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SAMEAC's VISION

To achieve an open, inclusive, cohesive and equitable multicultural society, where cultural, linguistic, religious and productive diversity is understood, valued and supported.

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DEPUTY CHAIR'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a Member and Deputy Chair of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (SAMEAC), I am proud of the achievements of SAMEAC in 2013-14 and the important role it is playing in promoting cultural diversity as one of South Australia's great strengths. The past twelve months have been a period of challenges and opportunities for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, in particular new and emerging communities. With each day that passes, we see the breadth of the contribution that migrants and refugees make to the social, economic and cultural life of South Australia, enriching communities in the metropolitan and regional areas and showcasing our State as an exemplar of peace, harmony and acceptance.

As in 2012-13, this past year has seen a continuation of the growing interest in multiculturalism. SAMEAC's reach now extends to all sections of the community, bringing people into the fold to better understand cultural diversity, appreciate the different customs and traditions of the more than 200 different cultures represented in South Australia, and respecting the need to remain vigilant against racism and discrimination.

There is no question that South Australian society owes much to multiculturalism. People from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds contribute significantly to our community and economy through their participation, enterprise, diversity and sheer hard work. Across South Australia, there is a very high level of support for multiculturalism, and recognition of the benefits that it brings.

Much work has been undertaken by SAMEAC, facilitating opportunities for CALD communities to showcase their culture and heritage to the wider South Australian community. This includes supporting the participation of groups in iconic events such as the Australia Day Parade, the Christmas Pageant, the ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil, and football and soccer games. The inaugural Multicultural Festival held in the Rundle Mall on Sunday, 3 November 2013 marked a high point in celebrating multiculturalism in this state.

The 2014 Multicultural Calendar includes a wide range of cultural and religious events that are recognised and celebrated during the year. The calendars were distributed widely to CALD organisations, schools, government and non-government agencies, and other interested stakeholders in South Australia. In 2013-14, Multicultural SA continued to augment the calendar with an online calendar which allows new events to be included as they are organised.

Despite our success as a multicultural community, there are still many challenges for new arrivals seeking to adapt to a life in a new country and integrate into our community.

The successful settlement of migrants and refugees remained a focus in 2013-14. Between Multicultural SA and SAMEAC, work in this area has included:

- holding a community consultation forum with CALD communities, government agencies (local, state and Commonwealth) and service providers to facilitate the resolution of settlement issues for new migrant groups
- co-chairing the South Australian Settlement Planning Committee with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to improve the coordination and targeting of settlement services
- identifying issues impacting on new and emerging communities in regional South Australia and working with agencies to improve service delivery in these areas.

SAMEAC recognises the significant role that CALD community organisations play in supporting their communities and in fostering multiculturalism in South Australia. During 2013-14, a total of more than \$650,000 in grant funding was administered to support cultural diversity and CALD community initiatives including:

- A panel comprising of three SAMEAC members assessed applications for funding received under the Multicultural One-off Grant program, with recommendations provided to the Executive Director, Policy and Community Development, Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI). The Multicultural One-off grants supported community organisations to plan, organise and stage various festivals, to manage community education, learning and development projects, to purchase equipment and to deliver initiatives that used media to promote multiculturalism.
- SAMEAC recommended support for, and members attended, numerous festivals, cultural and religious events including the following celebrations: 2013 Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association (Onam); Newroz Festival (Kurdish); 2014 INDOfest (Indonesian); Epiphany Festival (Greek); 15th Australia-New Zealand Hungarian Cultural Convention (Hungarian); Kodomo-no-hi Children's Day (Japanese); 'Three Weddings and a Cook' (Malaysian); Year Vaisakhi Celebration Dinner (Sikh); 2014 Schützenfest (German); 50 years of Kenya Independence Celebrations (Kenya); Yuan Xiao Lantern Festival (Chinese); Independence Day Celebration (Peruvian); 2013 Eid Al Fitr Festival (Muslim) and Vidovdan Celebration (Serbian).

SAMEAC continued to play a key role in supporting and promoting the Governor's Multicultural Awards. This program aims to encourage and acknowledge initiatives that foster an open, inclusive, cohesive and equitable multicultural society, in which cultural, linguistic, religious and productive diversity is understood, valued and supported.

Once again, the applications received for the 2013 Multicultural Awards were of a high standard with 33 finalists selected across ten categories, including individual and community contributions, public and private sector awards, and efforts in specialist fields. Over the past six years these Awards have seen a total of more than 750 nominations provided, resulting in 61 winners.

SAMEAC and its advisory committees held a number of community consultations this year, including one major consultation in Kilburn in Adelaide's north-western suburbs, in September 2013. Community members representing CALD community organisations and service providers had the opportunity to raise any issues with a panel of leaders from a range of local, State and Commonwealth Government departments.

The consultation provided government leaders and SAMEAC members with the opportunity to meet the community, hear their views, and become informed about issues affecting a range of different community groups. The topics that were raised ranged from accessing community meeting places, to facilitating employment. Some questions were answered by the government representatives during the consultation, while others will inform the future agendas of SAMEAC and various government departments.

The Interpreting and Translating Centre (ITC) had another productive year, providing 37,296 interpreting and translating assignments (up from 33,700 in 2012-13) in 104 languages. In 2013-14, ITC recruited and trained 20 new interpreters and translators representing several languages. However, translations experienced some decline in total documents translated down to 1,953 from 2,340 the previous year in keeping with prior trends in this area.

In 2013-14, the Chairman attended over 400 community and business meetings, official functions and community events, and delivered speeches at most of these. These events were a wonderful showcase of South Australia's cultural diversity and the richness that traditions and customs from other lands have brought to our state. Of course, the success of these events relies heavily on the dedication, goodwill and sacrifice of volunteers who assist their respective organisations.

With over 200 different cultural groups in South Australia, the scale of South Australia's diversity is enormous. Following is a sample of the events attended by the Chairman.

- Anniversaries of historical events, including the:
 - fourth Anniversary of the Malaysia Club
 - 75th Anniversary of the religious sect Huynh at the Hoa Hao Buddhist Religious Congregation's Festival
 - 62nd Annual Commemoration Service and Concert in remembrance of victims of deportations from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
 - 53rd Anniversary of Congolese Independence
 - 50th Anniversary of the *Deutschervolkstanzkreis* of the German Club of South Australia

- 200th Anniversary of the founding of the *Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri*
- 10th Anniversary Celebration for the South Australia Bangladeshi Community Association.
- Celebrations aiming to foster cross-cultural understanding, including the:
 - second annual Awards Ceremony for Muslim and Non-Muslim Understanding
 - signing of the National Anti-racism Strategy by the Premier on World Human Rights Day.
- Art and cultural events, such as the:
 - Regina Zielinski exhibition of the Nazi Death Camp
 - Photo Exhibition at the Association of Hungarian Aged and Invalid Persons
 - 2013 OzAsia Festival Launch; the Russian Arts, Craft and Food Fair hosted by the Russian Community Centre
 - 2014 Norwood Greek Cultural Festival
 - delivery of the keynote speech at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School's launch of the poetry anthology 'Mai Mai La Tin Yeu.'
- Major milestone celebrations for CALD community organisations, including:
 - Club India International's Silver Jubilee
 - 10th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony of the Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
 - 35th Glendi Greek Festival.
- Graduation ceremonies, including the:
 - Young Druze Professionals of South Australia's 19th Annual Graduation Night
 - 2013 Women's Leadership Course Graduation
 - Flinders University for Fellows of the Australian Awards Fellowship Capacity building for Maternal and Child Health in East Africa.
- Multicultural networking events, including the:
 - Refugee Week Oration
 - discussions with the South Australian National Football League to discuss strategies to promote multiculturalism in football
 - Migrant Resource Centre Community Forum on Engaging men to prevent gender-based domestic violence in new and emerging communities.
- Religious ceremonies, including:
 - 2013 Eid Al Fitr Parliamentary Reception
 - Assumption of the Virgin Mary Annual Feast Day
 - Inaugural Catholic Charities and Thanksgiving Mass
 - Sikh Society's Punjabi religious festival of Vaisakhi.

- Academic events, such as the:
 - Celebration of Achievements Graduation and Registration Ceremony
 - Ethnic Schools Board
 - Presentation of the 2013 Tall Poppy of the Year – Science Excellence Awards; SA 2013 Churchill Fellows and Presentation dinner
 - Awarded certificates to visiting Australian Awards Fellows from Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia and Vietnam at a Graduation Ceremony hosted by the Gender Consortium Centre for Development Studies, Flinders University
 - 30th Anniversary of the School of Truong Viet Ngu Dac-Lo
 - Young Druze Professionals and Australian Unitarian Druze Community's 19th Annual Graduation Night.

- Various events hosted by academic institutions, including the
 - International Centre for Muslim and Non-Muslim Understanding community event
 - Active Citizenship Forum (organised by secondary school students)
 - Harmony Day and Student Achievement Assembly organised by the Adelaide Secondary School of English.

- Other events with a multicultural focus included the
 - City of Onkaparinga cook book multicultural launch
 - 2013 AFL Multicultural Round at AAMI Stadium
 - 20th Anniversary of the Multicultural Aged Care hosted by Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister Jack Snelling MP;
 - Keynote Speech at Australian Heritage Week event at Rymill House;
 - presentation of Irene Krastev Award at the 2014 International Women's Day event.

The number of invitations received by the Chairman is a reflection of the SAMEAC's exposure, its reach into CALD communities and the impact of multiculturalism more broadly. Attendance at these events has also helped to raise awareness about the important role and work of SAMEAC.

2013-14 also saw SAMEAC members attend Citizenship Ceremonies hosted by a number of metropolitan and regional councils, including: Adelaide Hills, Barossa, Campbelltown, Charles Sturt, Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mount Barker, Mount Gambier, Norwood Payneham and St Peters, Prospect, Salisbury, Unley, West Torrens and Yankalilla.

