

ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL WA

NEWS

JUNE EDITION





June 2019

Introducing our new Executive Officer

We would like to introduce our new executive officer, Vivienne Pillay, who was appointed on the 29 January 2019.



Vivienne is a Eurasian with Sri Lankan and Scottish heritage who migrated to Australia from Singapore with her parents in the 1970s. She has an Economics degree, extensive management experience and has worked in the Human Services Sector for Centrelink and Women's Health and Family Services (WHFS) for 35 years. She has received awards for her work, most notably an Australian Day Medal in 1994 by the Australia Day Council for her achievements in the Public Sector. She has also received an International Women's Day award in 2010 for her contributions to the status of ethnic women.

Vivienne has been an active member of the community and has held the following positions:

- Member of the Ministers Advisory Council in 2010 for HON Minister John Castrilli for Multicultural Interests.
- Member of the SAAP committee responsible to the Minister for Child Protection
- Executive member for the Womens Council for Family and Domestic Violence (FDV)
- Vice president of Women's Interest with the Ethnic Council of WA

Vivienne has a deep commitment in ensuring that multicultural communities and persons in Western Australia receive appropriate support as well as equal rights to employment, education and protection. We are confident that the ECCWA will continue to flourish and reach many milestones under her leadership.

Important news



Our recent achievements:

- **Pre-Election Forum**
Representatives from ALP, Liberal Party and the Greens were invited to speak on the 8th of May 2019 at Multicultural House to promote informed voting -p.2
- **ECCWA Supported the Community Languages Forum**
- **ECCWA was part of a successful consortium with ISHAR, Multicultural Services Centre, Metropolitan Migrant Resources Centre and Orana House Inc for the Culturally Appropriate Family and Domestic Violence Support Services Capacity Building Grant**
- **The Ethnic Advocacy Support Team (EAST), launched in July 2018, continues to succeed having assisted 59 clients to date -read more on p.3**

News bulletin

Announcements

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- **Community News/Events**
 - Refugee Week Event -Stories of Hope and Freedom at Aranmore College on 29 June from 6pm to 9pm.
 - St Emilie's Catholic Parish feast -p.5
- **Health**
- **-Submission on Voluntary Assisted Dying**
- **Housing**
 - Submissions on Homelessness
- **News/opinion**
 - ECCWA media release
- **Women**
 - Submissions on 10 year FDV strategy

Pre-Election Forum

On the 8th of May, the ECCWA held a pre-election forum at the Multicultural House at 20 View Street North Perth where representatives from the Australian labour Party (ALP), Liberal party and the Greens were invited to speak.

The objective of the forum was to inform members of the multicultural community their voting power as well as the policies of each political party to help guide their vote. There was a 7-minute presentation by each of the 2 of the parties followed by questions from members and the public on matters of particular interest and concern to ethnic, faith and other minorities. The event concluded with a 3-minute responses from representatives of the parties.

Representatives from each party were :

ALP : Dr. Anne Aly MP, Member for Cowan

Liberal Party: Unable to attend

Australian Greens Hon. Senator Jordon Steele-John

To read the ECCWA's 2019 Election Manifesto, click the link below:

<http://www.eccwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ECCWAs-2019-Federal-Election-Manifesto.pdf>



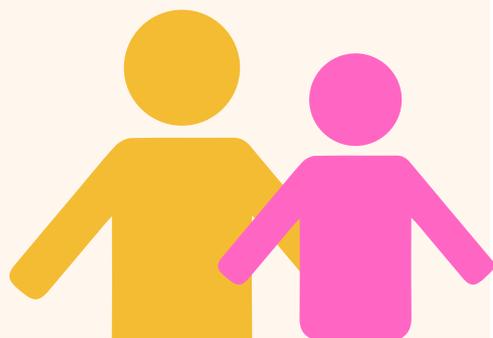
EAST achievements

EAST SUCCESS STORIES

Case 1:

A family who had been struggling for 12 months and had been approaching several agencies was referred to EAST. The couple had a child who had a cancer tumour removed and was immobile and very dependent on the mother.

Mother had little English skills and the father worked strenuously to support the family of four. The EAST team was able to identify immediately that there had been a breakdown in communication within the hospital system upon their discharge and assisted the family in navigating the Australian hospital and medical system. EAST also assisted them to obtain payments from Centrelink and to access appropriate Disability services. As a result, the child's mobility has been improving.



