

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL  
OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## PARTNERS AND FUNDING BODIES

ECCWA extends its gratitude to the following for their financial and other (in kind) support and assistance:

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- City of Stirling
- City of Vincent
- City of Canning
- City of Armadale
- Department of Finance
- Orana Women's Refuge
- Bendigo Bank at North Perth
- Curtin University of Western Australia
- Metropolitan Migrant Resources Centre
- Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre
- Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia
- Office of Multicultural Interests of Western Australia
- Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia

## PEAK BODIES

ECCWA is a member of the following peak bodies and extends its appreciation for the support and assistance it received during 2021 - 2022:

- Refugee Council of Australia
- Shelter WA (on a reciprocal basis)
- Community Employers Western Australia
- Health Consumers' Council (on a reciprocal basis)
- Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia
- Centrecare for Women's Safety and Wellbeing (on a reciprocal basis)

## ECCWA CONSULTANTS PANEL

The following people accepted our invitation to be members of the above panel and we extend our thanks and appreciation for their support and guidance:

- Peter Rozsy (Migration Agent)
- Jenny Au Yeong (Former CEO, EDAC)
- Dr. Indira Pattni (Clinical Psychologist)
- Ramdas Sankaran (CEO of Multicultural Services Centre WA)

The ECCWA Board extends its thanks and appreciation to all ECCWA members both long term and recent. ECCWA is fortunate that well established agencies, both mainstream and multicultural that service migrants and refugees are now its members. With their support ECCWA has effectively advocated and lobbied on many issues of concerns and its substantial achievements as detailed in the report that follows are ample testimony of their resilience and determination.

# ECCWA CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTS

- 1. To foster participation by ethnic communities in the development of a cohesive, culturally pluralistic Australian society bearing in mind the historical contribution which all ethnic communities have made to the development of the same.**
- 2. To act as the peak body for ethnic communities in Western Australia, which shall advocate for the rights of ethnic communities in ensuring the protection of these rights.**
- 3. To participate in government and quasi government bodies established for the purposes of developing the Council's objectives.**
- 4. To promote joint action and co-operation between ethnic communities on issues of common concern while assisting and encouraging the full participation of ethnic groups in the community in the social, economic, and cultural life of society.**
- 5. To ensure the rights of the ethnic communities including effective participation in decisions which affect them and encourage the sharing of community resources.**
- 6. To provide multi-lingual welfare and counselling services to assist the aged, women, children, youth, and ethnic people with disabilities.**
- 7. To render such assistance as the Council shall consider appropriate for the relief of persons in necessitous circumstances.**
- 8. To provide interpreting and/or translating services in specialized area of need.**
- 9. To do and to perform all acts, matter, and things as are charitable and for benevolent purposes having public benefit in accordance with the law of the State of Western Australia and the law of the Commonwealth of Australia and to disseminate any information within a Social Justice framework that achieves the objectives of the Council in ensuring equity and access to and for ethnic communities.**
- 10. To increase the awareness of the public that Australia is a Multicultural Society.**
- 11. To render any other assistance, services, or facilities that the Council might consider necessary as the need arises.**
- 12. To undertake any other activity to promote multiculturalism and ethnic welfare.**

# ABOUT ECCWA

The Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia, established in 1975, has been providing advocacy services for multicultural groups and communities in Western Australia for over 45 years and is a member of the national Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (FECCA). Through its various programs over the years ECCWA has been able to provide various forms of advocacy and support to its members. ECCWA has over 89 Community and Organisational members across the State of Western Australia and has relationships with various Government agencies at Local, State and Federal level. The website will inform you of the various services and programs the Council provides.

## VISION

A fair and just society, one in which all people are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the community and are supported to reach their full potential, where diversity is valued, and people live in harmony.

## MISSION

- To work with member non-government stakeholders to ensure:
- Ethnic community participation and consultation in decision making at all levels
- Provision of research and policy
- Access to all information and equitable share of government and community resources
- Just and harmonious relations within our multicultural community
- A consultative, advisory, and training service to government and non-government organisations

## VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

In working towards its vision, the Ethnic Communities Council WA encompasses the following values and principles:

- Human Rights
- Equity
- Social Justice
- Participation
- Representation
- Empowerment
- Participation and Representation
- Community harmony
- Citizenship rights and responsibilities.
- Collaboration and cooperative partnerships
- Integrity, respect, and responsibility
- Strong leadership
- Ethical standards of administration and management
- Openness and accountability to stakeholders and the community

# ECCWA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## OFFICE BEARERS

- **President:** Suresh Rajan
- **Sr. Vice President:** Rahim Ghauri
- **Secretary:** Currently Vacant
- **Treasurer:** Baily Fernandez
- **Vice President of Women's Interest:** Mamta Kochhar
- **Vice President of Youth Interest:** Seren Ulusoy



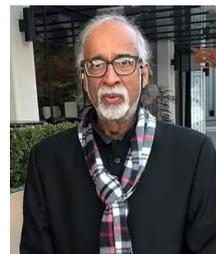
## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Adam Demir
- Carmelita Baltazar
- Getty Williams
- Michael Wu
- Paul Kyaw
- Ranjit Ratnayake
- Satish Nair
- Tarek Chamkhi
- Theresa Ng



# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

## Goodbye, Farewell and Amen



The final episode of the MASH TV Programme finished with the title above. I have therefore taken those words as the title of the last message I send you as President of the Ethnic Communities Council of WA. It has been a tumultuous journey that started for me in or about 1996 when I came on to the board of the Council as a Treasurer. Since that time, I have served the council on almost every one of the committees in a variety of roles. I have been Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member and of course President on several occasions.

Over that time, I have dealt with many Ministers for Multicultural Interests, Premiers and other ministers and parliamentary secretaries. I saw with no equivocation whatsoever, that the one minister that stands out head and shoulders above every one of the others is Dr Geoff Gallop. Testament to his status is that every single one of the policies we set in place during his term as Minister has remained in place even today.

