

# Mary Patetsos recognised with Member of Order of Australia

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) congratulates Ms Mary Patetsos, FECCA's immediate past Chairperson, for being awarded a Member of Order of Australia (AM) for her significant contribution to multicultural Australia and for her services to Aged Care.

Ms Patetsos' contribution to multicultural Australia spans over 30 years of dedication and service and for her tireless advocacy to make us a richer and more inclusive multicultural nation.

"On behalf of the board, I congratulate Ms Patetsos for this worthy recognition and for her service to the national peak body."  
Said Mr Carlo Carli, FECCA Chairperson

"Ms Patetsos is a respected leader in the multicultural space as well as in the aged care sector. She has advocated for better and inclusive aged care policies and services for multicultural communities, and her achievements speak for themselves." –  
Said Mr Carli

Ms Patetsos has served FECCA for the past eight years, initially serving as the Chair of the Healthy Aging committee for her expertise in the aged care policy, and then as the Chairperson of FECCA from 2017-2022.

Some of Ms Patetsos' notable current leadership roles in private, government and NGO include:

1. Hon. President (Immediate Past Chair) of the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA)
2. Chair ACH Group
3. Council Member of the University of South Australia
4. Board Member of the Can:Do Group
5. Board Member of the Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF)
6. Board Member of the Glenelg Community Hospital Inc.
7. Member of the National Aged Care Advisory Council (NACAC)
8. Member of the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN) Governing Board
9. Presiding Member of the South Australian Housing Trust Board
10. Member of the South Australian Leaders Advisory Board

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*The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) is the national peak body representing people from multicultural communities and their organisations across Australia. Through the membership of state, territory, and regional councils, we represent over 1500 community organisations and their members, as well as thousands of individual members.*

*For over 40 years, FECCA has proudly worked alongside multicultural communities, broader Australian society and Government to help build an Australia where everyone, no matter their background or how long they have lived in this country, can belong and thrive equally and without barriers.*

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