



MCoT News

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The Multicultural Council of Tasmania newsletter

Promoting Multiculturalism and Harmony in Tasmania

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From the Chair

It has been a sad month for all advocates of multiculturalism in Tasmania with the loss of Lyn Andersch, who was for many years Manager of Multicultural Tasmania. She will be missed.
Now that our website is up and running, I invite all member communities to think about contributing to it – we want to make it a vital and exciting testament to the cultural diversity of our state.
I would like to wish all our members a happy, safe and relaxed Easter break and remind you all that our next Council meeting will be held next week.

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Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on the 15th April 2009 in the Acacia Room at the Migrant resource Centre, 49 Molle Street, Hobart.

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April Days

- 4 Independence Day (*Senegal*)
- 5 **Daylight Saving Ends**
- 10 Good Friday
- 13 Songkran Festival (*Thai New Year*)
Sinhala and Tamil New Year (*Sri Lanka*)
- 14 Vaisakhi (*Sikh New Year*)
- 17 National Day (*Syrian Arab Republic*)
- 18 National Day (*Zimbabwe*)
- 19 Republic Day (*Sierra Leone*)

- 25 Anzac Day
- 26 Union Day (*Tanzania*)
- 27 Freedom Day (*South Africa*)
National Day (*Togo*)
National Day (*Montenegro*)
National Day (*Serbia*)
Independence Day (*Sierra Leone*)
- 30 National Day (*Netherlands*)

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MCoT Website

MCoT's website has been up-dated and work is continuing to further expand the site. Please contact the office if you have anything to add.

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NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

Philippine-Australia Community of Tasmania Inc

Barbeque 11a.m. April 11th, '09 at Hut No. 10, Tolosa Park, Glenorchy. BYO to share Everyone Welcome.

Queen of the Night 6p.m. 25th April at St. Francis Xavier Hall, Adelaide St. South Hobart. Everyone Welcome

For further information about the above events, please contact Emilie Schneider.

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GENERAL NOTICES

Multicultural Centre for Women's Health

The Multicultural Centre for Women's Health is an immigrant and refugee women's organisation committed to improving the health and wellbeing of immigrant and refugee women across Australia. The Points of Departure Project (POD) is one of MCWH's projects which commenced in September 2008. The aim of the project is to build the knowledge and capacity of NGOs and individuals to advocate on key issues affecting immigrant and refugee women. This will be achieved through the development of an Advocacy Toolkit which will consist of resources essential for effective advocacy.

MCoT as a stakeholder in immigrant and refugee women's health has been invited to be part of this exciting project. Stakeholders are expected to give expert advice on the development of the Advocacy Toolkit, specifically the quality of the resources. A Discussion Paper is currently being developed mapping key national issues for immigrant and refugee women. A copy of the Discussion Paper will be available in the MCoT office for anyone wishing to view it.

A National Forum in Victoria will be held in Melbourne on the 8th April. The purpose of the Forum is to explore issues raised in the Discussion Paper, and to identify 5-6 issues that will be addressed in the Advocacy Toolkit. MCoT' will be sending the Office Coordinator, Marcella Perovic, to this forum as its representative.

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