

South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission

2009–2010 Annual Report



**Government
of South Australia**

SAMEAC's VISION

To achieve an open, inclusive, cohesive and equitable multicultural society, where cultural, linguistic, religious and productive diversity is understood, valued and supported.

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CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission.

One of the highlights of the past year was the appointment of a Director of Settlement Services for Humanitarian Entrants. This position is responsible for co-ordinating solutions to identified gaps in settlement services for humanitarian entrants.

Consultative meetings were held with the recipients of settlement services and service/funding providers and will continue in 2010.

This is a most worthwhile initiative that will lead to improved coordination of services that better meet the ever-changing needs of refugees and other humanitarian entrants.

In 2009-2010 the South Australian Government, through the Multicultural Grants Scheme, provided grants to almost 300 organisations for a variety of projects that assist the Commission's vision of supporting and promoting a culturally diverse society. In April 2010, the Government announced that total available funds would be doubled to \$600,000 a year.

The Commission also continues to promote the benefits of multiculturalism to all South Australians by supporting the participation of ethnic organisations in iconic South Australian events.

The South Australia Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission has placed an emphasis on increasing ethnic community participation in major public events so that members of ethnic communities can feel and can be seen to be active members of the broad community.

This program, called Showcasing Multiculturalism, has reached hundreds of thousands of South Australians and has been an outstanding success.

In the sixth year in which the Christmas Pageant featured a multicultural float, the 2009 float showcased the talents of the Bhutanese, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burundian, Latvian and Zimbabwean with the International Revival Gospel Choir, from the Burundian community, performing Gospel songs on the float itself.

The Australia Day Parade again proved to be another highly successful event for multiculturalism in 2010 with more than 2,700 people representing 41 different ethnic backgrounds joining in.

Young people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities took part in the ANZAC Day Eve Vigil and for the first time, multicultural performance arts groups entertained at South Australian National Football League (SANFL) matches and the SANFL Grand Final.

Also for the first time, multicultural groups performed at Glenelg during the City-Bay Fun Run, the Mother's Day Classic Fun Run and for the Special Olympics opening ceremony.

The Commission, in conjunction with the Adelaide Festival Centre, organised the participation of Asian and other community groups in the OzAsia Festival in September. The Festival included the Moon Lantern Festival at Elder Park involving hundreds of school children and Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian, Singaporean and Vietnamese community members.

This was just one of many festivals the Commission supported including: African Communities Festival, Semaphore Greek Festival; Peruvian Festival; Golden Week Japan Festival; Qurban EID Festival; Maltese Cultural Festival; South Sudan Family Day; and Yala Lebanese Festival Italian.

The Governor's Multicultural Awards were again held in 2009 to acknowledge outstanding contributions by individuals and organisations in promoting multiculturalism and community harmony, and in increasing awareness of the benefits of cultural diversity within South Australia.

Nominations were judged by a panel appointed by the Commission in consultation with the Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, and the Multicultural Communities Council of SA. The Governor presented the awards to nine winners in front of more than 400 people in the grounds of Government House in February 2010.

Having such a high-level civic leader acknowledging the benefits of promoting multiculturalism sends a strong message to the wider community about the value of cultural diversity.

The Commission continued to take a pro-active role in responding to community concerns about international student and taxi driver safety. The International Students

Social Integration Reference Group and other forums chaired by myself continue to address issues confronting overseas students.

On behalf of the Commission I extend my sincere thanks for the contribution of former Commission member Mr Petar Zdravkovski, whose term expired during the year. I also offer a warm welcome to new member Ms Daniela Conesa and my congratulations to re-appointed members Mr Peter Ppiros, Mr Norman Schueler, Ms Vahedeh Mansoury, Ms Michelle Dieu, Mr George Fomba and Ms Sumeja Skaka.

I would also like to thank the hardworking staff of Multicultural S.A. for their commitment to the successful fulfilment of the Commission's projects and goals. Under the visionary leadership of Executive Director Mr Simon Forrest, Multicultural S.A. is promoting the benefits of cultural diversity to an increasingly wider audience.

I also thank the new Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon. Grace Portolesi MP, for her enthusiastic support since taking over the portfolio from Mr Michael Atkinson M.P., Member for Croydon, in March 2010. Mr Atkinson led by example for more than 15 years in his active engagement with South Australia's ethnic communities and continues to do so.

Meanwhile, a personal highlight for me in 2009-2010 was being appointed an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) in June 2010.

The awarding of this honour is recognition of the contribution of all South Australians who, like me, strive to promote multiculturalism and an inclusive society.

Mr Hieu Van Le AO

Chairman

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Mr Hieu Van Le (to 31 December, 2011) Chairman

Mr Le is the Chairman of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (SAMEAC). He has been appointed as Chairman to 31 December 2011.

He was the Deputy Chairman 2003-2006 and Member since 1995.

Mr Le became the Lieutenant Governor of South Australia in 2007.

He was a Senior Manager, Financial Services Regulation, at the Adelaide Regional Office, of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) until March 2009.

He has been a Member of South Australia's Community Engagement Board since 2007; and a member of the Research Centre for Languages and Cultures - University of South Australia since September 2009.

Mr Le is an honorary advisor to several organisations within the culturally and linguistically diverse communities in South Australia.

He is also Patron or an Honorary Member of a number of organisations, including: Australian Chinese Medical Association (SA); OzAsia Festival; Churchill Fellows Association of SA Inc.; Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia Inc; Rotary Club Adelaide South; Australian Hellenic Education Progressive Association; Hong Kong Australia Business Association - SA Chapter; Anti-Poverty Week; SA Ethnic Schools Board; Chinatown Adelaide SA Inc.; Multicultural Festival SA; and Campania Sports and Social Club (Sons of Italy) Community Centre.

He is also an Ambassador for the White Ribbon Foundation and the Australian Refugees Association (ARA).

Mr Le is also a Business Ambassador for South Australia.

Mr Le is a recipient of the following Awards and Recognition:

- Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO);
- Australia Day Medal for outstanding service to ASIC;
- Centenary Medal "for service to the advancement of multiculturalism and the Vietnamese Community" 2001;
- "Golden Achiever of the Year" awarded by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce SA Inc. 2008;
- Honorary Doctorate for service to the society - Adelaide University 2008;
- Paul Harris Fellowship - inducted by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International – 2009.

Ms Michelle Dieu (to 3 June 2011)

Michelle (Swee Ming) Dieu is from a Chinese Malaysian background. She migrated to South Australia in 1992 as an independent skilled migrant, joining her parents who had migrated four years earlier.

Michelle is the Convenor of SAMEAC's Youth Advisory Committee.

She speaks Mandarin, Cantonese and Bahasa Malaysia and the dialects Fuzhou and Fujian.

She is currently employed as an employee at the Migrant Resource Centre of S.A.

