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■ ABOUT THE MCCSA

■ Vision

Become the most knowledgeable and passionate leader of our culturally and linguistically diverse communities to build an equitable, harmonious, prosperous and truly multicultural South Australia.

■ Mission

To be the peak organisation to efficiently service, innovatively empower and passionately advocate for culturally and linguistically communities in South Australia.

■ History

The MCCSA was established in 1995 as a result of the merger of the former Ethnic Communities Council (ECC) and the United Ethnic Communities (UEC), giving the MCCSA a strong foundation of community organisations.

■ Membership

Current membership (as listed at the end of this report) is in excess of 200 organisations and individuals, with growing representation from the smaller and emerging communities.

■ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr Tony Cocchiario AM
President of MCCSA

Woodville Road, Woodville., which is located near many of our community groups and close to major public transport routes. We expect to be settled in by end of December 2009.

There are some key issues facing CALD communities in SA over the coming years. Many post-WW II migrants are elderly with issues relating to health and aged care, and where to get appropriate advice and services. This can often be a big problem caused by social isolation, language and cultural barriers. Recently arrived CALD groups are unfamiliar with the types of systems we have for welfare and support services. They also face language, cultural and religious barriers and are finding it difficult to mix with the general community. Another ongoing significant issue is the lack of representation of CALD people in positions of authority and decision-making, including the police, the defence services and government.

The MCCSA continues to run the Community Visitors Scheme and the HACC Transport Service, to address specific issues such as social isolation, language and cultural barriers. We provide industry and best advice to government on key areas such as health, well-being, ageing/aged care, education, youth, family and transport issues. For recently arrived communities, we run projects and provide advice and support to help them to participate in our society and to make the most of their skills, ideas, and experiences. We also assist them to network with other CALD communities and the mainstream community.

The MCCSA faces a continual challenge to secure sufficient resources to meet the increasing demands from our CALD communities for advice and support. We also provide considerable information to mainstream organisations. Our core grant is relatively small and we need substantial volunteer support to supplement our scarce resources.

It is imperative that the MCC continues and augments its advisory and advocacy role, always with the aim of being the champion of best practice for service delivery to CALD people. The MCCSA will, I am sure, continue to work to increase its profile within the CALD communities and will play an increasingly central role within the general community in SA. The vision for the MCCSA for the next few years should include being the hub for information about our CALD communities, and our revamped website will give us a strong platform to achieve this.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Management Committee for their ongoing support to myself and importantly to Multiculturalism. I would like to particularly thank the members of the Executive, Ron Tan, Miriam Cocking, Cathy Chong and Dilip Chirmuley. I especially thank all the diligent and dedicated staff of the MCCSA, led by our executive officer, Vivien Hope. The professionalism and productive results for this past financial year reflect great credit on the staff of the MCCSA and will provide a solid base for the MCCSA as it heads into its 15th year as a peak organisation.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES



Cathy Chong
Treasurer of MCCSA

The audited financial statements of the Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc. (MCCSA) for the year 2008-2009 are included in this report for the information and consideration of our members and the general public.

These statements present a record of the financial position of the MCCSA as at 30 June 2009. I am pleased to report that the MCCSA concluded the year under review with a surplus, details of which are provided in the financial statements.

During the year funding was received for the following projects:

Transport Service: funded by Home and Community Care (HACC)

Community Visitors Scheme: the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA)

Industry support and Development for Families and Communities (DFC)

MCCSA Core Functions and Activities: the South Australian Government

South East Asian Reconnect: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)

A fourth bus was purchased during the year : funded by Development for Families and Communities (DFC)

Moving to a Shared beat: theatrical performances to showcase the African spirit in Australia – funded by Community Benefit SA

Who, Where, What's AI?: funded by DoHA to help raise awareness and understanding on effects of dementia

CALD Carer retreat program: funded by HACC to organizations to use for day activities and night trips for their carers

Financial Literacy Workshops for African women: funded by Community Benefit SA

Member groups and others have continued to use the ground floor meeting hall of the MCCSA building on a regular basis. Hire fees are only nominal to basically cover costs.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the Executive committee and Staff, and the Auditor for their assistance and support throughout the year.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Vivien Hope
Executive Officer

The 2008-09 financial year was challenging, busy and productive for the MCCA. We continued to develop innovative projects and to establish valuable networks and partnerships to fulfil our commitment as the peak community-based organisation for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in South Australia.

