

GIPPSLAND MULTICULTURAL STRATEGIC PLAN

YEAR
ONE

FUNDED PROGRAMS

*An outline of funded activities,
events and programs for year one.*

GIPPSLAND-WIDE

CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING

Summary

Deliver cultural competency training sessions across the six local government areas of Gippsland. This training will result in:

- Improved understanding of the factors that impact on good settlement for newly-arrived communities
- Greater capacity to provide culturally responsive and inclusive services
- Increased confidence to successfully engage with communities from migrant and refugee backgrounds
- Better understanding of emerging issues through networking with other service providers

Amount funded

\$24,000 (\$4000 per LGA)

Target audience

Community service organisations, including frontline staff, neighbourhood house staff, education and training providers, employment service providers, local councils, state government employees and community groups.

Contact

For more information, phone Bernadette Marantelli, Centre for Multicultural Youth - Gippsland Region on 0409 554 141.

FAITH OBSERVANCE

Summary

Work with local healthcare professionals to highlight the changing cultural demographics of their community and the need for a non-denominational interfaith/prayer space within each hospital environment.

Identify the need for culturally appropriate burial, grieving and palliative care training. This may include information sharing or workshops as identified in each local government area.

Amount funded

\$15,000 (\$2500 per LGA)

Target audience

Agencies and services meeting the needs of new and emerging multicultural communities across Gippsland

Contact

For more information, phone Murray Loble, Gippsland Ethnic Communities' Council on 0402 152 160.

MULTICULTURAL SPORT AND RECREATION

Summary

The delivery of a series of forums and activities that promote cultural diversity and inclusion in sport. Through partnerships with councils, state sporting associations and settlement support programs, the Centre for Multicultural Youth will engage local sporting and recreation clubs to undertake the 'Game Plan' training. It will support clubs to develop and deliver 'inclusion activities' that engage multicultural young people and families. Ongoing support and resources will also be offered to clubs as they attract and retain multicultural youth as members, players, coaches, trainers and leaders.

Amount funded

\$60,000 (\$10,000 per LGA)

Target audience

Sporting bodies, sporting clubs and young people and their families of multicultural backgrounds.

Contact

For more information, phone Bernadette Marantelli, Centre for Multicultural Youth - Gippsland Region on 0409 554 141.

PREVENTION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE IN MULTICULTURAL AND MULTIFAITH COMMUNITIES

Project

Work in partnership with Gippsland Women's Health and the Prevention of Men's Violence Against Women Network to add value to existing prevention programs/initiatives across Gippsland. Respond to the outcomes of the Royal Commission into Family Violence, with particular reference to recommendations 163, 164 and 165, which pertain to faith communities.

Amount funded

\$24,000 (\$4000 per LGA)

Target audience

Community ethnic organisations and multifaith institutions.

Contact

For more information, phone Murray Loble, Gippsland Ethnic Communities' Council on 0402 152 160.



BASS COAST SHIRE

2018 NATIONAL HARMONY DAY - WONTHAGGI

Summary

Conduct a street parade and celebratory event in recognition of Harmony Day 2018. This will raise community awareness and appreciation of the multicultural history and heritage of Wonthaggi; increase understanding of the value of cultural diversity; and boost confidence and a sense of belonging among our culturally and linguistically diverse community members.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

The entire community, including members of the following nationalities:

- Karen
- Chinese
- Sudanese
- Vietnamese
- Greece
- Italian
- Swiss
- Chilean
- Danish
- Turkish
- Scottish
- Sri Lankan
- Bangladesh
- Thai
- Russian
- British
- Poland and
- Indian

Contact

Phone Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre on 5672 3731 for more information.

MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP - WONTHAGGI

Summary

Participants, including some women who are already well-established in the community and are able to act as 'mentors', meet weekly for two hours of conversation and morning tea, provided voluntarily by individuals in the group. Participants largely determine the topics of conversation and the activities undertaken, according to need and interest. Sometimes guest speakers or presenters will be organised, along with the occasional visit (or excursion) to local service providers and other places of interest. The group celebrates important occasions, such as International Women's Day and Harmony Day, with different activities and a shared catering experience.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

Newly-arrived migrants and refugee women.

Contact

Phone the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre on 5672 3731 for more information.



FROM THE GROUND UP

Summary

Provide opportunities for recently arrived migrants, refugees and asylum seekers to participate in the establishment and operation of a social enterprise that focuses on food. Operating an integrated kitchen-garden, participants will learn about food cultivation, food processing, presentation, along with sales and training.

Amount funded

\$20,000

Target audience

Initially, the social enterprise will target recently arrived migrants, including refugees and asylum seekers. Once fully established, it is intended other Bass Coast residents, who might benefit from participation in this enterprise, would be welcomed.

Contact

For more information, phone Bass Coast Adult Education Centre on 5674 9297.

BAW BAW SHIRE

INFORMAL ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

Summary

Warragul Community House will run a 12-month program of informal conversation groups for culturally and linguistically diverse people. The aim is to up-skill participants in preparation for employment and further study.

The groups will meet each month so participants can practise their conversation with qualified instructors and use a newly-installed digital 'Protea' language lab to develop their English language skills.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

Migrants and community members who use English as a second language or who are from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Contact

For more information, phone Rosemary Allica, Warragul Community House, on 5623 6032.

