

**South Eastern Region**  
**Multicultural Communities Directory**



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## **Introduction**

*Welcome to the 1st edition of our South Eastern Region Multicultural Communities Directory.*

*This publication is intended to be a living document, as current as we can make it, designed principally for use by service providers working with multicultural communities in the south east of Melbourne.*

*This directory contains contact and activity information for a diverse range of ethno-specific, language specific and multicultural groups, clubs and associations operating in the south eastern region of Melbourne.*

*This edition is also available as a PDF (portable document format). Please download from [www.sermrc.org.au](http://www.sermrc.org.au) (Community).*

*SERMRC also produces a Multicultural Services Directory for the SE of Melbourne that can be downloaded from [www.sermrc.org.au](http://www.sermrc.org.au) (Publications).*

## **Your feedback**

*Your feedback is always welcomed!*

*If you notice that groups you know are not included please contact Jeanne with the details - all entries are checked with the listed contacts before inclusion. Your suggestions for improvements are also welcomed so please don't hesitate to contact us. We hope to publish an update in early 2011.*

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## **1. CLUBS & GROUPS FOR SENIORS**

Arranged by Region:

**AFRICA, ASIA, EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA,  
OTHER – including multicultural groups**

### **1.1 Region: Africa**

#### **AFRICA - Mauritius**

##### **Mauritian Golden Age Club**

Meet Tues 10-3 at Menzies Hall, Menzies Ave North Dandenong

Mail to: PO Box 2239 Dandenong North VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 9701 1002

- Activities include dominoes, cards, lotto game, scrabble, arts & crafts; monthly birthday lunches and outings; bi-annual 3 day trips; annual fair; Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Dances (fundraisers)

##### **Mauritian Silver Edge Club**

Meet Tuesdays 11am-7.30pm at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton

Mail to: PO Box 245 Doveton VIC 3177

Contact Ph: (President: Yvan Lisis 9512 4443 Secretary: Solange Lajoie 9587 6401)

Email: Yvan: [doyave@bigpond.com](mailto:doyave@bigpond.com)

- Activities include: indoor games, petanque, lunch & outings, socialising & talking. Special functions: Mid-year Ball (July) & New Years Ball (31<sup>st</sup> Dec)

### **1.2 Region: Asia**

#### **ASIA – Chinese, Ethnic Chinese, Vietnamese**

##### **Ethnic Chinese Happy Age Association of Victoria Inc**

Meet every day at 21 Lightwood Rd Springvale

Contact Ph. 9547 9478 (Chinese language only) President, Mr Tu Vinh Ta

##### **Melbourne South Eastern Region Chinese Friendship Centre of Victoria Inc**

Meet Fridays at Dandenong Senior Citizens Club (10 Langhorne St), Tuesdays at Hallam Recreation Reserve (Frawley Rd) and Thursdays at Springvale Community Centre (1 Osborne Ave).

Mail to: 501 Centre Rd BENTLEIGH VIC 3204

Email: [teddybearmum@hotmail.com](mailto:teddybearmum@hotmail.com)

Contact Ph. 0425 712 214 (Chairperson: Shirley Aolei Xue Yuan)

- A non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization focussed on serving and representing the interests of members and participating in Australia's multicultural society. 80% Seniors. Activities include seminars on health and community issues, exercise, Tai Chi, dancing, singing, Mah Jong, learning

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English, computer and Chinese poetry and culture and enjoying each others company.

## **South Eastern Chinese Senior Citizen Association**

Meet/Activities Fri 9-3 at: John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton

Mail to: PO Box 560 Endeavour Hills VIC 3802

Contact Ph: 9700 6165 (Chan Lee)

- Activities include table tennis, social dancing, mahjong, Chinese chess & karaoke

## **Springvale Ethnic Chinese Elderly Caring Friendship Association**

Meet Mon-Sat 9am-4pm at 2 Victoria Avenue Springvale

2 Victoria Avenue Springvale VIC 3171

Ph: 9546 8254 (Cantonese speaking: President Thi Hong La)

## **Xinjiang Chinese Senior Citizens Association**

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 11-4 at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton

Contact Ph: 9798 3784 (President, Lei Sheng Tong)

- Activities include: Mahjong, dancing, singing, lunch and celebrations e.g. Australia Day & Chinese New Year

## **Vietnamese Australian Senior Association in Victoria (VASA-VIC) Inc (formerly Indo-Chinese Elderly Citizen's Club)**

Meet Wed 10-4 at Senior Citizen's Centre, 3 The Crescent, Springvale VIC 3171

Contact Ph: 9547 9180 Mob: 0414 604 180 (President: Truyen Thai)

Email: [luckythai@optusnet.com.au](mailto:luckythai@optusnet.com.au)

- Activities include meetings, exercise, entertainment, seminars, cooking lunch & celebrations – e.g. Mothers Day, Spring festivals. Members birthdays are celebrated each month. Also occasional outings and trips.

## **ASIA – Indian Sub-Continent**

### **Lak Handa Elderly Day Centre**

Meet Fridays 9.30-2.30 at Springvale Neighbourhood House, 46-50 Queens Av.

Mail to: 10 Harford Close, Lynbrook VIC 3975

Contact Ph. 9799 6308 Fax: 9798 0372 (Gamini Fonseka)

Email: [lakhandamediacentre@gmail.com](mailto:lakhandamediacentre@gmail.com)

- For people of Sri Lankan origin. Activities include: discussion & information on health, immigration, Centrelink & taxation; videos, music, social activities and lunch.

### **Sri Lankan-Australian Welfare Guild**

Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Mt Waverley Youth Centre, Miller Rd

Mail to: PO Box 87 Sandown Village VIC 3171

Contact Ph: 9874 7956 (President: Maureen)

- A Christian association established 30 years ago as an all-ages support/welfare group, now mostly for seniors, activities include afternoon teas, lunches, glee club and home visits. Produces a bi-monthly newsletter.

### **Sri Lankan Elders Welfare Association**

Meet Mondays 10-2 at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton VIC 3177

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Mail to: 23 Sheridan Ave, Rowville VIC 3178

Contact Ph: 9764 4826 Mob. 0417 331 232 (Tissa)

- Provides a forum for Sri Lankan elders to meet together. Activities include indoor games, Sri Lankan newspapers (Sinhalese), internet/computer classes, hot meals provided, outings and occasional trips.

## **Tamil Senior Citizens Fellowship (Victoria) Inc**

Meet monthly on Saturdays at Oakleigh Hall, Drummond St Oakleigh

Mail to: PO Box 5063 Clayton VIC 3168

- Activities include cultural programs, celebration of Christian & Hindu festivals, guest speakers, lunch of traditional Sri Lankan food, picnics & excursions.
- Also book & video library. "Death Donation Fund" – to cover funeral expenses; and Co-operative Housing Scheme.