Highlights & New Initiatives

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) funded the MCCA to run, *Exercise and Eating Well Makes a World of Difference* with youth in the South West Region of Adelaide to identify healthy aspects of nutrition and physical activity brought to SA by CALD communities.

In July 2008 our Transport Service was reviewed by QMS and we received a score of 19 out of 20. In addition, Department for Families and Communities (DFC) funded us for another bus which means with 4 buses we can increase our services to the CALD communities. We were also tasked by DFC to administer the CALD Carers Retreat Grants.

The Report on CALD carers commissioned by DFC entitled *Responding to CALD Carers: Carers Voices* was launched in July 2008 by Dr David Caudrey. For the Report 22 CALD organisations were consulted, including regional areas of Mt Gambier and Riverland. The Report focussed on 13 CALD communities and the Executive Summary was translated in 13 languages.

The MCCA received funding from the SA Government through the Attorney General's Department to run *Rhyme not Crime*, a Crime Prevention and Community Safety project to identify and address issues that influence anti-social behaviour and misdemeanours amongst African youth.

MCCA in Dialogue our new initiative which commenced in June 2008 is still proving popular with our member organisations and CALD leaders. Some of the prominent speakers for this Q & A series were: Minister Atkinson, Lt Governor Hieu Van Le, Minister Hill, Commissioner Mal Hyde and Minister Rankine.

The *SE Asian Reconnect '08 ... Bridging the Gaps* Conference was organised by our Reconnect staff in August 2008 to inform mainstream service providers of cultural issues facing CALD youth. The Conference at Adelaide Pavilion, Veale Gardens was opened by The Hon Kate Ellis MP who gave an informative speech on youth activities and programs funded by the Australian Government.

Some of the challenges we identified in the previous financial year have been fulfilled beyond our expectation, such as the review of our Strategic and Business plans conducted by Masters students from Carnegie Mellon University, our commitment to work collaborative with the smaller and emerging communities through innovative programs to assist them to be self sufficient and independent.

As the peak organisation we are always concerned with the viability of the CALD sector, and that is why we continue to put a lot of effort into the above initiatives by working collaborative with CALD communities, government and non-government organisations.

Industry Support and Development

DFC funds the MCCA under this grant scheme and for this reason, we attend the Human Services Peaks Forums and other relevant departmental and peak bodies meetings providing quality and timely advice to the Government and NGOs on CALD matters dealing with families, youth, older people, carers, volunteers, new and emerging communities.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The MCCSA has added the African Communities Council, Inadifs Productions, and Youth Jet to our MoU scheme. The MoUs are designed to pursue common interests that will enhance long term and positive relationships with key partner organisations in promoting multiculturalism and diversity in SA.

MCCSA Programs and Services

2008/09 has been a successful and eventful year for the MCCSA in terms of our programs and services to our CALD communities. We continue to advocate on key issues effecting our CALD members and communities such as, mental health & disability, Alzheimer's/dementia, women's health & FGM, domestic violence, unemployment/underemployment, youth at risk, crime prevention, multi-literacies, transport, carers support, social isolation, support for volunteers, healthy lifestyle (includes physical fitness & eating well) skills recognition and successful settlement/integration, Separate reports on these and our long term programs are contained in this annual report.

Other Activities

The MCCSA regularly attends Australian and State Government departmental meetings: Consumer Peaks (DoHA) HACC consultations/forums, SA Health Plan consultations, SAPOL's Multicultural Advisory Group, WorkCover, CALD Women Safety Working Group (Office for Women) and SACOSS Policy Council and other consultations organised by SACOSS.

One of our major focuses this year was helping the new, smaller and emerging communities by way of assisting them to be independent and sustainable. Some of the assistance consists of grant preparation/submission, workshops and information sessions on relevant topics affecting their well being. Individuals and community groups that have sought help were Afghanis, Burundians, Bhutanese, Congolese, Sudanese, West African and Middle Eastern communities.

Some major consultations and forums the MCCSA attended and made written submissions were to the Fair Work Act 2009, Water For Good, SA Health Plan, a proposal to Minister Hill regarding Multicultural Health Advisory Council, HACC CALD Workers Forums (paper on Transport), QMS HACC review, National Consultation on Freedom of Religion & Belief in the 21st Century, Skills Strategy for SA (DFEEST), MECC's Middle Eastern Community Forum and Children's Protection Amendment Bill 2009.

