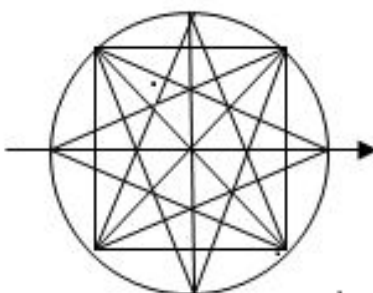


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Inc.

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Minutes**December 6, 2019****Whitehorse Community Centre, Level 1 Conference Room,
79 Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill.****1. Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country - Chris Cosgriff****2. Present**

Natalie Areyanda	Cancer Council Victoria, Community Engagement Officer
Dilnaz Billimoria	Whitehorse Interfaith Network
Virginia Burns	Whitehorse Friends for Reconciliation, Convenor
Gitta Clayton	CHBC/Winter Shelter and Sharing Hope
Julie Conan-Davies	Swinburne University, AMEP Coordinator
Chris Cosgriff	CCOEI, Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place
Heather Cosgriff	CCOEI, Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place
Geoff de Young	Dept. of Human Services, MSO
Helen Forbes-Mewett	Monash University, Senior Lecturer and Researcher
Leigh Gilmore	Sheriff's Office – Eastern
Kate Jeffery	Inner East PCP, Access and Inclusion Coordinator
Helen Jurcevic OAM	Women's Friendship Group Manningham
Ben Lam	CPSSN
Kelly Maughan	Melbourne Polytechnic, Volunteer Tutor Scheme
Sam Navarria	MSC/CCOEI
Saarah Ozeer	Bounce, Director
Madeleine Parker	DET Senior Project Officer
Som Sengmany	Deakin University, PHD Research Student
Vicki Selimi	Dept. of Human Services, MSO
Sui Ting Tse	CCOEI, President
Clary Verbunt	Nieuw Holland Dutch Elderly Social Club, CCOEI

Apologies

Sally Brooks	MIC
Iresha Buthgamnwa	Eastern Community Legal Centre, Community Development Coordinator
Rick Comfort	DHS Centrelink MSO
Rayce Coyte	IMVC, National Disability Coordinator Office
Mervat Dahdoule	MIC
Krishiani Dassanayake	CCOEI, Community member
Gina Etienne	Eastern Health, Manager consumer/community
Marilyn Gurry	CCOEI
Cindy Kung	Louise Multicultural Community Centre, Program Coordinator
Sarah Martinelli	City of Whitehorse, Com. Dev. Officer - Diversity
Bronwyn Morphet	Manningham Social Planning and Community Development
Barbara Reeckman	Melbourne Polytechnic, AMEP
Cynthia Shaw	CCOEI

Robin Stewart
Bwe Thay

ATO
Swinburne University, Community Liaison Officer; CCOEI

3. Minutes MSC November 2019 meeting

Moved Chris Cosgriff, seconded Clary Verbunt. Minutes accepted with the following amendments: add Robin Stewart, ATO, to attendees; delete the report from Department of Education and Training as the content was deemed discussion rather than a report.

4. **Business Arising** – incorporated in the December meeting agenda.

5. **Correspondence** – circulated via email to members of the MSC and at the meeting.

6. Meeting Focus – Finalising the 2020 MSC calendar of meetings, events/forums

Sam thanked members of the MSC for their contribution to the discussion on various topics and participation in events and forums in 2019.

The 2020 MSC calendar of meetings, events and forums was put together as a result of consultation and feedback by MSC members. The calendar is a flexible framework for MSC discussions and activities.

2020 MSC CALENDAR

MSC meeting dates	Suggested topic	Organisation and speaker(s)	Forums/events convenors and working groups
04 Jan	No meeting		
07 Feb	Settlement Services – focus on regional Victoria. Overview of services; recent changes and data on new arrivals (country of birth, ethnicity, faith, gender, age, etc.), who is settling in country Victoria, where, what are their needs and aspirations? Monthly presentations on a CALD (new and emerging community) communities. Focus on the diversity of the Burmese community – Gitta Clayton to organise	AMES Settlement (Tanya De Mel to provide a speaker).	
06 March	Indigenous cultural traditions and history: Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place. Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.	MSC meeting and speakers from Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place. MSC will have its meeting at Mullum Mullum in Ringwood	Harmony Day event – Mullum Mullum. Date TBC. Convenors: Chris and Cynthia, working group Gina, Bwe, Virginia (Whitehorse reconciliation group), Gitta. Chris to convene meeting on January 20.
03 April	Refugee Health Nurse Program – an overview of the program, its achievements and plans for the future. Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.	EACH (Marilyn Spratling); Eastern Health (Gina Etienne)	Either April or May Disability forum – CALD and Disability: Theme is Engagement and Good Practice with CALD communities. Convenor Rayce; Working Group Gina, Cynthia, Vicki.
01 May	Communication with CALD in LGAs: barriers and how to overcome them (input from a community group and LGAs – communication tools: social	Speakers: LGAs and community groups. Som (Deakin University) to	Either April or May Disability focus – CALD and Disability: Theme:

	<p>media, Apps, interpreting services; LGAs</p> <p>Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.</p>	<p>present PHD research on LGAs communications with CALD using social and other media. LGAs invited TBC Sarah Martinelli or Chae Parker (W); Emma (B); Bronwyn (Manningham/Monash);</p>	<p>Engagement and Good Practice with CALD communities. Convenor Rayce; Working Group Gina, Vicki, Cynthia.</p>
05 June	<p>Refugee week: a celebration of refugee resilience and strength through storytelling.</p> <p>Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.</p>	<p>MIC (Sally Brooks and Mervat Dahdoule) TBC. Other suggestions welcome – forward suggestions to Sam and Cynthia</p>	
01 July	<p>No meeting</p>		
07 Aug	<p>Volunteering and new and emerging communities: understanding the value of volunteering</p> <p>Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.</p>	<p>Speakers from the community volunteer sector and CALD organisations; Volunteering Victoria; Eastern Volunteering? AMES? Volunteer Tutor Program (AMEP) Kelly? Kate?</p>	<p>Youth forum workshop format: education, employment, volunteering, displays, stalls, sport clubs, police, lifesaving skills, Convenor Bwe; working group: Leigh, Dilnaz, Saarah (Bwe to contact those taking part in the workshop format (MIC - Sally; AMEP/SEE – Sally; Employment, SES, VicPol, DHS, Sport, etc..))</p>
04 Sept	<p>The Royal Commission on Aged Care: impact of the report - findings and actions</p> <p>Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.</p>	<p>Gina Etienne and Iresha</p>	
02 Oct	<p>State Emergency Services (SES) and CALD communities</p> <p>CCOEI AGM</p> <p>Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.</p>	<p>SES; MFB Frank Yamen; Victoria Police; Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)</p>	
06 Nov	<p>Mapping Social Cohesion research: findings of the Scanlon Foundation/Monash University 2020 research.</p> <p>Review of MSC Calendar 2020 and planning 2021</p> <p>Monthly presentations on new and emerging communities throughout the year, with a</p>	<p>Scanlon Foundation and Monash University Professor Andrew Markus</p>	

	demonstration of cultural artefact, dress, etc. Bwe/Sam to develop.		
04 Dec	Finalize 2021 MSC Calendar. End of year celebration		

7. Agency reports

Women's Friendship Group (Helen Jurcevic) 180 people attended Christmas party function, with Bwe as guest speaker, politicians and councillors. Russell Hayes Rotary initiative - *Wheelchairs for Kids* making wheelchairs for kids in underdeveloped countries (WFG makes rugs to go with the wheelchairs). 80 million people require wheelchairs worldwide and only 20 million are provided.

Swinburne University (Julie Conan-Davies)

- Developing English courses that focus on pathways to work including running dual qualifications; English for bricklaying; English and Aged Care Cert 3 level; Lylidale and Croydon campus horticulture and building tool boxes; food handling certificate;
- Government grant *English Outside the Classroom* with a focus on numeracy and literacy, applied innovative learning. 6 month long course in Semester 1, 2020 looking for placements/work experience.

CPSSN (Ben Lam): 4000 people have received lanyards – seniors, people with disability; thanks to Swinburne for allowing to talk to seniors. Expos – talking to seniors. Lanyards and card have information on health issues, languages, contact etc.

Whitehorse Friends of Reconciliation (Virginia Burns): *Nobody's Child* DVD (2013) 52 minutes long, story of 5 people who are members of the Stolen Generation with a connection to the City of Whitehorse. Uncle Jack Charles and others. Initiative to produce DVD with Chinese subtitles, 7K required. So far 1K donation received. In future possibility of extending to other languages.

Cancer Council Victoria (Natalie Areyanda) Screening and detection. CALD communities under represented. Screening program: bowel, breast, cervical; working closely with migrants, refugees, Get the message out there.

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (Chris Cosgriff) – Yengalli Mullum Choir – Alice Springs. Also working with Church of England. Breaking down barriers. Small grant has been made available from Maroondah Council for Harmony Day. Working with the Jewish community and the Archbishop of Melbourne for a choir performance.

Interfaith network (Dilnaz Billimoria) Gender equity, 16 days of activism. 25 January Chinese New Year

Sharing Hope (Gitta Clayton) 2020 Sharing Hope Calendars available for purchase.

8. Initiatives and innovations (for noting) – incorporated in the 2019 MSC calendar and new suggestions will be incorporated in the 2020 calendar.

Sam thanked MSC members for their participation and active involvement in the MSC meetings, forums and events and wished them well for the year ahead. Thanks to Dilnaz for taking the minutes in the last two meetings, and Chris and Heather for organising the catering for the end of year celebration, and Chris for supporting IT needs.

Next MSC Meeting: Friday 7 February 2020: focus Humanitarian Settlement Program in regional Victoria. AMES Australia and the Department of Home Affairs – speaker/s to be confirmed.

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