## **ASIA – The Philippines**

### **United Filipino Elderly**

Mail to: PO Box 431 Springvale Vic 3171

Contact Ph: 9528 4228 (Lena)

- Celebrate Filipino culture and events. Conduct activities and arrange information sessions for older Filipino people and visit members when ill.
- Meet First Saturday of each month 10am-1pm

### **Young Generation Filipino Senior Citizens Club of the South East**

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10am-2pm at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton

Contact Ph: 9794 5084 (Demitria)

- Social sport & recreation activities, dancing, outings, members usually bring a plate of food for lunch, sometimes go out for healthy meals for special occasions; visiting program

## **1.3 Region: Europe**

### **EUROPE – Former Yugoslavia**

#### **Bosnian & Herzegovinian Elderly Citizens Club**

Meet on Thursday evenings at Mosque & Hall at 18 Leonard Ave Noble Park

Mail to: PO Box 898 Noble Park VIC 3174

Contact Ph: 9791 2813 (Bosnian language) or President, Hazim 0421 921 547

- Meet at the Mosque from dusk for prayers then various activities are held in the hall including: pool/billiards, coffee, meals and outings.

#### **Croatian Senior Citizen's Club**

Meet on Thursdays 10am – 2pm at: Croatian Catholic Centre,

798-808 Springvale Rd Braeside

Mail to: PO Box 301 Springvale VIC 3171

Contact Ph: 9769 1966 or 9701 6131 (President, Steve Kovacic)

- Weekly meetings with lunch, activities and outings, Mass is celebrated at 11am for interested people

## **Serbian Australian Pensioners Association of Keysborough**

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10 till 4 (approx) at Serbian Church Hall,  
Cnr Church & Perry Rds Keysborough

Mail to: 115 Church Rd Keysborough VIC 3173

Contact Ph: Rosa Peic, President 9769 0808 or 0400 293 007

- Regular activities include cards, chess, dominoes, chat, lunch & outings, occasional long trips to the countryside.

## **South East Yugoslav Pensioners Group Inc**

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs at: Latham Crescent Hall (Menzies Reserve) Dandenong North

Mail to: 50 Warrawong Drive Berwick VIC 3806

Contact Ph: 9705 7378 (President, Anna Korunek)

- Activities include: cooked lunch (3 course meal), bingo & chess. Occasional picnics, BBQs & outings. Visits to members in hospital etc. Other nationalities welcome.

## **EUROPE - Greece**

### **Berwick & District Greek Senior Citizens Club Inc**

Activities Mondays 10am-1pm at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton

Mail to: PO Box 58, Endeavour Hills VIC 3802

Contact Ph: 9512 4811 or 0403 284 046 (President – Mary Giannakopoulos)

- Social activities, lunch, outings, cards, bingo

### **Cranbourne-Hampton Park Greek Senior Citizens Club Inc**

Meet Mondays 12.00 – 5.00pm at 1 Codrington St Cranbourne

Mail to: PO Box 894 Cranbourne VIC 3977

Ph: 9799 7646 or mob. 0400 043 571 (Secretary: John) President, Bill: 5998 2633

- Social activities including bingo, occasional outings and excursions and lunch

### **Greek Community of Springvale and Districts Senior Citizens Club**

Meets Thursdays 8am – 1pm at 11-13 Warwick Avenue Springvale VIC 3171

Club Ph: 9548 1566 Evenings or leave message on answering machine

Contact Ph: 9546 0713 (Aliko)

- Social activities, meals, information, outings

### **Greek Elderly Club of Dandenong & Districts**

Meet Thursdays 9am-3pm at 17-19 Herbert St Dandenong

Mail to: PO Box 7153 Dandenong VIC 3175

Centre Ph: 9791 1353 (Thursdays)

Contact Ph: 9791 2180 (George) or President, Sam Merimbeliotis 9791 6910

- Social activities & outings
- Lunch every Thursday

### **Greek Senior Citizens Parish of St Athanasios**

Meet Tuesdays 8.00am – 1.30pm at 2-4 Parsons Ave Springvale VIC 3171

Contact Ph. 9546 4118 (President, Christine)

- Social activities including: chat, cards, backgammon, bingo, lawn bowls, cooked lunch \$4. Some members attend church service 9-10am. Everyone welcome.

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## **EUROPE - Italy**

### **Corona Italian Seniors Club of Casey Inc**

Meet Tuesdays 10-3 and Thursdays 7pm -11pm at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton

Mail to: PO Box 317 Endeavour Hills VIC 3802

Contact Ph: 9700 7327 (President: Connie)

- Activities include bocce, cards, bingo, talking, Italian lunch, occasional outings, monthly lunch dances and occasional dinner dances, occasional guest-speakers
- For Italian-speaking people of Casey, Greater Dandenong and the south east

### **Cranbourne Italian Senior Citizens Club**

Meet Mondays 9.30-2.30 at Cranbourne Public Hall, 168 High St Cranbourne

Mail to: 8 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977

Contact Ph: 5995 5590 (President, Val Motta) Email: [vandd.motta@bigpond.com](mailto:vandd.motta@bigpond.com)

- Weekly activities include: bingo, carpet bocce, cards & lunch. Monthly dance & regular outings.

### **Kooweerup Italian Women**

Meet 1.30-3pm 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of month

at Italian Federation Catholic Association, 360 Dalmore Rd, Dalmore 3981

Contact ph: 5998 8324 (President, Maria Venturi)

### **Napoli Family Club**

Meet Thursdays at Menzies Av Hall, North Dandenong

Mail to: 8 Kaye Court Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 9795 8130 (Nancy)

- Participants generally Italian background, over 55s & younger people with disabilities. Weekly activities include: bocce, cards, tombola & lunch. Monthly 3 course lunch, dancing & entertainment. Occasional outings.

## **EUROPE - Other**

### **Dutch Seniors Club**

Meet for activities Tuesdays 10am – 2pm: Latham Crescent Hall, Dandenong North

Mail to: 4 Holland Place, Dandenong North VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 9790 0715 (Treasurer, Louise)

- Social activities & friendship: cards, pool/billiards, outings, lunches

### **Casey Hungarian Seniors**

Meet Wed 9-4 at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton VIC 3177

Mail to: PO Box 494 Doveton VIC 3177

Club Ph. 9794 9534, Contact: Secretary, Gizella Email: [gizellas@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gizellas@optusnet.com.au)

### **Hungarian Senior Citizens Club of Greater Dandenong**

Meet 10am-3pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon of month at Noble Park Com Centre, Memorial Drive

Mail to: 38 John Edgcumbe Way, Endeavour Hills VIC 3802

Contact Ph: 9706 2151 Fax: 9700 0780 (Irena) (President, Silvestr Hipik)

- Activities: socializing, playing cards, chess, billiards and bingo; lunch and outings, also some overnight trips in Vic and annual interstate trip.



## **Italo-Spanish Club Inc (formerly De Los Abuelos)**

Meets Wed 10.30-3.00 Senior Citizen's Club, Menzies Ave, North Dandenong

Mail to: 237 James Cook Drive Endeavour Hills VIC 3802

Club Ph & Fax: 9700 3406 (President, Racquel Pecquemo)

- Participants 40 yrs+. Activities include indoor bowls, darts, dancing, chatting, watching TV, lunch and outings.

