

Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council

Annual Report

2019



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AGENDA

Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council
Annual General Meeting, Friday, 25th October 2019 at 5.30pm
AGENDA

Welcome

Reminder for members to make their vote prior to commencement of the AGM

Acknowledgment of country - President Redgina Balchin

Apologies:

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting - November 2nd, 2018

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 2nd, 2018 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Seconded:

Guest Speaker: Helen Lee

Reports:

President's Report (Redgina Balchin)

Executive Officer's Report (Dean Wickham)

Treasurer's Report (Katherine Carusella)

Motion: That the reports be adopted.

Moved: Seconded:

Motion: That the financial statements be adopted.

Moved: Seconded:

Special Business:

No notice of any special business has been given.

Announcement of Board of Management:

Trevor Leighton to conduct elections.

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Committee:

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Meeting Closed:

President's Report

Kia Ora

It is my pleasure to present Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council 2018-2019 Annual Report. This year has been extremely hectic for our dedicated staff, volunteers and Board of Management. The Board have made some tough decisions that will impact upon SMECC's sustainability into the foreseeable future. This has been achieved by focusing on finalising the Ramsay Court precinct, with a view to generating a steady and reliable income flow through the provision of much needed short and medium-term accommodation. In addition to this, the Board of management have been reviewing the SMECC Constitution, ensuring governance compliance, implementing a Risk Management Committee and completing a new Strategic Plan. We are excited to present at the AGM, SMECC's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our 2018 outgoing Board members for their commitment and support to achieve SMECC's objectives and goals - Sue Watson, Gary Pearse, Ofa Hakalo, Dr Mehdi Sanati pour and Dan Bertoli. I want to make special mention of Gary Pearse and his service to SMECC's Board of Management for 30 years! I remember starting on the SMECC Board of management in 2012 and Gary was bestowed with SMECC Life membership. Thank you for the many years of service you have given and thank you to your lovely wife Linda for supporting you to support SMECC; it is very much appreciated. The Board of Management want to thank our staff and volunteers for making SMECC a truly wonderful organisation to be involved with and ensuring that we will continue to have a long lasting positive impact within our community.

Redgina Balchin

President SMECC



EO's Report

Our role in the region is ever growing with the focus largely on employment, training, skills and community development. The SMECC community center has been used by industry such as Beon Energy Solutions to recruit candidates from CALD community to fill positions in the Yatpool solar farm. SMECC partnered with Beon and Chandler Macleod by hosting the recruitment team over six weeks on site, resulting in 50 CALD community members gaining employment over the solar project build.

The SMECC playgroup continues to cater for up to 35 children twice weekly. This program is our most successful engagement activity year after year. Our dedicated staff provide a safe, supportive and fun weekly space for families to come together, and give their little ones the best start in their development.

This year SMECC has focused on the development of pre-accredited courses that cater to the needs of the CALD community members who seek to enter the work force. Areas of focus include English language, understanding Australian workplace culture, community, language and an introduction to computers. SMECC has also been active in delivering the Cultural Competency Training program to local service providers. The feedback from participants has been positive with most participants asking for more training and information.

Sunraysia Mallee is a large area with limited public transport coverage. The ability to drive is a must for access to employment. Our region sees people driving up to an hour one way to get to work. The SMECC supervised driving program has assisted 16 participants gain their license. This program would not be possible without our partners, Victorian Government, Roadsafe Mildura, Victoria Police and our committed volunteer mentors. Our mentors give their time to assist others gain one of the most important skills to independence.

This year we have welcomed to Sunraysia the newly formed Congolese association. This community is a colorful, loud and engaging group which featured on stage at the Sunraysia Multicultural Festival. Sunraysia experienced a taste of Congolese comedy, fashion and music. I extend my congratulations to the Congolese Community Association.

This year La Trobe University completed the research project: Pacific Islanders in Regional Victoria (2014-2019). The project was funded by Australian Research Council – Linkage Grant.

The work undertaken by Professor Helen Lee and Dr. Makiko Nishitani engaged Pacifica communities living in rural Victoria. The research found Employment, Education, Youth, Social, Health and immigration issues to be the key concerns impacting Pacifica communities in our region. I extend my thanks to La Trobe University and the Pacifica community and stakeholders who gave their time to inform this very important piece of work. I acknowledge that much work is needed to address the key findings and recommendations over the coming years. SMECC looks forward to working closely with the Pacifica community.

The support of the state government through the Multicultural Affairs Social Cohesion Division funded Strategic Partnership Program, has given opportunity to engage communities in a flexible and timely manner. Through the program roll out the recurring theme coming back from community is, employment. Refugees and new and emerging community members come to our region with the desire and drive to build a new life. The learnings from the program are; lack of adequate coordination around employment catering to refugee and new and emerging communities and a lack of informed program design when working with CALD community in an ever increasing casualised employment landscape. An example of this is, training attached to fulltime job outcomes.

2019 has been a challenging year for SMECC, we relinquished the Humanitarian Settlement Program subcontract with AMES Australia. This was a major decision impacting our service and community profile. The SMECC board made the decision to end the subcontract as at February 1st 2019. I thank the dedicated staff, SMECC board and those staff who left us this year for their efforts.

