



Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia

2013/2014 Annual Report

Building
an equitable,
harmonious,
prosperous
and **truly**
multicultural
South Australia

The MCCSA was established in 1995 by the merger of the former Ethnic Communities Council and the United Ethnic Communities, giving the MCCSA a strong foundation of community organisations.

Our Vision

Become the most knowledgeable and passionate leader of our culturally and linguistically diverse communities to build an equitable, harmonious, prosperous and truly multicultural South Australia.

Our Mission

To be the peak organisation to efficiently service, innovatively empower and passionately advocate for culturally and linguistically diverse communities in South Australia.

Our Members

Membership is open to both organisations and individuals who share MCCSA's values and objectives. We are proud to represent many large, well established Communities, as well as new and emerging Communities.

President's Report.

It is with pleasure that I write my first President's report.

This year has set the scene for significant changes in how the MCCA is recognised and works within South Australia. Most significantly, in August, we embarked on a strategic review of MCCA. Undertaken by Dr Fiona Kerr, visiting Research Fellow from the University of Adelaide the final report is due later this month. I take this opportunity to thank all local and national stakeholders who participated in this review and for their open and frank comments.

This Strategic Review and its subsequent adoption will have far-reaching consequences. It will allow MCCA to better represent and respond to its Members, and will move the organisation to a more relevant future.

The MCCA's advocacy voice contributes to a number of Committees, both locally and nationally. Currently we represent the interests of our Members on over 20 committees and other advisory structures. We advocate on a wide range of issues covering ageing, dementia, health, disability, mental health, women's issues, palliative care and youth.

The MCCA continues to support the needs of our Communities. We currently focus on the areas of Ageing, Youth and Community Supports (Community Visitors program, Transport and Carer Retreats). Both Federal and State Governments have indicated that they are committed to ethno-specific service provision, but have also indicated that these services will in future be provided within a different business model. The MCCA has already responded to this change through the establishment of a Bureau Service as part of the MCCA's CALD Ageing Alliance of SA.

Helena Kyriazopoulos
PRESIDENT



We congratulate the State Government in the selection of a Vietnamese migrant as our new Governor, His Excellency Hieu Van Le, AO. This appointment signifies the value we as a State and Community place on multiculturalism. We welcome the new Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon. Zoe Bettison and we look forward to a close working relationship with her and her Department. We also welcome the new Chairperson of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission, Ms Grace Portolesi, and to a good working relationship with the Commission.

Our affiliation with the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia and our like organisations in other States and territories is strong. I thank our National President, Mr Joe Cuputo, for his leadership and commitment.

My sincere thanks to all our Communities and stakeholders who continue to support our work; I also thank all of the MCCSA Management Committee, and a special thank you to the hard-working Executive for their commitment and continued support.

To the staff, thank you for your dedication and professionalism to the Communities in which you serve. It is your hard work on which the success of this Organisation is based.

It is an exciting time for the MCCSA, and I look forward to the challenges that 2015 will bring.

Helena Kyriazopoulos

The year in review.

As the peak not-for-profit organization for cultural and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, the MCCSA continued to develop initiatives and programs as well as establishing valuable networks and partnerships to fulfill its commitment to our core objectives.

The MCCSA continues to support and assist smaller and emerging communities with their grant applications, financial management/governance issues and community development programs.

Collaborations

In the latter half of 2013 & beginning of 2014 we worked in collaboration with:

- // Palliative Care Council of SA (PCCSA) to organize a forum attended by 27 CALD communities' representatives in order to discuss their diverse palliative needs so that PCCSA can better design their services to cater for CALD needs.
- // South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS) consulting 20 of our CALD members regarding their health needs in a survey for the Health Policy Council. This beneficial exercise raised many health care issues which were specific to CALD communities.
- // The African Women's Federation of SA & the Bhutanese Australian Association of SA & developed 3 modular programs which provided participants with a comprehensive introduction to the food & catering industry, either as employment or a business enterprise.
- // Central Adelaide Hills Medicare Local (CAHML) on their Comprehensive Needs Assessment project & provided them with the necessary primary health needs of the CALD communities through 2 consultations.
- // The Equal Opportunity Commission & JusticeNet SA to organize a forum to seek feedback from 32 CALD communities regarding the proposed changes to 18c of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Vivien Hope OAM
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Our Advocacy Role

As a peak organization, the MCCSA receives its core funding from the Minister for Multicultural Affairs to support multiculturalism in the community as well as to provide services and programs, in particular to new & emerging communities and to strongly advocate for our CALD communities in all aspects of social inclusion & community development.