New Challenges for 2009/10:

One of our major challenges in 2010 will be to set up our new office in Brocas House, Woodville. We hope to better service our CALD communities as over 65% of our clients and CALD organisations are located in the City of Charles Sturt and neighbouring Councils. We will also be able to have our 4 buses in one location, improving access and providing ample car parking for our clients.

The implementation of our new Strategic & Business Plans for 2009-2011 is progressing well and there are still many challenges for us to continue to be *"the peak organisation to efficiently service, innovatively empower and strongly advocate for CALD communities in SA"*. The Plan has been prepared by Distinguished Prof Terry Buss and his team of Masters' students at Carnegie Mellon College.

The MCCSA has recently received several one off grants to address key social factors/issues such as health, education and employment that affect the CALD communities in their daily lives. This will challenge the MCCSA to be innovative and focussed in 2010.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Management Committee and our President Dr Tony Cocchiario for their support and assistance throughout the year. A special thanks to Meals on Wheels and their CEO, Cam Pearce for their support each year with the catering for our AGMs. I also wish to gratefully thank the staff: Phil Allan, Annamarie Banhazi, Maria Gigos, Megan Hunnam, Megan Hill, Sunlay Ly and Attila Szabo, and our volunteers for their invaluable contributions, commitment and loyalty.

■ COMMITTEES

■ Aged Care

Helena Kyriazopoulos, Convenor

The MCCA is committed to the needs of the ethnic aged; however it has only been able to support these groups at a minimal level due to limited financial and human resources.

The MCCA Aged Committee is supported by a number of ethnic communities and a range of ethno-specific workers from diverse services all of whom contribute to the Committee on a voluntary capacity. The MCCA receives no funding for the aged area aside from the transport and community visitors programs, but continues to advocate on the broader aged issues for our members.

In 2006 the MCCA held a forum which identified a number of key issues in the areas of transport, volunteering, ethnic meals services, needs of emerging communities, and ethno specific residential care. The need for an Aged Care Project Officer at the MCCA was also raised. It is disturbing that despite our ongoing advocacy work, that little progress has been made in addressing these key issues facing aged people from CALD backgrounds in South Australia.

It is interesting to note that the Office for the Ageing has recently funded three scoping projects which are addressing; ethnic meals and the aged care needs of the new and emerging communities. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of these projects in the coming years.

In 2007 the Royal Adelaide Hospital launched its CALD Action Plan to address CALD issues in a more structured way. The culmination of the Plan was to see the establishment of a CALD Unit late in 2008. This unfortunately has been put on hold with no further commitment from management. Communities are demanding an explanation; the Aged Committee will continue to pursue this issue.

The MCCA is committed to working with all levels of Government and other stakeholders in meeting the needs of the ethnic aged. I thank all members past and present of the Aged Committee and I look forward to the challenges of 2010.

■ Women

Cathy Chong, Convenor

The Committee agreed that one of the key objectives for 2008/09 was to help women from emerging communities to develop their skills and knowledge on financial literacy.

We were fortunate to gain a Community Benefit SA grant to run four workshops during 2008/09 for African women from the Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield areas.

Nine women attended a stage 1 "Basic banking towards achieving financial independence" workshop in March 2009. The workshop was run with the support of staff from Westpac Gouger Street Branch.

Course contents included introduction to banking - how to use the bank card, using the ATM, eftpos, and understanding of various types of bank accounts; loans and credit cards. The women overwhelmingly welcomed it, and enjoyed the interesting interactive workshops and requested more to share with their communities.

■ COMMITTEES

■ Education, Languages, Employment & Training

Ekaterina Briffa, Convenor

In 2009 the MCCSA Management Committee was made aware of community concerns related to the education issues for students from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. It was emphasised that Multicultural Education is no longer seen as an important part of the curriculum and continues to be excluded from programs in child care centres, pre schools, schools and other educational institutions including tertiary sectors.

The MCCSA Education Working Party decided that its main focus would be to:

- Identify Education issues of concern pertaining to people from CALD backgrounds; and
- Promote and advocate Languages and Multicultural education at all levels including child care, educational institutions and the wider community.