Dean Wickham
Executive Officer

Treasurer's Report

The Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council continues to work diligently and proactively to ensure our clients and community needs are met. Although we have gone through some challenges throughout the year, and have ended in June at a loss of \$197,224, we have high expectations of seeing this loss drop and generating more sustainable income for our Association in the coming years.

We have had many programs that have attributed to the revenue earned in 2019. These include the Humanitarian Settlement Program, Strategic Engagement Coordinator and, Strategic Partnership Program; all three amounting to \$539,967 of our \$869,000 core business revenue. We have also utilised our facilities for rent, which has totalled to \$187,000 of what consists in our \$380,000 Other Revenue line.

We still continue to maintain our significant cash reserves, but we are looking to utilise some of this into our infrastructure, to assist with the delivery of services to our CALD clients and communities. In addition, we have placed 32 San Mateo Ave on the market. Proceeds from the sale will allow for capital works at Ramsay Court to progress more quickly.

SMECC's net asset position has decreased by 6% due to the commitment of funds being used however, it still sits at one of our highest reported balances at \$2,708,349. Our Payables balance has jumped from \$134,162 to \$451,497 (237%) however, this is primarily caused by funding being received early. Therefore, the income cannot impact our profit and loss statement, so it sits in this line until we can recognise the funds as revenue.

We have made some bold decisions during the year, but all for the right intentions. Our core business is significantly impacted by our main funding providers. Our aim for SMECC is to reduce the dependence of these core funding bodies and to be more self-sustaining. The current management, with collaboration of our current Board, have been phenomenal in the meticulous work they have done to get SMECC on the right path. I cannot thank them enough, especially to our Chair Redgina, who has lead us through this; for their continuous commitment to this Association and for allowing me to be the main oversight in the finance and risk space.

I have no doubt that once Ramsay Court is ready to be utilised, the two years of losses will be superseded with the income generated from the commencement of this facility.

Katherine Carusella

Treasurer

Client Services

Aged Care Navigator Trial

Since February 2019, the Aged Care Navigators Trial has been delivered by SMECC, as part of a consortium led by COTA Australia. Funded by the Australian Government SMECC is one of 30 organisations to take part in the trial. SMECC provides an Information Hub service in both Mildura and Swan Hill. Our service assists individuals to access information and guide people through the Australian Governments, My Aged Care system. Activities include; Outreach activities, Individual service provision, seminars, network meetings and distribution of information.

Family Strengthening Project

Funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Family Strengthening Project commenced in April 2019. The project aims to promote respectful relationships through the promotion of human rights and gender equality, to local CALD community groups. The project is on track to deliver 3 topics in the next financial year, these being; What is Family Violence & law; Respectful Relationships, and Gender equality. In addition, our Family Strengthening Project worker will deliver family violence specific cultural competency training to a range of local services.

Humanitarian Settlement Services

On the 31st of January 2019 we ceased delivering the Humanitarian Settlement Program (HSP) and Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) choosing to return the contract back to AMES Australia.

HSP






Prior to contract end, SMECC welcomed 32 new arrivals to Mildura. Of these 19 identified as Congolese, 10 Burundian and 3 Afghani. Clients were collected from the airport, housed and provided with comprehensive orientation services that included, health, education, financial and social related assistance. These clients continue to engage with SMECC programs and services.

SRSS

SRSS were ceased on the 31st of January 2019. Prior to contract end SMECC was actively engaged with 14 SRSS clients, all at varying levels of status resolution.

Settlement, Engagement and Transition Services (SETS)

The SETS program supports a range of activities for new arrival community members who have lived in Australia between 6 months - 5 years, and who have limited English language skills. SETS aims to equip humanitarian entrants and other vulnerable migrants, including youth, with the knowledge and skills to identify, understand and take action to address their identified settlement needs. The Program has a focus on social and economic participation, that includes education and employment.

	Mildura	Swan Hill (Service began in March 2019)
	70 clients (13 x youth)	55 clients (25 x youth)
	143 occasions of service	153 occasions of service
	17 clients had been in Australia more than 5 years	8 clients had been in Australia more than 5 years
	Most Common nationalities serviced: Afghans , Vietnamese, Burundian, Sri Lankan, Congolese, Iraqi and Iranian	Most Common nationalities serviced: Afghans , Pakistan, Lebanese, Thailand, South Africa
	Most common queries: Citizenship applications, housing applications, public housing forms, referrals.	Most common queries: Advocacy, form filling, information orientation, facilitating and referrals.

Community Programs

Strategic Partnership Program

Is a series of programs that aim to increase social participation of CALD communities into other mainstream services, employment and recreational activities.

Playgroups



SMECC multicultural playgroups aim to provide a valuable social connection for women and their children in a safe and welcoming environment. In conjunction with Mildura Rural City Council, the playgroup environment also allows for the sharing of information related to the health and wellbeing of women and children. SMECC playgroups help transition new arrival families into the mainstream service system thus preparing families for early childhood services and education.