GRAFFITI ART IN HARMONY

Summary

A one-day digital graffiti art workshop for young people of multicultural backgrounds. During the workshop, participants will design murals that showcase and reflect the rich diversity of cultures in the shire, and share their personal and family stories. This art will be installed across key Warragul laneway sites, allowing the broader community to explore the migration trail.

Amount funded

\$2000

Target audience

Young people and their families of multicultural backgrounds.

Contact

For more information, phone Rosemary Allica, Warragul Community House, on 5623 6032.



EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

ENGLISH IN THE COMMUNITY

Summary

A safe and welcoming space for migrants who want to build and extend their friendships, as well as learn and practise their English in a relaxed and supportive environment. The aim is to provide both informal and more formal English classes during the day and possibly in the evening, to target the employed and unemployed. We know many migrants are underemployed at best as they continue to learn the language and work culture of their new community.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

Newly-arrived and well-settled migrant adults.

Contact

For more information, phone Glenda McPhee, Noweyung on 5153 0111.

ALL OF US

Summary

All of US aims to profile and give voice to the personal stories of hardship, triumph and joy newly-arrived migrants endure. In addition, the project will introduce these new community members to the broader East Gippsland community and increase tolerance and understanding.

A photographer will capture images of the newly-arrived migrants, print the images as large, black and white portraits and install the portraits across public spaces in East Gippsland. A text story of how the individuals arrived in East Gippsland would accompany the portrait.

Amount funded

\$2000

Target audience

Newly-arrived migrants.

Contact

For more information, phone Andrea Court, East Gippsland Shire Council on 5153 9500.



EMBRACE FESTIVAL

Summary

A festival that celebrates migrants past and present, and their contributions to East Gippsland. The festival will embrace the concept of multiculturalism, with the aim to engender stronger social cohesion within the East Gippsland community.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

Newly-arrived migrants, the culturally and linguistically diverse community and families of English-speaking backgrounds.

Contact

For more information, phone Rachael Murphy, Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network on 5153 1745.

LATROBE CITY

NEW AUSSIE GRASSROOTS LEARNING

Summary

Gippsland Employment Skills Training (GEST) will actively work with funding bodies and service providers to expand English classes for the culturally and linguistically diverse community. The aim is to also tailor pre-accredited programs for individual groups and roll out these classes across the Latrobe Valley.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

Culturally and linguistically diverse adults, aged 18 years and older.

Contact

For more information, phone Gippsland Employment Skills Training on 5127 4544.

COFFEE CART SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Summary

A coffee cart social enterprise within the Latrobe City Moe Library. This will include a programmable space for community groups to book barista training for people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Amount funded

\$20,000

Target audience

People of multicultural backgrounds who are interested in the hospitality industry. This includes those from new and emerging communities, people from a refugee background and those from a CALD background who are long-term unemployed.

Contact

For more information, phone Lisa Price, Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network on 5633 2868.



EID FESTIVAL

Summary

Host a family fun day to celebrate the end of the Ramadan and invite people of Gippsland to join in on the celebration, held on July 1 2018.

Amount funded

\$2000

Target audience

The wider Gippsland community of all cultural backgrounds.

Contact

For more information, phone Arfa Khan, United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley on 0468 311 374.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

LET'S TALK ENGLISH

Summary

Bring people together to share conversation, get to know one another and share knowledge and experiences through an informal gathering. The facilitators are experienced in working with people who have English as their second language. The participants will receive additional support through the networks and connections available through the community house.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

Men, women and young people from non-English speaking backgrounds, who live in the South Gippsland region.

Contact

For more information, phone Jennifer Keerie from Milpara Community House on 5655 2524.

FINDING HOME

Summary

An activity designed to create better understanding of individual cultures and our commonalities rather than our differences.

Amount funded

\$2000

Target audience

The entire community is invited to share in this event, to build a sense of belonging and inclusiveness.

Contact

For more information, phone Jennifer Keerie from Milpara Community House on 5655 2524.

WELLINGTON SHIRE

ENGLISH IN THE COMMUNITY

Summary

A safe and welcoming space for migrants who want to build and extend their friendships, as well as learn and practise their English in a relaxed and supportive environment. The aim is to provide both informal and more formal English classes during the day and possibly in the evening, to target the employed and unemployed. We know many migrants are underemployed at best as they continue to learn the language and work culture of their new community.

Amount funded

\$4000

Target audience

Newly-arrived and well-settled migrant adults.

Contact

For more information, phone Glenda McPhee, Noweyung on 5153 0111.

TASTES OF THE WORLD

Summary

A cooking class, workshop, morning tea or lesson will be conducted at Sale Neighbourhood House once a month, showing off the 'tastes of the world'. Participants and facilitators, who use a broad range of traditional cooking backgrounds, will access the community garden's produce to prepare dishes. They will also be invited to participate in a community garden group session every Monday morning, to learn new skills and meet new people from different backgrounds.

Amount funded

\$2000

Target audience

Adults of all ages and all cultural backgrounds.

Contact

For more information, phone Leanne Crosier, Sale Neighbourhood House on 5144 5747.