Sadly, there has not been a single other minister that has come even close to his knowledge, commitment to and achievement level since his time. We continue to hope that somewhere along the way that will change.

At the same time as lamenting the commitment to policy at the ministerial level, it is sad that we have seen the same dearth of talent at the bureaucracy as well. No one has had the knowledge of policy issues that Dr Leela de Mel had. She instituted some of the most far-reaching changes to multicultural policy that this state has ever seen. Unfortunately, we, in WA have regressed markedly regarding this policy area.

As I leave the position of President and cease further involvement in the Council activities, I mourn the loss of many fine advocates in this state. Over my time we have lost the person known as the "Father of Multiculturalism, Laki Jayasuriya. In addition, Dr Leela de Mel is no longer of this Earth. Likewise, Russell Raymond and Nick Agocs. We pay our respects to them and all the other advocates that have fought the good fight over a considerable amount of time.

One area that we have been very involved in is the WA Health system. The death of Aishwarya was a sentinel event that needs a solid policy response from Government. At the same time as noting her death, we also are aware of at least three other cases of young Indian children who have died either in the Australian health facilities or soon after discharge from them. There is much to be done regarding cultural understanding in our health system. Sadly, in WA it is also very apparent that little is being done regarding such simple issues as language services and access to them. Again, it appears that there is little or no commitment from the relevant ministers to addressing these issues.

I hope that over the years of being involved with ECCWA I have made a difference and this sacrifice has all been worthwhile. There is still a lot to be done and the new Board has its work cut out to tackle these issues with the appropriate level of fervour.

For me, it is a break from the relentless advocacy pressure that has been a part of my life for some considerable time.

Farewell, Goodbye and Amen.  
Suresh Rajan  
President

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Wow how quickly time has passed in 2021-2022. This year has seen us have to deal with some of the ongoing effects of the pandemic and some of the critical issues that were highlighted by the pandemic.

Such issues as the problems facing the WA Health System were highlighted by some very serious incidents as mentioned above by the ECCWA President which have had some ongoing impacts on CaLD citizens and the health system which is still under review. Also, homelessness and the lack of housing in Western Australia is having far-reaching effects. The impact of the lack of housing in WA on Family and Domestic Violence victims is one of the major concerns that need to be addressed. For us, at ECCWA the added implications of having the CALD barriers added to the housing issues is of major concern. Finally, continued cases of Racism, having to ensure that CaLD persons know how to access the appropriate systems for response and also dealing with authorities such as WA Police, or Dept of Home Affairs etc has become part of our regular business.

Despite all of the above ECCWA has this year been able to contact many Community organisations and build relationships and this has led to an increase in our membership from 75 Community organisations and Service providers to 89 in 2021-2022.

To ensure our members receive appropriate responses and have a voice ECCWA has worked hard in 2021-2022 to consolidate the partnerships and relationships we have developed with CaLD communities, Government and non-government agencies. It was extremely important to us that we hear the voices of our CaLD community members and ensure that they were empowered to voice their views and engage in decisions that would impact them. Hence, it has also been a 12-month period where we have conducted several Consultations, such as the Disability Royal Commission, Healthy Ageing, Covid 19, to name a few. We also met with and discussed issues with 23 Community Organisations and Service providers and participated in more than 25 meetings with Government agencies.

ECCWA believed that this is a time when building the capacity of Community organisations is very important and so offered several training programs for free to its members. Training programs covered the following topics, Financial management, Media training, Child protection principles for organisations, Family and Domestic violence, Healthy Relationships, Suicide Prevention and Racism to mention a few. We intend to continue to offer these opportunities for members in 2022-2023.

I have spent much time in 2021-2022 meeting other CEOs of member organisations and CaLD Community Organisation Leaders gaining an understanding of what are the key issues facing them and the significant gaps in services and will continue to do this in 2022-2023.

This provides me with the opportunity to explain the direction of the ECCWA, the importance of systemic advocacy with a consolidated voice, and to encourage organisations and communities to work together. My goal continues to be creating a strong peak body with a consolidated voice on systemic advocacy, particularly in a climate where there is still great uncertainty.

At this point, I would like to thank the ECCWA Board, staff and volunteers who have supported me with their passion, diligence and efforts. Without them, none of the above would be possible.

Vivienne Pillay  
Executive Officer

# POLICY, ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

In 2021-2022 ECCWA continued to work closely with culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities, relevant government and non-government agencies to achieve its vision of a diverse, fair, just and harmonious society in which all people have the opportunity to participate to reach their full potential. Below are some of the initiatives undertaken by ECCWA in support of its vision.

## POLICY, ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING PROGRAM

Our policy and advocacy program focuses on ensuring that systemic barriers that impede access to ethnic and religious minorities (ERM) and culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) individuals and communities and inhibit their participation in decision-making processes of government and community are effectively addressed or removed.

WA has a rapidly fast-growing CaLD population which is made up of a variety of different CaLD communities, each with its own distinctive identity, experiences, and stories. Diversity of culture is one of WA's greatest strengths.

ECCWA acknowledges the contributions our members have made to the sustainability of our successful multicultural story. We know policies that ensure inclusiveness, collaboration and a sense of belonging strengthen stronger communities, and as a result, a better future for all.

We are currently representing over 89 members including community associations, service provider organisations, and individuals who all have a stake in and a share of interest in multicultural affairs and services.

In 2021-2022 there were several initiatives undertaken by ECCWA to achieve this by enhancing the participation of ERM and CaLD people in the decision-making, processes of government and community and by advocating for equitable access of ERM and CaLD people to programs and services provided/funded by governments at the national, state and local levels. We acknowledge we are still working hard to ensure we continue to seek equity and access to social and economic opportunities for our community associations and their communities.

