



Fostering Intercultural Values

Minutes of DECC Meeting Held on 15 June 2006

Present:

George Kanjere – DECC, Dalal Smiley – City of Darebin, Milica Trpkovski - Northcote Macedonian Senior Citizens Club, Petre Trpkovski – Northcote Macedonian Senior Citizens Club, Louis Krushorovski - The Federation of Macedonian S.C.K, Reece Cocks – MFB Community Safety Northern Zone, Jordanka Popevska – The Federation of Macedonian S.C.K. Northcote, Julie Mitrevska – Macedonian Pensioners Group – Reservoir, Sofia Kotanidis – Greek Community of City of Darebin, Con Kotanidis – Greek Community of Darebin, Kosta Ristovski – BIGLA, Cvetah Mitrevski – BIGLA, Andy Mylonas - Greek Community of Northcote & Darebin, Bone Despotovski – TANEC, V. Aleksosky – M.S.C., Salvatore Mabiordit – Sudanese Community, Fikau Teponga – Kaiga Tuvalu Victoria Inc., Arthur Yong – NEMCA, John Nicolau – Reservoir Greek Club & Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens & DECC, A Polykarpou – Keon Park Greek Senior Citizens Inc, Con Liapis – Keon Park Greek Senior Citizens Club Inc., Nevenka Bajer – Australian Croatian Community Northern Region, N. Suriyakumaran – Tamil Association, Kate Angelova – Australian Macedonian Pensioners Group Reservoir, Elgna Jovanovska - Australian Macedonian Pensioners Group Reservoir, Todor Jovakovski – Federation of Macedonia Pensioners Group, Steve Novak – Australian Croatian Community Northern Region

Apologies:

Gaetano Greco, Lionel Bopage, Jackie Mansourian, Peco Sijakoski, Koste Kolevski, Natasha Brakhya Kouli

Meeting Commenced at 6:30 pm

1. Chairperson's welcome

Due to the absences of Gaetano Greco, Lionel Bopage and Jackie Mansourian, Dalal Smiley chaired the meeting.

2. Confirmation of minutes

No amendments were made to the May minutes. The minutes were moved by Andy Milonas and seconded by Louis Krushorovski.

3. Correspondence

The correspondence was made available for perusal.

4. Other Business

It was agreed that a part of the next meeting would be used to review DECC's activities over the past six months, with the criteria being the plan of action devised in the first DECC meeting of this year.

5. Planning for the Community Consultation regarding the use of the Magistrates Court

DECC discussed how it would support the Intercultural Centre as the best option for the future usage of the Magistrates Court. It was agreed that in the consultation some points that DECC members would point would be:

- It is a much needed resource in Darebin, seeing as Darebin has a very culturally diverse community
- It would combine several services and organizations such as the MRC, the Darebin City Council, Preston Neighbourhood House, Adult Multicultural Education Services and the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council. This would make it a "one stop shop", housing many useful services under one roof.
- It could also be developed as a social venue, with the view to provide an alternative to Pokies. It was in fact one of the suggestions that came out of the Pokie Free Places project.

Next Meeting: 20 July

Meeting Finished at 7:20 pm.

N.B. The following Community Consultation was chaired by Jenny Mikakos. At points throughout the consultation DECC members mentioned the points supporting the Intercultural Centre. In the meeting it was apparent that of all the options for the Magistrates Court the Intercultural Centre had the most support.