



4.10 pm – 5.00 pm	Closed session discussion for regional ECCs and ECCV Session Chair: Bruna Pasqua, <i>Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria</i>
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6.00 pm onwards	Conference Dinner at Capital Theatre <i>A la carte menu</i> 50 View Street, Bendigo
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**REGIONAL ECCs**

Albury/Wodonga Ethnic Communities' Council  
Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council  
Bendigo Regional Ethnic Communities' Council  
Ethnic Council of Shepparton and District  
North East Multicultural Association  
Sunraysia Ethnic Communities' Council  
Diversitat  
Gippsland Ethnic Communities' Council

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# Program

ECCV 2007 Regional Conference

## Regional Settlement for Migrants and Refugees



Saturday May 5, 2007

9am-4pm

Bendigo Town Hall

230 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo



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<b>9.00 – 9.15 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9.15 – 9.30 am</b>	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b>
	<p><b>Welcome to Country</b> – Aunty Lyn Warren, Indigenous Elder, <i>Chairperson, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative</i></p> <p><b>City of Greater Bendigo</b> – Julie Rivendell, <i>Mayor, City of Greater Bendigo</i></p> <p><b>ECCV</b> – Mark Karlovic, <i>Deputy Chairperson, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria</i></p> <p><i>Session chair: John Pacher, Bendigo Regional Ethnic Communities' Council</i></p>
<b>9.30 – 10.00 am</b>	<b>Regional Settlement Challenges</b>
	<p>Daniel Andrews – Minister Assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs</p> <p><i>Session chair: Rozi Parisotto, North East Multicultural Association</i></p>
<b>10.00 – 10.45 am</b>	<b>Regional Migration in and for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives</b>
	<p>Professor Desmond Cahill – <i>Professor of Intercultural Studies, RMIT University</i></p> <p><i>Session Chair: Sundram Sivamalai, Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia</i></p>
<b>10.45 – 11.00 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
<b>11.00 – 11.30 am</b>	<b>Overview of DIAC Settlement Services and Programs</b>
	<p>Christopher Callanan – <i>Acting State Director, Department of Immigration and Citizenship</i></p> <p><i>Session Chair: Michael Martinez, Diversitat</i></p>
<b>11.30 – 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Regional Health for Migrants and Refugees</b>
	<p>Dr Sundram Sivamalai – <i>Senior Lecturer, University of Melbourne</i></p> <p><i>Session Chair: Dr Graham Detrick, Gippsland Ethnic Communities' Council</i></p>
<b>12.00 – 12.30 pm</b>	<b>Regional Employment for Migrants and Refugees</b>
	<p>Dr Sharman Stone, <i>Federal Member for Murray, Minister for Workforce Participation</i></p> <p><i>Session Chair: Bruna Pasqua, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria</i></p>



<b>12.30 – 1.00 pm</b>	<b>Panel Discussion of Regional Settlement</b>
	<p><i>Reflections on the regional settlement themes of language, health, housing, education, employment and social connections.</i></p> <p>Tony Brookes – Ballarat Multicultural Ambassador</p> <p>Lisa Farrar – City of Bendigo, Skilled Migration Coordinator</p> <p>Kim Webster – VicHealth, Senior Program Advisor</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Peter van Vliet, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria</i></p>
<b>1.00 – 1.45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.45 – 2.45 pm</b>	<b>Regional Snapshots from Ethnic Communities' Councils</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rozi Parisotto – North East Multicultural Association</li> <li>• Michael Martinez – Diversitat</li> <li>• John Pacher – Bendigo Regional Ethnic Communities' Council</li> <li>• George Fong – Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council</li> <li>• Peter Byrne – Sunraysia Ethnic Communities' Council</li> <li>• Chris Hazelman – Ethnic Council of Shepparton and District</li> </ul> <p><i>Session Chairs: Vicki Mitsos, Victorian Multicultural Commission</i> <i>Linda Sydor Petkovic, Victorian Multicultural Commission</i></p>
<b>2.45 – 3.45 pm</b>	<b>Regional Settlement Case Studies</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multicultural Ambassador Program – Tony Brookes and Valdie Wakeling</li> <li>• Castlemaine Sudanese–Burundi Community – Jenny Jensen, David Perry and Kass Halastanis</li> <li>• Regional Migration and Employment – Rohan Weeraratne and Lisa Sinha</li> <li>• NEMA Cultural Activities – Rozi Parisotto</li> <li>• Newcomers Network and Bendigo Newcomers – Sue Ellson and Michelle Scott</li> <li>• Congolese Pilot Project – Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe and Chris Hazelman</li> <li>• Bendigo Karen Refugee Project – Heidi Lindner</li> <li>• Central Highlands Regional Settlement Planning Committee – George Fong</li> <li>• Gnatannwarr Multicultural Festival - Trevor White</li> <li>• Experience Counts: Supervised Driving Practice Program – Sarah Murray</li> </ul> <p><i>Session Chair: René Sundermann, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria</i></p>
<b>3.45 – 4.00 pm</b>	<b>Discussion and Summary</b>
	<p><i>Session Chair: Mark Karlovic, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria</i></p>

