



MCot News

Welcome to the February 2010 edition of The Multicultural Council of Tasmania newsletter

Promoting Multiculturalism and Harmony in Tasmania

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MCOT NEWS AND UPDATES

From the Chair

In the absence of the Chairman, Rohan Wirasinha, I take this opportunity to wish all the compliments of the season and hope that you all had a pleasant break. Rohan has just gone to Sri Lanka for a short holiday and we wish him and his wife a joyful journey home. The show must go on and I hope to see you all at the next Council Meeting on Wednesday, 17th February. MCot's activities have commenced and Tiiu has been keeping the office open for business since the 4th of January and organised the Management meeting last Thursday. I

represented MCoT at the Citizenship ceremony and Australia Day ceremony at Sandy Bay where ninety-two new citizens from 32 countries, the highest number ever, took the oath of allegiance to Australia. A number already Australians, took the affirmation Oath.

This year is full of activities. The most immediate is the forthcoming State election and the promotion of Multiculturalism. I personally would like to see that the care in the nursing homes is delivered with more sensitivity.

If you have any other issue that you feel should be taken over as an MCoT project please present it on Wednesday for discussion.

Mahendra Pathik

Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania will be on **February 17th** at 7 p.m. in the Acacia Room at the Migrant Resource Centre, 49 Molle Street Hobart.

Newsletter

This is a reminder that MCoT's Newsletter has a wide readership and comes out every month. If you have an event coming up that you would like publicized, don't hesitate to let us at the office know by e-mail or mail. After all, **IT'S FREE**. Please don't forget to add a contact phone or e-mail number so we can check the details if needed.

Grants.

Are you an organisation needing access to funds but feel you can't apply because you are not an Incorporated body? Don't despair, MCoT can sponsor your application and give you access to grants. Call the office for help.

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February Days

- 4 Independence Day (*Sri Lanka*)
- 5 Constitution Day (*Mexico*)
- 6 Waitangi Day (*New Zealand*)
- 7 Independence Day (*Grenada*)
- 11 National Day (*Japan*)
- 11 National Day (*Iran*)
- 15 Constitution Day (*Serbia*)
- 16 Independence Day (*Lithuania*)
- 18 Independence Day (*Gambia*)
- 21 International Mother Language Day**
- 22 Independence Day (*St. Lucia*)
- 23 Independence Day (*Brunei Darussalam*)
- 23 Republic Day (*Guyana*)
- 24 Independence Day (*Estonia*)
- 25 National Day (*Kuwait*)
- 27 Independence Day (*Dominican Republic*)

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2010 Meeting Dates

Monthly council meeting dates: 3rd Wednesday of every month at: 7.00 pm

17 FEBRUARY 2010
17 MARCH 2010
21 APRIL 2010
19 MAY 2010
16 JUNE 2010
21 JULY 2010
18 AUGUST 2010
15 SEPTEMBER 2010
20 OCTOBER 2010
17 NOVEMBER 2010
15 DECEMBER 2010 (*End of Year Celebration*)

Management Committee meetings: 1st Thursday of every month at: 6.00 pm

4 FEBRUARY
3 MARCH
1 APRIL
6 MAY
3 JUNE
1 JULY
5 AUGUST
2 SEPTEMBER
7 OCTOBER
4 NOVEMBER

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NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

Australian Lithuanian Community Hobart Independence Day Celebrations 2010

Tuesday February 16th 11a.m. The Lithuanian Flag will be raised at the International Wall of Friendship, 188 Collins Street.

Saturday February 20th 3p.m. at the German Club, 30 Bowden Street, Glenorchy. A meal with tea/coffee. Other drinks may be purchased at the bar. RSVP by Feb 17 on 62725076.

Easter Egg Colouring

...demonstration at the German Club March 13 , 9a.m.-5p.m.

Estonian Association Independence Day Celebrations 2010.

Raising at the International Wall of Friendship on February 24th at 10a.m.

Combined AGM and Independence Day BBQ at Tolosa Park on 28th February, 12 noon
More details 62738714.

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GENERAL NOTICES

Community Services Election Forum 15 February 2010

With the March 2010 State Election quickly approaching this forum is an opportunity for community service organisations to hear from the three main political parties on their policies that are relevant to the sustainability and viability of organisations.

Minister Lin Thorp, Brett Whiteley, and Cassy O'Connor will be discussing issues that are critical to Tasmanian community service organisations.

Issues that you can expect to hear discussed include party positions on:

- The Fair Work Australia pay equity case
- Indexation and funding arrangements
- Capacity building, governance, management and professional development in community service organisations
- The National Broadband Network and its relevance for the delivery of community services
- Workforce development and planning for community service organisations
- Approaches to the relationship between the Government and community service organisations as well as long-term service system planning and reform

Have you got a question you would like to ask the political parties? All community service organisations are invited to suggest questions and are encouraged to attend the forum. If you have a question you would like the political parties to answer at the forum email it to admin@tascoss.org.au.

