

FECCA

e-News

WELCOME TO THE MARCH EDITION OF FECCA E-NEWS, ISSUE 3, 2020



Message from FECCA Chairperson, Ms Mary Patetsos

Welcome to the third issue of FECCA e-News for 2020. We hope all our members and constituents are practising safe behaviour and remaining at home as much as possible to prevent the spread of COVID19. We encourage you to follow Australia and State Government Health advice and also please ensure that we all reach out to those communities and individuals who are vulnerable. From our perspective our staff will be continuing their work from home until further notice.

FECCA has written to the Prime Minister to extend the stimulus package to include temporary visa holders, Subclass 444 visa holders, and recent permanent residents who do not yet qualify for income support. We call on the Australian government to ensure that no one is left behind or overlooked during the economic downturn.

Please remember, at all times, that we can all contribute to minimising risks and keeping our communities safe. I would also like to thank all migrant workers and CALD Australians who work in our hospitals, schools, aged and disability services, hairdressers, baristas, taxi drivers, shelf stackers and fruit pickers. The community recognises your efforts, and remember that this too will pass.

This month we published the long-awaited conference edition of the Australian Mosaic. You can read it online [here](#) or ask to have a copy mailed out. We have already started to work on our next issue themed 'Racism and Social Cohesion' and are taking submissions now.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care has extended its deadline for submissions from 30 April to **30 June 2020**. FECCA has continued its advocacy around this to ensure more people from CALD backgrounds. Visit FECCA's [Royal Commission page](#) for more information.

Make sure you are following our social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to remain up to date with our projects and news from the multicultural sector.

Together with the FECCA Board and Secretariat, I wish you an insightful reading of our third e-news of the year. We thoroughly appreciate your continued support as we all work to ensure Australia remains a harmonious, inclusive and prosperous multicultural society.

Mary Patetsos
Chairperson

**Federation of Ethnic Communities'
Councils of Australia (FECCA)**



In March FECCA made the following media release

JobKeeper payments should support temporary visa holders

FECCA has welcomed the Federal Government's JobKeeper Payment announcement, and has congratulated the Government in particular for supporting New Zealand residents on special category visa 444 through the package. FECCA, however, has called on the Federal Government to ensure other temporary visa holders are also supported.

FECCA launches resource encouraging CALD seniors to share ideas for improvement with the Aged Care Royal Commission

FECCA has released information in simple English and 21 languages to help older people from CALD backgrounds to tell the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety how they think aged care could be better.

Ministerial Forum on Multicultural Affairs an important first

The first national Ministerial Forum on Multicultural Affairs is underway in Brisbane, which FECCA describes as an important first step towards sharing best practice and promoting social cohesion across the country.

Click here to read all FECCA media releases.



In March FECCA made the following submissions and reports

Over the years, FECCA has produced Access and Equity reports for the Government based on consultations and surveys across Australia. The aim has been to find out about the experiences of people from CALD backgrounds accessing—finding and using—Government services. This helps FECCA to provide feedback to Government on what is and what is not working.

The survey is designed to get insights and opinions from people from CALD backgrounds. It will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. You can choose to just tick the boxes or to supply additional information.

Take the survey here



SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES: CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Live @ Lunch - Every Tuesday @ 12noon to chat and connect.

It is Time to come together, online, and chat. So much is happening out the world right now, we all need connection and support.

Lets talk, share, find ways and ideas of how we can best support each other, our communities and our neighbours, in this new world we now live in. We are in this together. Stronger together. Connected.

Register here today for the whole series!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/successful-communities-connected-communities-live-lunch-tickets-101504364286>

(Download ZOOM and register to Join the meeting. The meeting code will be sent to registered participants and into the facebook event)

Topic: SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES: CONNECTED COMMUNITIES
Every week on Tuesday until May 5, 2020.

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES



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SBS has launched a multilingual online portal, featuring 63 languages, to provide information on the COVID-19 outbreak for Australia's diverse communities.

By working together and following these simple steps, we can beat coronavirus, visit the portal [here](#).

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The Embrace Multicultural Mental Health Project provides a national focus on mental health and suicide prevention for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

We would like to hear from you about your experiences, knowledge, understanding and how you would like to receive information about mental health, mental illness, and wellbeing.

The information you give will help us to develop or identify resources for CALD communities.

Take the survey [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MULTICULTURAL SECTOR

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



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Settlement Services International has a range of job opportunities, [click here](#) for more information.



The National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council would like to help facilitate better access for ethnic community broadcasters to develop employment pathways to the ABC or mainstream media. The long-term goal is to improve media representation and diversity in Australian media. The NEMBC sees this as a long-term project and believe that ethnic community broadcasters need to be supported if they enter a mainstream media position. To find out more visit www.nembc.org.au.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FECCA e-News aims to keep our readers updated on grant opportunities in the multicultural sector. Please contact shahnoor@fecca.org.au if you wish to promote local, state and federal grants.



The Grant Opportunity List contains all current federal grant opportunities from a range of Departments that are open for application.

[Click here](#) to view the list.



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.

If you wish to have your community's or organisation's news included in FECCA's e-news, please send a short paragraph of 50 – 100 words, including links and a logo or related image to Shahnoor Shah on shahnoor@fecca.org.au



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.



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.