The following lists are various activities which ECCWA has undertaken. The meetings listed below were either hosted by ECCWA or in which participated are as follows:

### Meeting with Minister Buti the Minister for Multicultural Interests and other Ministers

Over the 2021-2022 financial year the President of ECCWA had meetings with various ministers including the Hon Minister Toni Buti, Minister for Multicultural Interests, Minister Roger Cook, and Minister Amber Jade Sanderson concerning CaLD issues. Minister Buti also attended the renaming of Multicultural House to the Agocs-Raymond House in December 2021. Sadly, some of the more difficult issues such as the issues facing our Health Department and the difficulties faced by members of the CaLD community in accessing services has meant that ECCWA was directly involved in cases that required us to lobby Government Ministers for change.

### Meeting with WA Police on numerous occasions in respect of several pressing issues

Sadly, in 2021-2022 ECCWA has had to be in contact with WA Police on a number of occasions. This has been about racism incidents, and also critical incidents. Our President has had meetings to discuss the

responses of police about critical incidents and the Executive office have been in touch with the police about Racism and Family and Domestic violence incidents involving CaLD persons.

Issues of systemic racism will continue to be pursued by ECCWA and we hope to continue to work closely with WA Police.

It is imperative, that members of the Community are confident that WA Police will address complaints of Racism, Family and Domestic Violence, and assault seriously and appropriately. Hence, ECCWA sees it as invaluable that ECCWA have a good working relationship with WA Police to ensure all incidents are addressed appropriately and efficiently.

#### **CEO Roundtable - Digital Literacy Skills and support for vulnerable Communities and Individuals**

Anglicare WA created a CEO roundtable in 2020-2021 and invited ECCWA executive officer Vivienne Pillay to participate. This roundtable consisted of the various CEOs of several NFPs in WA and we were looking to assess what supports were needed in WA for Vulnerable Communities and individuals including the impact of Digital literacy skills. This forum has continued into 2021-2022 and the group is known as The Behaviour Change Collaborative. The work done by this group has led to WACOSS receiving a Lotterywest Digital Inclusion grant of \$3,972,600 for the education and training of communities. ECCWA is a partner of the Collaborative and will be working in 2022-2023 to ensure that CaLD communities are assisted.

#### **Meeting with the Regional Director of Department of Home Affairs and Community Engagement team**

Both the ECCWA President and the Executive Officer have had meetings with the Regional Director and Director of Community Engagement respectively. Issues facing the CaLD community such as the impacts of the delay in processing applications, the issues facing temporary visa holders, and issues facing women who are experiencing FDV but on visas with no access to FDV provisions have all been issues raised and strongly lobbied and we plan on working closely with them in 2022-2023.

#### **Meetings with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for the August 2021 Census - working closely ensuring CaLD communities are supported**

ECCWA had many meetings with the ABS and assisted in the promotion of the 2021 Census across the CaLD community. We also helped them to contact and liaise with Community organisations to help promote the importance of the Census. We have developed a good relationship with ABS and will utilize these contacts to assist with obtaining research from the Census as part of our systemic advocacy.

#### **WA Peaks Forum - WA Community Of Social Services (WACOSS)**

ECCWA is a member of the WACOSS Peaks Forum and the Executive Officer attends meetings regularly. Key issues such as the Sustainability and Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) Supplementation[EUI] which was raised in 2019-2020 continued to be of importance and relevance in 2021-2022. In addition, issues such as impacts on vulnerable persons and Community Service organisations as a result of Covid-19 have been ongoing. Other issues discussed for example have been the State Commissioning and Implementation Plan, and 10-Year Health and Social Care Workforce Strategy.

## Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (FECCA) CEO's Forum

The Federation of Ethnic Community Councils of Australia is our National peak body. To ensure all the states are in constant communication and ability to share ideas and issues, the CEO of FECCA organised regular six weekly CEO meetings. Our Executive officer Vivienne Pillay participates in these meetings to ensure WA is working collaboratively and consistently with the other ECC's in Australia.

## Women's Issues

Family and Domestic Violence - This sadly is still a major issue which we continue to work on. ECCWA as a member of the ISHAR-led multicultural consortium continues to support the training and education being provided to communities through the Free from Family and Domestic Violence Program which explains to communities what is Family and Domestic Violence and to service providers how to be culturally responsive. ECCWA is also a member of the MSCWA-led FDV consortium with Ishar that is training Multicultural Wellness Connectors to be leaders in their community to stand up against Family and Domestic Violence . This is known as the "Vimauna" program.

Employment issues including equity of remuneration and opportunity.

Impacts of COVID-19, particularly during the lockdown pressures of homeschooling, social isolation and so on.

## Meetings with various Local Governments

In 2021-2022 ECCWA continued to focus on building strong relationships with the various Local Government bodies across the State. We did this to ensure that a CaLD voice was present and to encourage and ensure that the voice of local CaLD communities was being heard. Below are some of the Councils ECCWA has worked with.

- City of Canning
- City of Stirling
- City of Victoria Park - Healthy relationships strategy meetings on a six weekly
- City of Armadale - ECCWA VP Women's Interests is a member of the MAG here

## State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) fortnightly meetings since COVID-19

ECCWA is a member of the State Emergency relief Committee and hence hears regularly about the difficulties being faced across the State. ECCWA provides a CaLD perspective and can bring forward the views of CaLD Service providers and is also there to make recommendations on ways to assist the CaLD Community.

## Other Meetings where ECCWA were involved in Advocacy and Policy

- CEDA Justice forums
- Women's Legal services
- WA sector Advocacy forums
- WA Digital Inclusion Partnerships
- Meeting with the CEO of Harmony Alliance
- Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Forums
- Meeting with Institute for Respiratory Health on the topic of CaLD Digital (COVID) Project

# PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

## RACISM MATTERS

In 2019-2020, ECCWA applied for and won a grant from WACOSS to address the issue of maintaining social cohesion in the world of COVID-19. This grant was made in June 2019 and hence this 6-month project commenced in 2020-2021. It has been ongoing in 2021-2022.