A qualified teacher with a Bachelor of Education from Flinders University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, Michelle worked as an educator and migrant settlement volunteer in the Chinese community for the Chinese Welfare Services after arrival.

She then worked for more than 10 years for the Overseas Chinese Association of S.A. Inc. (O.C.A.), co-ordinating the Community Settlement Services Scheme and managing several programs including the Settlement Grants Program, O.C.A. Joblink Services and Coaching for Multicultural Taxi Driver Training Program for Chinese and humanitarian entrants.

In that time, the OCA's Coaching for Multicultural Taxi Driver Training Program received several awards, including *Outstanding Program* and *Best Service Provider*, from the South Australian Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) and Adult Community Education.

In 2003, Michelle was appointed an Ombudsman Referral Delegate under the Justice Access Referral Program by the State Ombudsman's Office.

She is a registered migration agent, and a Member of the Migration Institute of Australia.

Mrs Promila Gupta (to 31 August 2010)

Promila Gupta came to South Australia from Chandigarh in India, settling first in Whyalla where she started her own restaurant and she was the President of the International Women Association at the Whyalla Migrant Centre. She was teaching Indian cooking at the TAFE College. She organised many cultural shows at the Middleback Theatre.

She moved to Adelaide in 2002. She was an Executive member of the Indian Australian Association of South Australia from 2001 to 2006, and then President for years 2007 and 2008. She has made a short film titled 'Five Spices' that was screened at Parks community Centre. It is a documentary film about the crisis faced by women aged 50 or more from different ethnic backgrounds.

Promila was a Member of the Multicultural Education Committee on Cultural affairs. She is a presenter of 5EBI-FM's Hindi radio program. Since 2005, she has run Hindi language classes every Sunday. She has been Cultural Coordinator of a Musical Club of India known as 'Rasik Ranjani'. She is Cooking Editor of the leading national newspapers of Sydney called '*The Indian Down Under*' and Melbourne's 'Beyond India'; and is Chairperson of the Sargam Indian Musical Association Inc.

She has published two cookbooks and she won the 'Pride of Australia' Award in 2006. She also won the 'Citizen of the Year' Award from the City of Campbelltown in 2007. She is teaching Indian cooking from 1971-1983 in India, 17 years at Whyalla and now continuing in Adelaide at WEA Institute.

Mr Tony Simeone (to 31 August 2010)

Antonio (Tony) Simeone was born in Cervinara in the Avellino Province of Italy, and migrated to Australia with his parents in 1964, aged 10.

Tony is managing director and founder of his own financial services company and has been active in many community organisations in Adelaide.

For all of his adult life, he has contributed to the community by serving on and otherwise serving a number of associations and organisations, including the Azzurri Sports & Social Club (now known as the Adelaide Blue Eagles), FICSA-Federation of Italian Clubs (S.A.), the Campania Sports & Social Club, the South Australian Italian Association (aka The Italian Club), the CIAO-Cultural Italo Australian Organisation and Radio Italiana.

He was elected to the South Australian Italian Association Board of Management and served as its secretary from 2002 to 2007.

He is Life Governor of the Campania Sports & Social Club, as Campania is his Italian region of origin.

He is also a member of several other regional Italian associations including the newly formed Molisani Association.

He has also served the community via the Lions Club of Adelaide Italian for the past 17 years, including as President from 2001 to 2002.

Tony speaks English, Italian and French and plays pennant squash for the Next Generation Club.

Ms Branka King (to 28 January 2012)

Branka King is Convenor of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission's Women's Advisory Committee.

A long-standing member of the Serbian community, Branka is a Leader of Youth with Girl Guides S.A. and a volunteer at the St Mary Magdalene's Drop-in-Centre.

She is a Justice of the Peace, and works in this capacity at the Port Adelaide Magistrate's Court Daily Room and as a Visiting Inspector of metropolitan Correctional Services institutions. She is also a member of the Training Centre Review Board.

Branka is a qualified interpreter and has a Diploma of Professional Counselling.

She is a member of the Standards Committee for the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, and is a Zone Leader for West Hindmarsh Neighbourhood Watch.

Ms Sumeja Skaka (to 31 December, 2012)

Ms Sumeja Skaka is from Sarajevo in Bosnia.

After completing her SACE Certificate at Adelaide High School, she returned to Bosnia to study Arabic Language and Literature at the University of Sarajevo, then completed a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies at the University of South Australia.

She also has a Diploma in Islamic Sciences from the Al Ghazzali Centre for Islamic Sciences and Human Development, and is founder and director of the Islamic educational institution, 'Ayn Academy, in Adelaide.

Ms Skaka is fluent in Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian, is a cross-cultural training volunteer with the Muslim Women's Association of South Australia, a member of the Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia's Youth Network and a volunteer with Amnesty International.

In 2006, she was named Youth of the Year in the Australian Muslim Achievement Awards.

She is a former Committee Member of the Muslim youth organisation Youthemerged.

Ms Malgorzata Skalban OAM (to 28 January 2012)

Ms Skalban was born in Poland and came to Australia in 1968. She has extensive experience in community work in the multicultural field, particularly in aged care.

Ms Skalban has been on various community and departmental committees responsible for the initiation of numerous ethno-specific services.

She has a Bachelor of Arts (Spanish and Italian major), a Bachelor of Social Administration and an MBA.

Prior to her current employment with Domiciliary Care S.A. as Multicultural Consultant, Ms Skalban set up linkage and advocacy services in the metropolitan area, Whyalla and the Riverland.

She has also worked with refugees and victims of domestic violence.

Ms Skalban is actively involved in the Polish community and currently is Vice President of the Federation of Polish Organisations in S.A., President of the Polish

Women's Association in Adelaide, Co-ordinator of Polish Link with Seniors, Editor of *Glos Seniora*, and Chairperson of the John Paul 11 Advisory Committee.

She is a member of the National Cross Cultural Dementia Network and the Australian College of Health Service Executives (ACHSE). Ms Skalban is also a member of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Consumer Advisory Council, International Women's Day Committee of South Australia, Migrant Women's Lobby Group and Adelaide Kiwanis.

In December 2000 Ms Skalban was awarded the Gold Cross for services to the Polish community by the Polish Government. In June 2005 she was awarded OAM for services to the community, particularly through multicultural and aged care organisations.

During the year the following SAMEAC members were appointed or re-appointed:

Mr Peter Ppiros (to 31 December 2011)
Deputy Chairman

Mr Peter Ppiros was appointed Deputy Chairman of SAMEAC in 2006. He has been re-appointed for a further two years as Deputy Chairman, to 31 December 2009.

Mr Ppiros, who has been a member of the Commission since January 2003, is a strong advocate for regional South Australia and multiculturalism.