46 children
enrolled



Average
attendance :
15 parents and 20
children



80
Sessions held



Participants:
Afghans,
Congolese,
Burundian,
Malaysian and
Vietnamese.

Men's Program

The men's program is aimed at newly arrived men. One of our Congolese team member's coordinates activities that are of interest to the participants. Activities include: General activities such as BBQ's; Swimming; Social activities; Information sessions and excursions.



43 Sessions



Youth Programs

Our youth programs are varied and ever changing. We support youth groups targeted at boys, girls and combined groups. The youth programs encourage social participation and cater to a wide variety of interests and needs. Currently most youth are from Afghanistan or Congo. Some of the activities include; Arts and Crafts; Cooking; Sports; Movies; Bowling; Swimming; Bush walking; Games; Car washing; Henna; Face painting; Markets (Desserts and Henna); tours; Information Sessions.

Income Generation activities (Henna, Face painting, Desserts, car washing and BBQ's) x 42 events. (18 regular participants)

Cooking x 24 (average of 12 regular participants)

General activities x 71 sessions (average of 15 regular participants)

Driving Program

The SMECC Learner Driver Program provides an opportunity for newly arrived community members to gain valuable driving experience with a volunteer driver mentor. SMECC provides a dual-control vehicle to all learner drivers at a low rate. Our partners, Roadsafes Mildura, Mildura Driving School and Mildura Police assist by providing training to mentors, and driver safety education sessions to clients.



30

Regular Clients

80

Hours per month

8

Driver mentors

16

People gained license

Swan Hill – Flexible Funds

SMECC partner with Mallee Family Care in Swan Hill to provide services to CALD residents in Swan Hill. These funds are used in a variety of ways.

Service	Clients
Playgroup; 42 sessions	10
L2P program; 80 lessons	10
Swimming program	10

Other Community Activities & Special Events

Strategic Engagement Coordination (SEC)

Our Strategic Engagement Coordinator identifies opportunities and develops strategic partnerships with communities, community organisations, service providers, government departments and other stakeholders across the Mallee region and potentially other parts of Victoria. These linkages strengthen community engagement, social inclusion, economic participation and settlement outcomes for groups living in the Mallee. Some activities conducted this year include; Robotics Course; Small Business Program, hosted by Small Business Victoria; Micro enterprise and basic finance, hosted by Good Shephard; China Pack Training and employment information sessions, hosted by Agriskills and JVEN.

The anti-racism project was a youth project funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, through the Australian Multicultural Foundation. The project provided the younger members of our local CALD community to work on a project that aimed to express their experience of racism in Australia. Participants worked together with Otto Studios to produce a 30 second advertisement, suitable for television and social media. The remainder of the project is scheduled for completion in the 19/20 financial year, when a longer documentary is expected to be produced and delivered to school students.

Anti-Racism Project



Adult Community Further Education (ACFE)

ACFE classes assist people for a CALD background to improve their English reading, writing and speaking. This year we have provided a variety of classes including, English language, Citizenship and English cooking classes. The participants are primarily Afghan, Burundian, Congolese and Vietnamese.

24

Enrolments

11

Citizenship classes

40

English language
classes

12

English cooking
classes

Cultural Competency Training

We continue to deliver a fee-for-service cross cultural training program for people from different services, groups or businesses. This training is aimed at supporting our local community to develop the knowledge and skills to effectively support and engage people from non-English speaking backgrounds.



12 trainings



190 participants

Foodshare

The Community Foodshare project is aimed at supporting distribution of local and interstate fruit and vegetables that are provided to local school breakfast programs, soup kitchens and welfare agencies that pass on to those in need. SMECC works closely with Foodbank South Australia on this project, who provide significant support from their Berri facility.

Secondbite

SecondBite work with over 1200 community food programs across Australia to redistribute food to those who need it most.

SMECC have partnered with SecondBite to provide this service to local organisations who provide food programs and/or redistribute food themselves. In addition, the Secondbite program distributes food to our local Refugee and asylum seeker communities. Secondbite began at SMECC in May 2019 and has already provided much needed relief to many organisations and clients.

Foodshare	Secondbite (May – June 2019)
20 Organisations collect on a regular basis	23 Organisations collect on a regular basis
Food in 50 Pallets fruit/veg	Food in 40 collections and 5601kg of food collected by SMECC volunteers from the local Supermarket
Food out 118 collections by organisations.	Food out 118 collections by organisations; 64 collections by refugee clients.

Volunteers



Volunteering at SMECC has increased significantly in the last financial year. Many of our programs rely on, and benefit enormously from the contribution that volunteers provide. Our volunteers consist of many individuals who come with a range of experiences and skills including, newly arrived clients. We have volunteers who mentor our learner drivers; assist with Playgroup; assist with filling in forms; help in English language classes; help with the Multicultural Festival; pick up for the Secondbite program; maintain the SMECC grounds; support clients; provide bi-lingual support; work within the Aged Care Navigator trial and help out with youth activities and projects.