In addition, the Chairman was invited to speak at numerous events hosted by groups that are not traditionally associated with or focused on CALD communities and multicultural affairs. These included events hosted by the:

- Combined Probus Club of Coromandel Valley;
- Business Breakfast at Pulteney Grammar School;

- Walkerville Primary School; Brownhill Creek / Mitcham Probus Club;
- West Lakes Ladies Probus Club
- Pioneer Companion Club
- Changeover Dinner at the Adelaide South Rotary Club; Combined Probus Club of Eden Hills, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Annual Exhibition and Awards presentation of the Burnside Painting Group; Whyalla Rotary Club
- Men's Probus Club of Toorak Gardens; and Edwardstown Rotary Club and Rotary International District 9780.

SAMEAC continues to work across all sectors of the South Australian community to promote the advantages of multiculturalism to the social, economic and community life of our great State. The work of the advisory committees in regional South Australia is especially important as it ensures that CALD people, in particular those from new and emerging communities, have their voices heard by SAMEAC members. To this end, I extend my sincere thanks for their tireless efforts to engage and include communities from all cultural backgrounds in the rich diversity of South Australia.

After a year of transition, 2013-14 was a year of consolidation with Multicultural SA becoming integrated into DCSI.

The 2014 State election also resulted in a new Minister for Multicultural Affairs, with the Hon Zoe Bettison MP replacing the Hon Jennifer Rankine MP.

SAMEAC's relationship with the Minister Bettison was a key focus in the last months of 2013 -14 with the Minister attending the SAMEAC meeting held on 9 April 2014 to meet its members.

SAMEAC would like to extend its sincere thanks to Hon Jennifer Rankine MP for her support of the SAMEAC and its work during her time as Minister for Multicultural Affairs and wishes her well with her portfolio of Education and Childhood Development.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff of Multicultural SA who helped to advance multiculturalism in our great State.

I look forward to another busy and challenging year for the SAMEAC.



Ms Teresa Nowak
Deputy Chair

MEMBERS OF THE SAMEAC

Mr Hieu Van Le AO, BEC, MBA, CPA

Mr Le has been the man of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (SAMEAC) since 2007. He has been a member of SAMEAC since 1995, including three years as Deputy Chairman.

Mr Le migrated to Australia in 1977 from Vietnam. He gained a degree of Bachelor of Economics and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Adelaide University. He is a member of the Certified Practising Accounts (CPA) and from 1991 worked at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). He held the position of Senior Manager – Financial Services Regulation until his early retirement from ASIC in March 2009.

Mr Le is a Member, Honorary Member, Trustee or Patron of over 30 organisations (see Appendix 4). He is a recipient of the following awards of recognition.

- Australia Day Medal for outstanding service to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Centenary Medal “for service to the advancement of multiculturalism and the Vietnamese Community”, 2001
- “Golden Achiever of the Year” awarded by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce SA, 2008
- Officer in the Order of Australia (AO), 2010
- Honorary Doctorate for service to society, University of Adelaide, 2008.
- Honorary Doctorate for significant contribution to society, Flinders University, 2011
- Paul Harris Fellowship awarded by the Rotary Foundation (Rotary International), 2009

On 25 June 2014, the Premier announced that Mr Le, who had been the Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia since August 2007, will be the 35th Governor of South Australia. Mr Le commenced his role as Governor on 1 September 2014.

Ms Teresa Nowak (to 31 December 2014)

Ms Teresa Nowak is the Deputy Chair of SAMEAC. A Polish multilingual woman, Teresa has a background in economics and counselling. She gained a Graduate Diploma in Counselling in 1985, and is currently employed as a Coordinator with Uniting Care Wesley Community Services in Whyalla. Ms Nowak has been a dedicated community worker for more than three decades, and was a Justice of the Peace for 32 years.

Ms Nowak is heavily involved in the Whyalla community, specifically in supporting migrant women and bridging the interface with other special needs and opportunities. She is involved with the Filipino Cultural Association, the

Pastoral Council of the Catholic Parish of Whyalla, St Vincent De Paul Society's Whyalla Conference and SAMEAC's Women's Advisory Committee. Ms Nowak was awarded Whyalla Citizen of the Year in 2002, and in 2005 was awarded the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia (FECCA) Award, celebrating 25 years of service for commitment and contribution to Australian multiculturalism. Ms Nowak is a Member of the Migrant Women's Lobby Group SA, and twice received this group's Irene Krastev Award (2004 and 2011) for ongoing leadership, commitment, dedication and passion and community spirit in regional Australia.

Ms Stamatiki Kritas (to 30 June 2014)

Stamatiki Kritas was born in Australia to Greek parents who migrated to Australia in the 1960s. As a second generation Greek-Australian, Ms Kritas has been actively involved in promoting Hellenic culture through her involvement with Festival Hellenika, an annual event in Adelaide that celebrates Hellenic connections to mainstream art in South Australia.

Ms Kritas graduated from the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Science and is currently employed as a Medical Researcher at the Women's and Children's Hospital. She speaks English, Greek and French, and she has been involved in organising the International Conference for Modern Greek Research in the Department of Languages at Flinders University. Ms Kritas has also been teaching Greek at ethnic schools in Adelaide since 1999.

Ms Kritas resigned as a member of SAMEAC on 30 June 2014 to take up an overseas role.

Mr Peter Ppiros (to 31 December 2014)

Mr Peter Ppiros has been a member of the SAMEAC since January 2003, and held the role of Deputy Chair in 2006. He is currently the Convenor of the Riverland Regional Advisory Committee. Mr Ppiros is a strong advocate for regional South Australia and multiculturalism. Originally a refugee from Cyprus, Mr Ppiros lives in Renmark and is the founder and editor of the *Greek Community Tribune*, a national Greek/English newspaper, established in 1993.

Mr Ppiros has had extensive experience in delivering and managing a wide variety of services directly to immigrants and refugees over the years. In 2004 he was elected man of the Riverland Multicultural Forum, an organisation that represents the region's multicultural community and provides settlement services to new migrants. He is also the founder of the Riverland Greek Festival, which was acknowledged with the 2000 SA Great Regional Award for the Arts for its contribution towards multiculturalism and reconciliation with the Indigenous community. Mr Ppiros is a recipient of the Centenary Medal for service to the community through the advancement of multiculturalism.

Ms Daniela Valentina Conesa (to 31 December 2014)

Daniela Conesa migrated to Australia from Argentina with her family in 2003. Born in Argentina, she has lived in Canada, the USA, Peru and Argentina, before finally moving to Australia. She and her family settled in Mount Gambier in the State's South East, through the Regional Skilled Migration Scheme.

Ms Conesa is a graduate of the University of Buenos Aires where she studied Biology. She has an extensive background in research and teaching at the secondary and university level. Ms Conesa was the South East's first Community Settlement Services Officer, and is also a NAATI-accredited English-Spanish interpreter. She has also been a bilingual School Services Officer and a volunteer committee member organising the South East's Multicultural Festival. Ms Conesa is currently the Convenor of SAMEAC's South East Regional Advisory Committee and is employed as a Senior Policy Officer with the South East Natural Resources Management Board.

Mrs Branka King (to 31 December 2014)

Branka King is a long-standing member of the Adelaide Serbian Community. She volunteers at the Australian Refugee Association's Senior Homework Clubs and is also a Leader of Youth with Girl Guides SA. Mrs King is a Justice of the Peace and works in this capacity at the Port Adelaide Magistrate's Court Daily Room and as a Visiting Inspector of Metropolitan Correctional Service Institutions. She is also a member of the Cavan Youth Training Centre Review Board.

Mrs King is a qualified interpreter and has a Diploma in Professional Counselling. She is the Chair and member of the Standards Committee for the Department of Planning, Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, and is also the Secretary and Zone Leader for West Hindmarsh Neighbourhood Watch.

Mrs King is the Convenor of the SAMEAC Women's Advisory Committee.

Mr Norman Schueler (to 31 December 2014)

Norman Schueler was born in the United Kingdom. He migrated to Australia in 1966 and joined Hines Metals. In 1984 he founded Normetals, a scrap metal, steel sales and marine equipment business. Mr Schueler has travelled extensively, including regular trips to China to establish an import/export business.

Actively involved in the Jewish community, Mr Schueler is a past President of the South Australian Jewish Youth Council, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organisation, and the Jewish Community Council SA. He has also been Vice President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

Mr Schueler is currently a board member of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, as well as being a Director of Pipes International (Qld), S & D Chemicals, Darwin Steel & Pipes Supplies and several other companies.

Associate Professor Vesna Drapac (to 31 December 2014)

Vesna Drapac is Associate Professor of History at the University of Adelaide. She is an Australian of Croatian background. She was born in Adelaide and educated at Mary MacKillop College, the University of Adelaide and Oxford University where she attended New College as a Rhodes Scholar. She holds degrees from the University of Adelaide (BA Hons) and Oxford (D.Phil).

Associate Professor Drapac is on the board of the Croatian Studies Review coordinated by Macquarie University and the Universities of Split and Zagreb (Croatia). She was Deputy Chair of the Croatian Community Council for ten years and has been a delegate of the Croatian Community on the Board of Ethnic Broadcasters Inc (5EBI). Associate Professor Drapac has managed and co-convened several community projects including various Fringe Festival events and the 'Plaque Project', which coordinated activities involving the Croatian Ethnic School Adelaide, refugee artists from Bosnia, and the South Australian Migration Museum. She has chaired a conference held by the South Australian Multicultural Arts Centre, Nexus, and spoken at conferences on Croatian immigration held in South Australia and New South Wales.

Currently, Associate Professor Drapac is working on research projects investigating the impact of the Second World War on Croatian immigrant communities in Australia and the contribution of Croatians to cultural life in South Australia. Her major research interest is the study of European societies in conflict, notably the impact on social cohesion of war in the twentieth century. She is Head of History at the University of Adelaide and teaches a range of subjects on modern European history and co-convenes a course on ethnic cleansing and genocide in world history.

