

# Our Golden Years

## Welcome from the editor

### Dear Our Golden Years Readers

The ECCV has published its 2018 document on ethnic seniors clubs and groups and which is now available under 'aged care policy' on the ECCV website. The document will help the ECCV to influence Victorian Government policies on behalf of ethnic senior clubs and groups. ECCV thanks all the ethnic seniors clubs in Victoria and in particular the following organisations for their contributions to ECCV discussion paper "Ethnic Seniors' Clubs and Groups – Planning the future of seniors' groups in Victoria":

The Australian Pensioner's Voice, CO.AS.IT Italian Assistance Association Melbourne, Golden Age, Hampton Park Turkish Seniors' Club, Horn of African Women's Program, Macedonian Community Welfare Association, Moreland City Council, Northern Federation of Ethnic Senior Citizens Clubs, Northern Region Indian Seniors' Association, Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre, Syrian Women's Association, and the Tamil Senior Citizens Fellowship Victoria.

If you would like a hard copy of the ECCV discussion paper on ethnic senior citizens clubs, please contact me on [nrittinghausen@eccv.org.au](mailto:nrittinghausen@eccv.org.au) or 9354 9555.

On 14 March, ECCV is organising a forum for ethnic seniors clubs in Coburg to which you are cordially invited (See page 2–3).

All the best

**Nikolaus Rittinghausen**, *Editor*

Our Golden Years is a newsletter for multicultural older people, produced by the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria, jointly supported by the Victorian and Australian Governments.



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Page 2: Invitation for club representatives to ECCV seniors forum  
Page 3: Program for ECCV Seniors forum  
Page 4: Information about ECCV membership

### ***Invitation for club representatives to ECCV seniors' forum and State elections panel with politicians on seniors' issues – 14 March 2018***



*The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria invites representatives of ethnic seniors clubs and groups to our free seniors' forum on 14 March in the Community Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church in Coburg.*

You are invited for a light lunch, to learn about the harm of gambling, and to find out what other senior Victorians are doing.

In the afternoon you will have an opportunity to ask the invited State politicians questions about what is important for seniors and your seniors groups.

Please let Nikolaus at ECCV know if you are coming, what the name of your club is, what language you speak, and how many people from your club are coming  
*(Please note that there is a maximum of four people per each club).*

Please ring Nikolaus on 9354 9555 if you would like to attend by 7 March 2018.



# Program for ECCV Seniors Forum

14 March 2018

*Venue:*

Community Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church,  
23–29 Victoria Street, Coburg (Near Coburg train station)

---

10:15 am	Arrival of Seniors club representatives and Tea and Coffee
10:30 am	Speech: Welcoming Seniors to Forum
10:45 am	'Seniors for Seniors' presentation and questions from seniors groups
11:10 am	Super Quiz Bingo
11:30 am	Thank you gift – Recognition of the work of Ton Westerveld, First Chair of the ECC Committee on the Ethnic Aged
11:50 am	Main sponsor addresses and lunch
12:30 pm	Introduction of panel of politicians by the ECCV Chairperson
12:40 pm	Politicians present their program and policies
1:10 pm	Questions from Seniors to representatives from political parties on State election issues
2:10 pm	Close

## ***Information about ECCV Membership***

Consider Becoming an ECCV member and support policy advocacy for culturally diverse communities in Victoria.

The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria is the peak advocacy body for multicultural, refugee and migrant issues in Victoria.

With over 40 years' experience, the ECCV enjoys an extensive network of members and contacts enabling it to advocate on multicultural issues in Victoria at the highest government levels. With over 200 member organisations from all regions of Victoria, ECCV represents the issues affecting multicultural communities at a state level. A survey of members shows that our membership represents more than 60 ethnicities including many of the new and emerging communities like the Oromo, Sudanese, Somali, Zimbabwean, Eritrean, Indian, Bhutanese and Nepalese. We have 12 metropolitan and regional ethnic communities' councils and a large organisational membership that identify themselves with 61 ethnicities. We can claim to represent over 65,000 people across the whole of Victoria.

We invite membership applications from individuals, students, ethnic and multicultural organisations, service agencies providing service to our diverse community, other peak bodies, refugee advocate organisations, migrant resource centres and foundations.

ECCV membership fees are \$ 55 for ethnic and multicultural organisations.

For more information regarding ECCV membership, please contact ECCV on 9354 9555 or visit the ECCV website on <http://eccv.org.au/about/membership/>.

