

**Cultural Diversity in Ageing 2009 Victorian State Conference
Hemisphere Conference Centre and Hotel
488 South Road Moorabbin
4th May 2009**

A **Multicultural Aged Care Expo** will accompany this conference, providing attendees with the opportunity to discuss and sample a wide range of resources relevant to the provision of culturally appropriate aged care.

Conference Program

8.30am-9.00am	Registration
9.00am-9.10am	Welcome John Lawrence, Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing
9.10am-9.20am	Welcome to Country Aunty Doreen Garvey Wandin, Wurundjeri-Wandoon Elder
9.20am-9.40am	Key Government Initiatives in Addressing the Needs of Ageing Migrant Communities Sarah Creane, Director - Planning & Programs Aged & Community Care Branch, Department of Health & Ageing (Vic)
9.40am-10.15am	Key Challenges Faced by The Elderly from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds Marion Lau OAM JP, Aged Care Advisory Committee Chairperson Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria
10.15am-10.30am	Life Paths – a glimpse into lives of Asian senior migrants whose dreams of a better life were challenged by cultural and linguistic barriers – a DVD presentation Elvie Yap, Chung Wah Community & Aged Care (WA)
10.30am-11.00am	MORNING TEA and EXPO
11.00am-12.15am	Concurrent Session 1: Improving Cultural Responsiveness through Enhanced Understanding of Community Needs and of Available Resources

1A	1B	1C
Greek Speaking Elderly and their Needs Nina Xarhakos & Adonis Maglis, Australian Greek Welfare Society Ltd	Maltese Speaking Elderly and their Needs Paul Lia, Maltese Community Council of Victoria	Panel presentation: Looking at the Needs of the Elderly from the Croatian, Macedonian, Indochinese, Spanish and Arabic Speaking Communities <i>Presenters:</i>
Greek Care – online resources for culturally appropriate service delivery Ailiki Kyrkou, Fronitha Care	Serbian Speaking Elderly and their Needs Marina Celebic, Serbian Welfare Association of Victoria	Lily Silic, Australian Croatian Community Services Inc, Slobodanka Trajkovski, Macedonian Community Welfare Association
Filipino Speaking Elderly and their Needs Connie San Jose, Filipino Community Council of Victoria	Polish Speaking Elderly and their Needs Alina Urbanczyk, Australian-Polish Community Services Inc.	Madelaine Hue Pham, Indochinese Refugee Association of Victoria; Eva Wakim, Victorian Arabic Social Services Inc (VASS)

12.15pm-1.15pm **LUNCH and EXPO**

1.15pm-2.30pm **Concurrent Session 2: Improving Cultural Responsiveness through Enhanced Understanding of Community Needs and of Available Resources**

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Needs of the Ageing Migrant Communities in Gippsland Ahmed Zeed, Gippsland Multicultural Services	Russian Speaking Elderly and their Needs Nicholai Schkola, St John of Kronstadt Russian Welfare Society	Indian Elderly and their Needs Dr Devaki Monani, Federation of Indian Associations of Victoria
Community Inclusion Program in Regional Victoria TBA, North East Multicultural Association (NEMA)	Overview of the Aging People from China Linda Tan, Migrant Information Centre, East Melb. & Wai Yee Leong, South Eastern Region Migrant Resource Centre	Ageing Migrant Communities in Tasmania Hans Schmid, Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmania)
Overview of Resources for Culturally Appropriate Service Delivery Ljubica Petrov, Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing	New and Emerging Communities Nirmala Abraham, Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre	Dementia and CALD Background Communities Natalija Nesvadba, Alzheimer's Australia (Vic)

2.45pm-3.15pm **Addressing Cultural Diversity: A Provider Perspective**
Elizabeth Esdale, Ardeer House

3.15pm-3.45pm **Communication across Languages and Cultures, Key Considerations When Working With the Elderly from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds**
Eva Hussain, Polaron Language Services

3.45pm-4.00pm **Summary, Evaluation and Close**
John Lawrence, Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing

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