Languages education was seen as a priority and it was recommended that MCCSA should write to the Director, Learning and Teaching raising some of the expressed concerns with copies of this letter being extended to the Chairpersons of the Ethnic Schools Board and the Multicultural Education Committee

Furthermore the MCCSA continued its wide representation at many educational forums to ensure inclusion of CALD issues on the agenda of many organisations and forums such as Department of Education and Children's Services Strategic Plan Workshop and the Adult and Community Education Reference Group.

■ Transport Users' Group

Remo Porcaro, Convenor

A Transport Users' Group (TUG) was established in July 2008 to continuously assess and review the MCCSA Transport Service to ensure that it is operating safely, efficiently and effectively at all times.

Membership comprised of eight representatives nominated by our user groups / communities and two ex-officio members from the MCCSA staff.

The TUG met quarterly, with driver accreditation, hiring fees, bus maintenance and online access being the key topics discussed. Other issues reviewed were police and medical checks for the drivers.

One of the major achievements auspiced by the TUG was the introduction of an online booking system, which was designed and implemented by Masters students from Carnegie Mellon College, Adelaide Campus.

OUR PEOPLE

Management Committee



**Cav Dr Tony
COCCHIARO AM**

Tony is President of the Multicultural Communities Council of SA and Chair of the Australia Day Council of SA.

Tony is a general practitioner and past Chairman of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission. He is a Member of the Order of Australia and Cavaliere (knight) of the Republic of Italy.



**Cathy
CHONG**

Cathy's interests have been with community and CALD groups since coming to Adelaide in 1968 to study Nursing. She has actively represented the community on various health areas: health policy for the older population planning in the next 30 years, settlements and job pathways through volunteering; women's issues. She has over 38 years of clinical and business management experience across the public and private sectors.



**Ron
TAN OAM**

Ron has long been involved in multicultural and ethnic affairs, working with different CALD communities and agencies.

He was a member of the Board of the MRCSA from 1979 to 1991. Since 1996 he has been a member of the MCCSA Management Committee, serving as Secretary (1998 - 2001), President (2002 - 2005) and 1st Vice President since 2006.



**Ekaterina
BRIFFA**

Ekaterina's extensive commitment and dedication to Languages and Cultural Education for many years is clearly illustrated through the positions she has held including ESL/MCE teacher and Advisor, the inaugural Executive Officer of the Ethnic Schools Board, and a teacher of Russian Language and culture in an ethnic school and TAFE.

She is the Public Officer of the Russian Community Centre, and has held positions there as Treasurer and Deputy President.



**Miriam
COCKING**

Miriam has considerable experience in education, business & community services in the multicultural society of SA, with a special interest in advocating for social inclusion; access and equity of services and settlement processes of the migrant population and international students.

Miriam is the MCCSA 2nd Vice President and represents the MCCSA on the Royal Adelaide Hospital Consumer Advisory Council, Multicultural SA Women's Advisory Committee and several other boards.



**Ada
COSTA**

Ada was born in Milan and raised in Adelaide. She has been working in SA Police for 8 years, and is currently a prosecutor for the specialised courts for Mental Health and Domestic Violence.

Ada's aim is to change the perception of multiculturalism within SA Police and the community by embracing change and diversity. Her role in the MCCSA is to bring a different perception in decision making and make enduring changes.



**Dilip
CHIRMULEY AM**

Dilip is a board member of a number of organisations including Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia, Survivors of Torture & Trauma Assistance & Rehabilitation Service, Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations, and Adelaide Marathi Mandal.

Dilip is also an ambassador for the White Ribbon Campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.



**Dr Daniela
COSTA**

Daniela is a Senior Medical Practitioner at Women's Health Statewide and Migrant Health Service. She has a special interest and expertise in migrant health, in particular the health care of women and refugees.

Daniela plays an active role in the Italian community, both in Australia and overseas, through various councils and as editor of the Australia Donna website.

OUR PEOPLE

Management Committee



**Dr Andris
DARZINS OAM**

Andris is a General Practitioner. His main interest is the care of ethnic aged persons especially those of Baltic and Northern European origin.

He came here in 1950 and observes the changes in the recent migrant profiles as posing some new and as yet unresolved problems that need attention.



**Aida
GARCIA**

Aida is a practicing lawyer and registered migration agent. She is the Founding and Immediate Past Chairperson of the Filipino Settlement Coordinating Council of SA and the Filipina Network of SA.

A newcomer in the MCCSA Board and the Women's Committee, Aida aims to contribute her knowledge and experience to the MCCSA Board as her involvement increases.