## **Maltese Seniors - South Eastern Suburbs**

Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at the Senior Citizens Hall, 1A The Crescent, Springvale

Mail to: 8 Gunther Ave Springvale VIC 3171

Contact Ph: 9547 5272 (Jim)

- Meetings, guest speakers, lunch, bingo, chat, socialising and outings, special Mass celebrated February, August and Christmas (including Christmas dinner)

## **Polish Grannies**

Meet Thursdays at 'Wellsprings for Women' 79 Langhorne St Dandenong

Contact Ph. 9551 1262 (Krystyna Marcinkouska)

## **The Polish Club "Forty Plus" Inc**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. 10-3 at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton VIC 3177

Contact Ph. 9706 1490 (President, Grace Woltanski)

- Activities include: info sessions with guest speakers e.g. Centrelink services, making wills, and health assessments by a physiotherapist; also trips/outings, exercises; walking group, (active for life program every Friday), coffee & chat.

## **Romanian Seniors**

Meet 10-1 every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur at Romanian Baptist Church, Reema Blvd, Endeavour Hills

Contact Ph. 9700 0717 (President, Anna Velja)

## **Russian Senior Citizen's Club**

Meet Tues at Russian Orthodox Church Hall, Morwell Av Dandenong

Mail to: 13 Conway St Dandenong South VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 9793 5955 (Eleonora Spiess)

- Activities include chat, bingo, lunch and exercise.

## **The Spanish Friendship Club**

Meet Fridays: 10.00 – 2.00 pm at 1 A The Crescent, Springvale

Contact Ph: 9547 4000 (President, Elizabeth Pardo)

Mail to: PO Box 401, Springvale VIC 3171

## **Hampton Park Turkish Seniors Group Inc**

Meet Wed 12-3 at Hallam Seniors Club, Domain Drive, Hallam

Contact ph. 9702 9065 or 0409 015 780 (President, Nurten Hasan)

Email: [kimhasan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kimhasan@optusnet.com.au)

## **Ukrainian Senior Citizens Club**

26 Chandler Road Noble Park VIC 3174

Ph: 9701 0731 (Wasył Tymchishyn)

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## **1.4 Region: Middle East**

### **Arabic speaking**

#### **Casey Arabic Seniors Inc**

Meet at Sts Peter & Paul Melkite Church Hall, 35 Somerville Rd Hampton Park

Contact Ph: 0402 386 236 (Baydaa) or 0413 765 440 (Costa)

Email: [catholicchurch8@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicchurch8@bigpond.com)

- For Arabic speaking older people living in the City of Casey or nearby

#### **Arabic Men Senior Group**

Meet at Keysborough Learning Centre, Corrigan Rd Keysborough

Contact: 97985227 (Ziad Nachar)

- Meet every Tuesday and occasional Wednesday 10.00- 12.00
- Social meeting, community garden, information session

#### **Arabic Women Senior Group**

Meet at Jan Wilson Community Centre, Halton Rd, Noble Park North

Contact: 9706 8933 (Iman Allaf)

Email: [imanaziz6@hotmail.com](mailto:imanaziz6@hotmail.com)

- Meet every Friday 9.30-11.30
- Social meeting, gentle exercise ,information session

## **1.5 Region: South & Central America**

### **Spanish speaking**

#### **Latino Spanish Senior Citizens' Club (Latinos Tercera Unidos Edad)**

Meet Wednesdays 12.30 to 6pm (approx) at Dandenong Snr Citizens' Centre, 10 Langhorne St.

Mail to: 19 Agana St, Noble Park VIC 3174

- Main activities lunch and Latin dancing including learning to dance.

#### **Sonrisas Hispano Americanas**

Meet at Baptist Church Hall, cnr Cranbourne Rd & Fox St, Narre Warren

Contact: Patricia Flores 0425 710 518

#### **Ventana Hispana (Spanish Window) Inc Social Support group**

Meet Tuesdays 11-2 SERMRC 'garage' 60 Webb St Narre Warren

Contact: 0432 237 222 Miguel or 0422 657 121 Lucy

Email: [salinas\\_gallardo@hotmail.com](mailto:salinas_gallardo@hotmail.com)

## **1.6 Other Groups**

### **OTHER – including multicultural**

#### **Keysborough and District Senior Citizens' Club Inc**

Meet at 352 Cheltenham Rd. Keysborough VIC 3173

Club Ph: 9798 6503

Contact Ph: 9798 7787 (President)

Email: [ivanwarner@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ivanwarner@optusnet.com.au)

- Club membership is very multicultural. Activities: Mon & Fri bowls, Thu ballroom dancing – New Vogue, 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tue bingo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue film or guest speaker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue entertainer, Wed variety group rehearsals – group provide entertainment at nursing homes etc

#### **Multicultural Prime Timers Inc**

Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at CGD offices, Clow St Dandenong

Mail to: PO Box 160, NOBLE PARK VIC 3174

Contact phone: 0419 442 273 (Mary) President, Carl Meister)

- Comprised of representatives of Senior Citizens Clubs in the City of Greater Dandenong, the group work with CGD to address issues of concern to seniors and organize activities for seniors.

#### **Noble Park North Multicultural Elderly Citizens Club**

Meet/Activities Wed & Fri 12 – 4pm at Jan Wilson Community Centre

Halton Rd Noble Park North

Mail to: 11 Lipton Drive Dandenong North VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 9547 4048 (Secretary: Joe Chaia) Email: [chaia@optusnet.com.au](mailto:chaia@optusnet.com.au)

- Social activities: cards, bingo, bocce, monthly function/dance, outings

#### **Noble Park Senior Citizens Centre Inc (and)**

#### **Noble Park Community Drop-In Centre**

Meet Tues & Thu 10-3 at Paddy O'Donoghue Hall 18-34 Buckley St Noble Park

Centre Ph. (above times) 9546 5924

- Activities include: cards, chat, carpet bowls, line dancing and sing-alongs

#### **Springvale Senior Citizens Multicultural Club Inc**

Meet Tuesdays 11am – 4pm at 1A The Crescent, Springvale VIC 3171

Contact Ph. 9546 9512 (Mary Borg)

Email: [springvalescmc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:springvalescmc@optusnet.com.au)

- Activities: carpet bowls, bingo, cards, lunch, dining out occasionally, day trips and interstate trips

### SEE ALSO:

SECTION 2: CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS



## **2. CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

### **2.1 Region: Africa**

*Arranged under sub-headings: General, Burundi, Congo, Ethiopia, Liberia, Mauritius & Rodrigues, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan*

#### **General**

##### **Africa Women Group Inc**

Contact ph: 0423 305 102 Nyamakal Riek Dhol

Email: [nyama3@hotmail.com](mailto:nyama3@hotmail.com)

- A new group whose mission is: to provide information, mutual support and material aid for African women.
- The group aim: to raise awareness of the needs of African women in Australia and overseas, especially south Sudan; to work directly with families to develop community support systems which impact positively on family wellbeing and lifeskills; to raise money; to provide material aid...and to work towards long term solutions.