Ms Sumeja Skaka (to 28 January 2014)

Sumeja Skaka was born in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She is an active member of the Muslim community, conducting cross cultural workshops in schools about Islam, through the Muslim Women's Association of South Australia, as well as organising various educational programs about Islam with a youth-run organisation, Ayn Academy. She has also initiated an interfaith program entitled 'Building Bridges', in collaboration with the Catholic youth group, Magis, which conducts Soup Kitchen events for the homeless four times a year.

In 2006, Ms Skaka was named as Youth of the Year in the Australian Muslim Achievement Awards and in 2008 she was named Bosnian Youth of the Year by the Australian Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina Organisations.

Ms Miriam Silva (to 31 December 2014)

Miriam Silva came to South Australia from England as a six year old with her family who heralded from Guyana in South America. She has more than 20 years' experience across multiple industries including pharmaceuticals, banking and agribusiness, managing large and geographically diverse teams.

In 2013, Ms Silva was appointed as the Chief Operating Officer for FleetPartners, a leading leasing and fleet management organisation across Australia and New Zealand. Prior to this, Ms Silva was General Manager, Commercial Operations, at Elders Ltd, responsible for national operations. She has previously held a number of roles with ANZ Banking Group, including Chief Operating Officer for the Pacific, a role which involved looking after operations across a number of Pacific Island countries.

Ms Silva is a member of a number of boards including TAFE SA and University of SA Council. She volunteers with a number of organisations including the Muslim Women's Association of SA, International Women's Day Committee (SA) and Rotary. She is a Member of the South Australian Women's Honour Roll for 2011 and in 2012 was named as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence in the Financial Review and Westpac Awards. Ms Silva is a founding mentor for the Financial Review BOSS Emerging Leaders Program.

Ms Malgorzata (Gosia) Skalban OAM (to 28 January 2015)

Gosia Skalban was born in Poland and came to Australia in 1968. Prior to her current employment with Domiciliary Care SA as Multicultural Consultant, Ms Skalban set up linkage and advocacy services across Adelaide, Whyalla and the Riverland. She has also worked with refugees and victims of domestic violence. Ms Skalban has a Bachelor of Arts (Spanish and Italian major), a Bachelor of Social Administration and a Masters of Business Administration.

Ms Skalban has been involved in various community and departmental committees responsible for the initiation of ethno-specific services. She is President of the Polish Women's Association in Adelaide, and a Member of advisory groups including the National Cross Cultural Dementia Network, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Consumer Advisory Council, the International Women's Day Committee of South Australia, the Migrant Women's Lobby Group and the Polish Hill River Church Museum Committee.

In December 2000, Ms Skalban was awarded the Gold Cross for services to the Polish community by the Polish Government. In June 2005 she was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the community, particularly through multicultural and aged care organisations. In 2009, she was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland for services to the Polish community.

Dr Joseph Masika (to 31 December 2014)

Dr Joseph Masika is a Team Leader in the Statewide Services Directorate of Families SA. He has a Doctor of Medicine degree, a Masters of Public Health, and Certificates in Australian Migration Law, Management and Leadership, and Environmental Health.

Dr Masika has 28 years of experience in the health and community service industries in a range of clinical, administrative, research, service co-ordination and delivery, service evaluation and managerial positions. Dr Masika has also given 28 years of voluntary service to the community including 16 years of actively volunteering in Australia and 12 years overseas.

Dr Masika has been the person of the African Communities Council of SA since 2007. He is also a Board Member of Health Consumers Alliance, Associate Board Member of Migrant Resource Centre of SA, Vice chairperson of Australian-African Services Foundation, and Board Member of Multicultural Aged Care. He also provides expertise in multiculturalism in his involvement with a range of projects and organisations that address mental health and stigma across South Australia.

Dr Masika is a White Ribbon Ambassador, and was the Finalist of the National White Ribbon Ambassadors Awards in 2011. He is the Winner of the Australian-African Man of the Year Awards 2011 and Winner of African-Australian Living Legend Awards 2012. In February 2013, Dr Masika was awarded the Governor's Multicultural Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement.

Ms Swee Ming (Michelle) Dieu (to 31 December 2014)

Michelle Dieu is of Chinese Malaysian background. She migrated to South Australia in 1992 as a skilled migrant, joining her parents who had migrated four years earlier. She speaks Mandarin, Bahasa Malaysia and the dialects Fuzhou and Fujian.

A qualified teacher with a Bachelor of Education from Flinders University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta (Canada), Ms Dieu worked as an educator and migrant settlement volunteer in the Chinese community for the Chinese Welfare Services after arrival. She then worked for more than ten years for the Overseas Chinese Association of South Australia coordinating the Community Settlement Services Scheme and managing the Settlement Grants Program, Joblink Services and Coaching for Multicultural Taxi Driver Training for Chinese and humanitarian entrants. Ms Dieu is currently employed at the Migrant Resource Centre of SA.

In 2003, Ms Dieu was appointed an Ombudsman Referral Delegate under the Justice Access Referral Program by the State Ombudsman's Office. She is a registered migration agent, and a member of the Migration Institute of Australia.

Major General Vikram Madan, VSM (Retd.) (to 31 December 2014)

Major General Madan served as an Infantry Officer with the elite Gurkha Regiment for 37 years, following four years of training as an officer cadet. He was twice decorated by the President of India receiving the Vishist Seva Medal in 2000 and 2006 for services of distinguished order. His company, battalion, brigade and divisional commands have been in operational areas bordering China and Pakistan.

In the latter part of his service (2003-2006), he was Deputy Master General of Ordnance, responsible for the project management and maintenance of Indian Army material. Upon retirement from the Army, he assumed a role as Vice President Corporate Affairs and Business Development with a multinational company, before moving to Adelaide in 2007. Major General Madan also owns a strategic defence consultancy company in the sub continent and the gulf region, and is a Senior Advisor to an Adelaide-based international counter terrorism consultation and training company.

Major General Madan has a post-graduate degree in Defence & Strategic Studies, a post-graduate degree in Management and Master of Philosophy in International Relations and Strategic Studies. He speaks English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi and Nepalese fluently. He is a former President of the Indian Australian Association of South Australia and currently sits on the Passenger Transport Standards Committee of the SA Government and the International Humanitarian Law Committee of the Red Cross SA Chapter.

Commander Don Totino OAM (to 31 December 2014)

Comm. Don Totino was born in Reggio Calabria, Italy in 1950 and migrated to Australia in 1968, aged 18 years. In Adelaide he worked as a barber, and was awarded Australia's youngest Master Barber and Hairdresser. In 1974, he sold the barber shop and opened a family pizza bar. In the ensuing years, he invested in a range of businesses, including founding Festival City Wines and Spirits.

He has founded a number of Italian fundraising and social ventures, and his business and community roles have included: Vice-President of the National Council of the Italian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Australia; President of the SA Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Australia; Vice-man of the SA Associazione Beneficenzi Calabresi; Co-Founder of the Italian Golf Club; Founder of the Festival Challenge Cup; and President of Radio Television Italiana.

In 2003, Comm. Totino was made a Cavaliere dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana. Six years later, he was awarded Commander of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic – the third highest ranking in the order of Merits, for his continued service in the business and charity fields. In 2007, Comm. Totino was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for service to the Italian community.

ROLE OF THE SAMEAC

SAMEAC is a Statutory Authority, which was established under the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980*. Members, whose collective skills assist the work of SAMEAC, are representative of a number of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

SAMEAC is required to:

- advise the Minister for Multicultural Affairs on matters relating to multicultural and ethnic affairs by facilitating communication between the Government and CALD communities
- promote multiculturalism as an integral part of the State's social and economic policies, and work towards an inclusive society
- endeavour to increase the awareness of the services available to people from CALD backgrounds
- promote social harmony amongst CALD communities and the wider community
- foster and support community development activities by CALD communities
- lead and manage multicultural initiatives in partnership with other organisations and the community.

The functions of SAMEAC are detailed in full at Appendix 1.

SAMEAC's Committees

To assist SAMEAC to fulfil its role, advisory committees are established on a needs basis, under Section 15 of the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980*. The activities of these advisory committees are detailed in this report. A list of advisory committees and their membership can be found at Appendix 2.

External Boards and Committees

Members are nominated to represent SAMEAC on a variety of relevant boards and committees, detailed at Appendix 3. Members also serve on external boards and committees in their own capacities, detailed at Appendix 4.

Diplomatic and Official Visits

During 2013-14, the man had the pleasure of meeting with several visiting officials. The Chairman attended a reception for His Excellency Mr Pier Francesco Zazo, Ambassador of Italy; and also met with the Consul of India, Mr Ranga.

BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY

Multicultural Grants Program

For many years, funding has been provided under the Multicultural Grants Program to multicultural and ethnic community organisations to:

- increase understanding of the culturally diverse community in which we live
- celebrate and value cultural diversity
- improve equality and acceptance in society
- increase participation by South Australians of all backgrounds in society.

Community organisations apply for funding for one-off grants to develop and strengthen multicultural communities in South Australia. Projects aim to support an open, inclusive, cohesive and equitable multicultural society, where cultural, linguistic, and religious diversity is understood, valued and supported.

Grant applications are assessed on merit, by the Grants Advisory Committee, which is made up of three SAMEAC members. The Committee's recommendations are then approved by DCSI.

In 2013-14, funding was provided to approximately 200 community organisations for festivals, events, equipment and furniture, cultural awareness programs and education and learning projects. A list of the 2013-14 approved Multicultural Grants is provided below.