The plan was multi-faceted and three main strands were identified. The first strand was the development of a website separate from that of the ECCWA, the second was the creation of a training or education package that was suitable for delivery to the communities, local governments and then to other interested parties, such as educational institutions; and the third was the advocacy that we provide to support the people who have made reports on the new website.

- The website is called Racism Matters and can be accessed via [www.racismmatters.com.au](http://www.racismmatters.com.au)
- The report form is user-friendly, brief and has a provision for anonymity. The questions are logical and, in some cases, require simple responses and in others, allow for more detail to be included. De-identified data were obtained from the responses to help build a database of discriminatory or racist behaviour.
- This project highlighted not only individual incidents of racism but also some systemic issues within some employment areas that needed to be addressed. ECCWA through its advocacy has been looking into how these systemic issues can be addressed and have commenced communications with the necessary bodies.
- Though the funding ceased for this project mid-year 2020-2021, it was very evident that this website and the work being done on Racism by ECCWA was of great importance, hence this website and the support for individuals who access it is now part of the core business of ECCWA.

## ETHNIC ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT TEAM (EAST)

Ethnic Advocacy and Support Team (EAST) provides support and assistance to individuals who either cannot get support from Government funded advocacy support services or choose not to access those services example services are delivered by a mainstream provider only and they wish to be assisted by a Multicultural Organisation. It's a fee-for-service program. However, all fees were waived for twenty four months 2020-2022 due to COVID-19.

It is a small service with 0.53 paid FTE. In, the last 15 months, the Ethnic Advocacy and Support Team (EAST) assisted and supported over fifty new clients, from twenty three countries: Sierra Leone, Somalia, Vietnam, Iraq, Indonesia, India, Jordan, Kenya, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Ghana, Lithuania, Congo, Nepal, Taiwan, South Sudan, Mauritius, Philippines, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, China and Bangladesh.

Currently, we have fourteen existing clients requiring ongoing assistance and support:

- 20 percent had financial hardship
- 10 percent needed assistance with visa issues
- 5 percent needed to deal with aged care issues
- 5 percent needed assistance with substance abuse
- 60 percent of clients were domestic violence related, and 6 of them will require long-term assistance

In May 2022, we were notified that we were successful, and would receive funding from the Department of Social Services to run the Genesis Project from July 2022 for the next two years.

### **Purpose of the Grant**

The Purpose of the Grant is for the Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia to empower women who have experienced family and domestic violence to integrate socially and economically. ECCWA will provide five support groups in the metropolitan area for vulnerable CaLD women. These places will provide the women, with a safe place to talk, and an understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships, and their impact on the individual. The Support Groups aim to enable group members to recognize their strengths, maintain their independence, and obtain knowledge of their rights to respect, dignity, choice and control.

### **The Genesis Project**

Through peer support groups, women will receive support to pursue Certificate level skills-based and higher education courses in preparation for employment.

The intended outcomes of the Genesis Project aim to strengthen community connections, and economic and social participation and increase levels of self-reliance, well-being and mental health.

### **SPEAK MY LANGUAGE (SML)**

Speak my Language is a national program involving hundreds of people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities sharing stories of everyday experiences of living well and how they use skills and community resources to do so. Guest speakers working in mainstream services were also engaged to discuss inclusive services, resources, activities and facilities. SML is a two-year program which started in January 2021 and will end in November 2022. It is led by the Ethnic Communities Council of NSW, funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and delivered all around Australia by the Ethnic Communities Councils and Multicultural Communities Councils in all states and territories.

ECCWA has produced:

- 34 recorded stories
- 26 in-language transcripts

To listen to the podcasts, please go to: [www.speakmylanguage.com.au](http://www.speakmylanguage.com.au)

Western Australia worked with five people with disabilities shared their personal stories (Storytellers) and narratives included:

- Living well by taking up hobbies
- How to discover support for yourself
- Living well through artistic expression
- Reclaiming a professional identity after acquiring a disability
- Studying at university and volunteering as a mentor to other students

**Western Australia produced content in the following languages:**

- Arabic
- Cantonese
- Hindi
- Indonesian
- Korean
- Mandarin
- Myanmar
- Punjabi
- Spanish
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

**Twenty Nine Guest Speakers worked with SML WA to provide information about inclusive places, activities, services and opportunities available to CALD people with disabilities, regardless of the NDIS eligibility status.**

**Topics included:**

- Creating inclusion in WA's Vietnamese community
- How Assistive Technology can help you to live well
- Services for people with disabilities at Legal Aid WA
- Connection and inclusion at the City of Canning Libraries
- Enrolling to vote (published in time for the 2022 Federal Election)
- Accessible voting (published in time for the 2022 Federal Election)
- Accessible career counselling services available for the community
- Curtin University's Mentoring Program for students on the autism spectrum

**SML has achieved 2,943 podcast downloads. This is without paid advertising. A large paid advertising campaign will be launched after the National Launch of the Podcasts on 18 October 2022.**

**Social Media:**

- 292 followers on LinkedIn - >15 followers since August
- 586 followers on Facebook - >18 followers since August
- 359 followers on Instagram - >12 new followers since August

**All of this social media growth is organic, which means there was no paid activity to get engagement. This is an excellent result. However, we will be placing advertising money into social media and elsewhere after the launch in Sydney on 17 October 2022.**

**Western Australia has additionally:**

- Initiated the SML Partner Agencies to work together to write a Submission to the Disability Royal Commission
- Contributed to the recruitment of 35 CaLD people with disabilities who are being paid to review a selection of the SML Podcasts

## **FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MULTICULTURAL CONSORTIUM PROJECT WITH ISHAR**

### **Free From Family Violence**

**Free from Family and Domestic Violence is a project funded through the Department of Communities to a Consortium led by Ishar that is responsible for providing training to Communities and the Family and Domestic Violence sector, and Mainstream, and Multicultural Organisations who may assist women and children experiencing Family and Domestic Violence. The other Consortium members are Orana women's refuge, MMRC, MSCWA and ECCWA. The EAST team help in the delivery of this training to community organisations.**

