



MCoT News

Multicultural Council of Tasmania Newsletter

Promoting Multiculturalism and Harmony in Tasmania.

MCoT's Vision

To Be Central in a Culturally and Linguistically and Religiously Diverse, Tolerant, Inclusive and Multicultural Society.

Aims and Objectives

1. To promote joint action and cooperation among ethnic communities on issues of common concern.
2. Ensure people from diverse cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds have equal rights, including effective participation in decision-making and sharing of resources.
3. Encourage the development of ethnic organisations and cultural diversity in relation to the social and cultural life of their communities.
4. Foster and promote multicultural education and multiculturalism.
5. Work together for the common good of all Australians and in particular Tasmanians from diverse cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds.

Membership

Membership for MCoT is open to all individuals and community organisations that share similar goals and objectives with MCoT, as detailed above.

Annual Membership:

Individuals	\$10.00
Community Organisations	\$30.00

Community organisations need to nominate three (3) members as delegates for their organisation.

Please contact the office on 6231 5067 for the membership form.

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FROM THE CHAIR

The end of the 2007 year is near and preparations are well underway for the last council meeting of the year which is also the night we hold our annual End of Year Celebrations. It promises to be an enjoyable evening, many members and guests have rsvp'd already. It will be a good opportunity for everyone attending to catch up with fellow members and guests, particularly the new team at Multicultural Tasmania.

2007 has been a very tumultuous year, a year full of changes and unexpected challenges. The highlight of the year was the FECCA Congress held on 30/31 July. The Congress was an unqualified success and it certainly raised MCoT's profile. The current edition (No. 17) of "Australian Mosaic", the magazine produced by FCCA, features three pages of photos from the Congress. We are hoping that the office will receive copies of the magazine in time for the End of Year Celebration evening.

2008 looks to be a year of change, starting with a new Federal government. It will be a year for new beginnings, in particular for MCoT, and for consolidating existing partnerships and forming new mutually beneficial partnerships with Peak bodies and various Service Providers. In this way we hope to better represent and put forward the views and needs of the many Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities MCoT represents, in a myriad of situations.

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In order to achieve these objectives more input and participation will be asked of MCoT's Executive and Management Committee and of members, where possible.

I would like to remind everyone of Alex Dziendziel's plan for a book which chronicles the lives and experiences of the current elderly generation of migrants. This is a very important project and I urge all members and communities to contribute in any way they can. Further details about this project can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

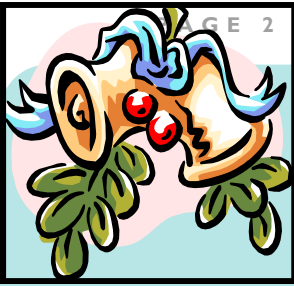
I would like to thank all those who have assisted during the year and wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Davor Perovic

MCoT Council Meeting
 7 pm - Wednesday
 19th December
 2007

****End of Year Celebration****

The Acacia Room
 Migrant Resource Centre,
 49 Mollie Street



The MCoT office welcomes visitors

Office Hours are:

Monday—Thursday

9.30 am - 2.30 pm

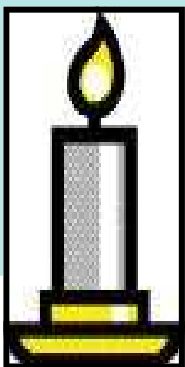
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Unattended



Please telephone first to make sure that the office is attended when you plan to call in.

Laws alone cannot secure freedom of expression; in order that every man present his views without penalty there must be a spirit of tolerance in the entire population
Albert Einstein



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THE HOPES AND ISSUES FORUM - 1ST FEBRUARY 2008 THE VENUE, SALAMANCA PLACE, HOBART

The Hopes & Issues Forum will capture the hopes, dreams, concerns and achievements of young people in Tasmania today. The forum will bring together young people and aims to capture the typical stories of young people in Tasmanian society today by:

- . Placing a spotlight on the real issues being faced by young Tasmanians;
- . Empowering those who are generally disengaged from traditional forms of youth participation;
- . Provide an opportunity for young people who have never been involved in any form of community development to meet and share their stories with community leaders;
- . Provide a launch pad for more Tasmanian young people to become involved and active in their community.