**Dr Ian
HARMSTORFOAM**

Ian has long been involved in ethnic affairs in both academic and administrative aspects. His research into multiculturalism and migration in South Australia has been widely published.

He is immediate past President of the SA German Association, and is the German Association delegate to the MCCSA.



**Helena
KYRIAZOPOULOS**

Helena has been a member of the MCCSA for over 10 years, and is the convenor of the Aged Care Committee.

Helena has been with Alzheimer's Australia in SA for the past 15 years and is the Convenor of the National Cross Cultural Dementia Network.

Helena is committed to ensuring that ethnic communities, and particularly the aged, receive a fair and equitable service.



**Leila
MANSOUR**

Leila was on the board of the South Australian Lebanese Women's Association for eight years, working on the refugee settlement and service provider issues and is currently on the board of the Maronite Community of SA. Leila is also on the MCCSA Aged Care, Women's and Mental Illness committees.



**Remo
PORCARO**

Remo is convenor of the MCC Transport Users' Group, board member of A.N.F.E. (Associazione Nazionale Famiglie Emigrati) and Vice President of Co.AS.IT. SA Inc. (Comitato Assistenza Agli Italiani).

Remo's main interests are volunteering and its role in the broader community and MCC transport operations and reform. He has many years of experience in business ownership and management.

Staff and Volunteers



L to R: Vivien Hope, Maria Gigos, Phil Allan, Odette Mbuzukongira, Attila Szabo, Megan Hill and Annamarie Banhazi

■ TRANSPORT SERVICE

Annamarie Banhazi, Project Officer

The community Transport Service of the Multicultural Communities of South Australia commenced in 1987 to address the passenger transport need of elderly, frail aged, people with disabilities and youth from emerging CALD communities. The main aim of the service is to provide access to a range of essential and social services provided by the ethnic communities and mainstream organisations in the metropolitan area of Adelaide.

The transport service of the MCCSA is highly flexible. It is able to provide consistent and reliable regular service and also able to accommodate casual users on a short notice. It predominantly caters for HACC funded communities but also has a capacity to assist the emerging ethnic communities of Adelaide. On average 39 different community groups access the service per year.

All of our clients are living independently in their home. More than half (54%) of the clients of the transport service are aged between 70 and 80 years. 74% of our clients are aged over 70 years. 68% of clients are female. 51% of the clients are living in the western suburbs of Adelaide. These figures underline the fact that the Transport Service of the MCCSA is providing transport for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the multicultural communities of Adelaide, which is the aim of the service.

The services provided by ethnic communities are indispensable for the rapidly aging CALD community members of Adelaide. The MCCSA is the only service provider in South Australia delivering a targeted service for this heavily disadvantaged sub group of elderly Australians to access these vital services. The regularly collected and analysed data shows a steady 20% increase in demand for the MCCSA service each year. Therefore further funding and extension of the MCCSA transport service is well justified and should be seriously considered.

■ COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

Attila Szabo, Project Officer

In the 2007-2008 financial year the Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) continued to improve the quality of life of older people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds living in Aged Care Facilities.

The MCCSA has managed this scheme since 1990, which makes it one of the oldest programs at the MCCSA. The success of the CVS depends on the invaluable contribution of our highly dedicated volunteers. The languages spoken by our volunteers are: Cantonese, Mandarin, Croatian, Czech, Estonian, Finnish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

The Program continues to receive many requests from Aged Care Facilities for the services of our bi-lingual and bi-cultural volunteers, but unfortunately the demand outstrips the number of volunteers. For this financial year we had 32 active volunteers visiting 44 residents at 43 Aged Care Facilities. This is a unique service for our CALD aged residents who look forward to the fortnightly visits from our volunteers.

■ S.E. ASIAN RECONNECT

Megan Hill, Project Officer

We started the year with a big impact by hosting our first ever Conference on the 21st of August. Opened by Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Youth, the conference was attended by around 70 key stakeholders and youth services. It was a great opportunity to share our wealth of experience concerning the issues young CALD people are facing and assist mainstream service providers to better understand them.

Shortly after the conference two staff members, Fong and Megan, moved to new positions. September saw us welcome James Lan as the new Chinese worker and Megan Hill as the new Coordinator. Both settled in well with strong support from the team, management and FaHCSIA. They both attended a National 2 day "good practice" forum in Melbourne in November that provided a good grounding in strategies and techniques to improve our service.