##### **Eastern and Central Africa Communities of Victoria Inc 'African Holistic Social Services'**

[www.eacacov.org.au](http://www.eacacov.org.au)

Email: [eacacov@eacacov.org.au](mailto:eacacov@eacacov.org.au)

Main office: 40 Grattan St Prahran Phone: 9510 0167

At: Paddy O'Donoghue Centre 18-34 Buckley St Noble Park VIC 3174

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am – 5pm

Centre Ph (above times): 9238 1434 (David 0403 668 820 or Theresa 0405 651 476)

- Provides "African Holistic Social Services" for migrants and refugees from Africa
- Organises social activities and caters for all the diverse African communities

#### **Burundi**

##### **Australian Burundian Community in Victoria Inc**

Mail to: 6/47 Potter St Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 0422 031 291 or 9708 5645 (Treasurer, Belthrand Habiyakare)

Email: [belthrandos@yahoo.com](mailto:belthrandos@yahoo.com) or Issa Nyandwi email: [issanyandwi@yahoo.com.au](mailto:issanyandwi@yahoo.com.au)

- Community meetings, cultural activities including singing & dancing

#### **Congo**

##### **Democratic Republic of Congo Community Association of Vic (DRCCA) Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 2417 Werribee VIC 3030

Contact phone: 0404 189 514 AH (President, Nick Tshibala)

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Email: [drccav@bigpond.com](mailto:drccav@bigpond.com) or [tshi-nke@hotmail.com](mailto:tshi-nke@hotmail.com)

- Aims to provide a focal point for building unity, cohesion & harmony within the Congolese community in Victoria
- Helps new arrivals connect with other Congolese; provides settlement advice & orientation; organises social events & entertainment; and advocates to help address community issues

## **Ethiopia**

### **Ethiopian Youth Association**

Mail to: 15 Kates St, Sunshine Vic 3020

Contact: 0432 011 050 Toshome Yabio

Email: [onlyg2007@hotmail.com](mailto:onlyg2007@hotmail.com)

- Young people of Ethiopian background
- Sport, music & recreational programs

### **Oromia Support Group in Australia Inc**

Mail to: 2/18 Forster St Noble Park Vic 3174

Contact Ph: 9547 4525 (Public Relations Officer, Marama Kufi)

Email: [humrightsga@yahoo.com](mailto:humrightsga@yahoo.com)

- Advocates respect of human rights and advancement of equality; aims to increase supportive environments for Oromo-Australians; and increase valuing of diversity and strengthen friendship and cooperation; to advance the Oromo-Australian language, social and cultural development; and to strengthen healthy family life and community well-being.

### **Oromo Women Association in Australia – South Pacific Region Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 7208 Dandenong Vic 3175

Contact Ph: 0402 757 391 (Chairperson, Likyelesh Gossa)

Email: [likkeegossa@hotmail.com](mailto:likkeegossa@hotmail.com)

- Aims to provide; social support, welfare assistance, settlement support & Oromo language teaching and interpreting for all Oromo women in Australia & the South Pacific

### **South-eastern Region Melbourne Oromo Community Association in Victoria, Australia (SERMOCABA) Inc**

At SER MRC on Fridays 11am-2pm, Ph: 9706 8933

Contact phone: 0422 127 154 or 9704 0049 (President, Tesfaye Wayessa)

Email: [eegan07@yahoo.com.au](mailto:eegan07@yahoo.com.au)

Mail to: 7 The Common, Narre Warren South VIC 3805

Meetings held at Springvale Neighbourhood House

- Community organization of Oromo people from Ethiopia

## **Liberia**

### **Liberian Community of Victoria Inc (formerly ALCA)**

C/- EMC 95-97 Brunswick St. Fitzroy VIC 3065

Contact Ph: 0434 025 827 (President, Willie Kamara)

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Email: [wk\\_sunshine@yahoo.ca](mailto:wk_sunshine@yahoo.ca)

- Community association of Liberian people living in Victoria. Community are mostly living in Dandenong, Sunshine, Thomastown, Reservoir and Geelong

## **The United Women's Group of Liberia Inc**

Mail to: 31 Blue Hills Blvd Pakenham VIC 3810

City office: Room 3.16, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Contact Ph: 0401 724 166 Queyea Phillips

Email: [queyea.philips@yahoo.com.au](mailto:queyea.philips@yahoo.com.au)

- Association of Liberian women living in Melbourne, monthly meetings first Saturday of the month with opportunity for women & children to socialise and discuss issues of importance

## **Mauritius & Rodrigues**

### **Cultural Historical Association of Rodriguans & Mauritians in Victoria – CHARM Vic**

<http://www.charm.org.au>

Email: [pakimtia@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pakimtia@bigpond.net.au)

0403 206 735 (Patricia Kimtia)

PO Box 708 Endeavour Hills 3802

- Association of multicultural people from the islands of Rodrigues and Mauritius (about 2,000 km off the south east coast of Africa)
- Aim to promote & preserve Mauritian & Rodriguan culture & history for future generations & for the wider Australian community; conduct research into their migration & settlement in Australia; develop networks to support & assist with social, economic & cultural issues faced by new migrants & students

## **Nigeria**

### **Nigerian Society of Victoria Inc**

<http://www.nigeriansociety.org.au>

Mail to: PO Box 333 Richmond Vic 3121

Contact ph: 0409 976 348 (President, Razaq Balogun)

Email: [president@nigeriansociety.org.au](mailto:president@nigeriansociety.org.au) or [executives@nigeriansociety.org.au](mailto:executives@nigeriansociety.org.au)

- Aim to create a platform to bring together all Nigerians and those of Nigerian connections and relations resident in Victoria with the aim of enhancing the social/welfare/health /economic status of members, while at the same time drawing positive awareness within the larger Australian Society and the World to the rich human and cultural intellect and gifting of the Nigerian kind.

## **Sierra Leone**

### **Sierra Leone Australia Community of Victoria**

Mail to: 21 Maclagan Crescent Reservoir Vic 3073

Contact Ph: 0437 009 017 (Andrew) or 0423 457 875 (Alhaji)

Email: [slacovic@yahoo.com.au](mailto:slacovic@yahoo.com.au) or [haji3399@hotmail.com](mailto:haji3399@hotmail.com)

- Community group providing welfare services and information/education to Sierra Leoneans in Victoria

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- Advocate on behalf of community, organise cultural celebrations
- Also youth group & women's group & zonal groups including SE

## **Somalia**

### **Somali Cultural Association Inc**

[www.somalicultural.com](http://www.somalicultural.com)

Mail to: Building 28, 266 Osborne Ave Clayton South Vic 3169

Contact Ph: 9551 1188 Mob 0438 954 809 (Aden Ibrahim)

Fax 9551 1166

Email: [ibrahima@nlma.com.au](mailto:ibrahima@nlma.com.au)

- Aim to address the issues faced by refugees, humanitarian entrants & their families settling in Australia. Priorities are: family, women and youth and the following services: Support securing housing, Immigration information, Access to education and training, Employment assistance, Access to health services, Access to income support, Support with civic and legal issues, Access to sporting and recreational activities, Support for elderly people

### **Somaliland Society of Australia Inc**

[www.somalilandsociety.com](http://www.somalilandsociety.com)

Mail to: PO Box 208 Noble Park Vic 3174

Contact Ph: 0431 278 979 (Mohamed Hussein, President)

Mondays at SERMRC Level 1, 314 Thomas St Dandenong Ph: 9706 8933

Email: [info@somaliland.com](mailto:info@somaliland.com) or [Somalilandsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:Somalilandsociety@hotmail.com)

- Aims to assist & support the Somaliland community. Current priorities are: homework support for young people whose parents don't speak English; support & social activities for elderly – including English classes & better connections with mainstream services.