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) funds the MCCSA to participate in the Human Services Peak Forums and other relevant meetings to provide quality & timely advice to State Government and NGOs on CALD matters.

In order to perform our core functions, the MCCSA advocated & provided written submissions with respect to the:

- // Proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act
- // Reduced funding to the Refugee Council of Australia
- // Federal Government's consultation on its proposed Social Welfare Reform packages
- // Review of Women Offenders policy –SA
- // Draft strategy for Safeguarding the Rights of Older People – SA
- // Unemployment/under employment in SA's CALD communities
- // Anti-Racism Campaign – Equal Opportunity Commission SA
- // Proposed changes in Advance Care Directives – AG Department SA
- // Home Support Program - DSS

This year the MCCSA worked particularly closely with DCSI through the Human Services Partnership Forum (HSPF) to strategically align with the Stronger Together Agreement, the Premier's Seven Strategic Priorities, the Better Together: Principles of Engagement, SA Strategic Plan, the National Compact (Australian Government) & Advancing the Community Together. HSPF is committed to working in collaboration with "peak" agencies to shape public policy and service development in SA, with shared leadership and shared responsibility in relevant policies and programs.

We welcome the following new members:

- // South Australian Rugby League Inc
- // COASIT
- // Fullah Friends of SA
- // Semerkand Community & Youth Club of SA Inc
- // The Bantu Ethnic Community of SA Inc
- // Health Consumers Alliance of SA Inc

Challenges for 2014/15

A major challenge for MCCSA and the Management Committee is to remain relevant and continue to support and service the CALD communities in the current financial cutbacks imposed by both State and Federal Governments.

We also need to develop business strategies that are flexible enough to meet the changing needs of our ageing CALD population and the smaller & emerging communities. Arguably, these will strengthen our role as the peak organization to effectively service, innovatively empower and strongly advocate for CALD communities in South Australia.

In conclusion I wish to thank our President Helena Kyriazopoulos, the Management Committee & other sub-committee conveners for their support and assistance throughout the year. I gratefully acknowledge and thank our diligent & loyal staff: Bob Dixon-Short, Megan Hill, Sidique Bah, Kristin Johansson, Maria Gigos, Ljubo Alympic & Savry Ouk. Finally a special thank you to all our dedicated and reliable volunteers.

Management Committee

Executive Committee

Helena Kyriazopoulos	President
Miriam Cocking	1st Vice President
Sathish Dasan	2nd Vice President (Co-opted)
Ian Harmstorf OAM	Secretary
Silvio Iadorola	Treasurer

Members of the Management Committee

Cathy Chong
Daniella Costa
Andris Darzins OAM
Joseph Masika OAM
Mary Patetsos
Patricia Rios
Gosia Skalban OAM

MCCSA Staff

Vivien Hope OAM – Executive Officer
Ljubo Alympic – HACC Transport Officer
Sidique Bah – HACC Transport & Community Visitors Scheme Co-ordinator
Bob Dixon-Short – Senior Project & Policy Officer
Maria Gigos – Administration Officer
Megan Hill – SE Asian Reconnect Co-ordinator
Kristin Johansson – CASSA Secretariat
Savry Ouk – Cambodian Reconnect Youth Worker

MCCSA Representation

on Boards, Committee, Forums, Networks

Human Services Partnership Forum & its various sub-committees (DSCI): NFP Sector & Government Partnership Working Group; State Grant Guideline Sub-group; Community Sector Sustainability & Innovation Working Group; Sector Support & Advocacy Program & Communications Framework Network

SA Safety & Quality in Health Care Consumer & Community Advisory Committee

CALD HACC Volunteer Managers Working Party Forum (Volunteering SA/NT)

Various committees of Multicultural Aged Care (MAC)