Originally a refugee from Cyprus, Mr Ppiros lives in Renmark and is the founder and editor of the Greek Community Tribune, a national Greek / English newspaper, established in 1993.

Mr Ppiros has had extensive experience in delivering and managing a wide variety of services directly to immigrants and refugees over the years. In 2004 he was elected Chairman of the Riverland Multicultural Forum, an incorporated organisation which represents the region's multicultural community and provides settlement services to new migrants. He is also Chairman of the Regional Multicultural Communities Council.

He is also the founder of the Riverland Greek Festival which was awarded the 2000 S.A. Great Regional Award for the Arts, for its contribution towards multiculturalism and reconciliation with the Indigenous community.

Mr Ppiros is a recipient of the Centenary Medal for service to the community through the advancement of multiculturalism.

Ms Vahedeh Mansoury (31 December 2011)

Vahedeh Mansoury's appointment heralded a new chapter in the life of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission. She is not only the Commission's first Kurdish community representative but also one of the first Muslims to be appointed to the role. Interestingly, Vahedeh's name is derived from the Arabic root word meaning one.

Vahedeh migrated to Australia from Iran with her family in June 1999. Initially, Vahedeh and her family settled in Adelaide and then Melbourne, however, they have since returned to Adelaide.

Vahedeh is a Graduate of the University of Tehran where she studied Psychology. She has an extensive background in teaching primary and secondary school children in Iran. In Melbourne, Vahedeh studied English while working at a child care centre and teaching at a local (Farsi) ethnic school.

Upon relocating to Adelaide, Vahedeh worked as a volunteer with the Kurdish community. In this capacity, Vahedeh committed herself to providing case management and community development assistance to Kurdish women living in South Australia.

Vahedeh's experience includes being a mentor with the Department for Families and Communities Refugee Program supporting new arrival families. Ms Mansoury is currently a Southern Domestic Violence services as a welfare/D.V worker for the Southern Domestic Violence services.

Vahedeh has completed a Diploma of Children's Services at Regency Institute of TAFE and a Certificate IV in Justice Studies at Adelaide TAFE. She has completed a Leadership Course for Women, Certificate III in Business Frontline Management, at Adelaide TAFE.

Mr Norman Schueler (31 December 2011)

Mr Schueler, who was born in the United Kingdom, arrived in Australia in April 1966 and joined Hines Metals. In 1984 he founded Normetals, a scrap metal and steel sales business which is also a supplier of marine equipment such as chains and anchors. Mr Schueler has travelled extensively and regularly to China to establish a flourishing import/export business.

Actively involved in the Jewish community, Mr Schueler is a past President of the South Australian Jewish Youth Council and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organisation. He has been President of the Jewish Community Council SA since 1996, Vice President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and is currently a Board Member of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra as well as being a Director of a number of companies.

Mr George Fomba (to 28 January 2012)

George Fomba was born in Liberia and grew up in Guinea. He arrived in South Australia in 2004.

George speaks five languages - English, French, Kissi, Creole and Liberian English and is a part-time interpreter.

He works as a Case Co-ordinator and Youth Officer under the SA Multicultural Settlement Services program of the Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia and

as a casual Mentor for the Department for Families and Communities Refugee Services.

He has completed a Diploma in Community Welfare Work at Port Adelaide TAFE and he is a student at the University of South Australia studying Social Work degree.

Currently Vice Chairperson of the Liberian Community of South Australia, George has co-ordinated a range of programs for newly-arrived young people. These have included developing a Liberian Community Youth Group, establishing a Kick-Ball competition for Liberian women and girls, organising and conducting: information sessions, recreational activities, soccer tournaments and leadership camps.

During the year the terms of the following SAMEAC members expired:

Mr Petar Zdravkovski (Zed) (to 31 December, 2009)

Mr Petar Zdravkovski's extensive community experience includes founding member/inaugural President of the Port Lincoln Multicultural Council and founding member/inaugural President of the Regional Multicultural Communities Network Inc (R.M.C.N.).

A former public servant, Mr Zdravkovski also has considerable experience in the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare area.

Currently a Board member of the Migrant Resource Centre South Australia, Mr Zdravkovski has organised the participation of culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia's longest running festival, the Tunarama festival, in Port Lincoln.

Mr Zdravkovski is an inaugural member of, and organised, Port Lincoln Multicultural Council's participation in the highly successful Mediterraneo Festival.

As well as promoting local primary produce such as fish and wine, and the Eyre Peninsula's lifestyle, this festival promotes the region's cultural links with the people of the Mediterranean.

A longstanding member of SAMEAC's Northern Regional Advisory Committee, Mr Zdravkovski now brings his considerable skills to the role of convenor of this Committee.

ROLE OF THE COMMISSION

SAMEAC is a Statutory Authority, which was established under the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980*. The Act allows for up to 15 part-time Members, a minimum of whom must be four men and four women. Members, whose collective skills assist the work of SAMEAC, are representative of a number of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

SAMEAC is required to:

- advise the Minister on matters relating to multicultural and ethnic affairs by facilitating communication between the Government and ethnic communities;
- promote multiculturalism as an integral part of the State's social and economic policies, and work towards an inclusive society;
- endeavour to increase the awareness of the services available to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- promote social harmony amongst ethnic communities and the wider community;
- foster and support community development activities by ethnic communities; and
- lead and manage multicultural initiatives in partnership with other organisations and the community.

The functions of SAMEAC are detailed in full at Appendix 1.

SAMEAC's Committees

To assist SAMEAC to fulfil its role, Advisory Committees are established, on a needs basis, under Section 15 of the Commission's Act. The activities of these Advisory Committees are detailed in this report. A list of Advisory Committees and their membership can be found at Appendix 2.

External Boards and Committees

SAMEAC Members are nominated to represent the Commission on a variety of relevant boards and committees, detailed at Appendix 3. Members also serve on external boards and committees in their own capacities, detailed at Appendix 4.

Diplomatic and Official Visits

The SAMEAC Chairman regularly meets with Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other officials from overseas, as well as visiting delegations. Details of meetings with diplomats and other officials are listed at Appendix 5.

BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY

- **Community partnering**

An important aspect of building community capacity is supporting diversity in our communities to achieve an open, inclusive and equitable multicultural society.

SAMEAC organised for established communities to provide support to new and emerging communities.

Organisations that agreed to be involved include: the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc. and the Sudanese Community Association of Australia SA Branch; City of Salisbury and the Bhutanese Association in South Australia; the Campania Sports & Social Club Community Centre Inc.; the Organisation of Hellene & Hellene-Cypriot Women of Australia S.A. Inc. and the Determined United Liberian Girls of SA; City of Playford and the Burundi Intamba Gasimbo Association of S.A. and the Association of the Burundian Community; the Ethiopian Community of SA; the Afghan United Association; and the Viti (Fijian) Association.