The forum will include opening statements from all three participants and then a question and answer session, with questions asked by the Chair. To make sure your question is asked email admin@tascoss.org.au by Monday, 8 February.

When: Monday, 15 February 2010, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Where: Glenorchy Civic Centre

RSVP: Please register online at www.ourisland.tascoss.org.au

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Moonah Multicultural Social Craft Group

If you are interested in crafts, would like to meet new people, learn skills and share your own with others, this may be for you. Term 1 commences on February 9th 2010 at the Moonah Community Centre, 17 Gormanstone Road, Moonah from 10a.m. to 12.30p.m.. Sessions are **FREE** and will continue until May 25th 2010. A 50c donation is requested to cover tea/coffee/biscuits. For further information please contact Ros Sargent 6228 3121 or Dianne McGuinness 6216 6722. All Welcome. (This is an East Moonah Community Precinct initiative)

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Free telephone interpreting services extended to pharmacies

Free telephone interpreting services will be extended to pharmacies across Australia on an ongoing basis.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship, through the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) and the assistance of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, recently conducted a pilot extension of free telephone interpreting services.

The pilot showed that pharmacies using the service found it to be a valuable tool when communicating with non-English speakers and would use it again.

Registered pharmacies around Australia will be able to access the service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information:

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/parlsec/media/media-releases/2008/lf08070.htm>

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State election forum on youth related issues at Parliament House on Wednesday 24 February

The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) and Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) invite all young Tasmanians aged 12 - 25 to a special state election forum on youth related issues at Parliament House on Wednesday 24 February.

The forum will feature candidates representing Tasmania's three major political parties

The forum is free and open to all people aged 12-25, who also have the opportunity to pose a question to the candidates on a youth-related election issue.

This is a ticketed event as seating is limited to 80. To book your place, please register by 8 February, 2010 at <http://www.ourisland.tascoss.org.au/Events/YouthIssuesForum24Feb/tabid/111/Default.aspx>

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The Tasmanian Deaf Society Black and White Gala Ball 2010

When: Saturday 27th February 2010; 7pm for 7.30pm till midnight

Where: Wrest Point Casino (Derwent Room), Hobart, Tasmania

Cost: \$160 per person— 3 courses plus drinks (wine, beer & soft drinks)

Live band plus other entertainment Silent auction, raffles & lucky door prizes

Corporate sponsor packages available

Ring us on 03 6231 6501 or email training@tasdeaf.org.au for information and ticket reservations

www.tasdeaf.org.au

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6th Australian Women's Health Conference

The 6th Australian Women's Health Conference will be held in Tasmania, Australia, 18 – 21 May 2010, We invite your attendance at this important event. It will take place at the Hotel Grand Chancellor located in Sullivans Cove , the heart of Hobart's beautiful waterfront precinct.

Unique sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are still available including a *special price reduction* for **Not for Profit Organisations**.

For further details please contact Jenna Tomlin on 03 6234 7844 or visit

<http://www.leishman-associates.com.au/awhn2010/index.php>

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National Volunteer Week - start planning now!

To help your organisation celebrate National Volunteer Week, Volunteering Australia with the support of our sponsors NAB, The GPT Group and FaHCSIA, will provide some free promotional material including an A3 poster, lapel pin and postcard. Please note there is a limited quantity of items available so make sure you get your order in before stocks run out!

When can I order my NVW material?

Ordering closes 16 February at 4pm and you should start looking for your items in the post early March.

How do I order my NVW material?

Order your promotional items on our website using Shopping Cart. **Please note:** Items are free of charge. When checking out of Shopping Cart, you need to select the payment option 'Other' and enter the word 'FREE'.

Will I receive confirmation of my order?

You will receive a confirmation email to your nominated email address immediately after you have ordered. Please check that all your details are correct and notify us immediately if changes are required. If you do not receive this email, your order may not have been registered and you should contact us.

What quantities can I order?

You can order any number of items up to the set maximum quantity listed below:

Poster – 200 Lapel pin – 100 Postcard - 50

There is a limited quantity of items available and these items will be removed from shopping cart when stock is depleted.

I would like more than 100 lapel pins, what are my options?

If you require more than 100 lapel pins, you can purchase them direct from the supplier. Please make your enquiry **prior to 1 February 2010** to:

David Wassell

Email: david@promotif.com.au

Phone: (03) 9553 1455

When will my NVW material be delivered?

We cannot provide an exact date that your material will be delivered but you should start to look out for it between 1 March and 19 March 2010.

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Share Program

Homeshare is seeking referrals from other service providers for older householders living in the Sandy Bay, Dynnryne, South Hobart, North Hobart and Tarooona/Kingston areas for our *Homeshare* program. This program is designed for older people who are eligible and interested in *Homeshare* as a way of assisting them to continue to live at home safely and independently.