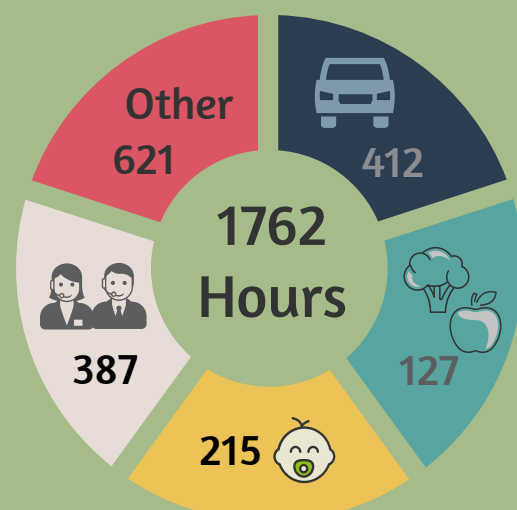
The Volunteer of the year for FY 2018/19 is Joselyne Ntahomvukiye for being our long-standing volunteer. Joselyne has been volunteering since 2014 and currently mentors for the Learner Driver Program. She has contributed 70 hours for this year.

Our Volunteers

- Jean Paul Birama - Driving mentor
- Jean Paul Nzeyimana - Driving mentor
- Joselyne Ntahomvukiye - Driving mentor
- Lam Lun - Driving Mentor
- Michael Mack - Driving Mentor
- Gary Huxtable - Driving Mentor
- Paul Juma - Driving Mentor
- Vic Etherington - Driving mentor
- Jan Fletcher - Driving mentor for deaf clients
- Ruta Minde - Client services
- Benedict Baraka - Language support & Secondbite
- Florence Juma - Playgroup, Reception, Client Support & Administration
- Dorcas Umutoni - Reception
- Karen Lislie - Playgroup, Creche, Secondbite & Aged Care
- Livia Naucukidi - Administration & Reception
- Kavekini Saukuru - Secondbite & Pastoral
- Kavenash Repyy - Youth & Secondbite
- Mahtab Mohammadi - Playgroup, Youth
- Mohammad Ali Mustafa - Secondbite
- Leonard Twagirayesu - Outdoor cleaner & Gardener
- Miranda Lamattina - Secondbite
- Ruwacy Al Dakhil - Youth
- Songa Yumunino - Carpenter
- Valerie Yumunino - Secondbite
- Melika Pickering - Secondbite

40 Registered volunteers

35 Volunteers active in the last 12 months



Sunraysia Multicultural Festival

On the 22nd of June 2019 approximately 2500 people helped celebrate our 6th Sunraysia Multicultural Festival. Mildura City Heart and SMECC partnered this year to create a new and exciting street event held in Lime Avenue. The evening, winter street vibe created a unique atmosphere to this year's festival, gaining a wider audience and higher attendance rate than in previous years.

The event provided many of our local CALD communities an opportunity to showcase their talents either through song and dance or through their cooking. In addition, many community members including SMECC staff chose to volunteer their time to help set up the event. The festival was opened by SMECC President Redgina Balchin with guest speaker Ali Cupper. Local radio hosts Jennifer Douglas and Sarah Tomlinson were our MC's throughout the night.

Performers

- DuBrazil
- With One Voice Mildura Choir
- Sunraysia Indian Association
- Sunraysia Irish & Friends Association Dancers
- Aroha Hula Dance group
- Daniel and Khalil
- Mugisha Sunraysia Dance Group
- Juslin and Benedict's Comedy Show
- Moses
- Josephine
- Juslin and Friends African drumming



Food Stalls

- Tamil Community
- Congolese Community
- Hazara Community
- Afghan Desserts
- Sanctuary of Tonga
- Nepalese Community
- Sunraysia Community Radio
- Food Next Door
- Merbein Progressive Association
- Zambrero's Mexican Stand

Arts & Crafts

- Burundian African
- Afghan Youth Craft Stall
- Henna Art and Children's Face Painting by Local Afghan youth
- Aroha Polynesian crafts

Other Stalls

- Parks VIC
- Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning
- Mallee Catchment Authority
- Fruit fly



SMF Feedback



Funding for the event was received through the Victorian Government Office of Multicultural Affairs & Citizenship and other local sponsors including;