## **Sudan**

### **Abyei Women's Group Association for Establishment and Development in Victoria Inc**

Mail to: 26 Deanswood Way, Narre Warren North Vic 3805

Contact Ph. 0431 372 488 (Rita)

Email: [rpadang64@live.com](mailto:rpadang64@live.com)

- Dinka women from South Sudan meet together every month. Help women & children settle in Australia & understand Australian way of life – including how to pay bills & children's needs e.g. school lunches

### **Acholi Community Association in Australia Inc**

Mail to: 13 Edward St Noble Park VIC 3174

Contact Ph. 0411 565 470 Alfonse Martin (President)

Email: [josephonen\\_oreste@yahoo.com.au](mailto:josephonen_oreste@yahoo.com.au)

- Association of Acholi speaking people from Sudan; help newcomers with settlement in Australia, current priority assisting young people to successfully integrate into Australia & still maintain their culture.



## **Australian Chollo Community Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 2319, Dandenong North VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 0432 298 398 (Chairperson: Oyem Ayik Amaylek)

Email: [aozem@hotmail.com](mailto:aozem@hotmail.com)

- Organization of Chollo people from South Sudan. Includes separate groups for women and youth. Activities include: meetings, cultural celebrations, training & seminars especially for youth and football team.

## **Bentiu Youth Association in Australia Inc**

Mail to: Unit 12/13 Larbert Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174.

Contact Ph: 0401 240 216 (Chairman, Keah Dhuording Kuich)

Email: [puokkeahkuich@yahoo.com.au](mailto:puokkeahkuich@yahoo.com.au)

- Bentiu Youth Association caters for the youth of the Liech Nuer community; includes cultural & recreational activities for young people, including dance & drumming, soccer, basketball & volleyball

## **Bor Youth Association in Victoria**

Mail to: 46 Danfield Drive Tarneit VIC 3029

Phone: 0431 634 144 (President, James Ding Deng)

E-Mail: [diingdeng@yahoo.com](mailto:diingdeng@yahoo.com)

- Association of Dinka Bor young people from the Bor region of South Sudan. Bor Youth focus on achieving a bright, successful future for the young, empowering young people to live in harmony and to develop their potential and creativity as self-motivated members of their societies and to participate fully at every level of decision making and development, both individually and collectively.

## **Darfur Community Association of Australia Inc**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2234 Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact Phone: 0422 189 810 (President: Dr Idris Abdelmoula)

Email: [darfurcommunity@optusnet.com.au](mailto:darfurcommunity@optusnet.com.au)

- Association of Darfur people in Australia, community support, advocacy and lobbying on situation in Darfur region of western Sudan

## **Gaatjaak Nuer Community Association of Australia Inc**

Mail to: General Secretary, 2/174-176 Ormond Rd East Geelong Vic 3219

Contact Ph. 0432 189 368 (Secretary, Peter Pal)

Email: [bidongq@yahoo.com](mailto:bidongq@yahoo.com)

- Association of Gaatjaak Nuer people from South Sudan.

## **Korok Women's Association Inc**

Mail to: 1/10 Nockolds Crescent, Noble Park VIC 3174

Contact Ph. 0432 334 799 (President, Rita Modi)

Email: [wanamaria@hotmail.com](mailto:wanamaria@hotmail.com)

- Association of Bari women from the equatorial area of South Sudan. The women come together to share ideas; maintain traditional values; for knowledge & awareness of parenting skills, health, nutrition, and drug education; and for social interaction with other families.

## **Liech Nuer Community in Australia Inc**

Mail to: 43 Noble St, Noble Park Vic 3174

Ph: 0432 056 493 Chairperson Magany Wial

Email: [bentiucomaustralia@yahoo.com](mailto:bentiucomaustralia@yahoo.com)

- Organization of Nuer people from Liech State in Sudan. Whole of community meetings every second month, Elders group, Cultural and recreational activities for children and young people & Women's group

## **Lopit Community Association of Australia Inc**

Mail to: 119 Carlton Rd, Dandenong North Vic 3175

Contact Ph: 0434 495 335 (Chairperson, Lino Mamura)

Email: [linosurumamur@yahoo.com.au](mailto:linosurumamur@yahoo.com.au)

- A community group of Lopit people from equatorial South Sudan
- Have strong tradition of cultural dance – also perform for other audiences

## **Lou Nuer Community Association of Australia Inc**

Mail to: 9 Kleine St. Noble Park Vic 3174

Contact Ph: (Chairperson, Chibitek Dak)

Email: [nyabuoy@hotmail.com](mailto:nyabuoy@hotmail.com) (Secretary, Barchoch Tut Jing)

- Association of Lou Nuer people from South Sudan. Includes women's and youth groups. Activities include cultural celebrations.

## **Nasir Community Association Inc**

PO Box 7156 Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact phone: 0439 380 674 (Chairperson, Jal Tel)

Email: [jalwol@hotmail.com](mailto:jalwol@hotmail.com)

- Association of Nasir people from South Sudan, part of the Nuer community. Celebrate with community events and festivals, have women's group and youth group who also run separate activities, developing a strong Elders group

## **Nuer Community in Victoria Inc**

Mail to: 18 Redstone Crt. Whittington VIC 3219

Contact Ph. 0432 154 015 (Chairperson: Joseph Luak)

Email: [josephluak@hotmail.com](mailto:josephluak@hotmail.com)

- Arrange community functions & meetings; provide orientation services for new arrivals e.g. taking to Centrelink, Medicare & banks; Provide information & encouragement to Nuer community to participate in training & education; organise cultural activities including dancing; recreational activities – basketball & soccer; women's group; youth group

## **Relief Association of South Sudan (RASS) (Victoria) Inc**

Mail to: 2 Holmes Court, Bayswater Vic 3153

Contact Ph: 9720 6673 (Simon Ghong, Chairperson)

- Charitable organization, assists South Sudanese people in Victoria and raises funds for relief work in South Sudan
- Project: Sudanese Ethnic Language Learning Schools (SELLS) developing Nuer curriculum for Saturday school

## **South Sudan Community Development Agency (Aust) Inc (SSUDA)**

[www.ssuda.org.au](http://www.ssuda.org.au)

Email: [info@ssuda.org.au](mailto:info@ssuda.org.au)

Ph: 9654 8314

Mob: 0421 982 037 (Gatwech Kulang, Executive Director)

Fax: 9654 8325

Mail to: PO Box 5359, Clayton VIC 3168

Office: Room 14, 3rd Floor Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

- Aims to develop and deliver material aid programs to promote the welfare and alleviate the helplessness of refugees in Victoria. Promotes full equality of people regardless of color, gender, race, language and religion.
- Fundraising for construction work in Southern Sudan; current projects: Yomding Education Centre and Ulang Primary Health Clinic

## **South Sudan Equatorians Association Inc (SOSEA)**

PO Box 2264, Dandenong North VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 0432 596 537 (Chairperson: Mansour Wani Lokey) or

Ph: 0421 184 475 (Vice Chairperson, Severino Hobon)

Email: [mansab9@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mansab9@yahoo.com.au)

- Community association for people from equatorial South Sudan - includes a range of sub-groups (e.g. women, youth, language or tribe-specific) who also organize separate activities; SOSEA meets monthly and oversees sub-groups; activities include community celebrations, outings, and consultations with community leaders; Sporting teams for young men & women – soccer & volleyball.

