

FECCA Biennial Conference, Darwin NT

Australia's peak body representing multicultural communities will hold its national conference in Darwin for the first time in 18 years, commencing this Sunday 8 October.

The three-day Biennial Conference of the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) will be co-hosted by the Multicultural Council of Northern Territory (MCNT).

Dates: Sunday 8 October to Tuesday 10 October 2017

Daily start times:

- **Sunday 8 October 9:00am**
- **Monday 9 October 08:30am**
- **Tuesday 10 October 08:50am**

Venue: Darwin Convention Centre

Theme: *Celebrate. Reflect. Advance: Our Multicultural Australia*

This national conference is focused on celebrating multiculturalism in Australia and coincides with the 40th anniversary of the founding of MCNT. There will be corresponding festivities over the three days.

Speakers at the conference include:

- The Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Sen the Hon Zed Seselja
- The Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Tim Soutphommasane
- The Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, Kate Carnell AO
- The Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Tony Burke MP
- Senator Richard Di Natale, Leader, Australian Greens
- Jenevieve Chang, Writer, Performing Artist and Movement Director.

Conference sessions will address issues including:

- Ageing
- Healthcare
- Settlement services
- Entrepreneurialism
- Organisational change.

Sunday 8 October is designated as Youth Day and delegates will focus on the challenges and opportunities for multicultural youth. There will be urban art workshops and presentations by NT youth leaders from the multicultural community.

Full details of the conference program and speakers can be found at www.fecca2017.com.au

For further information, to arrange a media pass, or to book an interview, please contact Emma Campbell at emma@fecca.org.au or on 0424 910 617