Multicultural One-Off Grants 2013/14 – Funded Projects

Organisation Name	Project Name	Amount
Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association	Kerala Piravi 2013 - A Cultural Show of Performing Arts	\$2,700
Adelaide & Metropolitan Malayalee Association	Onam 2013	\$5,000
Adelaide Bangladeshi Cultural Club	Bangladesh Festival	\$2,500
Adelaide Bangladeshi Cultural Club Inc.	Bengali New Year Celebration	\$2,000
Adelaide Kannada Sangha Inc	2013 Kannada Rajyotsava-Karnataka State Festival	\$1,500
Adelaide Kurdish Youth Society	Newroz Festival	\$5,000
Adelaide Marathi Mandal Incorporated	Diwali Festival	\$1,000
Adelaide Russian Ethnic School Incorporated	2014 Russian New Year	\$2,000
Adelaide Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav Samitee Incorporated	Adelaide Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav 2013	\$1,400
Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Incorporated	Sri Lankan New Year Festival and Multicultural Program 2014	\$1,500
Adelaide Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Incorporated	Sri Lankan Food and Culture Night 2013	\$1,500
Adelaide Tamil Association Incorporated	Sangamam 2013	\$1,650
Adelaide Tamil Association Incorporated	Deepavali Celebration 2013	\$1,200
Adelaide Tamil Association Incorporated	Adelaide Pongal 2014 - The Harvest Festival	\$2,000
Adelaide Tamil Association Incorporated	Sangamam 2014	\$2,000
African Communities Council of SA Inc	Grant Application for Soccer	\$550
African Communities Council of SA Inc	Miss Africa South Australia	\$550
African Union Development in Australia	Independence Day Celebration	\$1,500
African Women's Federation SA	African Women's Federation Cultural Festival	\$3,000
Ahwazian Community in Australia Incorporated	Living in South Australia Project	\$1,700
Andnat Ethiopian Community Association in SA Inc	2013 Ethiopian New Year	\$1,000
Asian Australian Elderly Association Incorporated	A Secure Sitting Place	\$2,000
Asian Elderly Association Northern Adelaide	2013 Commemoration of Emperor Hung Vuong	\$1,300
Associazione Molisani Adelaide South Australia Incorporated	Australian Briscola Championship	\$1,000
Australia Day Council of SA Inc	Creative Arts Workshops for Australia Day Parade	\$4,000
Australia Sri Lanka Association Inc	ASLA Calypso Family Night	\$1,500
Australian Indonesian Association South Australia Inc.	INDOfest 2014	\$4,600
Australian Refugee Association Inc	Refugee Awareness and Cultural Competency Workshops	\$1,000
Ba Alu Association of South Australia Incorporated	Our culture is our pride	\$2,500

Badenya Association of South Australia Inc.	Mandingo Cultural Songs and Dance Initiatives	\$1,500
Bangladesh Australia Society of South Australia	Bangladesh Night	\$2,000
Bangladesh Puja and Cultural Society of South Australia Inc	Celebration of Bengali New Year and Life of Poets Rabindra & Najrul	\$1,600
Bangladesh Puja and Cultural Society of South Australia Inc	Durga Puja Celebration 2014	\$1,800
Bhutanese Association in South Australia Incorporated	Cultural Festivals (Dashain and Deepawali)	\$550
Bor Community Association of SA Inc.	Purchase of equipment	\$3,410
Bor Community Association of SA Inc.	Community Cultural Event	\$1,000
Bund der Bayern Incorporated	New costumes (Lederhosen and Dirndls) for Bavarian dancers	\$3,000
Bund der Bayern Incorporated	To host the national dance event "Volkstanzfest" (German dancing) in April 2015	\$5,000
Callington A & H Society Inc	Multicultural dance group	\$1,900
Chinese Association of South Australia Incorporated	Chinese Association of South Australia 40th Anniversary Commemorative Magazine	\$2,000
Chinese Language Teacher Association of South Australia	Chinese Language Awards for Primary and Secondary Schools of South Australia	\$750
Chinese Welfare Services of South Australia Incorporated	Yuan Xiao Festival (Lantern Festival)	\$1,500
Club of Donauschwaben in South Australia Inc	Facility upgrade and equipment purchase	\$2,000
Community Centre - Serbia and Montenegro S.A Incorporated	Serbian Film Festival	\$1,000
Congolese Community of South Australia	Congolese Independence: A Crushed Dream	\$1,400
Coober Pedy Historical Society Incorporated	Coober Pedy Centenary Cookbook	\$3,000
Coromandel Community Centre Inc	Indulge Your Senses	\$1,000
Croatian Sports Centre SA Incorporated	Festa - The Croatian Food and Wine Festival	\$5,000
Diompillar Kissia South Australia Incorporated Inc.	National Convention and Launch of Diompillar Kissia SA Inc	\$550
Eleven Adult FC	Essential Soccer Equipment Purchasing	\$2,000
Ethiopian Community Association of South Australia Inc.	Ethiopian New Year Celebration and Cultural Show	\$2,600
Farda (Tomorrow) Association	Afghani Street Children After 2014 A Short/Long Film Festival	\$550
Grandparents for grandchildren SA Inc A38726	Grandparents Day	\$1,500
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Third Archdiocesan District- Intercommunities Council	Annual Greek Festival - Epiphany Festival	\$5,000
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Consolidated Trust	BBQ and Spit Equipment	\$2,115

Greek Orthodox Community & Parish of Norwood & Eastern Suburbs Inc	2014 Norwood Greek Festival	\$4,000
Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Incorporated	Adelaide Hellenic Cultural Festival 'Odyssey'	\$8,000
Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Incorporated	George Street Greek Festival	\$4,000
Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Incorporated	Blessing of the Waters - Theofania - Celebrated on Sunday the 12th January 2014	\$5,000
Greek Orthodox Community of the Nativity of Christ Port Adelaide & Environs	Semaphore Greek Cultural festival	\$6,000
Guru Nanak Society of Australia Incorporated	Lohri Mela 2014	\$3,500
Hectorville Sports and Community Club	Hectorville Sri Lankan Cricket Program and Festival	\$550
Holy Mary of Montevergine Association SA Inc	2013 Festa della Madonna di Montevergine	\$4,000
Hungarian Club of SA Incorporated	15th Australia-New Zealand Hungarian Cultural Convention	\$3,000
Igbo Community Association of South Australia	New Yam Festival (Iri Ji)	\$1,450
Incas Peru Association of South Australia	Independence Day Celebration	\$3,000
Inclusive Directions Incorporated	Keep me in the Loop - A Multicultural Information and Mentoring Program	\$5,000
Indian Aussie Association of South Australia	2013 Diwali Festival	\$600
Indian Australian Association of SA	Indian Independence Day Celebration 2013, celebrating 66th Anniversary	\$2,110
Indian Australian Association of SA	Celebration of Diwali - The Festival of Lights	\$2,000
Iraqi Families United of South Australia Inc	Together for Iraq	\$1,800
Iraqi Families United of South Australia Inc	Together for Iraq	\$1,500
Islamic Information Centre of SA	2013 Eid Al Fitr Festival	\$3,000
Islamic Information Centre of SA	Islam Awareness Week 2013, The University of Adelaide	\$750
Japan Australia Friendship Association	Kodomo-no-hi (Children's Day)	\$5,000
Jewish Community Services Inc	The 70th Commemoration of the Escape of Jewish Internees from the Sobibor Internment Camp during WWII.	\$4,950
Jikany Community Association of S.A Inc	Jikany BBQ Cooker Equipment	\$750
Kairali Family Association	Kairali Onam Festival 2013	\$1,500
Karenni Community of South Australia	Establishment of Karenni Community of South Australia	\$1,500
Karenni Community of South Australia	Establishment of Karenni Community of South Australia	\$1,850
Kurdish Australian Assoc SA Inc	New Kurdish Year	\$2,000

Laziza Festival Incorporated	Laziza Mediterranean Festival	\$6,230
Liberian Community of South Australia	Liberian Cultural Festival (KENDEJAH Fest 2014)	\$3,800
Liberian Men of South Australia	Equipment for administrative use and for information sessions/workshops	\$2,000
Magwi Development Agency Australia Inc	Volunteer Appreciation Night	\$350
Malaysian Club of South Australia Incorporated	'Three Weddings and a Cook': Malaysian Community Day at the Migration Museum	\$3,500
Malaysian Club of South Australia Incorporated	Rasa Sayang Malaysian Cultural Night	\$1,200
Malaysian Students' Council of Australia (MASCA) Incorporated	Nusantara Festival	\$2,000
Maltese Returned Services League Sub-Branch	Equipment for social gatherings	\$1,700
Malual Community Association of Australia	Malual Traditional Costume	\$1,200
Many Threads Fund	Proclamation of Independence Day and Graduation Celebrations	\$1,500
Middle Eastern Communities Council of South Australia Inc	Nowruz - Middle Eastern Festival 2014	\$1,500
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	SA Refugee Week Schools Poster Project	\$5,000
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	Eid Celebration and Thank you function from the Afghan Community and other smaller communities to the Naracoorte Council	\$3,000
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	2013 SA Refugee Week	\$6,000
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	Songs of Journey (Harmony Day Project)	\$1,200
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	Limestone Coast Harmony Day	\$3,500
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	2014 SA Refugee Week 15-21 June 2014	\$10,000
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	SA Refugee Week Student Poster Project 2014	\$2,500
Multifaith Association of South Australia Incorporated	Interfaith Symposium 2013	\$1,100
Mytilinian Brotherhood South Australia	50th Anniversary of the Mytilinian Brotherhood of South Australia	\$550
Pakistani Australian Association of South Australia Inc	Pakistani Resolution Day	\$500
Pakistani Australian Association of South Australia Inc	Eid ul Fitr Function & Pakistan Independence Day Event	\$650
Pan Macedonian Association of SA Inc	35th Dimitria Greek Festival 2013	\$5,300
Pan Macedonian Association of SA Inc	First Anniversary of the unveiling of the bust of Aristotle at Flinders University	\$1,500
Papua New Guinea Association of South Australia Incorporated	PNG Float for The 2014 Australia Day Parade	\$2,500
Pathnhom Akut Mading Angong's Community Development Agency Inc	Purchase of essential equipment to establish new group	\$550
Pooraka Farm Community Centre	Pooraka Farm Community Cultural Day and Birthday Celebrations	\$1,000
Port Lincoln Tunarama Inc	Cultural Inclusion Project - Chinese	\$2,000