### **Community Sessions**

**From October 2019 to June 2022, we conducted 55 Community workshops for various community groups and Educational organisations - specific CaLD classes. This meant we accessed 1,612 men and women, and informed them about what Family Domestic Violence is and the sector responses available.**

### **Sector Training**

**In addition to the Community Sessions, we also provided culturally responsive training that was designed specifically for the mainstream providers. This saw us provide 23 workshops for 341 Service Providers from women's refuges, the Police, the Department of Justice and Social Workers in the main hospitals and so forth.**

### **Youth Program**

**The Youth program was launched in 2021-2022 and run by MMRC and Ishar. The program was held in several schools and 237 students participated.**

### **Vimauna Program**

**Vimauna is another new project that the Consortium of MSCWA, Ishar and ECCWA are involved in. It is primarily for twelve months, led by MSCWA and is focused on training Community leaders to be Multicultural Wellness Connectors who help educate communities on Family and Domestic Violence.**

**This training is primarily for Perpetrators of Family and Domestic Violence. This project commenced late in June 2021 and was very successful. Over 30 Community Organisation education sessions occurred during this period.**

# EVENTS HELD OR ATTENDED

## MULTICULTURALISM, INTEGRATION AND COMMUNITY HARMONY PROGRAM

**Goal:** Our objective is to always ensure that the benefits of Multiculturalism and multicultural citizenship are achieved and that CaLD and wider communities are provided with the information, skills and opportunities to promote Integration and Community Harmony. ECCWA sought to achieve the above by increasing awareness of and addressing issues relating to racism, discrimination and community harmony within ethnic and wider communities. The following is a summary of some of the events that ECCWA staff and volunteers have organised or attended.

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

ECCWA is committed to hosting a minimum of 3 Community Consultative Forums each financial year. In 2021-2022 several forums were held.

The First consultation was with the Disabilities Royal Commission done online allowing community groups to be able to provide valuable feedback directly to the Commission. This was highly successful and feedback was well received by the Commission.

ECCWA also did consultations with Seniors Groups to assist in providing feedback for the WA State Ageing Strategy. The outcomes and suggestions from CaLD communities were very informative about the needs of this growing demographic.

Finally, consultations were also held in early 2021 on Covid 19 to ensure that CaLD communities were provided with updated information and that the feedback from Communities was being forwarded to Government. One of the pathways was through the Covid19 CaLD advisory group that ECCWA's Executive Officer was a member of.

### ECCWA FEDERAL PRE-ELECTION FORUM

ECCWA held a pre-election Forum for the recent 2022 Federal Election. However, unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and other unforeseen circumstances, only Dr Anne Aly for the Labor party was available to discuss issues with the Community members. The night however was highly successful with many questions and views presented to Dr Anne Aly.

### THE NAMING OF MULTICULTURAL HOUSE TO AGOCS-RAYMOND HOUSE

Multicultural House was named Agocs-Raymond House in honour of two men who have spent their lives advocating for Multiculturalism. This event was attended by The Hon. Dr Tony Buti Western Australia's Minister for Finance; Racing and Gaming; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests who presented the plaque with the name of the families who were present. Meredith Hammat MLA for Mirrabooka was also in attendance. This event held in December 2021 was also the first opportunity for ECCWA to present the newly refurbished premises and facilities that are available for access by ECCWA members.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021

Every year, ECCWA organises events to coincide with International Women's Day to highlight the problems, successes and achievements of women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

## FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SILENT MARCH IN DECEMBER 2021

ECCWA participated in the Silent March in December 2021 and had a stall at the event promoting its role and the services offered by EAST. Sadly, 2021 saw a number of persons killed due to Family and Domestic Violence. ECCWA continues to be actively involved in the Family and Domestic Violence Sector working with the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing and other Peaks as we continue to advocate for changes in the Family and Domestic Violence Service sector to acknowledge the need for a sector response that is not simply Crisis based but is one that recognises Cultural needs and the wish of many CaLD women and families to remain in their relationships with support to curtail the violence and abuse.

## FECCA'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE 2022

Our national body held its Bi-Annual conference in Melbourne and had over 1000 delegates in attendance. ECCWA had representatives attend this forum and it was a great opportunity for the Board members and Executive Officer who attended to network with other ECC members across Australia and also to learn from the various initiatives that have been occurring across the nation. These networks will prove to be very important for ECCWA in the future.

## THE LAKI JAYASURIYA ORATION IN OCTOBER 2021

The 2021 Laki Jayasuriya Oration with Nyadol Nyuon. This event proudly sponsored by:



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SERVICES CENTRE



Ethnic Communities Council  
of Western Australia Inc.



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

## OTHER EVENTS HELD OR ATTENDED BY ECCWA STAFF

These are some of the events ECCWA has either organised or attended in 2021-2022

- WA Multicultural Awards
- MSCWA's 40th Anniversary
- Lets Connect Armadale Expo
- WA Digital Inclusion Project Launch
- Indrahanush 2022 -Hindi Samaj of WA
- City of Armadale Proud Children's Book launch

# POLICY SUBMISSIONS

Here are some of the submissions ECCWA has done in 2021 - 2022:

- **ECCWA submission - State Commissioning Strategy for Community Services Discussion Paper**
- **ECCWA Submission to Disability Royal Commission (DRC) on Experiences of Violence against and Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of CaLD People with Disability in Residential and Institutional Settings**
- **ECCWA submission on the Reforms of the Anti-Discrimination Laws (WA)**

## REFORMS OF THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW (WA)

**Response from the Ethnic Communities Council of WA (ECCWA)**

The Ethnic Communities Council of WA has canvassed our member organisations and communities for their responses to the request from the Attorney General for suggestions for amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act. Our suggestions are written below in bold and underlined type, and is accompanied by the rationale for each suggestion.

