



# **ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL WA NEWS**

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## November- December 2019



### Message from the Executive Officer

Well, it's been another very busy three months with ECCWA having its AGM on the 6th of November 2019 and a new management committee being appointed. Whilst there are some familiar faces, we do have some new representatives and I would like to extend them a very warm welcome.

I would also like to congratulate Mr Suresh Rajan for his appointment as President of ECCWA and give a warm thank you to the outgoing President, Mr Ramdas Sankaran for all his work and efforts over the past 4 years, especially in helping ECCWA to regain its funding. The new ECCWA Management Committee for 2019- 2020 is:

President: Mr Suresh Rajan

Senior Vice-President: Mr Rahim Ghauri

Vice President ( Women's Interests)- Dr Tuna Dincer

Vice President (Youth): TBA

Treasurer: Ms Mamta Kochhar

Secretary: TBA

Committee Members: Hadi Assanteh, Virginia Aden, Carmelita Baltazar, Dr Seyed Hassan Fallahzadeh, Gaelle Gouillou, Elizabeth Lang, Karen Lipio, Alphonse Mulumba, Ranjit Ratnayake.

We also held a very successful Senior's Lunch on the 14th of November 2019 at the City of Vincent's North Perth Town Hall for our members and it was very pleasing to see our multicultural seniors enjoying themselves. Lastly, but not least, we held a Community Consultative Forum on the 20th of November 2019 where the Department of Consumer Protection attended to provide information on scams and other consumer protection issues such as the importance of using licensed motor vehicle repairers- page 9 & 10 shows some of the information and products presented by the Department of Consumer Affairs and I would encourage you to contact them if you believe this information is important for your community.

Apart from the above, we have continued to provide the government with feedback through forums and consultation papers on various issues and will continue to do so on a regular basis to ensure the best policies are in place for refugees and migrant communities. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at ECCWA and we look forward to working for you throughout 2020.

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# NEWS BULLETIN: disclaimer statement

Dear Members,

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# ECCWA Senior's Luncheon

In celebration of Senior's Week, the ECCWA hosted a Senior's Luncheon on Thursday 14th of November at the City of Vincent's North Perth Town Hall, sponsored by Lotteries West House, MSC, the City of Vincent and COTA.

The Luncheon accommodated over 100 seniors of 12 nationalities encompassing the myriad of cultures we represent as the peak ethnic body and voice of multiculturalism and diversity in Western Australia.

The celebration kicked-off with a speech by the ECCWA's President, Mr Suresh Rajan.

At 12.30pm, guests were served a sumptuous buffet offering a variety of international dishes including fried rice, butter chicken, lasagne and yellow dal.

While enjoying their meal, seniors were serenaded with classic songs by our staff and board members, and entertained by a performance from our lovely dancers.

The meal finished on a sweet note with a rich chocolate cake and an array of seasonal fruits.





# FECCA welcomes Ministerial forum on Multicultural Affairs and launches Reconciliation action



FECCA has welcomed the announcement by Queensland Minister for Multicultural Affairs Stirling Hinchliffe that Queensland will host a Ministerial Forum for Multicultural Affairs in 2020.

The Forum will be the first of what FECCA hopes will become a regular, standing series of forums to be shared between the states.

Minister Hinchliffe made the announcement via video message this morning at the FECCA National Conference, which this year is being held in Hobart on 10-11 October.

The Ministerial Forum will operate in a similar way to COAG meetings and will be able to provide advice to Governments and other institutions on policy decisions that affect CALD Australians. Advocacy groups such as FECCA will also have opportunities to participate in the Forum.

The announcement comes after FECCA wrote to all State and Federal Ministers responsible for Multicultural Affairs in August 2019 to propose the establishment of a standing intergovernmental or national forum on issues that affect culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) Australians.

FECCA has also used its national conference to launch a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) designed to help foster a culture of mutual respect and harmony between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culturally and linguistically diverse people in Australia.

The RAP sets out 15 actions that FECCA will deliver on over the next 12 months to grow respect and strengthen relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples both within FECCA as an organisation and in the broader CALD community.

The FECCA Reconciliation Action Plan is available at [http://fecca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FECCA-RAP\\_WEB.pdf](http://fecca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FECCA-RAP_WEB.pdf)

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FECCA Chairperson Mary Patetsos congratulated the Queensland Government for taking leadership on the Ministerial Forum.