The staff changes led to new directions and programs offered by the service. A basketball program was developed where young Chinese train and play alongside largely young Africans. Previously quite a difficult group to reach, this program has seen a surge in male clients accessing our service. Also importantly as many of these clients are newly arrived we have been working hard to help introduce them to Australian society by increasing their social networks and broadening their experiences.

The Vietnamese group concluded their DVD project, with Vietnamese young people writing and producing their own music and dance on the topic of drug and alcohol abuse. Their public performances during this time also earned them accolades and even some prize money. Another achievement was a very successful intergenerational workshop run for Cambodian youth and their families. Eighty participants were involved with guest speakers and lively discussion followed by a relaxing cruise along the Port River.

In March 2009, our Vietnamese worker Thuy also left us and was replaced in June by Jenny Pham. We anticipate developing some exciting new programs under her guidance.

Reconnect continues to follow best practice and to provide a high standard of individual case work. This year we assisted 44 new clients who were at risk of homelessness to move forward with their lives. We look forward to continuing to support young people within our communities well into the future.

■ RADIO PROGRAM

Phil Allan, Senior Project Officer

Every Friday the MCCA presents a 15 minute program on Radio 5EBI-FM to provide information about key issues and events of interest to our diverse communities.

This year the format was changed to incorporate more pre-recorded interviews with people. We also covered a number of topics over two and three sessions, to allow more time for the key messages to be delivered and reinforced.

We wish to thank the following organisations for providing speakers to give timely and valuable information and advice: Cancer Council of SA, Child Support Agency, NEXUS Multicultural Arts Centre, WorkCover and SA Police. We also interviewed a number of young people including representatives from the Muslim Girls Kollektive, the MYSA Young Women's Leadership Program, the MCCA Rhyme not Crime Project and Carnegie Mellon College.

Other programs focused on MCCA programs and activities, the role of volunteers, cultural events such as Chinese New Year and original music produced by recently arrived refugee youth.

■ OTHER PROJECTS

■ Exercise Eat Well

The MCCSA concluded the Exercise Eat Well program, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, to encourage youth in the South West region of Adelaide to explore the healthy aspects of nutrition and physical activity brought here by culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Students from Cowandilla Primary and St John the Baptist Primary focused on the Sudanese and Vietnamese communities, using workshops and discussions with community representatives to better understand the food, culture, music, physical activities and practices.

The youth actively participated in an expo at Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club on November 19th to showcase their learnings.

The expo featured cooking presentations by the students, Arabic songs by Ajang Daniel Yout, drumming by the students (with Lamine Nanky) , badminton games and a dance performance by the B Square Vietnamese Dance Group.

Not only did the students have fun, but they learned some valuable and practical tips for leading healthier lifestyles. The project outcomes can be seen on www.mccsa.org.au/ExerciseEatWell



■ Rhyme not Crime

The MCCSA was funded by the South Australian Government (Attorney General's Department) to run *Rhyme not Crime*, a Crime Prevention and Community Safety project to identify and address issues that influence anti-social and criminal activities in African youth.

A group of youth from a range of African countries worked with Legal Services Commission to explore the issues surrounding crime, identity, culture and society which influence behaviour in African youth. These workshops helped the youth to develop the key messages that formed the basis for the rhymes for three songs. The youth then worked with DaKlinik to develop the beats and produce the songs. These were professionally recorded and burned to CD.

We engaged Jacob Gates Media and Design to help the youth to plan, shoot and edit a video clip to promote one of the songs, *Crime to Rhyme*. Representatives from SA Police and the Supreme Court helped us to add authenticity to the clip.

The CD / DVD was launched by Hon Michael Atkinson MP, Attorney General on 13 December. Copies have been widely distributed to other African youth and to a range of service providers. The songs and video clip can also be accessed at www.myspace.com/rhymenotcrime and on the MCCSA website (www.mccsa.org.au). A group of the African youth also promoted the songs at the Canberra Multicultural Festival in February 2009.



■ OTHER PROJECTS

■ Sharing Through Active Recreation

Despite receiving limited funding, the MCCSA has continued to support sport and recreation programs for refugee and other recently arrived youth from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The *Advantage Refugee Tennis Program*, under the guidance of Virgil Goncalves (Grange Club Coach) has continued to attract refugee youth to learn the game and eventually move into competitive tennis teams.