Riverland Multicultural Forum Inc	Riverland Harmony Day 2014 Renmark	\$3,200
Rotary Club of Whyalla	Peace Globe and Sundial	\$3,000
Roxby Downs Community Board Inc - A39346	Roxby Downs World Food and Music Festival	\$5,000
Salisbury Town Centre Association Inc	Salisbury City Centre Multicultural Music and Food Festival	\$1,500
Samahan Filipina Aust Community Club of South Australia Inc	Samahan Foundation Celebration	\$1,500
Samahan Filipina Aust Community Club of South Australia Inc	Participation in the 2013 Salisbury Christmas Parade and Samahan Christmas Party	\$550
Serbian Community Radio Program Inc	Vidovdan Celebration	\$2,500
Shruthi Adelaide Incorporated	Thygarajah Aradhana	\$1,250
Sikh Society of South Australia Inc	Towards the cost of the New Year Vaisakhi Celebration Dinner	\$3,000
Solomon Islands Wantok Association of South Australia	Island Night	\$1,300
Somali Bantu Community Association of Australia	Somali Independence Day Celebration on 4 July 2013	\$500
Somali Bantu Community Association of Australia	2013 Eid ul Adha Celebration - End of Ramadan	\$1,700
Somali Bantu Community Association of Australia	Venue hire for social events	\$1,800
Somali Women Association South Australia Inc (SWASA)	Somali Independence Day	\$1,500
South Australia Zimbabwean Association	Independence Day Celebrations 2014	\$1,600
South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association (SABCA)	SABCA Bijoy Utshab	\$2,000
South Australian Council for the Greek Cultural Month Incorporated	Festival Hellenika 2014	\$9,000
South Australian German Association Inc	2014 Schützenfest	\$20,000
South Australian Hoa Hao Buddhist Association	Hoa Hao Buddhist National Congress	\$1,740
South Australian Lebanese Women's Association Inc	English Classes for Arabic speaking communities	\$3,500
South Australian National Football League Inc	All Nations Cup	\$2,500
South Eastern Liberian Association of Australia Incorporated	Liberian Cultural Celebration and SELAA First Anniversary Celebration	\$1,200
St Catherine Society of SA Incorporated	Feast of Saint Catherine	\$550
St Catherine Society of SA Incorporated	Social Activities	\$740
St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church Inc	Solid Indian Temptation 2014	\$2,500
St Mary's Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church	Carol Nite 2013	\$1,050
St Spyridons Greek Orthodox Community Inc	Delphi Bank Unley Greek Festival	\$5,000
Surf Life Saving South Australia Inc	On the Same Wave' - Surf Life Saving Cultural Diversity Leadership Program.	\$2,250
Swiss Club of SA	Jass Championship	\$1,100

Tao Phung Indochinese Elderly Association of SA Inc	20 Years Anniversary of the Tao Phung Indo Chinese Elderly Association of SA Inc	\$1,500
Tao Phung Indochinese Elderly Association of SA Inc	Vietnamese New Year Festival - Year of the Horse	\$500
Tatar-Bashkurt Association of Australia Incorporated	Tatar Sabantui Festival and Book Launch: History of Tatar Migration to Australia	\$1,500
Telugu Association of South Australia	Deepavali Festival (Festival of Lights)	\$700
Telugu Association of South Australia	Ugadi Celebrations	\$1,000
Telugu Association of South Australia	Ugadi Festival	\$1,000
Teo Chew Association of South Australia Incorporated	Chinese Full Moon Festival	\$1,500
The Antiochian Orthodox Community Centre of SA Incorporated	Provide Social and Cultural Support for the Seniors of the Community	\$600
The Congo-Kinshasa Council of South Australia Incorporated	Congolese Independence Day Celebration	\$2,000
The Congo-Kinshasa council of South Australia Incorporated	Independence Day	\$1,000
The Former Thu Duc Military Academy Association of South Australia Incorporated	Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival 2014 & 63rd Anniversary of The Former Thu Duc Military Academy SA	\$1,500
The Hellenic Macedonian Cultural Centre of SA	Anniversary Book - 50 years - 1963-2013	\$550
The Kenyan Association of South Australia	2013 Kenya Gala Night	\$1,800
The Kenyan Association of South Australia	50 years of Kenya Independence Celebrations (50th Jamhuri/Independence Day)	\$2,000
The Maltese Guild of South Australia Inc	Celebrating Malta National Day Event	\$2,100
The Maltese Guild of South Australia Inc	Celebrating Malta National Day	\$1,000
The Mill Incorporated	Movement is My Medicine Festival	\$2,660
The Revival Pentecostal Church Inc	Support Young First	\$1,500
The Revival Pentecostal Church Inc	Traditional songs of Africa (TSA)	\$2,000
The SA Zhu-Lin Buddhist Association	Chinese new year celebration 2014 [Year of the Horse]	\$5,000
The Society of St Hilarion Incorporated	St Hilarion Feast Day 2013	\$2,000
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (SA)	International Women's Group	\$950
The Vietnamese Marine Corps Veterans Association of South Australia Incorporated	2014 Vietnamese Marine Corps Veterans of Australia Conference	\$1,100
The Vietnamese Students' Parents Association in SA Inc	Meeting the needs of younger generations for those who are in need of a blending lifestyle between cultures and languages	\$550
Ukrainian Women's Association Inc SA	Ukrainian Festival	\$1,500
Unitingcare Wesley Port Adelaide Incorporated	African Women - Together Hand in Hand	\$1,200

Unley United Soccer Club Incorporated	Social inclusion through sports & coaching	\$1,100
Vietnamese Farmers Association of South Australia Incorporated	Vietnamese New Year Festival	\$2,300
Vietnamese Navy Veteran's Associations	New Year and Naval Day	\$2,000
Vietnamese Veterans Association of South Australia Incorporated	Conference of Vietnamese Veterans Association in Australia: ACT, WA, NSW, Vic and Federation in South Australia	\$1,000
Vietnamese Women's Association SA	Trung Sisters Commemoration	\$1,000
Viti Association of South Australia Incorporated	Island Night	\$1,100
Wec Nyin Australia Incorporated	Community Cultural Concert	\$2,500
Women's Community Centre (SA) Inc	New Arrival and Community Engagement Program	\$1,000
Working Womens Centre Inc	The World of Women (WOW) Choir	\$750
Zambian Association of South Australia Inc	Zambian Independence Celebration 2013	\$700

PROMOTING MULTICULTURALISM

SAMEAC places an emphasis on increasing the participation of CALD communities in major public events. This serves dual purposes of facilitating participation and inclusion of members from these communities, and showcasing the richness and uniqueness of South Australia's cultural diversity.

SAMEAC supports diverse community organisations' involvement in many activities, and particularly the opportunity to share cultural activities, performances, displays and festivals, with the wider South Australian community. In 2013-14, SAMEAC's Showcasing Multiculturalism Program has supported the participation of CALD communities in iconic South Australian events including the Christmas Pageant, the Australia Day Parade and the ANZAC Commemorations as well as other major public events.

Christmas Pageant

2013 was the tenth year in which South Australian multicultural communities were involved in the Christmas Pageant. Groups from the Italian, Irish, Chinese, Romani, Peruvian and Burmese communities participated alongside the popular 'Christmas around the World' theme float. Afro-Oz Music provided the musical entertainment and was stationed on the float. By participating in events such as this we build a successful and stronger multicultural and inclusive society.

Australia Day Community Parade

Adelaide's Australia Day Community Parade is fast becoming an iconic event that celebrates multiculturalism and the diversity of people who call South Australia home. SAMEAC organised the participation of more than 70 community groups, representing 50 ethnicities, in the Australia Day Community Parade on 26 January 2014. In total, more than 2,000 people from culturally diverse backgrounds participated. Prizewinning groups included the Overseas Chinese Students Association (Judge's Choice), Afghan Islamic Cultural Association of SA (Best Music), Falun Dafa (Most Creative) and the Adelaide Kurdish Youth Society (Best Costumes).

ANZAC Day

On 24 April 2014, young people from 11 different CALD backgrounds participated in an ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil. Young people from Afghanistan, Burma, Greece, Ireland, Serbia, Scotland, Tonga, Sudan and Ukraine backgrounds placed war related books, gifts and flowers on the steps of the South Australian War Memorial on North Terrace, Adelaide as tokens of remembrance. The gesture, part of the annual Youth Vigil staged by the Returned and Services League (RSL), is designed to provide an opportunity for culturally diverse youth to recognise those who gave their lives in the service of the country. The young people wore national dress reflecting their cultural background and were encouraged to wear their ancestors' medals.

After ANZAC Day, Multicultural SA made arrangements for a member of SAMEAC, the RSL and two winners of the Premier's ANZAC spirit School Prize to visit Renmark Primary School to speak to students about multiculturalism and donate the Youth Vigil books to the school library. The visit was scheduled for August 2014.

Partnership with Football Leagues

In 2013-14 SAMEAC continued its partnership with the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) to hold an annual Multicultural Round. The Multicultural Round was scheduled for July 2014, showcasing a range of culturally diverse performances to the South Australian public.

A partnership between SAMEAC and the Port Adelaide Football Club of the Australian Football League (AFL) saw the advent of a Multicultural Round in July 2013. The Chairman attended the match between Port Adelaide and Hawthorn.

The and Multicultural SA staff also met with Port Power Community Inc representatives to discuss ideas for the Multicultural Round program relating to the football match between Port Adelaide and Melbourne to be held at Adelaide Oval on 20 July 2014.

Governor's Multicultural Awards

This year SAMEAC once again supported and promoted the Governor's Multicultural Awards. The Awards are open to everyone in the community, and aim to honour outstanding contributions to promoting social harmony and inclusivity and the positive influence of cultural diversity in the community.

