#) or watch the promo link here: <https://youtu.be/jp9rovtZdJI>



The National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council

After last year's successful radio football shows the NEMBC has once again partnered with the Australian Football League (AFL) to produce the "Multicultural AFL Football

Show" for the full 2018 season. The AFL News is in Dinka, Hindi, Middle-Eastern/Arabic, Greek, Italian, Mandarin, Spanish and English. The NEMBC is distributing a weekly 28 minute English language Multicultural AFL football podcast of news, reviews, and previews as well as the languages other than English. For more information, [click here](#).



The Australian Law Reform Commission is undertaking the most comprehensive review of the family law system since 1976 to ensure that it meets the needs of families and effectively addresses family violence and child abuse. It wants to hear the [experiences of family violence survivors](#) who have been through the family law system. This is a vital opportunity for those who have experienced family violence to provide [direct input](#) on what can be done to fix the family law system and put the safety of women and children first. The Australian Law Reform Commission is also looking at how accessibility of the family law system can be improved



for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; culturally and linguistically diverse communities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) families; people with disability; people living in regional, rural and remote areas. We strongly encourage anyone with relevant experience to [tell their story](#) by 7 May 2018. If your voices are not heard, there is a risk that other voices may dominate. You can also make a written [submission](#) to the ALRC by **7 May 2018**. Women's Legal Services Australia has prepared an [advocacy guide](#) to assist organisations to write their own submission. This is based on issues women frequently raise with them.

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There's not long to go before the New Child Care Package comes into effect on 2 July. Whether you're a new parent considering your child care options or your

family's already part of the system, the new Package will overhaul the current child care fee assistance to provide more support for more families. Under the new Package, the current Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit will be replaced by a single Child Care Subsidy. To transition to the subsidy, you'll need to provide some new information and confirm your current details now through myGov. [Click here](#) to find out more.



The Diaspora Learning Network is preparing a seminar exploring the role of diasporas in economic development and identify ways in which diasporas can be critically important to the economic development of both their homeland and host countries, specifically in the domains of trade, investment, skills and technology transfers. To register, [click here](#).

Access Community Services Ltd presents



QUEENSLAND MIGRANT
SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

Presented by Access Community Services, the Queensland Migrant Small Business Expo (QMSBE) is a one-day exhibition to assist current and future migrant business owners navigate the requirements and obligations associated with running a small business in Australia. For more information, [click here](#).

Date: Tuesday 29th May | 9:30am-4:30pm
(Free networking drinks from 4:30pm)

Location: Queensland Multicultural Centre;
102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point

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Health Translations, which provides vital translations to health professionals and community members, has expanded into community service topics. There are now more than 16 000 resources available in over

100 languages including Auslan and Easy English.

The Health Translations celebration will include guest speakers, case studies and a diverse audience, representing content partners and stakeholders e.g. Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals, health peak bodies, library networks, language schools, health networking groups, community hubs, refugee and migrant communities. Human rights lawyer and Incubate Foundation founder, Zione Walker-Nthenda, will deliver a keynote address. To RSVP and for further event details, [click here](#).



ANTHEM PRESS

Anthem Press is pleased to announce the new title *An Immigrant Nation Seeks Cohesion: Australia from 1788* by James Jupp. A book that seeks to get a little bit closer to the truth of two hundred years of creating a liveable society in what was once a remote and unknown part of the world. 'An Immigrant Nation Seeks Cohesion' is based on years of studying and teaching Australian politics and an active interest and involvement in immigration and settlement policies since the 1950s.

This was a period of mass immigration from Britain and Europe, organised and mainly subsidised by the British and Australian governments. James Jupp is a visiting scholar in the School of Demography, Australian National University. Educated in the UK, Jupp moved to Australia after graduation. His doctoral dissertation has been published as *Sri Lanka: Third World Democracy* (1978). Jupp is the author of several books and articles, the editor of three encyclopaedias and the co-editor of six books. Jupp has also been an active contributor to FECCA's *Australian Mosaic* over many years.