Participation rates have been consistently excellent, with many parents also attending practice sessions. This is a reflection of the good work of the members of Grange Tennis Club to create a welcoming and safe environment. Several young people have also attended coaching course and are now helping as assistant coaches.



The MCCSA and Basketball SA have been running 3Ball Basketball over the last 4 years as part of the Bay Sports Festival (held annually at Glenelg in late December). 3Ball is 3 on 3 basketball played outdoors on half court. The emphasis is on fun and participation. The format has evolved so that competitive and social players are catered for. The events also feature wheelchair basketball displays and Aus-African music.

3Ball is extremely popular with a core following of African and Chinese youth and university students.



■ African Youth Cultural Network

The MCCSA worked with local musicians to arrange a number of live performances for African youth to gain experience and confidence.

The performances included:

- opening for Djef Djel at NEXUS Multicultural Arts Centre (August 2008);
- a community celebration at Grange Tennis Club (September 2008);
- Meadows Country Fair (October 2008);
- celebrations for World Aids Day (Rundle Mall, November 2008); and
- MCCSA Annual General Meeting (December 2008).



A number of the youth have gone on to perform at the Adelaide Fringe, at other local community events and at several gigs at the Adelaide Folk Club.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Adelaide Folkloric Society of SA Inc
Adelaide Marathi Mandal
Adelaide Progressive Jewish Congregation
Adelaide Turkish Islamic Cultural Centre Inc
Afghan Association of SA
Afghan Islamic & Cultural Association
Afghan Society of South Australia
Afghan Womens' Federation of SA
African Heritage Association of SA Inc
Alliance Francaise D'Adelaide Inc
Andes Housing Co-operative Inc
ANEA (Associazione Nazionale Emigranti Australiani)
ANFE (Associazione Nazionale Famiglie Degli Emigrati Inc)
Arabic Language School
Armenian Cultural Association of SA Inc
Asian Elderly Welfare Association
Asian Housing Association Inc
Asian Women's Consultative Council Inc SA
Association of Ukrainians in SA Inc
Association Puglia of SA Inc
Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri Sezione di Adelaide Inc
Australian Bulgarian Association
Australian Croatian Chamber of Commerce & Industry SA Inc
Australian Druse Community Inc
Australian Hellenic Education Progressive Association
Australian Lithuanian Community of Adelaide
Australian Macedonian Society Inc
Australian Refugee Association Inc
Australian Serbian Chamber of Commerce
Belarusian Association of SA Inc
Bengali Cultural Association of SA
Betania Italo-Australian Christian Centre
Business Cultures International
Cambodian Association of SA Inc
Catholic Multicultural Pastoral Services
Ceduna Multicultural League Inc
Ceylon Tamil Association of SA
Chinese Association of SA Inc
Chinese Welfare Services of SA Inc
Circolo Culturale Di Adelaide
Circolo Fratelli Cervi Di Adelaide
Club India International SA Inc
Comitato Regionale Della Campania
Co-ordinating Italian Committee
Community Centre of Serbia & Montenegro
Council of Hungarian Associations of SA Inc
Constantinople Hellenic Association of SA
Croatian Care for the Aged Association
Croatian Community Council of SA
Croatian Sports Centre (SA) Inc
Croatian, Ukrainian and Belarusian Aged Care Association of SA Inc
Croatian Women's Auxiliary
Cyprus Community of SA Inc
Czechoslovak Club in SA Inc
Dom Polski Centre
Esperanto Society of SA
Ethnic Link Services
Ethnic Schools Association of SA Inc
Federation of Polish Organisations in SA
Fiji Social & Cultural Club of SA Inc
FILEF (Federazione Italiana Lavoratori Emigrati e Famigli)
Filipina Network of South Australia
Filipino Association of SA Inc
Filipino Community Council of SA Inc
Filipino Settlement Coordinating Council of SA Inc
Greek Macedonian Brotherhood of SA Inc
Greek Macedonian Social Club "Florina"
Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc
Greek Orthodox Community & Parish of St George
Greek Senior Citizens of Mile End & Western Suburbs
Greek Union of Aged Pensioners of Thebarton
Greek Welfare Centre
Greek Workers Educ Assoc 'Platon' Inc
Gulshan E Ghazal
Hungarian Caritas Society in SA Inc
Hungarian Club of SA
Hungarian Community School Adelaide Inc
Hungarian Cultural Welfare Club Inc
Hungarian Veterans Association of SA
Inclusive Directions
Indian Australian Association of SA
Indo Post Indonesian Tabloid
Inter-Italian Social Club of Adelaide Inc
Iranian Association of SA
Islamic Society of SA
Italian Migrant Welfare Assoc
Japan Australia Friendship Assoc
Jewish Community Council of SA