"FECCA believes that a collaborative to multicultural issues would assist in the development of effective and coherent national policies," she said.

"This forum has the potential to help bring Australia's diverse communities closer together to the benefit of all Australians.

"That advocacy groups such as FECCA will be able to contribute to this Forum will strengthen its relevance and help identify practical policy solutions for issues that impact our communities.

"Accessibility for CALD Australians to health and aged care services, settlement of migrants and strategies to combat racism are examples of areas where coordination between the states could be of great benefit.

"FECCA congratulates the Queensland Government for taking leadership in this area, and we encourage all other states and the Federal Government to confirm they will attend the Forum.

"This year's conference is also historic with the launch of FECCA's first Reconciliation Action Plan.

"As the peak national body for the advocacy of multicultural affairs, we see it as FECCA's responsibility to support reconciliation efforts.

"The Reconciliation Action Plan sets a path for us to follow to build greater respect and stronger relationships between our communities as we work towards a more inclusive and equitable future for all Australians."

Contact: 0434 307 012 / [media@fecca.org.au](mailto:media@fecca.org.au)

# Conference to shape the future of Multicultural Australia kicks off in Hobart

The 2019 Federation Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) National Conference kicks off today, with around 500 leaders from Australia's diverse multicultural communities converging on Hobart for the two-day event.

The conference, titled PURPOSE. LEADERSHIP. PROGRESS: 40 years and beyond, will put in place a strategy for advancing the cause of multiculturalism over the coming years.

Conference speakers include Senator Eric Abetz, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs Andrew Giles and Greens Leader Richard Di Natale, as well as activists and community leaders including Craig Foster, Faustina 'Fuzzy' Agolley and Tim Costello, and scores of other speakers over the two days.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has also sent a video message that will be played at the conference and Shadow Minister for Home Affairs Kristina Keneally will address the conference dinner.

FECCA Chair Ms Mary Patetsos said this year's conference comes at a critical juncture in the history of multicultural Australia.

"Advocacy groups such as FECCA have achieved so much over the decades to bring Australia's diverse communities closer together," she said.

"However as we celebrate the achievements of FECCA and its affiliate organisations over the past 40 years, we are mindful of how much work there is yet to do to advance the cause of a fair and inclusive society.

"We have seen an increase in racism and hate speech in public discourse in recent times, amplified by the evolving nature of social media, which is a major challenge for advocates.

"The conference will discuss a broad range of contemporary issues facing CALD Australians, including data collection of CALD communities, media engagement, mental health, youth and women's employment and regional settlement.

"This conference is an incredible opportunity to discuss these and other challenges with community leaders and political stakeholders and to set a course for the years ahead."

For more information visit <https://fecca2019.com.au/>

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The above mentioned conference occurred from the 9th to the 11th of October and was highly successful and members of ECCWA were in attendance representing the issues facing migrants and refugees from WA.





# CIVAL Leadership training course for emerging leaders from CaLD communities

## Community Innovators, Volunteers and Leaders' (CIVAL) - Group 1

### Purpose

Equip and empower new and emerging organisations and communities to work towards collectively increasing the social participation, economic and personal well-being of community members to ensure that positive settlement outcomes are sustained in the long term.

What is CIVAL: Community leadership training program ( 6 months— Saturdays only) for emerging leaders from ethno-specific communities living in and around City of Canning, City of Belmont and City of Gosnells areas and other south eastern suburbs.

Who is delivering it: City of Stirling and ASeTTS in partnership with City of Canning, City of Belmont and City of Gosnells

When: Commencing on 9th of November 2019

Language: English. However, assistance with English language will be available for some priority newly arrived groups.

If you are interested, please contact [Tharanga.DeSilva@asetts.org.au](mailto:Tharanga.DeSilva@asetts.org.au) / (08) 9227 2726 to access more details.

Priority will be given to emerging leaders who have newly arrived community members. It's free.