Case 2:

EAST successfully advocated for a family with the guardianship Board resulting in positive outcomes for the family and the individual.

Case 3 :

A woman with an Australian born child needed assistance with immigration in the Family Court. As she was on the wrong immigration visa, she was assisted to navigate the immigration appeals systems and Family Court Systems. Her case has been on going for 12 months with successful outcomes in the Family Court and we are now awaiting a decision from the Immigration Minister.

EAST is a fee for service that charges a minimal price as ECCWA is a charity. An initial consultation fee of \$11 is charged and then service fees between \$100-\$300 is discussed dependant on the support needed. Fees can be paid upfront, in instalments or can be waived when necessary.

NEWS BULLETIN: disclaimer statement

Dear Members,

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ECCWA News Bulletin Items are drawn from a diverse range of sources, not least of which are materials from our stakeholder organisations, for the interest of all our readers. We publish the content as it is sent. Apart from items that are sourced from ECCWA and FECCA, material included not necessarily reflect the views of the ECCWA, nor should its inclusion be seen necessarily to constitute an endorsement. We welcome your input for our monthly round-up of news and information

St Emilie Catholic Parish Feast

St. Emilie Catholic Parish, Canning Vale celebrated their feast on the 16th of June.

The occasion was special as it also witnessed the blessing and opening of the newly built parish presbytery and office on the church premise.

There was a distinct multi-cultural flavour representing parishioners from varied cultures and the event was celebrated with much aplomb, gratitude and pride. A spirit of love and community fellowship overflowed as everyone brought a "plate to share". One's tastebuds could experience a myriad of cuisines as a variety of delicacies were shared and savoured as an absolute treat !!

Being attended by over 400 people, the programme centred around a multi-cultural theme. Many, from children to parents and senior citizens, came dressed in their traditional ethnic best and the vibrancy of their colourful attires were outstanding.

The multi-cultural entertainment programme comprised of music, songs and dances in different languages edifying the ethnicity of a migrant society, as diverse cultures of Africa, South Africa, France, Italy, Mauritius, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Japan, New Zealand and Fiji were represented.



This event truly highlights the demography of the people of Canning vale and the need to edify ethnic cultures amongst migrants integrating into our society.

The parish priest (administrator) Fr. Jean Noel Marie and event coordinator Lloyd Rego, fostered the participation by ethnic communities.

St Emilie's Parish

Agency of the month : ISHAR

Our agency of the month newsletter segment is created to introduce ECCWA member community organisations and key non-profit organisations in the human service sector, and feature the excellent work they do for the community. Ishar is chosen as our first member agency of the month for its outstanding work and recent achievement in successfully obtaining the FDV Capacity Building in the Multicultural Sector grant.



Multicultural Women's
Health Services

Ishar is a multicultural women's health services whose office is located in Mirrabooka. It was established in 1992 under the national women's health strategy to provide inclusive, holistic and culturally sensitive services for women and their families. Each year, the organisation has been providing essential services to 5000 women of 80 different ethnicities, aged 20 to 70 with low English language skills who generally receive benefits from Centrelink. Some of Ishar's services include:

- Information/ Referral services
- Interpreting services
- Counselling
- Women's Health clinic
- Physio therapist
- Health Education/Promotion
- Home visiting Program

To find out more about their services, please visit

<https://www.ishar.org.au/> or call 9345 5335

Address: Lower Ground Floor Kevin Smith Community Office. 21 Sudbury Road Mirrabooka.



2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP

Our membership subscription for the 2019-2020 financial year commencing in July is now open. If you would like to renew your membership or sign up as a new member, please print and fill in the form in the next page and email it to admin@eccwa.org.au. Membership for organisations is just \$33, and \$22 for individuals. If you would like to find out more information, please call (08) 92275322

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

Here are some of our members



BLACK SWAN
HEALTH LTD



METROPOLITAN
MIGRANT
RESOURCE CENTRE



ISWA

Indian Society Of Western Australia



Multicultural Women's
Health Services



MULTICULTURAL
SERVICES CENTRE

The Burgher Welfare League of WA Inc.



Helping the needy in Sri Lanka



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



OFFICE BEARERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

ENDORSEMENT OF DELEGATES BY PRESIDENT (OR Chair)

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

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

PAYMENT of ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

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

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