- **Ethnic Community Organisations Land Tax Relief Grant Scheme**

Ethnic-community organisations provide many vital services including:

- support services for the aged;
- advice and assistance for recently-arrived migrants and refugees;
- social activities where people can maintain, express and share their cultural heritage and languages;
- cultural activities such as festivals, exhibitions, celebrations, theatre, film, music and dance; and
- educational programs for the maintenance and transmission of language and culture.

These services are mostly provided by volunteers and in buildings that have been built and paid for through the volunteer efforts of community members.

If these services were not provided by ethnic-community organisations an additional financial burden would be imposed on the State Government and/or other volunteer groups.

As many ethnic communities age the demand for services is increasing. Meanwhile, the capacity of ethnic-community organisations to raise funds to pay for items such as building maintenance and land tax is decreasing.

- **Multicultural Grants Scheme**

Through this grants scheme almost 300 grants have been provided to enable community organisations to undertake important community projects that will make South Australia a better place to live.

Through this scheme many volunteer groups from across South Australia have been assisted so they can continue with their important work.

In 2009-2010 there were two rounds of the Multicultural Grants Scheme and almost 300 grants were approved, with a total of \$300,000 available to community organisations through the Multicultural Grants Scheme.

The grants have gone towards the costs of festivals, exhibitions, equipment to help organisations to provide services to the community, cultural activities and workshops, regional cultural events, and refugee, youth and pensioner activities to mention a few.

Grants were awarded to the following groups:

Acholi Association in South Australia
 Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association
 Adelaide Academy of Irish Dancers
 Adelaide Croatia Soccer Club Inc
 Adelaide Estonian Society Inc
 Adelaide Kannada Sangha Inc
 Adelaide Lithuanian Society Inc
 Adelaide Metropolitan Malayalee Association Inc
 Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Inc
 Adelaide Tamil Association Inc
 Adelaide University Union
 Afghan United Association of South Australia Inc
 African Communities Council of SA Inc
 African Women's Federation of SA
 Ahwazian Community in Australia Inc
 Alliance Francaise D'Adelaide Inc
 Amistad Radio Inc
 Anthonian Australia Association Inc
 Antiochian Orthodox Community Centre of SA Inc
 Asian Women's Consultative Council SA Inc
 Association of Ukrainians in SA Inc
 Associazione Abruzzese Del Sud Australia
 Associazione S'Eufemia Vergine Martire Di
 Australia Day Council of South Australia
 Australia Japan Association of SA Inc
 Australian Indonesian Association of SA Inc
 Australian Lithuanian Cultural Society Inc
 Australian Netherlands Chamber of Commerce (South Australian) Inc
 Australian Outback Camelmen Descendants and Friends Memorial Committee (AOCDFMC)
 Awiel Community Association of SA Inc
 Baba Gurgur Community Australian Turkman Association Inc
 Bangladesh Australian Society of SA Inc
 Beats Bhangra
 Beaumont Bowling Club
 Bengali Cultural Association of SA Inc
 Bhutanese Community in South Australia

Bosnian Senior's Group "Optimists"
Buddhist Council of SA
Burundi Intamba Gasimbo Association of SA
Burundian Drummers Club SA Inc
Burundian Women's Association
C31 Adelaide Ltd
Catherine House Inc
Chilean Club of Adelaide Incorporated
Chin Burmese Youth Group
Chinatown Adelaide of SA Inc
Chinese Language and Teachers Association
Chinese Welfare Services of SA Inc
City International Gospel Choir
Club India SA Inc
Constantinople Hellenic Association of South Australia Inc
Constantinople Hellenic Federation of Australia
Cook Islanders Cultural Community Inc
Coordinating Italian Committee Inc
Croatian Folkloric Ensemble - Lenek
Croatian Radio Program
Croatian Sports Centre
Cyprus Community of SA Inc
Dozynki Inc
East Turkistan Australian Association Inc
Egyptian Community Radio
Eritrean Community of South Australia Inc
Ethnic Schools Association of SA Inc
Famiglia Zaratina Inc SA
Farda TV
Federation of Hellenic Association for Pensioners and the Aged SA Inc
Filipino Settlement Coordinating Council of SA
Flinders African Students' Association
Frontline Management Group Renmark
Fusion Beats
German Club of Elizabeth Inc
German Folksong Choir (Deutscher Volksliederchor)
Glendi Greek Festival Inc
Greek Lyceum of South Australia Inc - School of Greek Dance and Culture
Greek Orthodox Community and Parish of Prophet Elias Norwood & Eastern Suburbs
Greek Orthodox Community of "The Nativity of Christ" Port Adelaide Inc
Greek Orthodox Community of SA Inc
Greek Welfare Centre SA "St Philothei"
Greek Women's Society of South Australia "Taxiarchis" Inc
Greek Workers Education Association of South Australia "PLATON" Inc
Gurjari SA Incorporated
Guru Nanak Society of Australia
Hermandad De La Tierra Del Espiritu Santo Inc
Hindu Society of SA Inc
Holy Mary of Montevergine Association SA Inc

Hussainie Muslim Association of SA Inc
Igbo Community of South Australia
Incas Peru Association of SA
Indian Australian Association of SA Inc
Indo-Chinese Elderly Association Inc
International Gospel Revival Choir
Iraqi Girls Group
Irish Australian Association of SA Inc
Islamic Information Centre of SA Inc
Islamic Society of Whyalla Inc
Islamic Student Society University of Adelaide
ItSA Inc
Japan Australia Friendship Association Inc
Jewish Community Services Inc
Jikany Community Association of SA Inc
Kenya Association of South Australia Inc
Kernewek Lowender Inc
Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Association of SA Inc
Kilburn and Blair Athol Community Action Group Inc
Korea-Australia Friendship Association Inc
Korean Community of Adelaide Inc
Kuku Welfare Association of South Australia Inc
Kurruru Youth Performing Arts Inc
Lac-Viet Scout Group
Lazio Association of SA
Liberian Community of South Australia Inc
Lifeline South East (SA) Inc
Macedonian Community of Adelaide & SA Inc
Malaysian Students Council of Australia, South Australia Chapter (MASCA SA)
Maltese Chaplaincy Festivities Group Inc
Maltese Community Council of SA Inc
Maltese Guild of SA Inc
Maltese Returned and Services League Sub-Branch (SA) and Community Centre Inc
Maltese Senior Citizens Association of SA Inc
Maronite Community of SA Inc
Mawson Centre Over 50s Group
MCYESS Ltd Multicultural Youth Education Support Services Ltd
Middle Eastern Communities Council of SA Inc (MECCSA)
Migrant Women's Support and Accommodation Service
Modbury Uniting Church Inc
Molinara Social and Sports Club Inc
Morella Community Centre Inc
Mount Barker Caledonian Society Inc
Multicultural Festival of SA Inc
Multicultural Youth Link of South Australia
Multifaith Association of SA Inc
Murraylands Filipino Australian Association Inc
Murraylands Multicultural Network Inc
Muslim Women's Association of South Australia Inc