They do not conform specifically to the questions raised by the Law Reform Commission, nevertheless they range across a number of areas significant for our members.

In WA there are laws and regulations and rules surrounding all of the entitlements of the WA citizens. In our western liberal democracy, we have a nominally equitable society, underpinned by a raft of supporting regulations, practices and literature. In WA (Western Australian Disability Services Act 1993, [amended 2004], Equal Opportunity Act 1984 [WA]) they are designed to ensure that all public authorities make provision for and maintain basic standards for disadvantaged people who experience inequity in WA. These acts make it unlawful for people to discriminate against or provide lesser services for anyone.

Furthermore, every government department has a section devoted to explaining how it meets the prevailing values of the 21st century in the western world. These can be found by people searching through each department's site. On the WA government website, there are links to no less than 24 departments, each of which will take the user to a vast number of links to services provided by each department. This is a practical guide to the supports the government gives to the people.

Each of these services has its origin in convenience and custom, arising from regulation and further back, from legislation. Should there be a complaint, it would be dealt with by the established procedures of the work area, with a very infrequent recourse up the line to the head of department or even the minister.

However, if a person, at a disadvantage due to an inequity, were to appeal for a change in the rules, or a redressing of disadvantage, there are too many confusing paths to follow which may lead down the wrong rabbit holes.

For example, within the WA government website, under Community Services, there exists a section called Social Justice and Equity which provides an alphabetical list of 15 services for all Western Australians to provide them with the services that will enhance their lives. But this is not about discrimination or disadvantage, but relates more to matters like an application for a driver's licence.

So where do people go?

Therefore, we would like an authoritative section inserted into a principal piece of legislation (the Anti-Discrimination Act) that defines discrimination, making the definition absolutely clear to be in tandem with the United Nation Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPWD), The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

ECCWA launched a 'Racism matters' website in view of widespread racist vilification following the start of the COVID epidemic. In light of the nature of the complaints we received and our discussions with the complainants, we came to a view that many of our members suffered widespread discrimination in many areas covered by the Act (mainly in employment and in the provision of services) but had little faith in the protections offered by it. Many of our complainants considered the Act a 'toothless tiger' which was of little benefit to them, if indeed they were aware of it.

Discrimination on the basis of race is illegal under the WA Criminal Code (Criminal Code Amendment (Racial Vilification) Act 2004) and penalties apply, however, CaLD people are not using it because:

- They consider the process hard to bring about a criminal charge.
- People do not know if they can get adequate support to undertake the process and don't know where to go for help.
- The system of getting justice is too expensive and this demoralises CaLD people to lodge complaints.
- There is fear and victimisation of community backlash.

Therefore, it is important to provide targeted information on government websites and in significant legislation (Anti-Discrimination Act) that is easily accessible to CaLD communities; to create delegated regulations to advance resource empowerment.

Education should be mandated under the Anti-Discrimination Act to make reasonable accommodation to allow students to carry out their religious practices during school hours.

There must be an updating of the language that refers to people of disadvantage through gender, race, colour, ethnicity, age, marital or parental status, sexual preference, disability or religious belief or political conviction (our addition). Old fashioned language is imbued with stigma and disadvantage and carries a set of memories and misunderstandings with it. When the language has evolved to reflect greater awareness and understanding, it is far more acceptable, and it is important that a significant piece of legislation reflect current community values.

The current protections in the Act be amended or clarified based on employment status.

People with disability from non-English speaking population face deeper forms of marginalisation, discrimination and experience multiple barriers to full participations in the society.

The Act must prohibit, and stipulate the consequences in cases where a person or persons are treated less favourably than others on a number of grounds in a number of circumstances. In accordance with its mandate the Equal Opportunity Commission states its mission as:

**“ To lead in the elimination of discrimination and build a community that reflects and promotes equality of opportunity and human rights” (Annual Report 2018-2019). ”**

**Systemic discrimination is entrenched in institutions, policies and practices which creates and perpetuates disadvantage for whole groups of people and is not effectively addressed through individual complaints. Subsequently, laws alone do not end intolerance, prejudice and discrimination in our community.**

**The implementation of the Substantive Equality Policy Framework has been a valuable tool to help address these issues in promoting equitable actions that result in equal outcomes for people with disability from CaLD backgrounds.**

**The strengthening of the principles of Substantive Equality within the Act is significant for supporting, advocating and implementing culturally sensitive programs; it needs a strong legislative framework for its efficient operation.**

**Other submissions can be found on the ECCWA website [www.eccwa.org.au](http://www.eccwa.org.au)**

# TENDER SUBMISSIONS

## **ECCWA CORE FUNDING**

\$120,000 from Office of Multicultural Interest (OMI) was received for the financial year 2021-2022.

## **SPEAK MY LANGUAGE (SML) PROJECT**

This is a National project being led by ECCNSW. ECCWA as part of the partnership. The grant to ECCWA is for \$ 202,541.36 and runs from January 2021 to December 2022.

## **FREE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT**

We were successful as part of a Consortium with ISHAR, MMRC, MSC and Orana Women's Refuge Inc. for a DCS \$200,000 per annum Family and Domestic Violence capacity building grant. This Consortium led by Ishar will see a minimum of \$25,000 per annum for four years commencing from 2019-2020 to 2022 -2023 being allocated to ECCWA for its contribution to the Family and Domestic Violence work.

## **GENESIS PROJECT**

ECCWA submitted for and was granted a \$360,000 grant from the Federal Government Strong and Resilient Communities Activity - Inclusive Communities Grants for the period July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

## **CITY OF CANNING**

A women's workshop was successfully conducted thanks to a women's grant. The venue was provided by City of Canning.

## **VIMAUNA GRANT**

A consortium led by MSCWA including Ishar and ECCWA to educate Community Ambassadors in Family and Domestic Violence to promote Family and Domestic Violence knowledge within their communities. ECCWA's share was \$75,000.