This project is funded by Department of Home Affairs



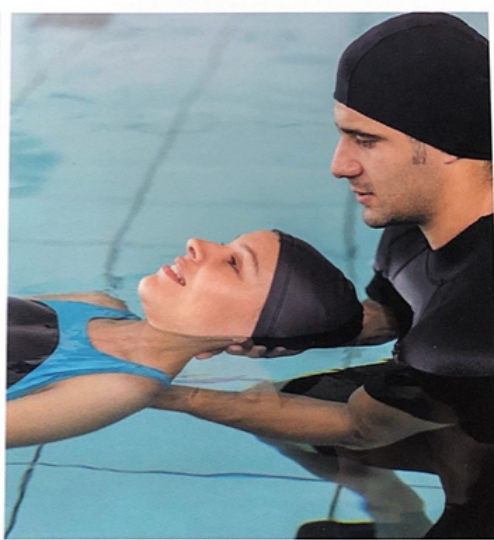
# Department of Consumer Affairs promotional materials

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## Your rights when you buy something



If you would like to learn more about your rights as a consumer, please visit:  
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection>



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Government of Western Australia  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety  
Building and Energy

# Rules for PORTABLE POOLS



## Did you know?

By law, swimming and spa pools containing water more than 30cm deep must have effective safety barriers that restrict access by young children.

This includes portable pools.



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety  
Consumer Protection

**Be suspicious**  
of investment  
opportunities that  
promise a high return  
with little or no risk.



**FRAUD  
ALERT!**



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety  
Consumer Protection

**No government  
agency or  
reputable  
business will  
EVER demand  
payment with  
gift cards.**



**SCAM  
ALERT!**



Australian  
Competition &  
Consumer  
Commission

## Safe toys for kids



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety  
Consumer Protection

**Verify the  
identity  
of anyone  
requesting  
your personal  
information.**



**PHISHING  
SCAM!**



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# Nominate for the Western Australia Multicultural Awards

Nominations now open for Western Australia's Multicultural Awards 2020

Do you know someone who is a champion of multiculturalism in WA? Perhaps you know about an initiative that promote social cohesion and cultural diversity?

Nominate them now for recognition in the Western Australian Multicultural Awards! Nominations close on Monday 20 January 2020.

The Western Australian Multicultural Awards 2020 recognise individuals and organisations for their outstanding contributions to multiculturalism in Western Australia.

Nominations for the Western Australian Multicultural Awards 2020 can be made across eight categories:

- 1) Outstanding Individual Achievement Award
- 2) Laksiri Jayasuriya Lifetime Community Service Award
- 3) Multicultural Youth Award
- 4) New and Emerging Community Leadership Award
- 5) Community Organisation Award
- 6) Multicultural Business Award Communications Award
- 7) Local Government Award

[Click here](#) to access the Guidelines and Nomination Form.

Everyone is invited to nominate an individual or organisation who has contributed to Western Australia's social harmony and inclusivity. Nominees must meet the eligibility requirements and selection criteria as outlined in the Guidelines and Nomination Form

. Nominations close at 4.00pm on Monday 20 January 2020.  
Nominations can be emailed to: [harmony@omi.wa.gov.au](mailto:harmony@omi.wa.gov.au)

Or posted to:  
Western Australian Multicultural Awards 2020  
Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI)  
GPO Box 8349 Perth Business Centre WA 6849



Department of Local Government,  
Sport and Cultural Industries  
Office of Multicultural Interests

# Agency of the month: Richmond Wellbeing



For over 40 years, Richmond Wellbeing has been working with communities to support social and emotional wellbeing. Richmond Wellbeing's Multicultural Mental Health Service works with multicultural communities and other service providers to offer appropriate services. We help build connections between services and communities to provide a comprehensive system of care that works for each person and community.

The Multicultural Mental Health Service will provide short term low intensity clinical and non-clinical support for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds. This program provides an outreach model of care that offers culturally appropriate, strengths-based, and person-centred support in appropriate places including homes, and community settings. The Multicultural Mental Health Service supports people who struggle with mild to moderate mental health wellbeing and alcohol or other drug issues.

Our passionate Allied Health professionals and Outreach Workers have significant knowledge and experience working with multicultural and multi faith communities. They understand your unique needs and work with you to access appropriate services. You will receive 1-on-1 clinical and non clinical support and access to long-term services. We also work with families and communities so they can provide support to people in need.

