

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSES (Rule 5)

- 5.1 To assist with the direct relief of the suffering, poverty, sickness, distress, misfortune, disability, destitution or helplessness of humanitarian entrants, new and emerging communities, and any member of an established culturally and linguistically diverse community who is identified as disadvantaged and in need and their distress or suffering arouses compassion.
- 5.2 The MCCSA will provide benevolent relief by:
- 5.2.1 Providing direct relief through operating programs in the core areas of aged care, disability, education and capacity building, therapeutic interventions including counselling and other benevolent relief services;
  - 5.2.2 Negotiating emergency relief including accommodation;
  - 5.2.3 Providing services, facilities and programs which facilitate social connections and reduce isolation and suffering such as transport assistance, community visitors support, carer retreats, art and exercise programs and other services and programs as community needs are identified;
  - 5.2.4 Encourage and facilitate the development of digital literacy programs and technology applications to reduce helplessness;
  - 5.2.5 Encourage and facilitate the development of programs and services that enhance the organisational and community strengthening skills of CALD community groups across SA with the aim of increasing wellbeing and resilience of community members;
  - 5.2.6 Teaching life and employment skills to help marginalised CALD community members integrate into the Australian community;
  - 5.2.7 Promoting advocacy skills to facilitate their participation in decision making processes;
  - 5.2.8 Disseminating information to individuals, community groups and government;
  - 5.2.9 Acting as the representative body in South Australia for all multicultural communities and undertaking systemic advocacy for the formulation of government policies that will contribute in the alleviation of social disadvantage and injustice to enable full participation as Australian citizens;
  - 5.2.10 Encouraging and advocating for the full participation of South Australia's multicultural communities within the social, economic, political and cultural life of South Australia and Australia;
  - 5.2.11 Promoting the positive aspects of multiculturalism, cultural diversity and economic contribution to the South Australian community thereby encouraging a culturally harmonious and socially cohesive society;
  - 5.2.12 Doing all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its purposes.

**The full version of the MCCSA Constitution can be viewed on the MCCSA website: <https://mccsa.org.au/>.**