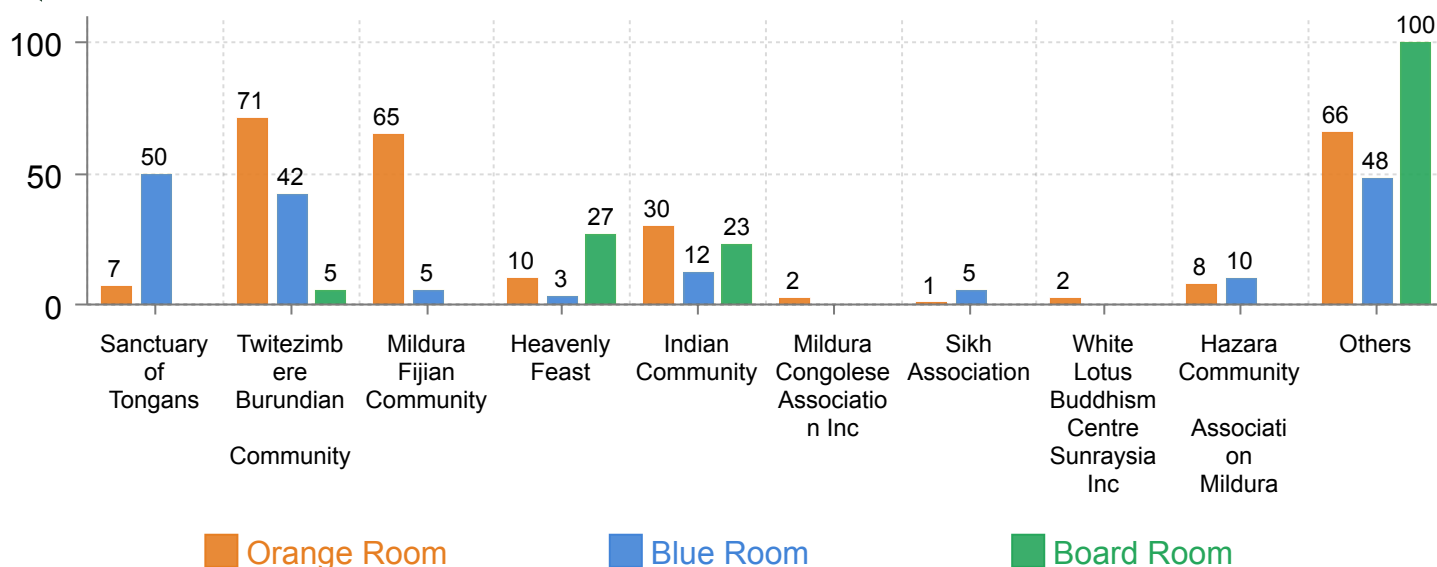
SunraysiaDaily
www.sunraysiadaily.com.au

cityheart

Sunnyland
PRESS

VICTORIA
State Government
Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Cultural Community Centre (Use of SMECC Premises)



Assist Program

Each year the SMECC Board allocates a total of \$5000 of the organisation's own funds to provide small amounts of financial support for families and individuals in financial distress, and in emergency situations. It is dispersed at the discretion of SMECC Senior Management and the Board, and is focused on supporting CALD community members that for whatever reason 'slip through the cracks' of eligibility for assistance from other services. This support can either be through direct financial gifts, or through formal loan arrangements to be repaid by clients. For 2018 - 2019, the program assisted in 2 rental loans and an emergency accommodation. We also offered \$500 to Mildura Senior College - Boundless Plains to Share.

SMECC Guide – Transport App

The SMECC guide continues to assist new arrival clients navigate Sunraysia's public transport system.

663
Sessions



1685
Page Views



407
Users



400
New Users

Partnerships

SMECC continues to work with a range of external agencies to help provide effective supports to our CALD communities. Oftentimes, SMECC will provide background support to other agencies who support our New and Emerging Community (NEC) groups. Partnerships this year have included:

- Sunraysia Community Health Services - support for the School Breakfast Program, Refugee Health Nurse, Health Sessions and Respectful Relationships Sessions.
- Mildura Rural City Council – Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN), Maternal & Child Health Services and Small Talk Playgroup.
- Murray Mallee Community Legal Services – support for victims of Family Violence and law related Information sessions.
- RoadSafe Mildura – driving education sessions and support.
- Diversitat, LCMS Inc, BRMC – SETS Consortium
- La Trobe University, Research Partnership - Pacific Islanders in Regional Victoria
- COTA – Provision of Aged Care Systems Navigator trial.
- Department of Premier and Cabinet – Anti Racism Project and Family Strengthening Project
- Hands Up Mallee – Home Base trial conducted onsite at SMECC
- AMES Australia – Delivered the Humanitarian Settlement Program from the SMECC office from the 1st of February 2019.

Other key relationships with external stakeholders are of significant importance to SMECC, as these stakeholders often assist us with program delivery and/or service provision to clients. Our key Stakeholders include:

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| ▪ Mildura English Language Centre | • Mildura Regional Development |
| ▪ Mallee Sexual Assault Unit & Mallee Domestic Violence Unit | • Sunassist |
| ▪ Victorian Legal Aid | • The Professionals |
| ▪ Ethnic Communities Council Victoria | • SuniTafe |
| ▪ Multicultural Centre for Women's Health | • Sunraysia Community Health Services |
| ▪ Mildura Rural City Council Rights Information and Advocacy | • Australian Multicultural Foundation |
| ▪ Aligned Leisure (Mildura Waves) | • Victoria Police |
| ▪ Mirabinda Social Group | • Department of Justice |
| ▪ Mildura Base Hospital | • Bendigo Bank |
| ▪ Christie Centre | • Head Space |
| | • Intouch |
| | • FECCA |