Non-English Speaking Background Domestic Violence Action Group Inc
North Indians Association of SA
Northern Italian Community
Northern Lights Multicultural Festival Inc
Ogaden Community Association Inc
Ottoway Theatrical Ensemble Inc
Overseas Chinese Association of SA
Paddocks Centre Inc
Pakistani Australian Association of South Australia Inc
Pan Macedonian Association of SA Inc
Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood of Australia 'Ikaros' Inc
Panrhodian Society "Colossus" SA Inc
Papua New Guinea Association of SA Inc
Paradise Community Church
Persian Cultural Association of SA Inc
Polish Folklore Ensemble TATRY
Polish Hill River Church Museum
Port Adelaide Football Club
Punjabi Association of South Australia Inc
Radio Adelaide
Radio Televisione Italiana (SA) Inc
Romani International Australia Inc
Rotary Club of Mawson Lakes
Roxby Downs Community Board Inc
Russian Community Centre Inc
SA German Association Inc
SA Zhu-Lin Buddhist Association Inc
Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Community Inc
Salvadorian Radio Program
Sampaguita Filipino/Australian Community Club
San Rocco Adelaide Inc
School of Chinese Music and Arts
Senegal Cultural Group
Serbian Orthodox Church, St Sava
Serbian Pensioners Club Inc
Shruthi Adelaide Inc
Sicilia Social and Sports Club Inc
Sikh Society of South Australia Inc
Society of Saint Hilarion Inc
Solomon Islands Wantok Association of SA
Somali Community Development Organisation
Somali United Community Association Inc
Somali Women's Association
Somaliland Community of South Australia Inc
South African Adelaide Buffers Association Inc
South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association
South Australian Lebanese Women's Association Inc
South Australian National Football League
South Australian Zimbabwe Association Inc

South Pacific Star Cultural Community / Tongan Catholic Community SA Adelaide
 South Sudan Equatorian Communities in SA
 St Catherine Society of SA Inc
 St Dimitrios Greek Orthodox Parish of Salisbury SA
 Sudanese Community Association of Australia (SA) Branch Inc
 Sudanese Women's Cultural Group
 Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service Ltd
 Swedish Club of South Australia
 Tanzanian Community Association of SA
 Tarbut Society Inc
 Taste the Limestone Coast Festival
 Telugu Association of South Australia Inc
 Thailand Culture Association SA Inc
 Thu Duc Military Academy Association of SA
 Togolese Welfare Association of SA
 Tongan Association of South Australia Inc
 Turkish Association of South Australia
 United Nations Association of Australia (SA Division) Inc
 Vergina Greek Women's Cultural Society of the Pan Macedonian Association
 Vietnamese Community in Australia/SA Chapter Inc
 Vietnamese Farmers Association Inc
 Vietnamese Literature and Arts Association Inc
 Vietnamese Navy Veterans' Association of South Australia Inc
 Vietnamese Traditional Music Club In SA Inc
 Vietnamese Veterans Association of SA Inc
 Vietnamese Welfare Services Incorporated
 Vietnamese Women's Association SA Inc
 Voice of Peace Choir
 Wat Khmer Santipheap Association of SA Inc
 Western Macedonian Brotherhood of SA "Pavlos Melas" Inc
 World Lebanese Cultural Union SA
 Yevshan Ukrainian Arts Inc
 Young Australian Lebanese Association

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PROMOTING MULTICULTURALISM

An important strategy for reducing prejudice and discrimination between people from different backgrounds is to increase awareness and understanding of diverse cultures.

The South Australia Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission has placed an emphasis on increasing ethnic community participation in major public events so that members of those communities can feel and can be seen to be active members of the broad community.

The Commission supports ethnic community organisations to showcase some of the activities, performances and displays, which have been a feature of ethnic community festivals, in public places.

- **Showcasing Multiculturalism**

The *Showcasing Multiculturalism Program* is designed to demonstrate the benefits of multiculturalism to the wider community. This has been done through encouraging the participation of ethnic community organisations performing arts groups in iconic events such as the Christmas Pageant, the Australia Day Parade and the ANZAC Commemorations as well as other major public events.

The Commission worked with the **South Australian National Football League** (SANFL) to provide opportunities for members of culturally diverse communities to participate in Australian Rules Football and to promote multiculturalism at AFL and SANFL matches. **Showcasing Multiculturalism** performances by eight groups were organised for the inaugural SANFL Multicultural Round in August 2009. Three of the performance groups also participated in a Showcasing Multiculturalism event as part of the pre-match entertainment at the SANFL Grand Final in October 2009.

Also in August 2009, a **Showcasing Multiculturalism** event was held in Rundle Mall, Adelaide. Participating groups included the Cook Islanders Cultural Community; City International Revival Gospel Choir; Greek Lyceum of South Australia Inc.; Adelaide Ukrainian Community School; Woegies South Afrika; Lenek Croatian Folkloric Ensemble; and the Zimbabwean Gospel Choir.

There was a **Showcasing Multiculturalism** event at the Marion Learning Festival, at Westfield Marion in August 2009. Performances were given by the Burundian International Revival Gospel Choir; Greek Lyceum of South Australia Inc; Adelaide Academy of Irish Dancing; Fusion Beats Indian dance group; Woegies South Afrika; Lenek Croatian Folkloric Ensemble; Adelaide Ukrainian Community School dancers; and Cook Islanders Cultural Community.

A **Showcasing Multiculturalism** event was held at the City-Bay Fun Run in September 2009. Performances were given by the Cook Islanders Cultural Community; International Revival Gospel Choir (IRGC); Burundian Drumming Club; Adelaide Academy of Irish Dancing; Greek Lyceum of South Australia Inc.; Romani Yag Dance School (Gypsy Fire).

The Burundian Drummers Club of SA performed at the **Special Olympics Closing Ceremony** on 23 April 2010 and a **Showcasing Multiculturalism** event was held at the 2010 Mother's Day Classic in Elder Park, Adelaide, in May 2010. Performances were given by the Adelaide Academy of Irish Dancing, International Revival Gospel Choir and Yevshan Ukrainian Arts.

Dozens of community groups participated in the **Moon Lantern Festival 2009** in Elder Park. The Festival is part of the OzAsia Festival, of which the Lieutenant Governor is Patron. The festival saw 13, 000 people enjoy performances by communities including the Asian Women's Consultative Council SA; Australia Japan Association of South Australia Inc; Australian Chinese Medical Association S.A.; Chinese Welfare Services of S.A. Inc; Japan Australia Friendship Association; Korean Community of Adelaide Inc; Lac-Viet Scout Group; Northern Indian Association of South Australia Inc; Overseas Chinese Association of S.A. Inc; School of Chinese Music and Arts; South Australian Zhu-Lin Buddhist Association; Thailand Culture Association S.A. Inc; Vietnamese Literature and Arts Association Inc; Vietnamese Traditional Music Club in South Australia Inc.