Safeguarding the Rights of Older People Action Plan Steering Committee (OFTA) & its various sub-committees

FECCA – (Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia)

CAHML – (Central and Hills Medicare Local)

SA Community Foodies Steering Committee

Various committees of the South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS)

SA Reconnect Network

SA Power Networks' Consultative Power Panel

SA Water Consumer Committee

Anti-Racism Roundtable – Equal Opportunity Commission

Australian Press Council

Migrant & Refugee Review Tribunal

Palliative Care Council SA

Relationship Australia – PEACE Program

Centrelink Multicultural Forums

Western Linkages Network

Advanced Care Directives Steering Committee

SA Health Consumer Alliance Policy Council

NAATI

SA Dental Service Consumer Advisory Panel

Dementia Consumer Alliance – Alzheimer's SA

Dementia Friendly SA Working Group - OFTA

Elder Abuse - OFTA

WWWYN – western workers with youth network

FECCA youth subcommittee

Centrelink Multicultural forum

Northern H&VAW Collaboration Strategic Group - Inner Northern Homelessness and
Violence Against Women Strategic Collaboration

Youth Homelessness Regionalisation Subgroup Meeting

MCCSA Programs

MCCSA Transport Service

For over 20 years we have serviced the transport needs of elderly members of CALD communities, which has been a rewarding experience to us and to our dedicated volunteers.

Our HACC Transport Service funded by the Department of Social Services has been appreciated by CALD communities who use the four buses to transport their older members to social activities, outings, celebrations and festivals. We are proud that since 1987, our transport service has benefited over 100,000 people from CALD communities. For the past financial year the service was used 436 times by over 3700 CALD elderly. The MCCSA Transport Service is supported and guided by the Transport User Group, affectionately known as TUG, the group meets quarterly to discuss issues, offer suggestions for improvement, and review decisions about the service. We are proud to say that our recent audit by HACC, the Transport Service met all necessary criteria. Finally, we thank the Latvian Community for garaging our fleet of buses at the Latvian Hall, Wayville, we appreciate this assistance.



Community Visitor Scheme (CVS)

Over almost two decades our Community Visitor Scheme (CVS) continues to provide a unique 'one on one' volunteer visitor service to frail and elderly members of CALD communities who are in residential care. The program is funded by the Department of Social Services, and we are one of 40 organisations that provide the CVS in South Australia. We are currently funded to provide 43 bilingual volunteer visitors to visit aged care residents across metropolitan Adelaide, and we know a visit by someone they can talk to in their own language greatly improves the quality of life of our CALD elderly, as well as being a rewarding experience for the volunteer visitor.

This year, Radio Adelaide interviewed one of our volunteer visitors about the service and his positive contribution to his community. We regularly promote the program through our E'Voice newsletter, and encourage people to register as volunteers. Yoga and Tai Chi instructors have attended some of our support meetings this year to demonstrate relaxation techniques and these visits have been very warmly received by the volunteers who found the exercise very useful.

This financial year, 44 residents in 36 residential facilities were visited by 31 of our volunteers – but as always we need additional volunteers to maintain and expand this program. We have been working closely with Volunteering SA in this recruitment drive and will continue to engage our member communities seeking willing participants.

MCCSA Programs

South East Asian Reconnect

The past year has been huge for the Reconnect program. In July 2013 we received approval from the Department of Social Services to expand our target client group, which has brought significant change and learning for all of our program staff.

Our service can now target all CALD young people, aged 12 to 18, that have been in Australia for more than 5 years and are at risk of Homelessness or homeless. This change saw a jump in client numbers from 53 in the previous year to 71, which is 130% of our annual target numbers. Our workers have supported clients from Burma, Ethiopia, Greece, Iran, Sudan, Philippines and Laos – as well as working with a group of Afghani girls. Some of the client issues that have affected these young people's stability have included mental health, financial and budgeting, family conflict, difficulties at School, youth justice and domestic violence.



We have seen the development of three programs this year. The first, a new basketball program, in conjunction with 3ball SA and Basketball SA, run from St Clair at Woodville. Secondly, a community dance project run by Community Access Services of South Australia (previously Vietnamese Community in South Australia) that connected young people and seniors in a 6 month program that culminated with a joint performance at the annual Vietnamese Cultural TET festival. Finally, a Group Mentoring Project for a group of Muslim Girls struggling with settlement and social issues at Paralowie High School.