SMECC Board



Redgina Balchin
PRESIDENT



Ian Japp
VICE PRESIDENT



Katherine Carusella
TREASURER



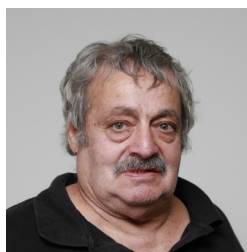
Paul Zaharias
SECRETARY



Catherine Thompson
COMMITTEE MEMBER



Shiva Neiker
COMMITTEE MEMBER



Paul Nicolias
COMMITTEE MEMBER



Zia Ibrahimi
COMMITTEE MEMBER



Rachel Kendrigan
COMMITTEE MEMBER

SMECC Staff

- Executive Officer - Dean Wickham (Solomon Islands)
- Program Manager – Joelle Brown (Australia)
- Finance & Administration Officer - Julyn Chan (Sri Lanka)
- Executive Assistant – Ratna Dwi Savitri (Indonesia)
- Reception/ Administration Assistant - Rosette Ndinduruvugo (Burundi)
- Operations & Compliance Officer - Kerry Gillespie (Australia)
- Client Services Worker and Aged Care Systems Navigator Worker - Walaa Sabri (Iraq)
- Client Engagement Worker - Nerqus Zahidi (Afganistan)
- Community Programs Coordinator - Juvelina Guterres (Timor Leste)
- Community Support Worker - Mahnaz Mohammadi (Afghanistan)
- Community Support Worker - Juslin Ruganiza (Congoles)
- Playgroups Assistant - Jean Reed (Australia)
- Festival Coordinator & Creche Worker - Melanie Payen (Mauritius)
- Strategic Engagement Coordinator - Ray Cadmore (Australia)
- Training Program Lead - Danielle Hren (Australia)
- Sessional ACFE Educator - Susan Howe (Australia)
- Bilingual Support – Sylvana Niragira, Jessica Ngo, Shahida Hussaini.

Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc.
ABN 37 282 486 762

Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 30 June 2019

Committee Report

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

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Committee Statement

Independent Audit Report



SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
ABN 37 282 486 762
COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee members submit the financial report of Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc. (the Association) for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Committee Members

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

Redgina Balchin - President	Ian Japp - Vice President
Katherine Carusella - Treasurer	Paul Zaharias - Secretary
Catherine Thompson	Zia Ibrahimi
Rachel Kendrigan	Paul Nicolias
Shiva Neiker	

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- To provide direct relief and assistance to emerging communities and refugees in the Sunraysia/Northern Mallee area.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The deficit for the year amounted to \$286,724 (2018: \$244,343 deficit).

Review of Operations

A review of operations of the association during the financial year identifies a reduction in the deficit. Overall, income decreased by 13% which was offset by a 9% decrease in expenditure.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



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Redgina Balchin



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Katherine Carusella

Dated this 19th day of September 2019

SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
ABN 37 282 486 762
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	869,542	1,181,386
Other revenue	2	382,788	271,064
		1,252,330	1,452,450
Administration expense		106,629	99,018
Depreciation		68,641	70,925
Finance costs		32,234	33,455
Motor vehicle expenses		30,519	35,739
Occupancy costs		292,927	232,673
Program costs		72,961	167,575
Employee benefits expense		920,892	1,048,789
Travel expenses		14,251	8,619
		1,539,054	1,696,793
Operating Profit/(Loss) for the year		(286,724)	(244,343)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Net gain on revaluation of land & buildings		89,500	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year		89,500	-
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year		(197,224)	(244,343)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
ABN 37 282 486 762
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3	409,664	471,852
Trade & Other Receivables	4	183,060	93,964
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>592,724</u>	<u>565,816</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	3,265,430	3,234,959
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,265,430</u>	<u>3,234,959</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>3,858,154</u></u>	<u><u>3,800,775</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	451,497	134,162
Provisions	7	62,775	72,955
Financial Liabilities	8	84,240	84,240
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>598,512</u>	<u>291,357</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	7	8,607	10,341
Financial Liabilities	8	542,686	593,504
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>551,293</u>	<u>603,845</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,149,805</u>	<u>895,202</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>2,708,349</u></u>	<u><u>2,905,573</u></u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Reserves	9	1,521,071	1,431,571
Retained Earnings		1,187,278	1,474,002
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u><u>2,708,349</u></u>	<u><u>2,905,573</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
ABN 37 282 486 762
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1st July 2017		1,718,345	1,431,571	3,149,916
Loss for the Year		(244,343)	-	(244,343)
Total other comprehensive income		-	-	-
Balance at 30th June 2018		1,474,002	1,431,571	2,905,573
Loss for the Year		(286,724)	-	(286,724)
Total other comprehensive income		-	89,500	89,500
Balance at 30th June 2019		1,187,278	1,521,071	2,708,349

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from grants & customers		1,156,312	1,558,608
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,132,758)	(1,581,795)
Finance costs		(32,234)	(33,455)
Interest received		6,922	9,737
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	10	<u>(1,758)</u>	<u>(46,905)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(9,612)	(71,299)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		<u>(9,612)</u>	<u>(71,299)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings		(50,818)	(49,598)
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(50,818)</u>	<u>(49,598)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(62,188)	(167,802)
Cash at beginning of financial year		471,852	639,654
Cash at end of financial year	3	<u>409,664</u>	<u>471,852</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria. 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 specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of these financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

