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George Zangalis awarded Life Membership by the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria

Melbourne: The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) is honoured to award Life Membership to George Zangalis, a founding figure in Ethnic Community Broadcasting in Australia.

"I acknowledge and accept with deep appreciation and a sense of profound solidarity the honour of life ECCV membership," George said, upon receiving the award.

The ECCV Chairperson Eddie Micallef said this honour has been awarded to only six other individuals over ECCV's five-decade history.

George was born in Greece in 1931, the fourth in a family of five children. He grew up during the Resistance of the Greek people against the German occupation and the post World War II Greek civil war. He came to Australia in February 1950. George became immediately involved in the working class and progressive organisations in the Greek community, the wider Australian labour movement, and the fledgling multicultural campaigns, a commitment he keeps to this day.

George has been awarded Life Membership in recognition of his commitment and energetic advocacy on behalf of migrant communities in Australia. He was one of ECCV's Founding Fathers and a leading contributor to the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia support for migrants rights.

He pioneered Ethnic Community Broadcasting, serving on the ABC State and National Advisory Councils and the SBS Board in the early 1980s. George is a former President of Melbourne's ethnic community radio station 3ZZZ, where he is still involved as a current affairs broadcaster. He is also a former President of the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council of Australia.

"We look forward to an opportunity to celebrate George Zangalis' Life Membership and his lifetime achievements after the current public health crisis has passed", Eddie Micallef, said.

"On behalf of our Board, staff and members we thank George for his leadership and service to the ECCV and multicultural communities in Victoria."

Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) is the peak advocacy body for culturally diverse communities in Victoria, since 1974. As the voice for multicultural Victoria, ECCV is the conduit with government and other stakeholders. We are a member driven organisation representing over 220 organizations on behalf of 70,000 members across Victoria.

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