Due to this expansion of the Reconnect service we have developed and are continuing to develop, new partnerships with Schools and service providers across Adelaide. We are always keen to connect with communities and services that support CALD young people.

The Reconnect program officer is also active on the FECCA youth subcommittee which enables MCCSA to participate in advocacy, research and programing on CALD youth Issues at a national level.

CALD Carer retreat

MCCSA receives HACC funding to distribute to CALD communities so that they may deliver Carer Retreat activities to their community members. This year 380 Carers from 13 different communities benefitted from these activities. This year's excursions included day trips to Monarto Zoo, Mannum and Lyndoch as well as funding to attend Carer Week celebrations and community festivals. Several overnight trips to Wentworth, Blewitt Springs and Goolwa. Community and individual feedback from these outings is always overwhelmingly positive.

MCCSA Programs

CALD Ageing Alliance (CAASA) bureau

The Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc established the CALD Ageing Alliance of SA late in 2013. It has been funding the Secretariat Officer position from its own funds to support CALD communities' ageing needs. South Australia has a greater percentage of older people of CALD background than the general South Australian community, and the need for appropriate services to support them is critical.

If CALD communities want to retain language specific and culturally appropriate services they need to be innovative in how they manage service delivery and funding applications. The CALD Ageing Alliance has responded to this challenge by establishing a Bureau service which will apply for funding on behalf of smaller CALD communities.

The Bureau will provide a cost-effective and streamlined way of assisting South Australia's smaller CALD communities retain their identity in the provision of ethno-specific aged care services (social support, community visiting, day centre programs, skilled volunteers including home care packages).

Members will be actively involved in shaping Bureau priorities and its expansion. They will be mentored and share information so that they build their confidence to deliver effective and holistic services tailored to the cultural, language, socio-economic, religious, health and ageing needs of their own communities.

The CALD Ageing Alliance of South Australia (CAASA) committee membership includes key established, new and emerging communities, regional representatives, MCC Board representatives and exofficio members.



In 2014 the focus has been on setting a strategic direction for the CALD Ageing Alliance and addressing issues of importance to CALD ageing communities. To this end we have held forums covering ageing research, Commonwealth initiatives, Census data and demographic trends and workshops on proposed changes to the Commonwealth Home Support Program and on draft Palliative Care standards. Submissions on both these issues were based on these workshops.

Several communities have already been assisted with Census data and/or needs analyses to help identify and understand their community's ageing needs and establish evidence as part of seeking future funding.

To assist communities seeking funding for aged care packages we have held meetings on applying for Federal funding packages (with Commonwealth Government presenters) and two workshops on aspects of managing a consumer directed care program and staying viable and designing consumer directed packages.

The CALD Ageing Alliance is also advocating on behalf of the CALD community on 4 committees and policy bodies.



Projects and Advocacy

Much of 2014 was allocated to running the Informed Ageing project, funded by the Aged Care Service Improvement & Healthy Ageing program of the Department of Social Services.

The project involved delivery of a range of topics to elderly members of CALD communities at workshops, and by way of an Information Folder containing linguistically appropriate literature and brochures.

The first series of workshops were held in March & April and attended by 35 participants representing 14 nationalities. From July through to October we presented to members of Chinese Welfare Services – firstly to the Cantonese group, then to the Mandarin speaking group. These sessions were particularly well attended, having over 100 participants in total.

Additional sessions are planned for the Middle Eastern and possibly South-East Asian communities.

Representation and advocacy on behalf of CALD communities was provided across a range of issues, at both Federal and State level, during the year.

Federally we made a strong joint submission with FECCA opposing proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act, and also wrote to all South Australian based federal politicians expressing our concerns about the proposed changes. We applaud the eventual decision to abandon the changes. Additional submissions included opposition to funding cuts to the Refugee Council of Australia, and input to the Social Welfare Reform consultation.

