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Ageing Well of the African Australians in Victoria/ Australia – An Exploratory Discussion

- ❖ Role of ECCV
- ❖ Characteristics of Emerging Ageing Communities including African Communities
- ❖ ECCV Emerging Ageing Project
- ❖ Capacity Building Considerations for African Communities

Role of ECCV

- The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) is a non-Governmental community organisation
- ECCV is the peak policy advocacy body for culturally diverse communities in Victoria
- ECCV has a membership of about 240 organisations and individuals
- ECCV advocates on behalf of multicultural communities to the Victorian Government
- ECCV convenes a number of Policy Advisory Committees including on Aged Care which inform our advocacy policy

Characteristics of Emerging Ageing Communities including African Communities



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Building New Bridges

Strategies for Healthy Ageing
in New and Emerging
Communities

Discussion Paper

Definition of 'Emerging Ageing' in ECCV Discussion Paper

- African Communities are considered by ECCV emerging ageing communities
- Experience a significant increase in their aged population
- Have settled in Australia more recently
- Lack community infrastructure and ethno-specific services.



ECCV Emerging Ageing Project

- ECCV engaged in a co-design research project with partners and community researchers
- Key question:

“What are the enablers that People in new and emerging Communities need, in order to Improve their wellbeing outcomes as they age.”



Report Recommendation ‘Welcome Kit’

- ECCV advocates for the development of a ‘Welcome Kit’ for recently arrived communities
- Information about public transport, health and community services, volunteer peer support groups, local community services, employment services, English classes

Capacity Building Considerations for African Communities

- Foster support in the African community and collaboration to provide care for older African community members
- Work with more established migrant communities and specialist organisations
- Advocate to the Government
- ECCV is looking into better supporting emerging ageing communities through innovative project.

References

- ECCV/PerCapita Emerging Ageing Research Report (<http://eccv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Emerging-Ageing-final-19042018-compressed-1.pdf>)
- ECCV Building New Bridges Discussion Paper (<http://eccv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ECCV-Discussion-Paper-Healthy-Ageing-in-NEC-Final.pdf>)

Thank you

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