The Commission organised nearly 2,700 people from 70 community associations and 40 different ethnic backgrounds to take part in the **Australia Day Community Parade in 2010**. The Australia Day Council awarded prizes for Best Costumes to the South Australian Bor Community Association; Best Music to the Cook Islanders Cultural Community; and Most Creative to the Indian Australian Association of SA.

Each year, youth from multicultural communities are organised to take part in the **ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigils**. In 2010, Ceremonies were held at Adelaide, Morphett Vale, Blackwood and Marion. Youth from the following backgrounds took part: American, Canadian, Cook Islander, Dutch, Eastern Turkistan, Filipino, French, Greek, Irish, Italian, Maltese, Polish, Scottish, Serbian, Tongan, Somali, Turkish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.

Each year, the Commission supports **Refugee Week in South Australia**, which in June 2010 involved about 40 events and activities across the State. The Chairman attended and spoke at several key events including the opening of the African community centre, gymnasium and Sudanese website at Prospect; the Cultural Diversity in the Murraylands Celebration, Murray Bridge; the Refugee Week Forum and Launch at the Hawke Centre; the Government House Reception to celebrate Refugee Week; and the Migration Museum launch of Janice Madden's book, *Enter*.

Young refugees were organised to attend the first **Australian Rules Football World Youth Team** selections. This resulted in two young Sudanese South Australians being selected in the World XVIII Team for the Australian Football League National Youth Championships in July 2010.

The Commission coordinated the attendance of nearly 200 guests from 70 different community groups at the fourth **Eid-Al-Fitr Reception** in September 2009. The reception was hosted by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, at Parliament House. Eid Al-Fitr, the "Festival of Breaking the Fast", marks the end of the Islamic Holy Month of Ramadan and the culmination of a month of fasting for Muslims.

- **Governor's Multicultural Awards**

In 2009, the second series of **Governor's Multicultural Awards** attracted more than **100 entries**. His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, presented the 2009 Awards during a Garden Party at Government House on 23 February, 2010. Awards were given in nine categories:

- Outstanding Individual Achievement Award - **Ms Claudia Cream**
- Volunteer Award - **Dr Borhan Saaid**
- Public Sector Award (Joint Winners) - **Commercial Cookery and Hospitality Team, TAFE SA and Refugee Services, Families SA**
- Private Sector Award - **Mr Brian Hayes QC**
- Community Sector – Individual Award - **Dr Mohammad Afzal Mahmood**
- Community Sector – Organisation Award - **Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre**
- Youth – Individual Award - **Mr Andrew Antenucci**
- Media – Individual Award - **Dr Zheng De Han**
- Media – Organisation Award - **Radio 5EBI**

- **Publications**

The Commission published a **Multicultural Events Calendar** containing information on 2010 festivals, days of religious significance and other multicultural events in South Australia. It is circulated free to community groups, federal, state and local government agencies, industry, media, schools, public libraries and interested individuals.

The Commission published a range of articles of interest, speeches, information sheets and announcements on the website **www.multicultural.sa.gov.au**.

ACCESS AND EQUITY

SAMEAC and Multicultural SA are involved in many activities to ensure no person living in South Australia faces barriers to accessing government services because of a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

The Commission is also pro-active in addressing issues of real or perceived prejudice and discrimination when they arise in the local community.

In May 2010, to address discrimination and prejudice, at the request of the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Multicultural SA established the **Taskforce on Religious Diversity**. The Taskforce is chaired by the Chairman of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission.

The process of renewing the **Cultural Awareness Training Panel** was begun in early 2010. The Panel of providers is made available for use by South Australian Government agencies on the South Australian Government Intranet and agencies are able to procure training to suit their specific needs from the listed providers. The panel of providers is made available to assist government agencies to procure training services to assist them to be responsive to the cultural, linguistic and religious diversity of their clients.

The Commission requested that service agreements entered into between the Department of Families and Communities and **domestic violence services** contain a Key Performance Indicator stating that all clients assessed as requiring interpreting will receive interpreting.

The Commission organised an **International Student Employment Workshop** hosted by the SAMEAC Chairman and the Chair of Education Adelaide, in March 2010. About 20 business owners and 60 international students attended the networking event. The successful event gave students tips on networking and gave business owners the opportunity to meet students seeking part-time employment.

A **Scoping of Settlement Services for Humanitarian Entrants Project** was completed in 2009. This was followed by the appointment of a **Director of Settlement Services** to coordinate planning and improved delivery of settlement services by government and non-government services providers to humanitarian entrants.

The Chairman of the Commission conducted a meeting to discuss the ramifications of the new **Skilled Occupations List** for support services across government.

The meeting was held to inform international students, principals of registered training organisations and relevant community stakeholders about the implications of the new Skilled Occupation List for those planning to apply for a General Skilled Migration visa.

Representatives of international student organisations, educational institutions, community leaders and officers from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship attended.

Government Receptions were organised to support diversity in our communities and to achieve an open, inclusive and equitable multicultural society. The receptions were hosted by the Premier and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs to mark milestones in the French, Maltese, Messinian, Irish, Czech, Tatar, Dutch and Polish communities, as well as the Ethnic Schools Association.

In November 2009 the Commission took part in an **Australian Multicultural Advisory Council Roundtable** discussion about the development of a new federal cultural diversity policy.

Advice was provided on how to ensure that culturally and linguistically diverse communities were aware of the information in the Government's *Heatwave Information Guide*. Ethnic media contact details were supplied to SAFECOM. Also, State Emergency Services extreme weather watch, warning, alert or media releases are sent to ethnic media; and the SES website has a rolling message, about emergency help in floods and storms, and a 131 telephone number to call, in nine languages other than English.

The Chairman of SAMEAC convened an **International Students Social Integration Reference Group** meeting to contribute ideas on ways of enhancing the experience of overseas students in South Australia. Many practical proposals and initiatives were suggested by the participants in the meeting in October 2009, to foster increased social integration of international students. An action plan has been developed outlining these initiatives.

In 2009, a government survey found a high percentage of CALD people are **satisfied with South Australian Government Services**. Compared with the overall population, higher percentages of people born overseas, in a non-English speaking country, indicated strong satisfaction with accessibility of services, timeliness and overall service; and that staff they dealt with were knowledgeable and competent; they were sufficiently informed when accessing services and that staff had 'gone the extra mile' to give good service.