Locally, we provided significant input prior to the introduction of the Advance Care Directives Act on 1 July. In addition, we ensured CALD community interests were protected in representations and input to several State Government policies and strategies. These included: Strategies to Safeguard Older People; Review of Women Offenders' policy; Review of Mental Health Act 2009; and submission on a proposal to introduce performance based tendering.

E'Voice, our monthly online newsletter, continued to win appreciation from MCCSA members and other recipients – and we continue to encourage communities to submit articles and news for publication.



Financial Statements.

Statements by Officers

To The Members Of The Multicultural Communities Council
Of South Australia Inc.

The attached financial statement being the income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June 2014 and the balance sheet as at 30 June 2014 have been prepared from a detailed examination of the Council's accounting records.

In our opinion:

The accompanying income and expenditure and profit and loss statements are drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2014.

The accompanying balance sheet is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Council as at 30 June 2014.

The order of the financial statements and documents in this report is:

Balance Sheet

Statement of Income and Expenditure

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements

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Dated at Adelaide on 20th October 2014.



Helena Kyriazopoulos
President



Silvio Ladorola
Treasurer

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Opening Accumulated Funds		862,748	786,947
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		42,521	75,801
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		905,269	862,748
Represented by:			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand	2		300
Cash at Bank	3	510,530	402,546
Debtors			5,104
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		510,530	407,950
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Land and Buildings		440,796	440,796
Motor Vehicle, Plant and Equipment	4	37,498	48,497
Investments	5	721,805	694,249
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		1,200,099	1,183,542
TOTAL ASSETS		1,710,629	1,591,492
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Grants in Advance		34,625	46,300
Creditors		6,773	11,746
Employee Leave Entitlements		34,630	33,873
Australian Taxation Office		41,840	34,101
Building Maintenance Fund		600,862	550,862
Bus Contingencies Fund		84,730	49,962
FECCA Conference Reserve		0	0
Refundable Deposits		1,900	1,900
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		805,360	728,744
TOTAL LIABILITIES		805,360	728,744
NET ASSETS		905,269	862,748

Statement of Income & Expenditure as at 30 June 2014

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
INCOME			
Core Grant from SA Government		125,000	125,000
Other Grants	6	650,477	548,861
Membership Subscriptions		940	2,185
Interest Received		33,438	49,815
Recoveries from Projects		145,386	148,284
Bus Booking Fees		0	14,293
Gain on Sale of Assets		0	10,909
Hall Hire		14,940	7,498
Specific Project Funding		40,000	
Other Income		3,777	13,494
TOTAL INCOME		1,013,958	920,339
EXPENDITURE			
Audit Fees		6,250	7,100
Bank Charges		1,121	792
Book Keeping		5,715	6,710
Cleaning etc		3,337	4,181
Consultants		5,000	
Depreciation of Plant		1,326	1,843
Electricity & Insurance		14,730	17,438
Legal Expenses		0	0
Meetings, Seminars, Conferences		8,103	1,867
Newsletter etc		0	0
Other Office Expenses		9,618	7,903
Postage & Stationery		4,387	1,280
Printing & Reproductions		3,891	3,237
Project Expenditure	7	647,611	569,092
Removal Expenses		0	3,727
Rent, Rates & Taxes		8,530	28,348
Repairs & Maintenance		10,430	5,516
Salary & Related Costs		120,390	93,820
Security		0	1,356
Subscriptions		2,327	1,830
Superannuation		6,702	10,874
Telephone		4,133	4,892
Travel Expenses		3,969	
WorkCover		3,867	2,732
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		871,437	774,538
NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT (before transfers)		142,521	145,801
Less Transfers - Building Maintenance Fund		-100,000	-70,000
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		42,521	75,801

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the reporting requirements under the constitution of the MCC of SA Inc and of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 of South Australia. The management committee has determined that the Council is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on a modified accruals basis of accounting including historic cost convention and the going concern assumptions.

The requirements of accounting standards and other reporting requirements in Australia do not have a mandatory applicability to MCC of SA Inc because it is not a reporting entity. The committee has, however, prepared the financial report in accordance with all Australian accounting standards, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 of South Australia.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a) Land and Buildings

Land and Buildings have been shown in the balance sheet at cost. The building has not been depreciated.

b) Motor Vehicles, Furniture, Plant and Equipment

The depreciable amount of the motor vehicle, furniture, plant and equipment is depreciated over its useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Items of motor vehicles, furniture and office equipment purchased by the Council have been reflected in the Balance Sheet at depreciated values.

