

NOMINEE STATEMENT



Gaetano Greco

I'm deeply committed to multicultural affairs and been a long term activist in the sector with nearly 40 years experience in advocating for social justice, refugees and migrant issue.

I'm currently Deputy Mayor of the City of Darebin and served as a councillor since 2008 and Mayor in 2013-14. I've been a key driver behind Darebin Council's leadership role in promoting multicultural affairs which has been highly acclaimed in the sector. I was also nominated as the first Chair of the Municipal Association of Victoria's Multicultural Advisory Committee.

Before being elected as a Councillor I served as Deputy Chairperson of the ECCV, Chairperson of Spectrum MRC and Chairperson of the Darebin Ethnic Communities' Council giving me a solid insight into the issues facing the sector and a professional knowledge of governance issues.

I have a professional background in accounting with nearly 30 years experience in auditing and also worked as a Migrant Worker's Rights Advisor for the Victorian Trades Council.

In 2004 I was awarded the Multicultural Excellence Award by the Victorian Government and the 2001 Australian Centennial Award by the Governor General of Australia for my services to the community.

Multiculturalism and diversity are the pillars of a fair and just Australian society. However in recent years, both in Australia and overseas, these values have increasingly come under attack. We need determined and informed board members that can lead and promote a progressive multicultural and diversity agenda for Victoria that represents the aspiration of ECCV member organisations.

I hope you will support me and I look forward to working with you over the next two years.

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