In 2013, an independent panel of nine judges, chaired by His Honour Judge Rauf Soulio, Chair of the Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia, was assembled to determine the winners of the fifth Governor's Multicultural Awards.

The applications received were of a particularly high calibre. A total of 33 finalists were selected across ten categories, and on 18 February 2014, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, hosted a reception to present the awards for 2013. The award winners are listed below.

Award	Recipient
Outstanding Individual Achievement	The Hon Justice John Sulan
Arts and Culture	Joint Winner: City of Marion and Mr Robert Croser OAM
Community Sector- Individual	Dr Sumbo Ndi
Community Sector- Organisation	Kilburn Football Club
Media Award – Organisation	Ms Jinke Wang
Public Sector Award	Adelaide Secondary School of English
Private Sector Award	Mr Andrew Marks
Volunteer Award	Mr Khalid Mahmood Farooqi
Youth – Individual	Miss Finda Moyima
Youth- Organisation	Northern Sound System – City of Playford

These Awards have now seen a total of more than 750 nominations provided, resulting in 62 winners over six years.

Refugee Week

Each year, SAMEAC supports Refugee Week in South Australia. Refugee Week is held across Australia each year to coincide with World Refugee Day on 20 June. In 2014 in South Australia, more than 45 events were held to celebrate the contribution by refugees to South Australia as well as the suffering and history of the refugee experience to our State. Events included soccer matches, workshops, panel seminars, performances, poetry, story-telling, social functions, barbecues, exhibitions and community events, which were coordinated by councils, schools, churches and community groups and organisations. On 16 June 2014, the Chairman attended the SA Refugee Week launch. He also delivered the 'Vote of Thanks' at the Australian Refugee Association's 2014 Oration on 28 June 2014.

Inaugural Multicultural Festival

The Inaugural South Australian Multicultural Festival was held on Sunday, 3 November 2013, inviting all South Australians to join together to celebrate the diversity across our society. The Festival was highly successful event with approximately 80,000 people in attendance. The Multicultural Festival included 34 stall holders and 40 performing groups, representing 66 CALD organisations and 50 different ethnicities. The stalls showcased art, craft and food, and the performances included dance and music from around the world. Funding for the festival was provided by DCSI.

Multicultural Events Calendar

A Multicultural Events Calendar was published containing information on 2014 festivals, days of religious significance and other multicultural events in South Australia. The annual Multicultural Calendar was distributed to approximately 4,000 communities and organisations, schools, public libraries, government officials, boards and tribunals and interested individuals. The calendar is also available online, at www.multicultural.sa.gov.au/events.

In 2013-14, a new and improved online events calendar was developed, which now allows communities to submit details of their upcoming celebrations and days of significance online – all in a new, user-friendly format.

MoSAic

Multicultural SA now produces MoSAic, a bi-monthly newsletter with Multicultural SA as well as SAMEAC news that is available on the Multicultural SA website. It can be accessed at www.multicultural.sa.gov.au

ACCESS AND EQUITY

SAMEAC is involved in many activities that aim to ensure that no person living in South Australia faces barriers to accessing information and services because of their CALD background. SAMEAC is also pro-active in addressing issues of real or perceived prejudice and discrimination when they arise in the local community. Some of these initiatives are listed below.

Access and Equity Strategy

In January 2014, the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (SAMEAC) endorsed the *Access and Equity Guidelines for a Multicultural South Australia*. The Guidelines were developed jointly by Multicultural SA and SAMEAC.

The intent of the Guidelines is to ensure that Government agencies provide services which:

- are accessible to all people who are eligible
- are designed and delivered in a manner which is responsive to people from CALD communities
- result in equitable outcomes for all.

The Guidelines contain 27 strategies which constitute best practice in supporting access and equity in the areas of communication, program and service delivery, policy, accountability, human resources and leadership.

Community Consultations

SAMEAC held a major community consultation in Adelaide's north-western and inner-northern suburbs on 22 September 2013. The consultation focussed on community organisations from the Charles Sturt, Port Adelaide Enfield and Prospect Local Government Areas.

Approximately 100 community members attended, addressing questions to a panel of 16 representatives from local, state and federal government, across a range of portfolios. The questions raised covered a variety of topics from accessing community meeting places, to facilitating employment. Some questions were answered on the night, while others will inform the future initiatives of SAMEAC and various other government departments.

Initiatives to increase skills recognition and employment

In 2013-14, SAMEAC continued to work closely with Department for Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST). In 2014, the Chairman met with the Minister for Employment, Higher Education and Skills and senior officers to promote further arrangements to support improved employment pathways for new migrants.

Parliamentary Receptions

In July 2013, the Honourable Jennifer Rankine MP, the then Minister for Multicultural Affairs hosted a reception for South Australia's Muslim communities at Parliament House. The reception celebrated *Eid al-Fitr*, a celebration to mark the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, a time in the Islamic calendar when Muslims thank Allah for a blessed life. Eid al-fitr is also a time for sharing, where families come together in prayer and give food to their friends, neighbours and those in need. The reception featured traditional Afghan music, singing in Dari, and a reading from the Qur'an.

Policing for a Multicultural Society Awards

The Policing for a Multicultural Society Award moved into its fourth year, after being initiated in 2009. In 2013-14, SAMEAC once again a *Policing for a Multicultural Society Award* to a police cadet in each graduating recruit course, who showed the highest level of appreciation and understanding of migrant, refugee and cultural diversity issues relating to policing.

In 2014, award winners were invited to attend the Governor's Multicultural Awards ceremony at Government House. Female award winners were also invited to attend the International Women's Day lunch held in Adelaide, as a guest of SAMEAC.

Partnership with SA Police

2013-14 has seen strengthened bonds between SAMEAC and SA Police. A regular liaison meeting schedule has been established between senior SA police officers, Multicultural SA staff and SAMEAC members, in which information about issues affecting South Australia's CALD communities is shared, and culturally appropriate responses explored.

In addition, the Chairman of SAMEAC spoke with senior staff in SA Police's human resources department about the ever-changing multicultural profile of South Australia's population, with the purpose of encouraging recruitment to the police force that is inclusive of South Australians of all backgrounds.

Honorary Consuls

The Australian Government has a long tradition of accepting Honorary Consuls, and more than half of the many consular posts established in Australian State and Territory capital cities are headed by Honorary Consular Officers. SAMEAC recognises that Honorary Consuls can make a substantial contribution to the conduct of individual bilateral relationships, especially in cases where the sending country does not maintain resident diplomatic representation in Australia.

SAMEAC maintains relationships with the many Honorary Consuls based in South Australia. In 2013-14 SAMEAC had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Dean Edgecombe, Honorary Consul of Indonesia.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

SAMEAC has Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) in the Riverland, South East and Northern areas of South Australia. The committees, each convened by a SAMEAC member, provide advice to SAMEAC on regional multicultural issues and concerns for people from CALD backgrounds. Membership comprises representatives of communities as well as Government and non-Government organisations.

The Regional Advisory Committees' primary objectives are to focus on:

- discussions about programs and policies which address the issues and concerns of people from CALD backgrounds in the regions and
- discussions about cooperative and collaborative initiatives to assist the local communities and service agencies to provide appropriate "migrant friendly" supports and services for new migrants in regional areas.

The scope of RAC meetings includes all types of migrants from humanitarian entrants, skilled migrants and their families to international students.

In 2013–2014, the RACs continued to foster cooperation amongst, and work closely with, community, local government and regional organisations to support the regions' capacity to assist in the settlement of humanitarian entrants, skilled migrants and their families. This included significant numbers of overseas workers on temporary visas and their dependants, many of whom had little or no English.

All Regional Advisory Committee members are listed in Appendix 2.

The Riverland Regional Advisory Committee (RRAC)

The Riverland Regional Advisory Committee focuses on communities across the area where the Murray River flows into South Australia downstream to Blanchetown. Town centres in the region include Renmark, Berri, Loxton, Waikerie, Barmera and Monash. The RRAC is convened by SAMEAC Member Mr Peter Ppiros, and membership includes representation from local councils, Berri TAFE, SA Police, local media and business, and the community.

On 9-10 October 2013, SAMEAC's Chairman held a community consultation in Renmark. Those attending the meetings included a cross section of the Riverland community including members of the Sikh, Afghan, and Turkish communities.

Among the issues raised were lack of employment opportunities, water security for farmers, access to medical services, declining youth population and the potential loss of an Imam (religious leader that leads congregational prayers).

The Chairman also met with the Mayor of the Renmark Paringa Council to discuss the role of the council in assisting new and emerging communities in Renmark on matter such as a dedicated cemetery for Afghan Muslims.

The South-East Regional Advisory Committee (SERAC)

The South-Eastern Regional Advisory Committee is based in Mount Gambier, the second most populous city in South Australia. It is convened by SAMEAC member Ms Daniela Conesa. The SERAC boasts a diverse membership representing local services including the council, a community migrant group, a religious centre, a school, an aged care facility, environmental management, a mental health service and local crime prevention.

In December 2013, the Chairman travelled to Mount Gambier. It is acknowledged that Mt Gambier is still transitioning from a largely monoculture town to an increasingly multicultural town. Part of his visit included a meeting with the Principal of Mt Gambier North Primary School

It was recognised that there are a number of challenges facing the school in regards to the broad spectrum of educational levels particularly among Congolese-born students. The school recorded very few instances of racism and a number of school events and activities were organised to ensure that new arrival parents were made to feel welcome and part of the school community.

A consultation with members of the Congolese and Karen communities was held at the Limestone Coast Migrant Resource Centre situated in Mt Gambier. Both of these communities highlighted the lack of employment opportunities in the region and their concerns about the timing and locations of the Australian Citizenship test, with many having to wait several weeks and having to travel to Victoria. Other issues related to the lack of appropriate interpreter services who speak Congolese Swahili. The Karen community sought assistance to establish an Ethnic school at one of the local public schools in Mt Gambier to teach the Burmese language to approximately 30 students.