- a. Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**
Plant and equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.
- b. Employee Benefits**
Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.
- c. Cash and Cash Equivalents**
Cash and cash equivalents 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.
- d. Revenue and Other Income**
Grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered, or conditions are fulfilled, are considered reciprocal. Such grants are initially recognised as a liability and revenue is recognised as services are performed or conditions fulfilled. Revenue from non-reciprocal grants is recognised when the Association obtains control of the funds.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).
- e. 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 Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.
- f. Comparatives**
Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of a change in accounting policy.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

g. Key Estimates

Impairment

The Association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

h. New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods and which the Association has decided not to early adopt. The Association does not expect that these changes will have a material effect on its financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE		
Revenue		
Try Test Learn	64,262	-
Humanitarian Settlement Services	-	385,068
Humanitarian Settlement Program	169,967	96,907
Complex Case Support	-	23,271
Status Resolution Support Services	37,481	71,461
Settlement Services	96,429	188,199
Settlement Engagement Transition Services	67,405	-
Refugee Action Program	-	230,000
Strategic Engagement Coordinator	140,000	140,000
Strategic Partnership Program	230,000	-
Adult Community & Further Education	57,998	32,284
Mildura Rural City Council	6,000	14,196
	869,542	1,181,386

Other Revenue		
Interest Received	6,922	9,737
Accommodation Support Recoupments	51,219	-
AMES Office Rental	43,943	-
Rent Received	126,501	46,372
CBP Family Strengthening	60,000	70,000
DEECD Shared Local Solutions	-	60,000
Sunraysia Multicultural Festival	20,000	20,000
Antiracism Project	20,000	-
Aged Care Systems Navigator Trial	22,890	-
Small Projects Income	5,864	20,672
Other Income	25,449	44,283
	382,788	271,064

NOTE 3: CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on Hand	438	200
Cash at Bank	283,176	213,468
Term Deposits	126,050	258,184
	409,664	471,852

NOTE 4: TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade Debtors	141,490	39,982
Accrued Income	-	28,120
Prepayments	23,055	20,409
Other Receivables	18,515	5,453
	183,060	93,964

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	2019 \$	2018 \$
NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Land & Buildings		
At Independent Valuation 2017	3,150,000	3,150,000
At Cost	153,785	61,820
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(97,380)	(48,186)
	3,206,405	3,163,634
Motor Vehicles At Cost	92,007	92,007
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(72,723)	(66,295)
	19,284	25,712
Plant & Equipment At Cost	161,828	154,681
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(122,087)	(109,068)
	39,741	45,613
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	3,265,430	3,234,959

Asset Revaluations

The freehold land & buildings were independently valued at 30 June 2017 by WBP

a. Movements in carrying amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant & equipment between beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Plant & Equipment	Total \$
		\$	\$	
Opening Balance	3,163,634	25,712	45,613	3,234,959
Additions	2,465	-	7,147	9,612
Revaluations	89,500	-	-	89,500
Depreciation Expense	(49,194)	(6,428)	(13,019)	(68,641)
Closing Balance	3,206,405	19,284	39,741	3,265,430

	2019 \$	2018 \$
NOTE 6: PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Payables	56,606	24,887
Accrued Expenses	23,863	22,900
GST Payable	8,663	(2,640)
Payroll Liabilities	9,864	31,515
Other Payables	352,501	57,500
	451,497	134,162

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	2019 \$	2018 \$
NOTE 7: PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Annual Leave	28,119	42,819
Long Service Leave	34,656	30,136
	<u>62,775</u>	<u>72,955</u>
NON CURRENT		
Long Service Leave	8,607	10,341
	<u>8,607</u>	<u>10,341</u>
	<u><u>71,382</u></u>	<u><u>83,296</u></u>

NOTE 8: FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

CURRENT		
Bendigo Bank Loan (107 Twelfth Street)	36,400	36,400
Bendigo Bank Loan (32 San Mateo Avenue)	18,200	18,200
Bendigo Bank Loan (Ramsay Court)	29,640	29,640
	<u>84,240</u>	<u>84,240</u>
NON CURRENT		
Bendigo Bank Loan (107 Twelfth Street)	158,635	185,323
Bendigo Bank Loan (32 San Mateo Avenue)	158,277	167,805
Bendigo Bank Loan (Ramsay Court)	225,774	240,376
	<u>542,686</u>	<u>593,504</u>
	<u><u>626,926</u></u>	<u><u>677,744</u></u>

The bank loans are secured by a first mortgage over the freehold and college leasehold properties.

NOTE 9: RESERVES

Asset Revaluation Reserve

- The asset realisation reserve records revaluations of property, plant & equipment.

NOTE 10: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit/(Loss)	(286,724)	(244,343)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation	68,641	70,926
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
increase in trade and term debtors	(89,096)	115,895
increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	317,335	21,527
increase in employee benefits	(11,914)	(10,910)
	<u>(1,758)</u>	<u>(46,905)</u>

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NOTE 11: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 30 June 2019 the Committee is unaware of any liability, contingent or otherwise, which has not already been recorded elsewhere in these financial statements.