Homeshare provides older people with a suitable *homesharer* who will help out around the home for up to 10 hours a week in return for free accommodation.

To be eligible, householders must have a home of a reasonable standard of accommodation, a capacity to live with someone else, a willingness to undergo the assessment process and preparedness to undertake a *homesharing* arrangement for at least 6 months.

If you are in a position to refer, please keep *Homeshare* in mind as a viable option to suggest to anyone who is having difficulty in managing their normal household and external activities and/or needing the security/safety of another person in the home at night-time.

The presence of a homesharer has been demonstrated to delay the admission into residential care for more than 50% of householders in a Homeshare program. (Stats provided by Wesley Homeshare, Melb).

If you would like more information about *Homeshare*, please contact Vivien at Community Based Support 62086600 or email: homeshare@cbssouth.com.au

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Community Physical Activity & Wellness Forum

“Are you interested in improving opportunities for Glenorchy residents to participate in the wide range of physical activities that are available in the City? Do you have ideas about how we can better promote recreational opportunities so that our residents can improve their health and well being?”

If so we would encourage you to attend the Physical Activity and Wellness Community forum to be held on

THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2010, at the CIVIC CENTRE – 10.00am-3.00pm.

Key presenters at the Forum will be representatives from the "Active Launceston" and Central Coast "Opt-In" programs and other presenters will be representatives from programs that are available in Glenorchy including the Premiers Physical Activity Council, the Glenorchy Mobile Activity Centre, Heart Foundation "Walking", YMCA, Moonah Sports Centre, Active After School Communities, Move Well Eat Well, the Community Recreation Leaders Award, Sport & Recreation Tasmania and the Media.

All interested members of the community are welcome to attend. For further information contact **6216 6394**

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West Moonah Community House

A FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO OPEN THE NEW YEAR AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE. COME ALONG TO SEE WHATS ON OFFER IN TERM ONE, MEET UP WITH FRIENDS AND VISIT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE. **TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2010, 130 SPRINGFIELD AVE WEST MOONAH 9.00-10.30AM Gold coin donation appreciated TO BOOK PHONE 6273 2362**

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HOBART OLDER PEOPLE'S REFERENCE GROUP

Invites you to

SHARED HERITAGE

Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 February 2010 10am to 3pm

Where will it be held? The new Hobart social hub around Mather's Lane, including the 50 & Better Centre, the State Library of Tasmania and the Catholic Women's League.

What is it?

An initiative to promote social inclusion by the Hobart Older Person's Reference Group, Hobart City Council and the State Library of Tasmania

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Register for Clean-up Australia Day and Derwent Litter Campaign

2010 marks the 20th anniversary of Clean-up Australia Day (CUAD) and the Derwent Estuary Program (DEP) is coordinating a major regional Derwent litter campaign with the aim of collecting over 20 tonnes of rubbish!

This campaign is supported by the DEP's council, state government and industry partners, as well as the EPA Division, the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program and Veolia Environmental Services.

During CUAD 2009, 45 community groups, schools and businesses collected over 4 tonnes of litter from the Derwent's foreshore. In 2010, we hope to involve 60 groups in the Derwent Clean-up Campaign, collect over 20 tonnes of rubbish and target a number of litter hotpots along the foreshore. Links between urban stormwater and foreshore litter will also be highlighted given that stormwater is the primary source of litter to the Derwent.

If you would like to join in please **register** your group and site on the Clean Up Australia Day website <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-australia-day>.

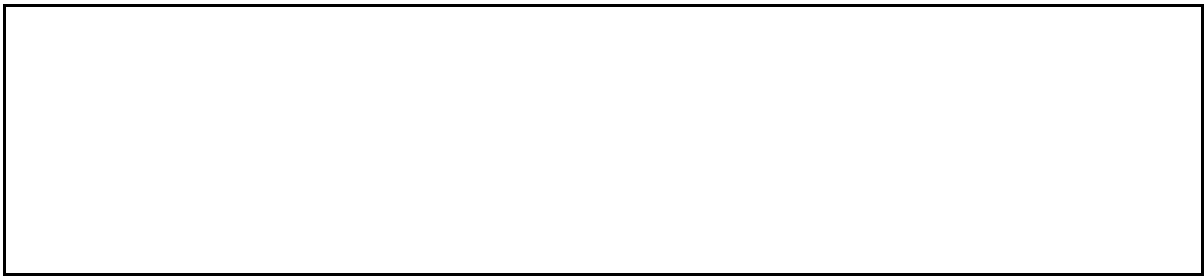
Please note that Business Clean-up Day is on **Tuesday 2 March**, **Schools Clean-up Day is on Friday 5 March** and **Community Clean-up Day is on Sunday 7 March**.

If you would like to nominate a litter hotspot along the Derwent foreshore, contact John Chrispijn on 6233 0477.

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