The Northern Regional Advisory Committee (NRAC)

The Northern Regional Advisory Committee is based in Whyalla and is convened by SAMEAC Deputy Chair Ms Teresa Nowak. The NRAC boasts a diverse membership representing local services including the council, a community migrant group, a religious centre, a school, an aged care facility, environmental management, a mental health service, and local crime prevention.

On December 2013 the Chairman, SAMEAC visited Whyalla for a meeting of the NRAC and other meetings with Whyalla Rotary Club, regional community, service provider and local authorities and Whyalla's Muslim community. The meeting with Whyalla Rotary Club included the official launch of the 'Peace Globe', a project sponsored by Rotary to symbolise the contribution of the migrants who have come from all over the world and settled in Whyalla. A number of issues emerged from the community consultation held with key local stakeholders. While it was acknowledged that Whyalla's history has made it a 'migrant town', several groups were experiencing issues. For example, Filipino men on working visas expressed concern about the inability of their wives and children to join them. CALD women from new and emerging

communities were also experiencing isolation and needed information and support services to bring them into contact with other women to discuss shared interests.

The Chairman also visited the Whyalla Mosque, which was damaged by fire in early 2013, and had been repaired to welcome community members to pray in it again.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVES

The SAMEAC Women's Advisory Committee (WAC) was established under Section 15 of the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980*, to advise SAMEAC on issues relating to women of CALD backgrounds. Its inaugural meeting was on 8 March, 2001 – International Women's Day.

The WAC's Terms of Reference are to:

- provide advice to the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission through the Convenor of the Committee on programs and policies which address the issues and concerns of women from CALD background
- foster cooperation among and work closely with CALD community and CALD women's organisations on issues identified by the WAC
- recommend topics for forums and other events which raise awareness and encourage discussion on key issues for CALD women
- identify and promote the achievements and contributions of CALD women at all levels and
- foster the development of leadership skills for CALD women with emphasis on young women.

Ms Branka King is the Convenor of the WAC. Members of the WAC are from a range of cultural backgrounds, and the committee includes representation from the Office for Women. All WAC's members are listed in Appendix 2.

The Women's Leadership Course has run since 2002 with more than 200 women graduating from the program. On 24 June 2014, thirteen women graduated from the Women's Leadership Course. In 2013-14 the course was coordinated by the WAC, and jointly funded through Multicultural SA and the Skills for All initiative of DFEEST. The course is provided free of charge to participants, who graduate with a Certificate IV in Frontline Management. To date, nine Women's Leadership Courses have been conducted.

All Women's Advisory Committee members are listed in Appendix 2.

YOUTH INITIATIVES

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was established in 2007 in response to the concerns of CALD community leaders about the lack of engagement of young people in the life of their communities.

The YAC was established to:

- Provide advice to the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission through the convenor of the committee on programs and policies that address the issues and concerns of youth of CALD backgrounds
- Work closely with CALD community and youth organisations and foster cooperation amongst them
- Recommend to the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission topics for forums and other events that raise awareness and encourage discussion on key issues for youth of CALD backgrounds and
- Identify and promote the achievements and contributions of youth of CALD backgrounds.

Ms Sumeja Skaka has held the role of Convenor of YAC since June 2011.

Three YAC meetings were held in 2013-14. At each meeting members shared issues and concerns for young CALD people in South Australia. The group identified that it has a potential role in facilitating professional development among this population, and is exploring prospects to engage CALD young people in training and networking opportunities in 2014-15. There was also interest in engaging SAPOL to identifying the most suitable pathways for CALD young people to enter the South Australia Police Force.

All Youth Advisory Committee members are listed in Appendix 2.

INTERPRETING AND TRANSLATING SERVICES

The Interpreting and Translating Centre (ITC) provides interpreting and translating services to a wide range of private, corporate and Government clients. Through 2013-14, ITC undertook an extensive review of its administrative and operational sections and now employs nine full-time administrative staff, 289 casual interpreters and translators and two casual customer service consultants. Services offered include face-to-face interpreting sessions, interpreting over the phone, interpreting for business meetings, translations and multilingual typesetting.

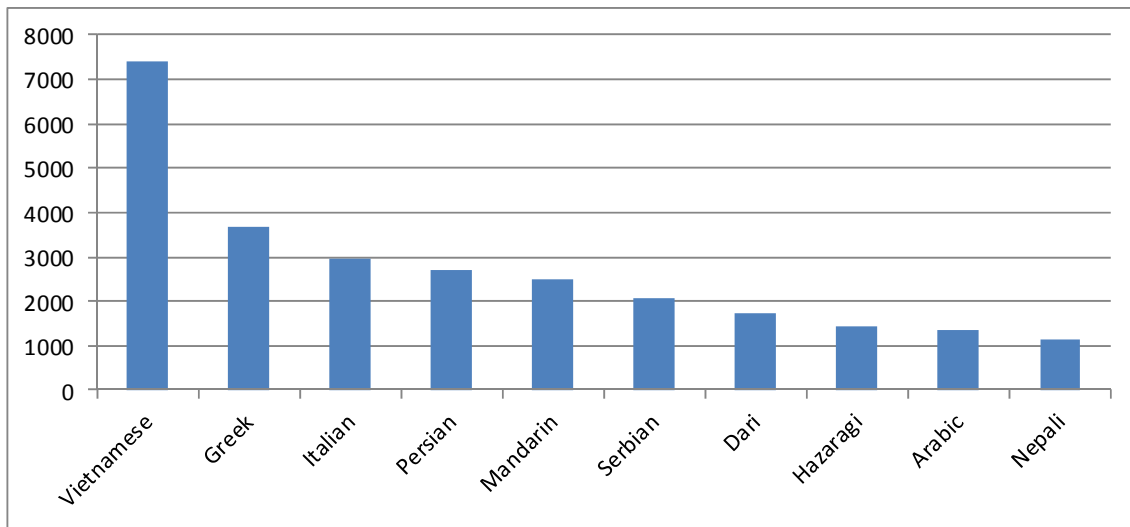
Interpreting and translating assignments

Activity around ITC's interpreting section increased significantly over 2013-14, with 37,296 assignments requested, up from 33,700 last year. Translations experienced some decline in total documents translated, down to 1,953 from 2,340 the previous year, in keeping with prior trends in this area.

Interpreting assignments requests were in 104 languages, up from 91 last year, while translating assignments remained steady across 55 languages. The ten most popular of either category appear in the tables below. Interpreting includes face-to-face interpreting, telephone interpreting and business interpreting, as well as special assignments, while translation includes a wide variety and size of documents translated to or from the designated language.

Although interpreting assignments have been requested in 104 languages, 72% of the assignments in 2013-14 were in the ten most common languages as shown in the table below. As with most recent years, Vietnamese remained the most common language for interpreting assignments, with over 7,420 assignments. 2013-14 saw Nepali replace Cantonese as the 10th most requested language with the other top 10 languages remain in similar positions to last year.

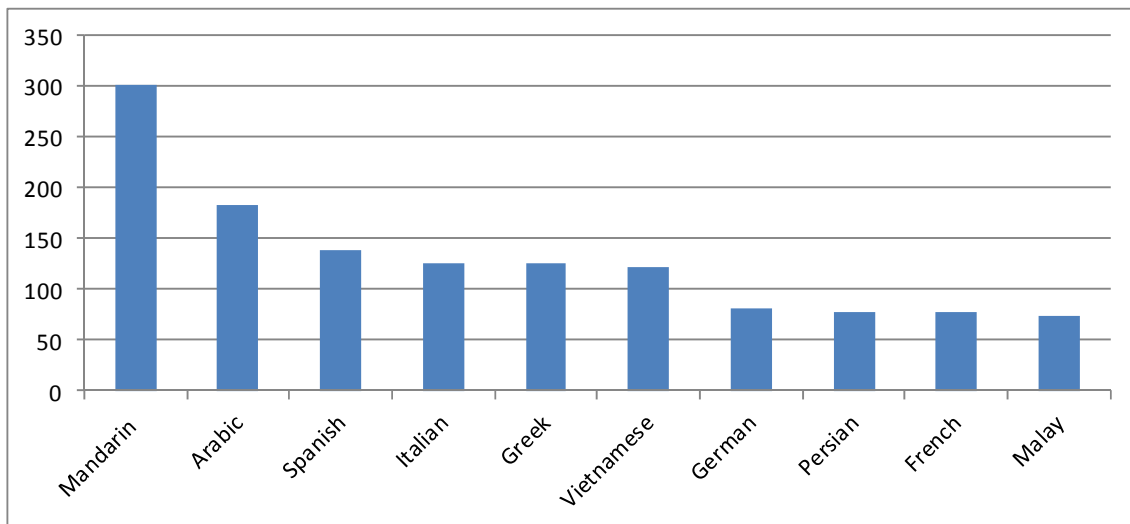
Ten most common languages for interpreting assignments in 2013-14



Translating assignments were requested in 55 different languages and two thirds (67%) of these assignments arise from the top ten languages, as shown in the figure below. In fact, these were also the most popular ten languages in over the past 3 years; however the order has changed consistently.

Comparing assignments over these periods Mandarin remains the most common language for translating assignments with over 300 assignments, followed by Arabic with 184 assignments. Decreases were experienced in Greek and Persian, while increased activity were seen in the other languages including Spanish, Italian and German.

Ten most common languages for translating assignments in 2013-14



Training sessions

ITC delivered a number of training sessions on 'Working with Interpreters' in 2013-14 to a range of government and private clients. These presentations aim to provide an insight into the ethics and techniques of the interpreting and translating profession, and to help client agencies communicate effectively with CALD clients.

New interpreters and translators

In 2013-14 ITC recruited and trained 20 new interpreters and translators. These recruitments represent the following languages: Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Falie Kurdish, Hazaragi, Hindi, Italian, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Mandarin, Nepali, Persian, Punjabi, Sorani Kurdish, Tamil and Urdu.