CALD AGEING NEWS



End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC) is an online resource designed to support palliative care and advance care planning for older Australians. Aged care workers, nurses and GPs accessing the website and the five evidence-based toolkits will find meaningful and practical materials they can use when providing care to older Australians. A telephone and web-based navigation service helps users find information about end of life care

and relevant local or regional services. Building linkages between palliative care and aged care services will also improve the quality of care for people in residential and community aged care settings. Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, the project has been developed by a consortium of leaders in the palliative care, aged care and primary care sectors to reduce avoidable hospital admissions, with shortened stays, and improved quality of care for people supported in residential and community aged care programs. Working together, we can improve care at the end of life for older Australians. Find out more at www.eldac.com.au.



Australian Government
Department of Health

On 5 March 2018, the Australian Government **announced** an additional \$85.6 million in funding over four years for the introduction of new services for carers. This will provide carers with access to new early intervention supports and services to improve carers' well-being and long term outcomes. The new services form part of the Integrated Carer Support Service (ICSS) to be implemented in two stages:

- From **October 2018**, new digital services for carers will be rolled out through the **Carer Gateway website** including peer support, counselling, coaching and educational resources.
- From **September 2019**, a new network of Regional Delivery Partners will be established across Australia.

The Department of Social Services is conducting an online consultation seeking feedback from the sector on proposed options for **ICSS regional delivery model**. The consultation period will be open for submissions in response to the **discussion paper**, from **Monday 9 April** and will close on **Friday 11 May 2018**.



My Aged Care website has updated the homepage with a simpler navigation across the website to guide users through the steps to accessing aged care services. The project was informed by a co-design process involving feedback from users as well as sector stakeholders. Feedback highlighted that people may not remember which program they've been assessed for so there are now colour coded pathways to the right information:

- green - aged care homes
- red - Commonwealth home support
- purple - home care packages
- blue - short-term restorative care.

The updated homepage has been designed predominantly to meet the needs of consumers, as they are the website's primary audience. However, the 'For service providers' link has been relocated to the top of each page to make it easier to find this content in one place. The website will be continuously improved and updated based on stakeholder feedback, which can be sent to aacei@health.gov.au at any time.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MULTICULTURAL SECTOR

FECCA e-News aims to keep our readers updated on career opportunities in the multicultural sector. Please contact janecke@fecca.org.au if you wish to advertise an employment opportunity in our monthly newsletter.



Multicultural Arts Victoria is seeking a Chief Executive Officer. For more information, [click here](#).



UNHCR offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane are seeking fundraisers. For more information, [click here](#).



Settlement Services International has a range of roles available. For more information, [click here](#).



The Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC) is seeking a Director. For more information, [click here](#).

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Publish in FECCA's e-News



FECCA's monthly electronic newsletter is produced to keep our members, constituents and interested parties up-to-date with FECCA's activities, to discuss key issues and to disseminate information about news, updates and events in the multicultural sector. FECCA's e-News reaches a large national network of followers representing

the many migrant communities in Australia. You can have your organisation's news included in FECCA's e-News and reach a large and diverse community in Australia as well as politicians, organisations in the field and other stakeholders. Please contact Dr Janecke Wille on janecke@fecca.org.au for further details.

Advertise in Australian Mosaic



FECCA publishes its national magazine, *Australian Mosaic*, three times a year. *Australian Mosaic* is a plain English magazine, which presents a wide range of contemporary issues associated with multiculturalism, social justice, community harmony, and cultural and faith pluralism in Australia. *Australian Mosaic* is intended to be of interest to a

wide readership and publishes a range of perspectives on selected themes. By advertising in the *Australian Mosaic* your organisation or business will reach a large and diverse migrant community in Australia as well as stakeholders and organisations in the sector. Contact Dr Janecke Wille on janecke@fecca.org.au to discuss opportunities and pricing.

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Stay informed about FECCA's news and activities



FECCA encourages you to sign up on our mailing list to stay informed about FECCA's work as well as other events, developments and activities in the sector. Contact Dr Janecke Wille on janecke@fecca.org.au or find the [link](#) at our website to be added to FECCA's mailing list.