Who can access this service

- People from a culturally and linguistically diverse background
- Individual or family member experiencing a mild to moderate mental health, drug or alcohol issue
- Individuals aged 18 and above

To learn more about Richmond Wellbeing, visit: <https://www.rw.org.au/>

Address: 29 Manning Road, Cannington WA 6107

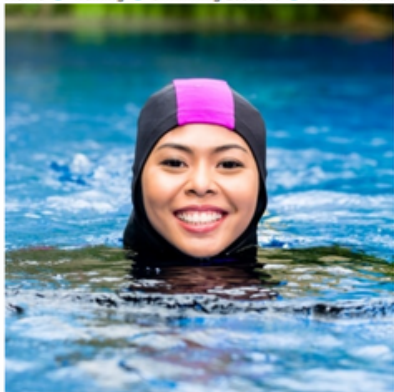
Phone: 1800 RICHMOND (1800 742 466)



# Activities for the family

<https://www.royallifesavingwa.com.au/training/multicultural-women's-swimming-lessons---leisurepark-balga/c-25/p-207311>

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## Multicultural Women's Swimming Lessons - Leisurepark Balga

Multicultural Women's Only Swim and Survive Programs are culturally appropriate women's only swimming programs which allow women from different backgrounds to come together and take part in swimming and water safety lessons.

Royal Life Saving WA in partnership with Balga Leisurepark, are giving women who are a Beginner to Level 5 the opportunity to Swim & Survive. Women will build on their current skills, improve health & wellbeing and have the opportunity to engage with other women at their local aquatic facility. Once final registration numbers are confirmed, an email will be sent to confirm your booking. Please respond to this email with your swimming level (Level 1 to Level 5).

### Next Available Course

Date: 22/10/2019-10/12/2019

Time: Tue 22nd 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Tue 29th 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Tue 05th 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Tue 12th 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Tue 19th 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Tue 26th 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Tue 03rd 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Tue 10th 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Location: [Leisurepark Balga](#)

**LIMITED PLACES LEFT**

**\$65.00**

[+ ADD COURSE TO CART](#)

# HAVE A BLAST!

Joining the local club is fun for the whole family. Make new friends, get active.  
Contact Margie Oldfield 0416 025 724

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM





# 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP

Our membership subscription for the 2019-2020 financial year is open.

If you would like to renew your membership or sign up as a new member, please print and fill in the form in the next page and email it to [www.admin@eccwa.org.au](mailto:www.admin@eccwa.org.au).

Membership for organisations is just \$33, and \$22 for individuals. If you would like to find out more information, please call (08) 92275322

We look forward to working with you and for you this upcoming year.

Here are some of our members





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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL FOR 2019-20

NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION	
Postal Address	
Contact No. Phone	Email
Facsimile No.	Website
Approximate Membership of Your Association	



#### OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President	Contact No.
Email	Facsimile
Secretary	Contact No.
Email	Facsimile
Treasurer	Contact No.
Email	Facsimile

#### NOMINATION OF DELEGATES OF THE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL OF WA (INC.)

Delegate No.1	Contact No.	email
Delegate No.2	Contact No.	email

#### ENDORSEMENT OF DELEGATES BY PRESIDENT (OR Chair)

I hereby declare that the delegates nominated above have been duly authorized to act and vote on behalf of the Association named above in Section 1 under 'Applicant' and will actively participate in the activities of the Ethnic Communities Council of WA(Inc.) when called upon.

Date	Signature
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Note: A change of nominated delegate can be made at any time under Section 4 of the ECCWA Constitution and the President of the Association can do this notifying ECCWA via email/fax or mail.

#### PAYMENT of ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

<b>YOUR CHOICE OF PAYMENT METHOD</b> <u>CASH, POSTAL ORDER OR CHEQUE OR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER</u> Make your Postal Order or <del>Cheque</del> payable to the <b>Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc.</b> Post or present it to 20 View St. North Perth WA 6000. <b>Please do not send Cash through the postal system.</b> <b>Bank:</b> <del>Banking</del> Bank, 31 Fitzgerald St. N. Perth BSB 633-000 Acc. No. 156354797	<b>YOUR TAX INVOICE</b> Invoice Date: _____ (Date of Application) Invoice No. _____ DESCRIPTION: Annual Subscription of Membership to the Ethnic Communities Council of WA (Inc.) for the Financial year _____ and _____ Subscription FEE \$ 30.00 GST \$ 3.00 Total \$ 33.00 amended 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2003
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#### 1. PAYMENT AUTHORITY MUST BE SIGNED BY A DULY AUTHORISED OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent before the Management Committee \_\_\_\_\_