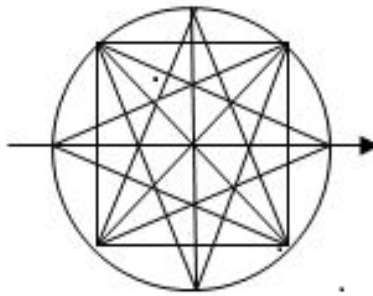


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## **MIGRANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE (Eastern Region)**

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

Reg. No. A0017562S

**Minutes – Friday 05 May 2023**

**Venue: Conference Room, Level 1, 79 Mahoney's Road, Forest Hill**

Chairperson: Nora Fernandes - MSC Chair

### 1. Acknowledgement of Country – Chris Cosgriff (Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place)

### 2. Attendance

#### Present

Chris & Heather Cosgriff, MMIGP and CCOEI	Katrine Gabb, Manningham City Council
Bronwyn Arnold, Whitehorse Manningham Libraries	Angela Nguyen, Good Shepherd
Nora Fernandes, CCOEI Committee of Management	Mervat Dahdoule, MIC
Dilnaz Billimoria, CCOEI Committee of Management	Kate Wijeyesinghe (monash City Council)
Jess Ness, Migrant Information Centre	Tomaso Ruiz, Good Shepherd
Vicki Li, CPSSN	Shashi Kochhar, Monash Interfaith Gathering
Con Pagonis, ECCV	Janice Clear, Monash Interfaith Gathering
Jaime Edge, Whitehorse Council	Jacque Arulanandam, MIC
Bwe Thay, CCOEI Committee of Management	Sithy , Monash Interfaith Gathering
Carole Pondevie-Lay (AMEP)	Gina Etienne Eastern Health
Geradine Daniels (DFFH)	Bazz Luke, Yarra Valley Water
Bec Patterson, Foundation House	Deepak Joshi
Kass Halastanis, Knox City Council	Gitta Clayton
Liesel Ritchie	Madeleine (DET)
Nuru Johnson	Shashi Kochhar

#### Apologies

Cynthia Shaw, Life Member Daniele Noel, President, CCOEI Heather Willison, CCOEI Editor Madeleine Parker Krishani Dassanyake, CCOEI Committee of Management Iresha Buthgamuwa, Eastern Community Legal Centre	Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Victoria Police Saarah Ozeer, CCOEI Committee and Bounce Clary Verbunt, CCOEI Life Member, Dutch Community Cindy Kung, Louise Multicultural CC
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### 3. REPORTS

#### CCOEI Committee of Management Member: Dilnaz Billimoria

Dilnaz welcomed new members and wished AMEP a happy 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Recently CCOEI members celebrated Ramadan at community Iftar dinners in Knox, Doncaster, Swinburn and Deakin, where food and faith were shared with the wider community.

Dilnaz attended the ECLC annual Partnership and Volunteers event and we congratulate her on receiving the ECLC Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023. Dilnaz was able to speak about the Elder Abuse project started 15 years ago with CCOEI and Matter of Trust.

#### COOEE! eNewsletter Editor, Heather Willison

- CCOEI invites you to send news about events and projects to [ccoei.editor@gmail.com](mailto:ccoei.editor@gmail.com).

**Con Pagonis:** For any of you considering a late registration for Welcoming Australia Symposium, find everything you need to know at this link: <https://symposium.welcoming.org.au/>

The Boite's next show in our neighbourhood is the World Premiere of 'Blue on Blue' for Whitehorse's Matsudo Week Sister City celebrations next Saturday 13th May 2023 at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre. Details at this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1045849&>. For fortnightly news from The Boite, subscribe to our eNews at the bottom of our home webpage here: <https://www.boite.com.au/>

Con asked could all of you active in Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia, please consider engaging with VOSE.

The Facebook page for 'Voice of the Outer South East' (VOSE) is:

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceoutersoutheast/>

Solange Ardiles is the VOSE chair; you can contact her at: [sardiles5@gmail.com](mailto:sardiles5@gmail.com)

**Katrine Gabb (Manningham City Council):** To celebrate [Law Week](#), ECLC and [Whitehorse Manningham Libraries](#) are providing free legal information sessions [Law Week 2022 | Eastern Community Legal Centre \(eclc.org.au\)](#). Planning Your Future session will have Farsi translator. Katrine introduced Nuru Johnson (Community Partnerships) and we welcome Nuru to the MSC

**Kass Halastanis (Knox City Council):** Idahobit event May 17<sup>th</sup> [IDAHOBIT Day at Knox | Knox](#)

**Jacque Arulanandam (MIC)** Youth Team (programs for 12-25 year olds, new arrivals to Australia less than 5 years): Young Women's Group Art Therapy Starting on the 24th of May at Ringwood Uniting church and will run for 6 weeks.

Young Men's Group "Soccer Social" is currently running in term 2 with places available for young people aged 12-25 years. The registration link is here <https://forms.office.com/r/CfJy3HRQsW> For more information, please reach out to our Youth Worker, Rohan [rjoshi@miceastmelb.com.au](mailto:rjoshi@miceastmelb.com.au) or call him directly on 0411 818 597 or the MIC office on 9285 4888. Places are available in both programs.

**Bronwyn Arnold (Whitehorse Manningham Libraries):** Invited anyone in Whitehorse and/or Manningham interested in receiving professional development on the Social Model of Disability and best practice language for organisations.

<https://cityofliterature.com.au/explore/education/writeability-goes-local-whitehorse-manningham-libraries-%E2%80%93-own-voices-forum>

**Liesel Ritchie (Opening Doors):** Information about the Opening Doors program is here:

<https://boxhillbaptist.org.au/2023/04/26/opening-doors-community-leadership-program/> Information about the launch event is here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/launch-of-the-village-well-tickets-630509409617?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**Bec Patterson (Foundation House):** Offering Child and Adolescent group services in the Eltham Area around Stress and Wellbeing

**Geradine Daniels (DFFH):** Geradine is seeking women from diverse backgrounds for a Preventing Homelessness project. [Geradine.daniels@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:Geradine.daniels@dffh.vic.gov.au)

**Kamala (Monash Interfaith Gathering MIG):** Positive Ageing Network Forum May 8th Positive Ageing Network Forum- Monday 8 May 2023 - Monash Interfaith Gathering

Intercultural high tea book club meeting June 5th Intercultural High Tea Book Club Meeting - Monash Interfaith Gathering

Women of Faith Forum: Date: Thursday 15 June 2023. Time: 7pm to 9pm. Location: Online via Zoom

**Carole Pondevie-Lay (AMEP):** 'Undeclared' book launch event is at the Preston Library 18th June afternoon.

'Refugee conversations' Lalor library 24th June.

The Next VTS (Volunteer Tutor Scheme) information session is on 29th May, 6:30pm. Please spread the word.

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/melbourne-amep-volunteer-tutor-information-session-4-tickets-597454992967>

Good Shepherd held an info session for the Melbourne AMEP VTS volunteers and teachers recently and it was fantastic.

**Meeting Focus:**

**Good Money Dandenong, Safe Affordable Credit**

**Tomasa Ruiz**, Good Money Manager, Community Engagement & Service Delivery at Good Shepherd

**Goals, Guidance and Gratitude – from a migrant perspective**

**Shashi Kochhar**, Monash Interfaith Gathering and founder of Friends of the Children Foundation

**Next MSC meeting:**

- Please note: The next MSC meeting will be on 2 June 2023, at Box Hill Town Hall, 9.30am-11am, focusing on a celebration of Refugee Week. The Agenda will be sent out one week prior to the meeting.

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