ECCWA will continue to explore all funding opportunities from government agencies, philanthropic organisations, and other sources.

# STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS

**ECCWA currently employs part-timers the equivalent of 1.03 FTE and has other projects that fund other key positions that value add to the organization. All nine staff in ECCWA are part-time but are passionate and committed to the organization its vision and objectives.**

**ECCWA supports its staff through the use of Volunteers and students. In 2021-2022 ECCWA had a number of volunteers provide support to the organisation in various capacities. This was essential to help us to be able to keep in constant contact with our Community members, conduct consultations and pursue grants etc.**

**ECCWA also actively supports Student placements and has had student placements from the McCusker Centre for Citizenship at UWA and Curtin University.**

**We have also had student placements from Stott's College. We look positively at these opportunities as ways to help educate the students but also as an opportunity for us to learn from their very vast talents. These students consistently add value and make a difference in our communities.**

**ECCWA will also be looking to have more volunteers involved with its services in 2022-2023 as this is an invaluable resource and often the volunteers come with incredible experience and knowledge that adds value to the Services we provide.**

# TREASURER'S REPORT



I am pleased to present the financial report for 2021- 2022 which includes.

- Statement by Committee
- Committee's Report
- Income and Expenditure Statement
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Notes to the Financial Statements

## Financial Health

In 2021-2022 ECCWA received \$120,000 funding from the Office of Multicultural Interests.

We also were successful in obtaining grants from various Departments such as Department of Communities and Department of Health. In addition, we were also involved in a National Project with ECCNSW a fellow member of the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia. Other partnerships with Ishar Multicultural Women's Health and Multicultural Services Centre of WA as the lead agencies of two consortiums of which ECCWA were part of, were also successful in obtaining grants to provide Community education to CaLD Community Organisations. These grants and partnerships allowed ECCWA to employ additional part-time paid employees who, together with our volunteers, has made 2021 -2022 a successful year.

The year ended with a deficit of \$5,660 brought about mainly by additional depreciation expense against the refurbishment of the ECCWA Building at 20 View Street North Perth. The refurbishment was made possible as a result of a Capital Grant from OMI received in 2020-2021. The refurbishment was completed in 2021-2022 and the upgrade will allow us to make these up to date conference and training facilities available to our Community Organisation members in the future.

ECCWA has been advised by Minister Buti's office that our funding for \$120,000 will continue for 2022-2023 and with our success in obtaining a Federal Grant from the Department of Social Services for Social and Inclusiveness projects for 2022-2024 ECCWA will potentially receive a further \$180,000pa to run its Genesis project.

We hope however, that ECCWA will soon be able to receive a Service agreement that will allow ECCWA to have the opportunity to plan and recruit staff on a permanent basis.

## Acknowledgements

I wish to thank our Accountants Eventum Accounting and Mr Andrew Pereira from AMW Audit who undertook with due diligence, the Review of this year's financial statements in accordance with relevant provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the office bearers' and Board members who have had to shoulder the responsibilities of the ECCWA in a voluntary capacity for so many years and to recognise the efforts of our diligent and dedicated staff.

In particular, I would like to recognise the efforts of our President Mr Suresh Rajan and our Executive Officer Mrs Vivienne Pillay.

Baily Fernandez  
Treasurer

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

## Not-For-Profit - Association Report

Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc

ABN 91 163 351 869

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Prepared by Eventum Group Unit Trust



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## Statement by Committee

### Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc For the year ended 30 June 2022

The Committee has determined the Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc is not a reporting entity and that this Special Purpose Financial Report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in note 1 to the financial statements.

The Committee declares that in the Committee's opinion:

- a) there are reasonable grounds to believe the the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed on Behalf of the Association in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* by:

Sign:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suresh Rajan", written over a horizontal line.

Suresh Rajan

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Baily Fernandez", written over a horizontal line.

Baily Fernandez

Treasurer

Dated this 12th day of October 2022

# Committee's Report

## Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc For the year ended 30 June 2022

### Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

### Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Office Bearers	Position
Suresh Rajan	President
Rahim Ghauri	Senior Vice President
Mamta Kocharr	Vice President of Women's Interests
Seren Ulusoy	Vice President of Youth
Baily Fernandez	Treasurer
Board Members	
Adam Demir	Muslim Women's Business Association
Karla Benitez	Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services (Inc.)
Carmelita Baltazar	Migrante
Michael Wu	Chung Wah Association
Paul Kyaw	Karen Welfare Association
Getty Williams	Kitwek Association Inc
Ranjit Ratnayake	Burgher Welfare of WA
Tarek Chamkhi	Islamic Museum of Australia
Satish Nair	Indian Society of WA

### Principal Activities

#### ECCWA Vision

A fair and just society, one in which all people are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the community and are supported to reach their full potential, where diversity is valued and people live in harmony.

#### ECCWA Mission

To work with member organisations, the community, government and non- government stakeholders to ensure:

- Ethnic community participation and consultation in decision making at all levels
- Just and harmonious relations within our multicultural community
- A consultative, advisory and training service to government and non government organizations
- Provision of research and policy
- Access to all information and equitable share of government and community resources

#### **Policy and Advocacy**

ECC's advocacy, policy and information program has the following objectives:

- Ensure that ECC's policy positions contribute to Government policy making
- Promote and safeguard the interests of CALD communities in WA.
- Facilitate dissemination of state government information to ethnic communities.

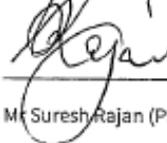
#### **Citizenship and Community Relations**

- Enhance culturally and linguistically diverse community awareness and understanding of citizenship and promote their participation in citizenship related activities.
- Promote harmonious relations between ethnic communities as well as between ethnic communities and the wider community.