The Hopes & Issues Forum is run by young people for young people and welcomes the involvement of all young Tasmanians aged 16-25 years. We want the stories of young Tasmanians striving for their dreams; the stories of the young people who have overcome struggles and difficulties. Community leaders from many fields - politics, cultural, community - will be invited to attend the Forum. Initially the community leaders will have a listening role but at the end of the Forum they will be invited to share their personal thoughts on what they have heard. Through this intergenerational information sharing The Hopes & Issues Forum seeks to provide our community leaders with the opportunity to hear who their actions affect young people, and to hear the worries, dreams, fears, and triumphs of young people living in Tasmania. It is also an opportunity for young people to network and create potential mentoring opportunities.

To submit a story: Application forms can be obtained from the MCoT office, phone or email the office for a copy. Complete and email to hopesandissues@gmail.com or post to: **The Foundation for Young Australians, PO Box 239, Melbourne Vic 3001.**

The Hopes & Issues Team members will be digitally recording stories at popular youth public spaces, depending on demand.....stay tuned for details on: www.myspace.com/hopesandissues

** Season's Greetings **

Albanian	Gezur Krislinjden
Bulgarian	Chestita Koleda
Croatian	Sretan Bosić
Danish	Glaedelig Jul
Dutch	Vrolijk Kerstfeest
Egyptian	Colo sana wintom tiebeen
Finnish -	Hyvää Joulua
French -	Joyeux Noël
German	Froehliche Weihnachten
Greek -	Kala Christougenna
Hebrew	Mo'adim Lesimkha
Hindi	Christmas Mubarak ho
Hungarian -	Kellemes Karacsonyiunnepek
Iraqi	Idah Saidan
Italian	Buon Natale
Latvian	Prieci'gus Ziemsve'tkus
Lithuanian	Linksmu Kaledu
Macedonian	Strekan Bozhik
Norwegian -	God Jul
Philippi no -	Maligayang Pasko
Polish -	Wesolych Pasco
Romanian -	Sarbatori Vesele
Russian	Pozdrevlyayu s Prazdnikom Rozhdestva
Serbian -	Hristos se rodi
Slovenia -	Vesel Božić
Spanish -	Felice Navidad
Sudanese -	Wilujeng Natal
Swedish -	God Jul
Ukrainian	Veselo ho Vam Rizdva



MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF TASMANIA (MCoT)



MONTHLY MEETING DATES - 2008

<u>EXECUTIVE/MANAGEMENT</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
1 st Thursday of every even month at 6.00 pm	1 st Thursday of every odd month at 6.00 pm	3 rd Wednesday of every month at 7.00 pm
7 February		20 February
	6 March	19 March
3 April		16 April
	1 May	21 May
4 June		18 June
	3 July	16 July
7 August		20 August
	4 September	17 September
2 October		15 October
	6 November	19 November
4 December		17 December End of Year

Everyone is welcome to attend Council Meetings and we usually always plan to have a guest speaker.

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Post Script—For Your Information

Alex Dziendziel is collating information and photos for inclusion in his book on the current elderly generation of migrants. He plans to present Michelle O'Byrne MHA with the book, upon completion. Alex is requesting any information, including photos. If you or anyone you know wishes to contribute please contact the office. We can also arrange for any persons who would like their story to be recorded for posterity, to be interviewed and their story recorded for them. If needed we can also organise (where possible) for the information to be taken down in that persons native language and then translated into English.

It is also planned to have the book available for viewing on MCoT's website. The book and all it's information would be of interest to many and a valuable asset for the website.

This is such a wonderful plan, it will ensure that future generations never forget the courage of these early migrants and the sacrifices and contributions made. Australia has benefited and grown enormously as a result of the efforts of all those who made Australia their new home.

GOVERNANCE TRAINING - for MCoT members is being organised for Feb 08. If you are interested in participating please contact the office for details, leave your name and we will keep you notified re the time and date of the training session.

VOLUNTEERS - are always welcome in the MCoT office. MCoT urgently needs an office volunteer for the month of January and February, are you able to help? Please ring the office for details.

NEWSLETTER - contributions to or ideas for the newsletter are always greatly appreciated. The office would like to thank all those who have contributed in the past with notices, articles or photos. They know who they are .

MCOT MEETING DATES - please remember to keep page 3 of this newsletter for the dates of the 2008 council meetings or perhaps enter the dates into your diary or planner. Members and in particular Exec/Management are asked to attend as many meetings as possible.