NOTE 12: CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 30 June 2019 the Committee is unaware of any capital or leasing commitments which have not already been recorded elsewhere in these financial statements.

NOTE 13: RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the financial year.

NOTE 14: EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

Since the date of these financial statements, there have been no events occurring after reporting date which require specific disclosure.

NOTE 15: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The association's activities are funded by various state and federal government departments, its core source of revenue is provided by the Department of Premier & Cabinet and the Department of Social Services. At the date of this report, the members of the Committee have no reason to believe that these government departments would not continue to provide financial support to Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc.

NOTE 16: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the association is:
107-111 Twelfth Street
MILDURA VIC 3500

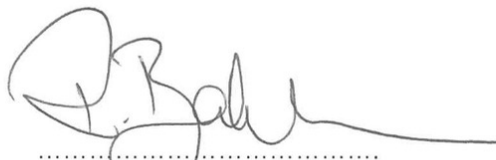
SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
ABN 37 282 486 762
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that these special purpose financial statements should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



.....
Redgina Balchin - President



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Katherene Carusella - Treasurer

Dated this 19th day of September 2019

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
ABN 37 282 486 762**

Auditor's Opinion

The financial report of Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc has been audited. This comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In my opinion, the financial statements of Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc as of 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic).

Basis for Opinion

The audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statement' section of the report. I am independent of the organisation in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and for such internal control as the responsible persons determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible persons either intend to liquidate the organisation or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The responsible entities are responsible for overseeing the organisation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility

The auditor's objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

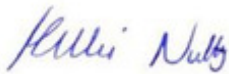
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, professional judgement is exercised and professional scepticism is maintained throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by responsible entities.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL INC.
ABN 37 282 486 762**

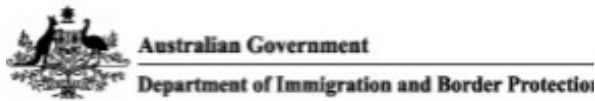
- Conclude on the appropriateness of responsible entities' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I'm required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. Conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with responsible entities regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that are identified during the audit.



Kellie Jane Nulty
RCA 298704
Dated this 19th day of September 2019

Our Partners and Supporters



Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting
held on Friday 2nd November 2018 at 5.35pm
at 107-111 Twelfth Street Mildura Vic 3500

Welcome

Acknowledgement of country – President Redgina Balchin

Present: Thelma Hannig, Beverley Pillar, Denis Ryan, Cam Lewis, Dalisay Ridings, Catherine Thompson, Gary Huxtable, Kerry Braithwaite, Niranda Lamathna, Laura Parente, Huynh Nguyen, Jean Paul Nzeyimana, Alkisti Theofelos, Joanna Pappapetrou, Mehdi Sanati pour, Mike Le, Chimh Chin, Joselyne Ntahomvukiye, Zia Ibrahimi, Jawad Ibrahimi, Joel Sidayigaya, Paul Nicolias, Chris Rammos, Redgina Balchin, Paul Zaharias, Katherine Carusella, Walaa Sabri, Gayley Baird, Juvelina Guterres, Rosette Ndinduruvugo, Shegofa Rahimi, Nahida Rahimi, Juslin Ruganiza, Danielle Hren, Anthony Cavallaro, Mahnaz Mohammadi, Julyn Chan, and Dean Wickham.

Apologies: Daniel Bertoli, Ian Japp, Gary Pearse, Sue Watson, Kerry Gillespie, Raymond Cadmore, Jean Pal Birama, Jean Reed, and Amy Nguyen.

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2017

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 2nd 2017 be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Katherine Carusella

Seconded: Paul Zaharias

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Denis Ryan AM

“Perseverance, hope and resilience.”

Reports

President Report – Redgina Balchin

Executive Officer's Report – Dean Wickham

Treasurers Report – Katherine Carusella

Motion: That the reports be adopted.

Moved: Mehdi Sanati pour Seconded: Katherine Carusella

Motion: That the financial statements be adopted.

Moved: Redgina Balchin Seconded: Paul Zaharias

Special Business:

No notice of any special business has been given.

Election of Board of Management:

Trevor Leighton from the State Electoral Commission was in charge of conducting the election process, in which there are four office positions and 5 general members. For the office position, there were one nomination for each position and therefore the following people were elected.

President: Redgina Balchin

Vice President: Ian Japp

Treasurer: Katherine Carusella

Secretary: LSC Gary Pearse

There were 6 nominations for the 5 positions, the nominees were; Paul Nicolias, Daniel Bertoli, Catherine Thompson, Rachel Kendrigan, Paul Zaharias, and Zia Ibrahimi.

The following were elected;

Committee: Paul Zaharias

Committee: Zia Ibrahimi

Committee: Catherine Thompson

Committee: Rachel Kendrigan

Committee: Daniel Bertoli

Trevor declared that all people were duly elected.

Meeting closed 6.35 pm.



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