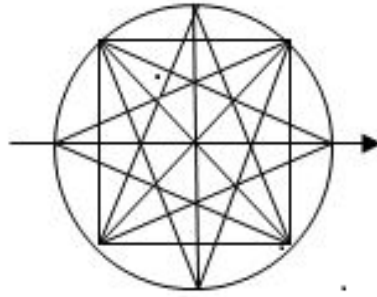


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MIGRANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE (Eastern Region)

Standing Committee of the Communities' Council on Ethnic Issues (Eastern Region) Inc.

Reg. No. A0017562S

Minutes – Friday 2 June 2023

Venue: Boyland Room, Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Chairperson: Jess Ness - MSC Chair

1. **Acknowledgement of Country** – Daniele Noel - CCOEI President

2. ATTENDEES

Jess Ness - MSC Chair	Tamsin Maxwell - Access HC
Daniele Noel - CCOEI President	Lisa Monkivitch - Access HC
Pradeep Kanthan - CCOEI Secretary	Gerardine Daniels - DFFH
Heather Willison - CCOEI Editor	Cindy Kung - Louise Multicultural Community Centre
Dilnaz Billimoria - CCOEI	Kham Cung Lian - Australian Chin Community
Krishani Dassanayake - CCOEI	Zak Fakhri - WIN
Jess Bishop - CCOEI / MIC	Chris Campbell - WIN
Iresha Buthgamuwa - CCOEI / ECLC	Eddie Chapman - Village Well
Con Pagonis - CCOEI	Deepak Joshi - The Humanism Project
Raviana Sailo - Psylaw Inc.	Bec Paterson - Foundation House
Daniel Kyi - Psylaw Inc.	Dana Kearney - Link Health and Community
Sophie McKenzie - MIC	David Ng - On Call Training
Kass Halastanis - Knox City Council	Kiah Shadlow - Monash student
Rob Menzies - Glen Eira City Council	Jon Foley-Donoghue - Monash student / Red Cross
Jaime Edge - Whitehorse City Council	Anju Kulkarni - Services Australia
Elizabeth Sidiropoulos - Victoria Police	Kaltun Ali Bobe
Ding Cai - Victoria Police	Malavika Vasanth
Minwen Wu - Chinese Australian Network	Yelda Arman
Surmeli Yesilyurt - ECCV	Sang Lian
Madeleine Parker - DET	Suresh Ramachandraiah - RAV
Bronwyn Arnold - Whitehorse Manningham Libraries	

3. REPORTS

Following the recent news of Elizabeth Sidiropoulos' retirement after 35 years of service to Victoria Police, Dilnaz acknowledged and thanked Elizabeth on behalf of CCOEI and presented her with a heartfelt poem, beautifully articulating the significance of her contribution over the years. Elizabeth introduced Ding Cai as the new representative for MSC. Elizabeth, we thank you for your service and wish you all the very best in your retirement.

Heather Willison - CCOEI Editor - CCOEI invites you to send information on upcoming events, projects and opportunities to editor@ccoEI.org.au.

Iresha Buthgamuwa - ECLC - *You, Me and MPs: Leadership in Action* - workshop designed for CALD community members in the Eastern Metro region will be held on Saturday 8 July at the Box Hill Town Hall. [Register now](#).

Surmeli Aydogan - ECCV - ECCV's Member Forum will be held at the Box Hill Town Hall on Thursday 15 June focusing on the topic 'Tackling Racism Together'. [Find out more and register](#).

- ECCV's new CEO Mo Elrafih will commence on Monday 5 June. [Read more](#).

- Workshops - lived experience and mental illness within multicultural communities. Seeking feedback and piloting with bilingual and bicultural workers. Developing a resource to train service providers and community leaders.

Con Pagonis - CCOEI - The launch of the Review of Australia's Multicultural Framework was scheduled to take place in Sydney today. Con will circulate details when available. [View the previous announcement](#).

- The Boite's next concert in Box Hill will be at the Community Arts Centre on Friday 16 June featuring Karina Lehman and Vanessa Estrada from Chile. [Get tickets](#).

Minwen Wu - [Chinese Australian Network](#) (CAN) - [English Corners](#) - weekly language exchange in Box Hill, Glen Waverley and online.

Jess Bishop - [MIC](#) / CCOEI - Jobs Victoria Employment Mentoring program has been extended. Tender complete for the Aged Care Community Visitors' Scheme - volunteers for socially isolated older people.

Kass Halastanis (Knox City Council) - Multicultural Advisory Committee members have been confirmed. Working on upcoming Refugee Week event.

David Ng - [On Call Training College](#) in Surrey Hills running VET courses in the health and disability space, training support workers in the NDIS.

Brownyn Arnold - Whitehorse Manningham Libraries - [Writability Program](#) workshops - using writing to break down barriers to social inclusion and giving people with disabilities the skills and opportunity to tell their stories their way.

Dana Kearney (Link Health and Community) - partnering with NDIS offering presentations to CALD communities, and supporting parents of children with developmental issues.

Bec Paterson - [Foundation House](#) - Trauma counselling for refugee/asylum seekers and education for communities.

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos - Victoria Police - incidents of aggravated burglaries, breaking into homes and stealing car keys. Advice is to leave car keys visible near the front door. Eastern region has the highest rate of serious injury and fatal collisions. Contact Vic Police for Road Safety presentations - ED1-PPU-OIC@police.vic.gov.au.

Eddie Chapman - Box Hill Baptist Church - Village Well community centre recently launched. [Opening Doors Community Leadership Program for Social Inclusion](#).

Cindy Kung - [Louise Multicultural Community Centre](#) - language classes, excursions for the general public.

Meeting Focus:

An Introduction to Psylaw Incorporated - Raviana Sailo

Sophie McKenzie from MIC introduced Raviana and reflected on her work as an inspiring community leader and the privilege of being able to work with Raviana and other community leaders to support community led initiatives.

Raviana founded [Psylaw Incorporated](#) in 2020 to support members of the Mizo tribe from the Chin community in Melbourne, and attended the MSC meeting with Psylaw colleague Daniel Kyi.

Psylaw Inc is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to support members of the Chin community by running events that promote mental health, community engagement and culture preservation. It promotes a standard of practice through the paying of artists and musicians; supports those who are less privileged; prevents discrimination between tribes and promotes unity between Chin people and the growing culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia. Upcoming events for *Sike! The Culture Club*.

CCOEI would like to acknowledge Raviana for her willingness to share her lived experience of her refugee journey, for the time and preparation that went into her presentation; particularly as she had another major event that evening, and her passionate dedication to supporting and uplifting her community.

Peace and Harmony Banner presented by Dilnaz: Through COVID-19 and beyond, Whitehorse Interfaith Network (WIN) has a goal of bringing our diverse communities together through initiatives of peace and actions to promote harmony. Inclusive Narratives Workshops run through 2022 was one such example. WIN, in collaboration with Whitehorse Council, has created the Peace and Harmony Banner, which we are bringing to the MSC meeting. We are

inviting all attendees to write or draw messages of hope and happiness on the banner, be it in English or your language of choice.

Next MSC meeting:

- No MSC meeting to be held in July. Next meeting Friday 4 August 2023, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM. Venue to be confirmed and Agenda to be sent out one week prior to the meeting.