APPENDIX 1: FUNCTIONS OF SAMEAC

The main functions of SAMEAC are defined in Section (12) of the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act, 1980*. These primary functions are to:

- increase awareness and understanding of the ethnic diversity of the South Australian community and the implications of that diversity; and
- advise the Government and public authorities on, and assist them in, all matters relating to the advancement of multiculturalism and ethnic affairs.

The other functions are:

- to assist in the development of strategies designed to ensure that multicultural and language policies are incorporated as an integral part of wider social and economic development policies;
- to work with public authorities to ensure that there is a coordinated approach to the advancement of multiculturalism and ethnic affairs;
- to keep under review and advise the government and public authorities on the extent to which services and facilities are available to, and meet the needs of, minority CALD groups;
- to assist public authorities to devise effective methods for the evaluation and reporting of policies and programs for the advancement of multiculturalism and ethnic affairs;
- to develop, in conjunction with other public authorities, immigration and settlement strategies designed to support and complement the State's economic development plans and to realise the potential and meet the needs of individual immigrants;
- to advise, assist and promote cooperation between CALD groups and organisations concerned in CALD affairs;
- to inform and consult with CALD groups and other interested groups and organisations about the work of SAMEAC and issues relating to multiculturalism and CALD affairs;
- to provide or assist in the provision of interpreting, translating, information and other services and facilities for the benefit of CALD groups and others; and
- to publicise generally the work of SAMEAC.

APPENDIX 2: SAMEAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

South East Regional Advisory Committee

Ms Daniela Conesa, SAMEAC Member (**Convenor**)
Ms Gillian McGinty
Mr David Mezinec
Ms Louise Waters
Pastor Rudy Furlong
Senior Constable Norman Elliot
Ms Fernanda Mayumi Ikeda
Sergeant Rick Grimes (resigned effective 13 January 2014)

Riverland Regional Advisory Committee

Mr Peter Ppiros (**Convenor**) (SAMEAC Member)
Ms Danyon De Buell
Mrs Imelda Roberts
Ms Anne Robertson
Ms Gina Stephenson
Mr David Beaton
Ms Pamela Perre
Ms Ferda Sen
Ms Cathy Perre
Superintendent Les Buckley
Ms Elizabeth Loulas
Mr Nirmal Singh
Ms Poppy Papageorgiou

Northern Regional Advisory Committee

Ms Teresa Nowak (**Convenor**) (SAMEAC Member)
Mr Alex Todd
Mrs Migelle Hiscock
Ms Claire Wiseman
Mayor Jim Pollock
Ms Tanya Cumerlato
Mr Paul Freimanis
Ms Hoa Nguyen
Ms Karen Lau
Ms Jo-Anne Lee McGrath

Women's Advisory Committee

Ms Branka King (**Convenor**) (SAMEAC Member)
Ms Teresa Nowak (SAMEAC Member)
Ms Gosia Skalban (SAMEAC Member)
Ms Cynthia Caird
Ms Maria Hagijs
Ms Sumeja Skaka (SAMEAC Member)
Ms Hoa Nguyen
Ms Nimfa Farrell
Ms Monica Chiappe
Ms Cathy Chong
Ms Melati Lum
Ms Vanessa Swan (represented by Ms Fiona Mort, Office for Women)

Youth Advisory Committee

Ms Sumeja Skaka, SAMEAC Member (**Convenor**) (SAMEAC Member)
Ms Genevieve Siki Adzanku
Ms Jennifer Baccanello
Mr Abu Bakar Sidique Bah
Michelle Dieu (SAMEAC Member)
Ms Sandra Elhelw (resigned effective 14 February 2014)
Mr George Fomba
Ms Stamatiki Kritas (SAMEAC Member – resigned effective 30 June 2014)
Mr Andy Lieu
Mr Van Bawi Tinhawng

APPENDIX 3: REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AS SAMEAC'S NOMINEE AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

Transport Accessible Advisory Group	Ms Michelle Dieu
Courts Administration Authority Community Relations Committee	Ms Branka King
Australia Day Council	Mr Norman Schueler
Governing Council Adelaide Secondary School of English	Ms Sumeja Skaka
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Health Services	Ms Gosia Skalban
Ethnic Schools Board	Ms Sumeja Skaka

APPENDIX 4: REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COMMISSION MEMBERS AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

Mr Hieu Van Le AO

Member or Trustee of the following Boards and Committees:

- South Australia's Community Engagement Board
- Research Centre for Languages and Cultures - University of South Australia
- The Alumni Advisory Committee of the Adelaide University
- The Education Adelaide Board
- The Adelaide Festival Trust Board
- National Centre for Child Protection – Fundraising Board – University of South Australia

Patron of:

- United Nations Association (South Australia Division) Inc.
- Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia
- Australian Chinese Medical Association
- Hong Kong Australia Business Association
- Chinatown Adelaide Inc.
- Ethnic Schools Association of SA
- Overseas Chinese Association
- Australian-Tanzanian Services Foundation Inc.
- Adelaide Festival Centre's OzAsia Festival
- Churchill Fellowship Association
- Multicultural Festival of South Australia Inc.
- Norwood Greek Festival
- SA Anti Poverty Week
- Malaysian Club of SA
- African Communities Council of SA
- Vietnam Veterans' Federation SA Chapter
- Chinese Welfare Services of SA Inc.

Ambassador for:

- The White Ribbon Foundation
- Australian Refugee Association
- Adelaide Convention Bureau

Honorary Member of a range of organisations including:

- Campania Sports and Social Club (Sons of Italy)
- Vietnamese Literature and Arts Association in South Australia
- Friends of the Vietnamese Invalid Veterans Association
- Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia SA
- Australian Hellenic Education Progressive Association
- Rotary International Club - Adelaide South

Ms Michelle Dieu

Member, Migration Institute of Australia
Registered Migration Agent with Office for Migration Agent Registration
Authority
Ombudsman Referral Delegate
Member, Malaysia Club SA
Member, Humanitarian Settlement Services Settlement Coordinating Committee
Member of Executive Committee, Overseas Chinese Association of SA

Ms Branka King

Member of Cavan Youth Training Centre Review Board
Chair/Member, Passenger Transport Standards Committee
Secretary, West Hindmarsh Neighbourhood Watch
Leader, Girl Guides SA Inc

Mr Norman Schueler

President, Jewish Community Council of South Australia
Vice President, Executive Council of Australian Jewry
Board Member, Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce
Director, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
Managing Director, Normetals Pty. Ltd.
Director, S & D Chemicals, Sydney
Director, Darwin Steel and Pipe Supplies Pty. Ltd.
Member, Australia Day Council
Board Member, NAB Yachad Scholarship Fund South Australian Advisory
Board
SA Police/Watch SA member Strategic Advisory Board

Ms Gosia Skalban

President, Polish Women's Association
Member, National Cross Cultural Dementia Network
Member, Migrant Women's Lobby Group
Associate Member, Migrant Resource Centre
Associate Member, Multicultural Communities Council
Member, Multicultural Communities Council Aged Care Committee
Member, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Consumer Advisory Council
Member, Polish Hill River Church Museum Committee

Associate Professor Vesna Drapac

Croatian Studies Review

Ms Miriam Silva

Deputy Chair, Training and Skills Commission (SA) (to Dec 2012)
Chair, Training Regulation Reference Group (to Dec 2012)
Board Member TAFE SA
Member TAFE SA Board Finance Sub Committee
Member TAFE SA Board Audit and Risk Committee
Member, Premier's Council for Women SA
Member, Planning, Finance and Performance Committee for the SACE Board
University of SA Council Member
Member Wilderness School Council
President, International Women's Day Committee (SA Inc)
Member, Muslim Women's Association (SA Inc)
Member, Rotary Club of Adelaide Light

Major General Vikram Madan, V.S.M. (Retd.)

Member, Passenger Transport Standards Committee
Member, International Humanitarian Law Committee

Mr Peter Ppiros

Chair, Riverland Information and Support Services
Ambassador, Regional Digital TV Switchover
President, Regional Multicultural Communities Council SA
Chair, Riverland Multicultural Forum Chairman
Producer/Presenter, ABC Greek radio program
Member, Riverland and Mallee Multicultural Arts Committee
Chairman, Riverland Multicultural Festival
Coordinator, Riverland Greek Festival
Editor, Greek Tribune newspaper

Ms Teresa Nowak

Member, Filipino Cultural Association, Whyalla
Member, Catholic Parish of Whyalla – Pastoral Council
Member, St Vincent De Paul Society Whyalla Conference
Member, Migrant Women's Lobby Group SA

Ms Stamatiki Kritas

Chairperson, Festival Hellenika
Principal, St George Community and Parish Ethnic School

APPENDIX 5: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Freedom of Information Statement

In order to conform to the requirements of Section 9 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, the following statement has been prepared and is presented as part of SAMEAC's Annual Report:

Functions

The main functions of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission are defined in Section (12) of the *South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1980* and are detailed in Appendix 1.

Interaction with the Public

SAMEAC does not provide direct client services. SAMEAC, in fulfilling its statutory objectives, interacts with the public through consultations and forums. Information obtained in this way assists SAMEAC's strategic planning and forms the basis of policy advice to the Government on multicultural issues.

Constitution of Commission

SAMEAC consists of not more than 15 members appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister, of whom:

- a) one must be appointed to chair SAMEAC; and
- b) at least four must be men and four women.

Documents

A number of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission's documents (such as the Annual Report) may be viewed, free of charge, by arrangement with the Freedom of Information Officer.

Access

Requests relating to access to other documents should be carried out in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* and outlined on the State Records of South Australia website at <http://www.archives.sa.gov.au/foi>

Requests should be accompanied by the Freedom of Information Access Fee (if applicable) and directed in writing to:

Senior Freedom of Information Officer
Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
Riverside Building
North Terrace
ADELAIDE SA 5000
South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission

Level 6 Chesser House
91-97 Grenfell Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Telephone (08) 8226 1947

Website <http://www.multicultural.sa.gov.au/sameac>