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Jewish Community Services Inc
Khmer Buddhist Association of SA
Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Association SA Inc
Korean Chamber of Commerce of SA Inc
Korean Community of SA
Kurdish Australian Association of SA
Latvian Association of SA Inc
Latvian Relief Society of Adelaide SA Inc
Lebanese Cultural Club of SA
Macedonian Community "VMRO DPMNE" of SA
Macedonian Community of Adelaide & SA Inc
Macedonian Cultural & Educational Organisation
MALSSA (Multicultural Advocacy & Liaison Service of SA) Inc
Maltese Aged Care Association SA Inc
Maltese Community Council of SA Inc
Maltese Guild of SA Inc
Maltese Meals & Community Services
Marche Club
Maronite Community of SA Inc
Migrant & Ethnic Communities Centre
Migrant Resource Centre
Migrant Women's Lobby Group
Migrant Women's Support & Accommodation Service
Migration Museum
Mixed Company Choir
Multicultural Aged Care
Multicultural Writers Association of Australia Inc
Multicultural Youth SA
Muslim Women's Association of SA Inc
NAIDOC Committee
Nepal-Australia Friendship Association
Netherlands Australia Aged Services Association
Nuovo Paese Collective
Ogaden Community Association of SA
Onkaparinga City Multicultural Group
Organisation of Hellene & Hellene Cypriot Women of Australia Inc
Overseas Chinese Association
Overseas Professionals Association (OPASA)
PAHASA
Pakistani Australian Association of SA Inc
Pan Macedonian Association of SA Inc
Pan Rhodian Inc Society "Colossus"
Panhellenic Association of Greeks Abroad Inc
Peace and Harmony Network
Persian Cultural Group
Portuguese Community SA Inc
Regional Multicultural Communities Council
Riverland Multicultural Forum
Royal Society for the Blind
SA Filipino Assoc Inc-SAFILSA
SA German Assoc Inc
SA Lebanese Womens' Association
Salisbury Library Services
Samoan Association of SA
San Rocco Di Paduli
SAWGMLC - Multicultural Library Services
Scottish Associations of SA Inc
Serbian Australian Senior Citizens Club Inc
Serbian Community Radio
Serbian Community Welfare Association
Serbian Cultural Club
Serbian Orthodox Benevolent "St Simeon"
Serbian Orthodox Church & School Congregation St Sava at Adelaide Inc
Serbian Refugees Association SA Inc
Serbian Welfare Association SA Inc
Sierra Leonean Community of SA Inc
Sikh Society of SA Inc
Slovak Club of SA Inc
Slovenian Centre Inc & Slovenian Catholic Cultural Centre
Slovenian Club of SA Inc
Somali Community Development Association Inc
South Australian Indian Students Association
Southern CAMHS
Spanish Broadcaster Inc.
Spanish Club of SA Inc
Spanish Union Club Whyalla Inc
Sri Lanka Society of SA Inc
St Basil's Homes SA - Croydon Park
St Basil's Homes SA - Noarlunga
St Basil's Homes SA - St Peters
St George College Inc
St Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Parish - Adelaide
STTARS (Survivors of Torture & Trauma)
Sudanese Community Association of SA Inc
Tatar-Bashkurt Association of Aust Inc
The Adelaide Estonian Society Inc
The Baltic Communities Home Inc
The Croatian Club Adelaide Inc

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The English in Australia (TEA)
The Iraqi Turkman Association of SA
The Voice of Serbia SA Inc
Theatro Oneiron Inc
Tongan Association of SA Inc
Tongan Community Radio of SA Inc
Turkish Association of SA
Turkish Islamic Education Cultural Association of S A Inc.

Ukrainian Australian Professional & Business Association Inc
Ukrainian Collectables Society
UnitingCare Wesley
Vietnamese Community in Australia (SA Chapter Inc)
Vietnamese Women's Association SA
Whyalla Multicultural Communities Centre Inc
Working Women's Centre SA Inc

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