The **Policing for a Multicultural Society Award was initiated in 2009**. A Policing for a Multicultural Society Award is presented by the Chairman, to a police cadet in each graduating recruit course, who shows the highest level of appreciation and understanding of migrant, refugee and cultural diversity issues relating to policing.

The Chairman presented awards between August 2009 and June 2010 to: Jason Marchioro; Adam Stott; Shaun Pearce; Debbie Czeglik; Paul Dawson, Laura Apollonio; Michael Lymberopoulos; John Tonkin and Andrew Davis.

To address discrimination and prejudice, the Commission continued to support **Taxi Driver Safety**. Following a series of events involving immigrant taxi drivers Multicultural SA has worked with the Taxi Council of SA and the Equal Opportunity Commission to provide advice to taxi drivers on how to respond to discriminatory behaviour.

The Lieutenant Governor and Chairman of SAMEAC, and Advisory Committee members attended the International Women's Day Luncheon in March 2010. The Lieutenant Governor presented the **2010 Irene Krastev Award**. The award is convened by the Migrant Women's Lobby Group of SA Inc and presented to a woman from a non-English speaking background who has made a significant contribution to the community and to the participation of women in the social, economic and educational life of South Australia.

The Commission helped establish the **South Australian Multicultural Youth Ambassadors (SAMYA)** group to create a platform for culturally and linguistically diverse background (CALD) young people to exchange ideas. SAMYA was officially launched in February 2010 with objectives including promoting multiculturalism via cross cultural education, communication and event organisation; encouraging CALD youth to preserve their identity by getting involved in their communities and providing awareness of multicultural and youth services.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Regional Advisory Committees (RACs)

SAMEAC has Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) in the Northern, South East and Riverland areas of South Australia.

Committees convened by a SAMEAC member provide advice to the Commission on regional multicultural issues and concerns for people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

Membership comprises representatives of communities as well as Government and non-Government organisations (refer to Appendix 2 for details of membership).

The Regional Advisory Committees' primary objectives are to focus on:

- discussions about programs and policies which address the issues and concerns of people from CALD backgrounds in the regions; and
- discussions about cooperative and collaborative initiatives to assist the local communities and service agencies to provide appropriate "migrant friendly" supports and services for new migrants in regional areas.

The scope of RAC meetings includes all types of migrants from humanitarian entrants, skilled migrants and their families to international students.

In 2009 – 2010, the RACs continued to foster cooperation amongst, and work closely with, community and regional organisations to support the regions' capacity to assist in the settlement of humanitarian entrants, skilled migrants and their families. This included significant numbers of overseas workers on temporary visas and their dependants, many of whom had little or no English.

RACs raised through SAMEAC a number of matters throughout the year including: dependants of skilled workers on temporary and provisional visas being charged full fees for TAFE courses; concerns about the regional availability of English language services; and employment pathways for spouses of skilled migrants.

All RAC members are listed in Appendix 2.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVES

Women's Advisory Committee (WAC)

SAMEAC's Women's Advisory Committee was established under Section 15 of the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980* to advise the Commission on issues relating to women of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Its inaugural meeting was on 8 March, 2001 – International Women's Day.

The WAC's Terms of Reference are to:

- provide advice to the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission through the Convenor of the Committee on programs and policies which address the issues and concerns of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background women;
- foster cooperation among and work closely with CALD community and CALD women's organisations on issues identified by the WAC;
- recommend topics for forums and other events which raise awareness and encourage discussion on key issues for CALD women;
- identify and promote the achievements and contributions of CALD women at all levels; and
- foster the development of leadership skills for CALD women with emphasis on young women.

All members are listed in Appendix 2.

YOUTH INITIATIVES

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

The Youth Advisory Committee was established in 2007 in response to the concerns of ethnic community leaders about the lack of engagement of young people in the life of their communities.

The YAC has been established to:

- Provide advice to the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission through the convenor of the committee on programs and policies that address the issues and concerns of youth of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Work closely with ethnic community and youth organisations and foster cooperation amongst them
- Recommend to the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission topics for forums and other events that raise awareness and encourage discussion on key issues for youth of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Identify and promote the achievements and contributions of youth of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Members are listed in Appendix 2.

APPENDIX 1

Functions of SAMEAC

The main functions of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (SAMEAC) are defined in Section (12) of the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act, 1980*. These primary functions are to:

- increase awareness and understanding of the ethnic diversity of the South Australian community and the implications of that diversity; and
- advise the Government and public authorities on, and assist them in, all matters relating to the advancement of multiculturalism and ethnic affairs.

The other functions are:

- to assist in the development of strategies designed to ensure that multicultural and language policies are incorporated as an integral part of wider social and economic development policies;
- to work with public authorities to ensure that there is a coordinated approach to the advancement of multiculturalism and ethnic affairs;
- to keep under review and advise the government and public authorities on the extent to which services and facilities are available to, and meet the needs of, minority ethnic groups;
- to assist public authorities to devise effective methods for the evaluation and reporting of policies and programs for the advancement of multiculturalism and ethnic affairs;
- to develop, in conjunction with other public authorities, immigration and settlement strategies designed to support and complement the State's economic development plans and to realise the potential and meet the needs of individual immigrants;
- to advise, assist and promote cooperation between ethnic groups and organisations concerned in ethnic affairs;
- to inform and consult with ethnic groups and other interested groups and organisations about the work of SAMEAC and issues relating to multiculturalism and ethnic affairs;
- to provide or assist in the provision of interpreting, translating, information and other services and facilities for the benefit of ethnic groups and others; and
- to publicise generally the work of SAMEAC.

APPENDIX 2**Membership of SAMEAC's Advisory Committees as at 30 June, 2010***Northern Regional Advisory Committee*

Mr Petar Zdravkovski, SAMEAC Member (Convenor until 31 December, 2009)

Mr Steven Arndt

Ms Daniela Asperti, President, Club Italico Inc.