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: CASH ON HAND		
Petty Cash	00	3 00
NOTE 3: CASH AT BANK		
Administration Cheque Account	13,293	18,576
ANZ Bank: Payroll Internet Account	23,912	3,333
Electronic Transfer Account	13,473	11,562
ANZ Bank: V2 Plus Account	459,852	369,075
Total	510,530	402,546
NOTE 4: MOTOR VEHICLES, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Motor Vehicle	153,933	153,933
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-120,616	-110,943
	33,317	42,990
Plant and Equipment	61,495	61,495
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-57,314	-55,988
	4,181	5,507
	37,498	48,497
NOTE 5: INVESTMENTS		
Term Deposits - ANZ Bank	282,724	271,674
Term Deposits - Bigsky Building Society	439,081	422,575
	721,805	694,249

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
NOTE 6: OTHER GRANTS		
Grants in Advance Brought Forward - Projects	6,300	29,200
less Transfer to Multicultural Horticulture Project	0	-29,200
Transfer to Reconnect Project	-6,300	
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Add Project Grants for Year:		
Industry Support & Development	32,939	30,971
Community Visitors Scheme	61,254	55,685
Transport Project	152,047	189,505
Other Grants	12,240	0
Reconnect Project	227,273	226,807
Carers Retreat Project	33,859	33,293
Transition through the Arts	0	0
Multicultural Horticultural	0	29,200
Winning Together	3,014	29,700
Informed Ageing	97,476	
Hospitality	15,000	
CAASA Internal Funding	50,000	
Less Grants in Advance carried forward	-34,625	-46,300
	<u>650,477</u>	<u>548,861</u>

NOTE 7: PROJECT COSTS

Industry Support & Development	Salary & Related Costs	24,400	22,235
<i>(DCS)</i>	Other Costs	8,500	8,778
Community Visitors Scheme	Salary & Related Costs	29,259	33,620
<i>(DSS)</i>	Other Costs	31,941	13,689
Transport Program	Salary & Related Costs	66,436	86,901
<i>(DSS)</i>	Other Costs	85,597	86,590
Reconnect Project	Salary & Related Costs	74,804	75,383
<i>(DSS)</i>	Other Costs	152,803	143,448
Carers Retreat	Salary & Related Costs	0	8,700
<i>(DSS)</i>	Other Costs	33,859	26,582
3 Ball Basket Ball	Salary & Related Costs	0	0
	Other Costs	0	1,252
Multicultural Horticulture	Salary & Related Costs	0	0
<i>(SA Office of Youth)</i>	Other Costs	0	29,200
Winning Together	Salary & Related Costs	1,455	24,113
<i>(DSS)</i>	Other Costs	90	8,601
Informed Ageing	Salary & Related Costs	62,037	0
	Other Costs	22,869	0
CAASA	Salary & Related Costs	16,279	
	Other Costs	11,667	
Minor Projects		12,240	0
Hospitality	Salary & Related Costs	0	0
	Other Costs	13,375	
		<u>647,611</u>	<u>569,092</u>

Independent Audit Report

To the members of the Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising the statement of financial position, operating statement and notes to the financial statements of the Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc. (MCCSA) for the year ended 30th June 2014. MCCSA's committee of management is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of MCCSA's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of MCCSA. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the MCCSA's constitution, we disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, which are administered by volunteers and with the nature of the operations, it is not practical for the entity to establish accounting control over the various sources of receipts and expenditure, before banking. Therefore it is not possible for our audit to confirm that all revenue has been received, and all expenses paid, other than from which is recorded in the books and records of the MCCSA.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation of the scope of our work as discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report represents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of the Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc. as at 30th June 2014 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Randolph Alwis & Co Pty Ltd, Certified Practising Accountants



Randolph R Alwis FCPA

Randolph Alwis & Co Pty Ltd
Certified Practising Accountants

20th October 2014,
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