## **Sudanese Community Association of Australia Inc**

[www.scoaa.org.au](http://www.scoaa.org.au)

PO Box 2328 Dandenong North VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 0421 929 899 (Chairperson, Nyadang Dei Wal) or

0422 187 446 (Secretary General, Saturnino Onyala)

Email: [solaa51@yahoo.com](mailto:solaa51@yahoo.com)

Friday afternoons by appointment at SER MRC Dandenong Ph: 0421 929 899

- Formed to bring together the Sudanese community in Australia & promote unity and understanding within the Sudanese community and positive interaction and integration with the wider Australian community; assists with settlement, referrals to service providers; organizing social, educational & recreational activities; and raises funds

## **Sudanese Disability Action Group in Victoria Inc**

PO Box 7260 Dandenong VIC 3175

At SER MRC Wednesdays 1pm-4pm Ph: 9706 8933

Contact Ph: 0403 148 342 (Madduk)

Email: [mgoryang@hotmail.com](mailto:mgoryang@hotmail.com)

- Self help group for people with disabilities coming from Sudanese backgrounds. Provides support, advocacy and referrals to individuals.
- Current priority areas: learning to drive; English language tuition; employment; and community education

## **Terap Alliance for Advocacy and Peace Inc**

Mailing address: 22 Terrence Drive Cranbourne North VIC 3977

Contact: David Chiengkou 0402 236 916

Email: [davidchiengkou@teraap.org](mailto:davidchiengkou@teraap.org)

Webpage: [www.teraap.org](http://www.teraap.org)

- New organisation – Vision: To promote peace, human rights, values and dignity for all southern Sudanese inside and outside Australia in particular in Southern Sudan; and To educate the public about what is happening in southern Sudan and on settlement issues facing newcomers in Australia

## **2.2 Region: Asia**

**Arranged under sub-headings: Afghanistan, Indian Sub-Continent, China/Chinese Speaking, South-East Asia, Pacific Islands**

### **Afghanistan**

#### **Afghan Australia Philanthropic Association Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 321 ENDEAVOUR HILLS VIC 3802

Contact Ph: 9706 2787 mob.0409 553 304 (DM Aschna)

Fax: 9706 277

Email: [aschna1@hotmail.com](mailto:aschna1@hotmail.com)

Web page: <http://www.aapa.org.au/>

- Provide support to members of the Afghan community, especially assistance with settlement needs for newly arrived migrants; Also has sporting groups for young men; Pashtu Language school for Afghan children; Music class on Monday evenings at Endeavour Hills Uniting Neighbourhood Centre; and various social & cultural celebrations throughout the year.

#### **Afghan Australian Arts, Literature & Publishing Association of Victoria Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 2421 FOUNTAIN GATE VIC 3805

Contact Ph: 0449 934 635 (Bashir Keshtiar)

Email: [bkeshtiar@live.com](mailto:bkeshtiar@live.com)

#### **Afghan Australian Association of Victoria Inc**

Meet: Level 1, 73-77 Walker St, Dandenong VIC 3175

Mail to: 105 Haversham Ave, WHEELERS HILL VIC 3150

Contact Ph: 9794 9133 or 9562 1289 AH (Chairman, Khaliq Fazal)

Email: [a\\_k\\_fazal@yahoo.com.au](mailto:a_k_fazal@yahoo.com.au)

- Provide settlement support, cultural activities, referrals, translations & interpreting, youth and women's cultural understanding and education

#### **Afghan Australian Development Organisation (AADO) Inc**

PO Box 8, Fitzroy Vic 3065

Contact Ph. 9342 7265 (Nouria Salehi)

Email: [nouria.salehi@mh.org.au](mailto:nouria.salehi@mh.org.au)

[www.aado.org.au](http://www.aado.org.au)

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- AADO aims to provide aid that will help drive the redevelopment of Afghanistan. AADO focus on facilitating vocational development for Afghan individuals and communities through the donation of aid, vocational training and related infrastructure from Australia, with the assistance of local Afghan NGOs

### **Afghan Australian Social Services Association of Victoria Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 2421 FOUNTAIN GATE VIC 3805

Contact Ph: 0449 934 635 (Bashir Keshtiar)

Email: [bkeshtiar@live.com](mailto:bkeshtiar@live.com)

### **Afghan Australian Welfare Association (AAWA) Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 446, Doveton, VIC 3177

Contact Mob: 0402473948 (Ajmal Mirrinay) Home: 9704 7071

Fax: 9703 0631

Email: [ibrahimkhan1@hotmail.com](mailto:ibrahimkhan1@hotmail.com)

- Provides welfare support including housing to the Afghan community
- Organises large social events three times a year

### **Afghan-Australian Women & Youth Association (AAWYA)**

Mail to: 7 Canterbury Close Narre Warren VIC 3805

Contact Ph. 9704 1583 (Nazifa Nader)

Email: [aawya@live.com](mailto:aawya@live.com)

- Aims to help Afghan women & young people understand & integrate with Australian society while keeping alive Afghan culture.
- Want Afghans to join together to contribute their rich culture & talent in order to develop the multicultural society of Australia and make Australia's democracy & land even safer.

### **Afghan Khodaye Khedmat Garran Inc**

Mail to: 5 Chivell Close, Endeavour Hills VIC 3802

Office Ph & Fax: 9700 2902 (Toba Keshtiar-Hamedi)

Email: [t.hamedi@hotmail.com](mailto:t.hamedi@hotmail.com)

- Support and assistance to all members of the Afghan community in Melbourne

### **Afghan Women's Organisation in Victoria Inc**

Contacts: Gulhotia 0407 853 286 or Farida 0401 389 782

Email: [mok@connexus.net.au](mailto:mok@connexus.net.au) or [gulbezhan@hotmail.com](mailto:gulbezhan@hotmail.com)

- Fundraising to provide support and assistance to women at risk in Afghanistan; provides settlement information to new arrivals in Melbourne

### **Afghan Youth Foundation for Unity (AYFUN) Inc**

Mail to: 16/3 Young Rd, Hallam Vic 3803

Contact Ph: 0422 599 002 (BH) Maseeh Nasheet

E-mail: [mnasheet@gmail.com](mailto:mnasheet@gmail.com)

Web: [www.ayfun.com.au](http://www.ayfun.com.au)

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- AYFUN is an Afghan-Australian Youth Organization that undertakes various types of community activities around Victoria. Some of its key activities include celebrating the national and cultural days of Afghan and Australian culture as well as representing the voice of the Afghans in Australia.