Ms Amelia Cooper

Ms Migelle Hiscock

Mr Michael Ketses

Ms Meghan Hanley

Ms Teresa Nowak

His Worship Mr Jim Pollock

Ms Claire Wiseman

Mr Muhibija Brkic

Mr Michael Peter Corrieri

Ms Jeanne Osborn

Mr Vance Thomas

Riverland Regional Advisory Committee

Mr Peter Ppiros, SAMEAC Member (**Convenor**)

Mr Danyon De Buell

Mr Baldev Singh Dhaliwal

Mr Tom Economou

Mr Barry Hurst

Ms Domenica Latorre

Ms Elizabeth Loulas

Michael Marafioti

Ms Cathy Perre

Mrs Imelda Roberts

Ms Ferda Sen

Mr Harvinder Singh Garcha

Ms Gina Stephenson

Ms Anne Robertson

Mrs Gursiman Bath

Mr David Beaton

South East Regional Advisory Committee

Ms Daniela Conesa, SAMEAC Member (**Convenor**)

Ms Eve Barratt

Sgt. Norman Elliot

Ms Emma Hay

Ms Gillian McGinty

Mrs Angela Morello

Mr David Mezinec

Ms Linda Polomka

Ms Rachael Viki

Ms Louise Waters

Mrs Heather Muirhead

Ms Shiquin Hu

Women's Advisory Committee

Ms Branka King, SAMEAC Member (**Convenor**)

Ms Vahedeh Mansoury, SAMEAC Member

Ms Gosia Skalban, SAMEAC Member

Ms Sumeja Skaka, SAMEAC Member

Ms Daniela Conesa, SAMEAC Member

Ms Milenka Vasekova-Safralidis

Ms Cynthia Caird

Ms Maria Hagias

Hoa Nguyen

Debbie Boock, Nimfa Farrell

Cathy Chong

Monica Chiappe

Youth Advisory Committee

Ms Michelle Dieu, SAMEAC Member (**Convenor**)

Ms Sumeja Skaka, SAMEAC Member

Mr Sidique Bah

Ms Vicki Brunello

Mr Rudis Dancis

Ms Carmen Garcia

Mr Prasanna Kovalam

Mr Aaron Mohtar

Mr Besmellah Rezaee

Ms Tram Vu

Ms Nicola Zuckerman

APPENDIX 3

Representation on external Boards and Committees as the Commission's nominee as at 30 June, 2010

Governing Council Adelaide Secondary School of English	Ms Vahedeh Mansoury
Watch SA	Mr Norman Schueler
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Health Services Consumer Advisory Council	Ms Gosia Skalban
State Advisory Committee for Accessible Transport	
South Australian Police Multicultural Advisory Committee	Ms Branka King
Royal Adelaide Hospital Consumer Advisory Council	Ms Branka King
Australia Day Council	Mr Norman Schueler
Cancer Council Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Working Group	Ms Branka King
Courts Administration Authority Community Relations Committee	Ms Branka King
Grants Advisory Committee	Mr Peter Ppiros Mr Tony Simeone Ms Michelle Dieu

APPENDIX 4

External Boards and Committees of Commission Members as at 30 June, 2010

Mr Hieu Van Le AO

Honorary member of the Vietnamese Literature and Arts Association in South Australia

Honorary member of the Friends of the Vietnamese Invalid Veterans Association

Honorary member of the Australian Hellenic Education Progressive Association (AHEPA)

Honorary member of the Campania Sports and Social Club (Sons of Italy) Community Centre

Honorary member of the Rotary Club Adelaide South

Member, State Strategic Plan - Community Engagement Board

Member, Adelaide University Alumni Advisory Committee

Member, Advisory Board, Research Centre for Languages and Cultures, University of SA

Ms Michelle Dieu

Secretary of the Overseas Chinese Association of SA Management Board

Member, Migration Institute of Australia

Member, Office for Migration Agent Registration Authority

Ms Branka King

Member, Training Centre Review Board

Member, Passenger Transport Standards Committee

Visiting Inspector, Metropolitan Prisons

Secretary/Treasurer, St Sava's Choir and String Ensemble, Hindmarsh

Homework Club Tutor, Australian Refugee Association

Assistant Secretary, West Hindmarsh Neighbourhood Watch

Leader, Guides SA

Mr Norman Schueler

President, Jewish Community Council of South Australia

Vice President, Executive Council of Australian Jewry

Board Member, Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce

Director, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

Managing Director, Normetals Pty. Ltd.

Director, S & D Chemicals, Sydney

Director, Darwin Steel and Pipe Supplies Pty. Ltd.

Member, Australia Day Council

Board Member, NAB Yachad Scholarship Fund South Australian Advisory Board

Mr Tony Simeone

Fundraising Committee member, Lions Club of Adelaide Italian
Assistant Secretary, South Australian Italian Association

Ms Gosia Skalban

Vice President, Federation of Polish Organisations in South Australia Inc.
President, Polish Women's Association
Member, National Cross Cultural Dementia Network
Coordinator, Polish Link with Seniors
Member, John Paul II Village Advisory Committee
Member, Migrant Women's Lobby Group
Associate Member, Migrant Resource Centre
Associate Member, Multicultural Communities Council
Member, Kiwanis Adelaide

Mr Petar Zdravkovski

President, Port Lincoln Multicultural Council
Vice President, Regional Multicultural Communities Council

APPENDIX 5

Official Visits

1 July, 2009 - 30 June, 2010

16 July 2009	Chairman received Mr Amit Dasgupta, Consul General of India
17 August 2009	Chairman received His Excellency Mr Albert Chua, High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore
25 September 2009	Chairman received His Excellency Mr Abelardo Curbelo Padron, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba
02 October 2009	Chairman received Mr Daniel Gromann, Consul-General of the Republic of Poland
13 October 2009	Chairman received His Excellency Mr Adnan Jaafar, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam
26 November 2009	Chairman received His Excellency Mr Willem Andreae, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
14 December 2009	Chairman received His Excellency Mr Taakaki Kojima, Ambassador of Japan
21 January 2010	Chairman received Mr Shim, Byung-Sub, Director of International Relations of Chungcheongnam-do Provincial Government, Korea
7 April 2010	Chairman received His Excellency Mr Sven-olof Petersson, Ambassador of Sweden
6 May 2010	Chairman received His Excellency Mr David Martin Daly, Ambassador and head of delegation of the Commission of the European Communities
17 May 2010	Chairman received Mr Diego Velasco von Pilgrimm, Consul-General of Chile
25 May 2010	Chairman received Her Excellency Mrs Susanne Shine, Ambassador of the Royal Danish Embassy
3 June 2010	Chairman received His Excellency Mr Vicencije Biuk, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia

APPENDIX 6

Freedom of Information Statement

In order to conform to the requirements of Section 9 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, the following statement has been prepared and is presented as part of the Commission's 2009–2010 Annual Report.

Functions

The main functions of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission are defined in Section (12) of the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980* and are detailed in Appendix I.

Interaction with the Public

The Commission does not provide direct client services. The Commission, in fulfilling its statutory objectives, interacts with the public through consultations and forums. Information obtained in this way assists the Commission's strategic planning and forms the basis of policy advice to the Government on multicultural issues.

Constitution of Commission

The Commission consists of not more than 15 members appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister, of whom:

- a) one must be appointed to chair the Commission; and
- b) at least four must be men and four women.

Documents

A number of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission's documents may be viewed, free of charge, by arrangement with the F.O.I. Officer. These documents include the Annual Report and the Access and Equity Report.

Access

Requests relating to access to other documents should be accompanied by a \$28.75 application fee and directed in writing to the F.O.I. Officer:

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