



## OCTOBER 29 & 30 2009, SHEPPARTON VICTORIA STRENGTHENING MULTICULTURALISM AND BUILDING SOCIAL INCLUSION

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2009 FECCA Conference, *Strengthening Multiculturalism and Building Social Inclusion*, will be held at the Eastbank Centre, Shepparton, Victoria, on Thursday 29 and Friday 30, October, 2009.

FECCA is calling for papers for the conference breakout sessions, which will be further detailed on the forthcoming conference website.

The conference will be exploring themes, sharing ideas and developing policies through:

- plenary addresses
- panel discussions
- breakout session papers, presentations and workshops

### CONFERENCE STREAMS AND CALL FOR PAPERS

FECCA is currently inviting high quality proposals to present papers or conduct workshops at *breakout sessions* in the streams listed below.

Individual presentations will involve 15 minute presentations followed by 15 minutes for any questions and general discussion. Workshops may be organised differently during the half hour allocation and one hour workshops will be considered for extraordinary proposals.

These presentations or workshops may outline relevant research, initiatives or experiences, and may have an academic, community, government, business or policy focus.





While it is preferred that papers relate to the streams listed below, other papers will be considered providing their focus is on relevant issues to the conference such as multicultural, migrant, settlement or refugee issues.

The conference streams with breakout sessions are as follows:

#### 1. MULTICULTURALISM AND SOCIAL INCLUSION:

This stream will include consideration of the emerging social inclusion agenda as it relates to existing discourses of multiculturalism, racial discrimination and social justice for migrants and refugees. It will consider what synergies and gaps exist between the two fields of multiculturalism and social inclusion given the growing importance of social inclusion theory as a policy driver.

#### 2. REGIONAL SETTLEMENT (INCLUDING SECONDARY MIGRATION) AND FAMILIES:

This stream will consider regional settlement and strategies and barriers around settling migrants and refugees in regional areas. It will look at best practice in regional settlement of migrants and refugees and consider the Shepparton experience. It will also consider secondary migration. The family section will consider family issues for migrant and refugee families including negotiating difference.

#### 3. INTERFAITH:

Sponsored by Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations (APRO), the interfaith session will consider issues around the growing area of interfaith and will be held in the lead up to the major international interfaith event, the Parliament of the World's Religions, being held in Melbourne in December 2009.

#### 4. ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION AND SKILLS:

This stream will look at economic inclusion, workforce participation and skills development. Issues to be considered will include workforce and employment participation programs, overseas qualifications recognition and combating discrimination in recruitment and at work.





#### 5. REFUGEE AND MIGRANT WOMEN:

Following on from the Fremantle ECCWA/FECCA Refugee and Immigrant Women's Conference, this stream will consider access and equity issues for refugee and migrant women. It will explore more difficult issues around discrimination, isolation and exclusion, but also positive experiences and strategies for empowerment and participation. The session will include summaries of findings from the Fremantle Conference of March 2009.

#### 6. HEALTH, AGED CARE, AND DISABILITY:

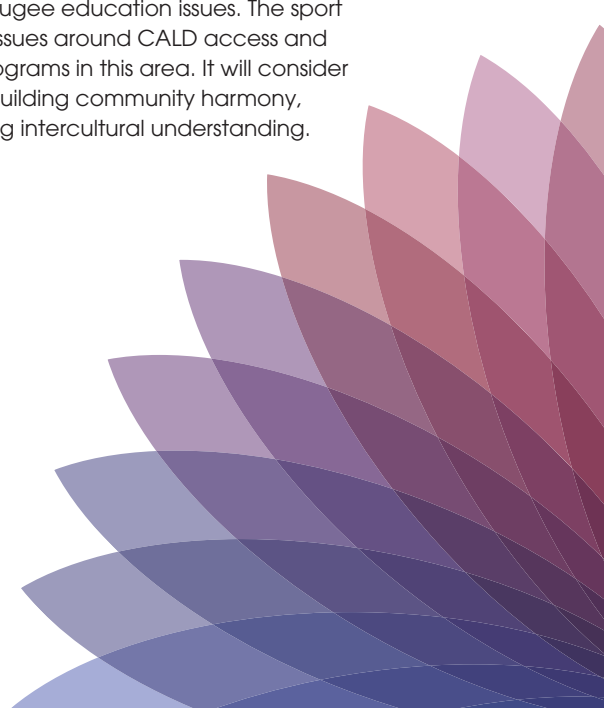
This stream will explore access and equity issues around the critical areas of health, aged care and disability. It will look at best practice in culturally competent service delivery. It will consider the important role of ethnospecific and multicultural service organisations as part of the overall mosaic of service delivery. It will consider consumer participation and patient centred care and how such policy trends in human services relate to CALD consumers.

#### 7. ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS:

The environment section of this stream will explore the relationship between the environment and cultural diversity, including the issue of population policy and the environment, and how CALD communities can both strengthen and access environmental strategies and programs. The Arts section will look at cultural diversity and the Arts including access to mainstream funding and programs, and better representation of CALD Australians in the Arts more generally. This session will also consider broadcasting issues relating to cultural diversity

#### 8. YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION:

The youth section of this stream will consider issues around identity, access and belonging. It will also cover non-discrimination, racism, social inclusion, youth groups and public spaces, CALD youth interaction with authorities, and refugee education issues. The sport and recreation stream will look at issues around CALD access and participation and also examine programs in this area. It will consider sport and recreation as a tool for building community harmony, breaking down barriers and building intercultural understanding.





**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Opportunities to present papers at the FECCA Conference are limited, so please register your abstract early.

Abstract proposals must include all of the following items to be considered:

1. Full Name
2. Position
3. Organisation (if any)
4. Contact Details (including address, telephone and email)
5. Presentation Title
6. Presentation Stream
7. Whether the presentation is a paper or a workshop
8. Abstract proposal (no more than 300 words)

Abstract proposals can be sent to [snrpolicy@fecca.org.au](mailto:snrpolicy@fecca.org.au) .

Please note that FECCA does not pay for transport, accommodation or conference registration fees for people presenting at the breakout sessions.

The deadline for abstract proposals is July 1, 2009. FECCA welcomes early abstract proposals in the coming weeks and months. Abstract proposals that have been accepted may be viewed on the conference website. You will be notified if your abstract proposal has been accepted and we will supply you with details for lodging your presentation.

**TIMELINE**

Deadline for breakout session abstract proposals	Jul 1, 2009
Final confirmation of breakout sessions	Aug 14, 2009
FECCA Conference	Oct 29 & 30, 2009

For further information contact the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia on 02 6282 5755.