### **(The) Association of Hazaras in Victoria Inc**

Community Centre: 22 Grace Park Ave Springvale

Mail to: PO Box 7268, DANDENONG VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 0438 895 728 (Secretary, Hamed Saberi) or

0405 964 582 (Vice-President, Zamera Shariffie

Fax: 9794 0227

Email: [hav@bamyam.org.au](mailto:hav@bamyam.org.au) or [arman@bamyam.org.au](mailto:arman@bamyam.org.au)

Web: [www.bamyam.org.au](http://www.bamyam.org.au)

- Non-profit organization that helps Afghan new arrivals with settlement needs in Australia. Celebrates cultural and religious events - such as Nawruz (New Year) and Afghan Independence Day. Services include: assistance with document translation; Dari Newsletter "Arman"; Sport activities, Home work club for VCE students, art performance

### **Hazara Australian Community Association of Victoria**

Community Centre: 23-25 Doveton Ave, Eumemmerring

Mail to: PO Box 549 Dandenong Plaza, Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact Ph. 0402 361 705 (Chairperson, Ali Behsudi)

Email: [behsudiali@hotmail.com](mailto:behsudiali@hotmail.com)

- Association of Hazara people from Afghanistan, assist the Hazara community with connecting to social and community services, completing forms; social functions; weekend classes for children/young people in Hazaragi/Dari

### **Shamama Association of Australia Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 6012 Dandenong Plaza Vic 3175

Contact: Secretary, John Gulzari 0404 83 3175

Email: [admin@shamama.org.au](mailto:admin@shamama.org.au)

Web: [www.shamama.org.au](http://www.shamama.org.au)

- association providing support to the Afghani community

## **Indian Sub-Continent**

### **Australia-Ceylon Fellowship Inc.**

Mail to: P.O. Box 1180, Glen Waverley VIC 3150

Contact Ph. 9561 3443 AH President, Marguerite Schroter (Margo)

- Key aim: Fostering fellowship amongst members & friends
- Celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007
- Interests include: welfare of senior members, advice to those seeking to sponsor migrants, organising social functions for members, fundraising for charities in Australia and Sri Lanka, lobbying/representing members' interests, and publication of "ACF News" to help keep members informed

## **Indian Subcontinent Cultural & Community Welfare Association Inc**

Meet monthly at "The Dove" in Power Rd Doveton

Contact Ph: 9700 6046 (Yasina Khandwalla)

Email: [khandwalla1@gmail.com](mailto:khandwalla1@gmail.com)

- For extended family groups of Indian sub-continent background (e.g. Indian, Sri Lankan, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, also of these cultures from Africa, Asia etc). Meet irregularly for social activities – meals, outings, games and guest speakers, for people of all ages. New members welcomed.

## **Justice and Freedom for Ceylon Tamils Inc**

PO Box 2286 Dandenong VIC 3175

Ph: 0404 059 231 or 9794 7942 (Contact: Wickiramasingham)

- A human rights and refugee action group

## **Victorian Tamil Cultural Association**

PO Box 2286 Dandenong VIC 3175

Ph: 0404 059 231 or 9794 7942 Secretary: Wicki (N.R. Wickiramasingham)

Email: [wickiram@hotmail.com](mailto:wickiram@hotmail.com)

- Connecting the Tamil community living in Victoria with each other & providing information and advocacy on issues of concern; celebrating Tamil culture;
- Cultural school for children aged 5-15 years on Sundays
- Broadcasting services to the Tamil community through radio Sangathanam on 97.1 FM – more information at [www.sanganatham.net.au](http://www.sanganatham.net.au) or email [sanganatham@gmail.com](mailto:sanganatham@gmail.com)

## **China/Chinese speaking**

### **Federation of Chinese Associations (Vic) Inc**

Main Office: Suite 6, Level 4, 20 Collins St Melbourne

Mail to: PO Box 448C MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Phone: 9650 6468

Email: [junxi\\_su@hotmail.com](mailto:junxi_su@hotmail.com)

At SER MRC Dandenong every Wednesday morning Phone: 9706 8933

At AMES Oakleigh Every Wednesday afternoon Phone: 9563 4777

At SCAAB Springvale every Thursday Phone: 9546 5255

- Provides settlement services for newly arrived migrants from China; employment service; internet for seniors; affiliated groups meet in Springvale, Doveton & Dandenong for various activities

### **Melbourne South Eastern Region Chinese Friendship Centre of Victoria Inc**

Meet Fridays at Dandenong Senior Citizens Club (10 Langhorne St), Tuesdays at Hallam Recreation Reserve (Frawley Rd) and Thursdays at Springvale Community Centre (1 Osborne Ave).

Mail to: 501 Centre Rd BENTLEIGH VIC 3204

Email: [teddybearmum@hotmail.com](mailto:teddybearmum@hotmail.com)

Contact Ph. 0425 712 214 (Chairperson: Shirley Aolei Xue Yuan)

- A non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization focussed on serving and representing the interests of members and participating in Australia's multicultural society. 80% Seniors. Activities include seminars on health and

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community issues, exercise, Tai Chi, dancing, singing, Mah Jong, learning English, computer and Chinese poetry and culture and enjoying each others company.

## **South-East Asia**

### **Burmese Muslim Community Association**

Mail C/- 54 Lewis St Springvale VIC 3171

Contact Ph: 0401 255 337 (Yvette) or 0432 465 249 (George)

Email: [yvette.cho786@gmail.com](mailto:yvette.cho786@gmail.com)

- Provide social & educational activities for the local Burmese Muslim community including celebration of important religious events and teaching skills for living in Australia and Saturday school for children

### **Cambodian Association of Victoria**

[www.cambodianassociation.com.au](http://www.cambodianassociation.com.au)

52 Queens Ave Springvale VIC 3171

Office: Ph. 9546 3466 Fax. 9546 3604 Mob. 0402 944 478 (Salazar Chea)

Email: [salazar@cambodianassociation.com.au](mailto:salazar@cambodianassociation.com.au)

- Provides welfare to the Cambodian community of Victoria; has a range of groups including: elderly citizens association, Cambodian women's group.
- Youth worker provides outreach service to young people experiencing difficulty at school

### **Cambodian Community Welfare Centre Inc**

Email [ccwcinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ccwcinc@optusnet.com.au)

At Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau (DCAB)

186 Foster St East, Dandenong VIC 3175

Ph. 9791 8366 or 9791 8344 (Mondays only) ask for Bunnary

Nunawading Community Centre - Ph & Fax 03 9877 9732 (Thurs)

- Provide support and information services for Cambodian people
- Facilitate groups for women and older people

### **Cambodian Chinese Friendship Association Vic**

Mail to: PO Box 404 Springvale VIC 3171

Phone: 9562 0434 (Secretary, Ms Huoy Tek) or

Ph. 9560 4887 or mob. 0423 413 823 (Cultural Dance Group Leader, Eng Tham)

Email: [hunt4muffins@yahoo.com.au](mailto:hunt4muffins@yahoo.com.au) Huoy Tek, [sirtham@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sirtham@optusnet.com.au) Eng Tham

- Activities include Chinese (Mandarin) language lessons at weekends – mainly for people of Cambodian background, various group activities such as Line Dancing, Cultural Dancing, Tai Chi group, Table-Tennis group

### **Cambodian Women's Group of Victoria**

Activities held at: Cambodian Association of Victoria, 52 Queens Ave Springvale

Phone: C/- 9546 3466 (BH) or 9547 5745 (AH)

Mail to: 52 Queens Ave Springvale VIC 3171

- Activities include seminars, cooking classes and helping people.