#### **Going Concern**

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The ability of the association to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the association to generate sufficient cashflows from operations to meet its liabilities. The members of the association believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

  
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Mr Suresh Rajan (President)

Date 12 /10 /2022

  
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Mr Bally Fernandez (Treasurer)

Date 12 / 10 / 2022

# Income and Expenditure Statement

Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc  
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>		
Donation (Others)	-	12,030
East Income Client Fees	300	591
ECC Member Subscriptions/Fee	380	120
FECCA	1,421	4,545
Fundraising East	-	1,065
Grant Monies to ECCWA	120,000	142,979
Grant Monies for Capital Grant - North Perth Refurb	-	72,727
Hire of EEC Facilities	10,050	8,665
International Women's Day	-	4,401
Sitting Fees	-	2,409
<b>ATO Income</b>		
ATO Cash Stimulus Boost	-	5,468
JobKeeper Income Received	-	75,000
Total ATO Income	-	80,468
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Project Income	299,374	124,216
Total Fundraising	299,374	124,216
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Income	192	378
Other Revenue	4,016	-
Sundry	975	580
Total Other Income	5,184	958
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>436,708</b>	<b>455,174</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>436,708</b>	<b>455,174</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Annual Leave Accrual	-	16,838
Advertising	-	4,449
AGM/MC/EC Meetings/Functions	4,176	2,068
Bank Fees	120	100
Cannington Rental Costs	13,473	3,333
Cleaning	4,220	2,475
Computer & IT Expenses	5,227	8,797
Conference & Other Sponsorship	1,481	417
Conference/Seminar/Legal Fees	-	262
Consulting & Accounting	39,916	6,132
Depreciation	10,496	795
East Client Emergency Expense	10,207	1,750
Expense International Women Day	-	5,991

	2022	2021
General Expenses	205	139
Insurance	7,894	5,917
LSL Accrual	1,710	4,685
Membership Fees	1,940	136
Motor Vehicle Expense	1,139	2,055
Office Expenses	1,498	8,871
Postage	7	26
Photocopier Lease	4,284	4,253
Printing & Stationery	2,235	989
Rates & Taxes	539	828
Repairs & Maintenance	1,415	3,364
Sitting Fees Expense	409	1,759
SML - Expense Account	550	-
Subscriptions	286	1,790
Superannuation	28,131	24,212
Telephone & Internet	3,220	3,284
Trainings	2,583	-
Travel and Accommodation	3,615	-
Volunteer Grant - Expenses	28	-
Wages and Salaries	291,365	273,919
Total Expenditure	442,368	389,635
Operating (Deficit)/ Surplus for the year	(5,660)	65,539
Net (Deficit)/ Surplus for the year	(5,660)	65,539

## Statement of Financial Position

Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc  
As at 30 June 2022

	NOTES	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	171,748	267,970
Accounts Receivable		47,407	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>219,156</b>	<b>267,970</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	114,814	86,446
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>114,814</b>	<b>86,446</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>333,969</b>	<b>354,416</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
GST Payable		26,873	25,002
PAYG Withholdings Payable		4,308	6,260
Unexpended Grants		59,878	72,277
Annual Leave Provision		12,822	16,838
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>103,881</b>	<b>120,377</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Long Service Leave Provision		6,395	4,685
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>6,395</b>	<b>4,685</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>110,275</b>	<b>125,062</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>223,694</b>	<b>229,354</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings		223,694	229,354
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>223,694</b>	<b>229,354</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc  
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Equity</b>		
Opening Balance	229,354	163,815
<b>Increases</b>		
(Loss)/ Profit for the Period	(5,660)	65,539
<b>Total Increases</b>	<b>(5,660)</b>	<b>65,539</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>223,694</b>	<b>229,354</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc For the year ended 30 June 2022

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Building and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

#### Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

#### Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

### Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2022	2021
<b>2. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
Bendigo 156354797	109,393	207,033
ER ECCWA	1,000	-
Petty Cash ECCWA	807	546
Term Deposit 172	30,344	30,290
Term Deposit 198	30,104	30,000
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>171,648</b>	<b>267,870</b>
<b>Other Cash Items</b>		
Petty Cash	100	100
<b>Total Other Cash Items</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>171,748</b>	<b>267,970</b>

### 3. Property, Plant and Equipment

	2022	2021
<b>Office Equipment</b>		
Office Equipment at Cost	6,406	4,815
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,083)	(11)
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>4,323</b>	<b>4,805</b>
<b>Building -9/155 share 20 View Street</b>		
Building at Cost	26,149	26,149
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(18,019)	(17,235)
<b>Total Building -9/155 share 20 View Street</b>	<b>8,130</b>	<b>8,914</b>
<b>North Perth Building</b>		
Building at Cost	110,000	72,727



	2022	2021
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(7,639)	-
Total North Perth Building	102,361	72,727
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	114,814	86,446

#### 4. Events Subsequent to Balance Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the year which will significantly affect, or may significantly affect, the state of affairs or operations of the Association subsequent to the year ended 30 June 2022.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL OF WA INC.**

### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc. ("the Association") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the income and expenditure statement, statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, notes to the financial statements comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by committee.

### **Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

The committee members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012* and for such internal control as the committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *ACNC Act* including: giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and *ACNC Act*. ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### **Independence**

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of *ACNC Act*.

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### Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *ACNC Act* including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial report and *ACNC Act*.

### Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

Without further modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the *ACNC Act*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

*AMW Audit*

**AMW AUDIT**  
Chartered Accountants  
Address: Unit 8, 210 Winton Road, Joondalup, Western Australia

**BILLY-JOE THOMAS**  
Director & Registered Company Auditor  
Dated at Perth, Western Australia this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022



### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

To: the Committee members of Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc.

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the committee members of Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc. As the lead director for the review of the financial report of Ethnic Communities Council of WA Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022 there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the review; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022

*AMW Audit*

AMW AUDIT  
Chartered Accountants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BJT' with a stylized flourish.

BILLY-JOE THOMAS  
Director & Registered Company Auditor



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