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## **Khmer Community of Victoria**

Khmer Buddhist Centre, 458-462 Springvale Road Springvale South VIC 3172

Ph: 9548 5285 (Abbott, Then Sen)

Fax: 9512 6057

Email: [sopheangphil@gmail.com](mailto:sopheangphil@gmail.com)

- Regular meetings and social activities for older people; celebrations including: New Year, Buddha's birthday, Ancestor day, Full-moon day; teaching of Buddhism.

## **Springvale Indo-Chinese Mutual Assistance Association Inc (SICMAA)**

9 Hillcrest Grove Springvale VIC 3171

Office Ph: 9562 3266 or Director 9547 7939 (Mon-Fri 9-5)

Fax: 9558 5742

Email: [sicmaa@satlink.com.au](mailto:sicmaa@satlink.com.au)

- Provide welfare services to the Indo-Chinese community - mostly from Vietnam; services on issues related to settlement, domestic violence; drug & alcohol prevention; disability information & support; English for beginners; Vietnamese seniors club at Seniors centre Springvale & Vietnamese Freedom Club Mondays at Dandenong RSL; celebrate Vietnamese festivals; Vietnamese men's group meets monthly.

## **Centre for Philippine Concerns – Australia (CPCA) Inc (S.E. Branch)**

[www.cpcavictoria.org.au](http://www.cpcavictoria.org.au)

Co-located with Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau

Mail to: 186 Foster St East, Dandenong Vic 3175

Ph: 9791 8366 Fax: 9792-1111

Email: [cpcavictoria@gmail.com](mailto:cpcavictoria@gmail.com)

- Association of Filipinos in Victoria committed to a culture of community service, respect for difference and shared vision and knowledge by representing issues and advocating for a strong voice and active participation by Filipinos in the whole community.
- Activities include: Planned Activities Group (PAG) and friendly visiting program for older people; celebration of National Youth Week with their Young Filipino Ambassadors group; cultural events such as Philippine Independence Day and Christmas.

## **Pacific Islands**

### **Logomua Fono Samoa Inc**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of month at SERMRC, Level 1, 314 Thomas St Dandenong Vic 3175

Ph: 9706 8933. Contact Ph: 9782 5194 (Secretary, Namualuulu-Seleni Feo)

Email: [logomuafonosamoancommunity@hotmail.com](mailto:logomuafonosamoancommunity@hotmail.com)

- Samoan community organization: Provides service to maintain culture, language, religion & sports, help seniors and youth

## **2.3 Region: Europe**

*Arranged in alphabetic order of country*

**Armenian Community Centre Inc**  
**Armenian Relief Society Inc (Nayiry Chapter)**  
**Armenian Cultural Society**  
**Homenetmen – Arax Chapter**  
**Armenian National Committee**

Meet/activities at 8-14 Police Road Springvale North VIC 3171

Contact Ph: 0409 419 844 (Pailag/Paul)

Centre Ph: 9547 6837

- Activities include sporting and scout groups, classes in dance, culture and religion. Saturday school in Armenian language for children P-6.
- The Relief Society organises lunch for elderly community members at the centre every second Wednesday and undertakes other social services for the community.
- Most activities take place evenings and weekends.

**Australian Albanian Association**

Office: Suite 19, 200 Thomas St, Dandenong VIC 3175

Ph: 9791 2572

**Bosnian & Herzegovinian Islamic Society – Noble Park**

Meet at 18 Leonard Ave Noble Park

Mail to: PO Box 236 Noble Park VIC 3174

Committee Ph/fax: 9558 4897

Imam Ph: 9546 8089

- The society is a religious non-profit organization that provides a place of worship to all Muslims

**Australian Croatian Community Services**

Office: 128-130 Walker St Dandenong

Mail to: PO Box 7006, DANDENONG VIC 3175

Ph: 9791 6000 Fax: 9791 6011

Email: [services@accs.asn.au](mailto:services@accs.asn.au)

- ACCS started in Footscray in 1982, the service in Dandenong started 2006. Services include: Community Aged Care Packages, English language classes, Croatian language classes and social group

**Croatian Australian Catholic Centre**

798-808 Springvale Rd Braeside

Mail to: PO Box 301 Springvale VIC 3171

Ph: 9769 1966

- Church & Community Hall: Activities include: dances and functions
- See also Clubs & Groups for Seniors

## **Greek Community of Springvale and Districts**

11-13 Warwick Avenue Springvale VIC 3171

Club Ph: 9548 1566 Evenings or leave message on answering machine

- Club has social activities, meals, information, outings

## **Guard of Honor (Istituto Nazionale per la Guardia D'onore alle Reali Tombe del Pantheon)**

<http://www.guardiaddonorealpantheon.it>

Contact Ph: 0402 550 988 (Carmelo Nicastro, President)

Email: [nicastrum@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nicastrum@optusnet.com.au)

Mail to: 44 Altair St SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172

- Mostly Italian-speaking group similar to RSL, organise regular dinner dances and trips for all ages. Most activities run from Jan Wilson Centre in Noble Park North

## **Italo-Spanish Club Inc (formerly De Los Abuelos)**

Meets Wed 10.30-3.00 Senior Citizen's Club, Menzies Ave, North Dandenong

Mail to: 237 James Cook Drive Endeavour Hills VIC 3802

Club Ph & Fax: 9700 3406

- Participants 40 yrs+. Activities include indoor bowls, darts, dancing, chatting, watching TV, lunch and outings.

## **Napoli Family Club**

Meet Thursdays at Menzies Av Hall, North Dandenong

Mail to: 8 Kaye Court Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 9795 8130 (Nancy)

- Participants generally Italian background, over 55s & younger people with disabilities. Weekly activities include: bocce, cards, tombola & lunch. Monthly 3 course lunch, dancing & entertainment. Occasional outings.

## **Macedonian Community Welfare Association (MCWA)**

[www.mcwa.org.au](http://www.mcwa.org.au)

Mail to: PO Box 436 St Albans VIC 3021

Email: [info@mcwa.org.au](mailto:info@mcwa.org.au)

Contact Ph: 9310 7566 (Diana Starjovska)

- Statewide service that provides welfare services to people of Macedonian background

## **Associated Netherlands Societies in Victoria Inc**

Mail to: 1 Tania Court Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact Ph: 9792 5146 (President: Ype de Bruin)

Web: [www.dutchcourier.com](http://www.dutchcourier.com) (follow clubs link)

- Umbrella organization for 20 Dutch associations in Vic, combined meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of month at Abel Tasman Dutch Club, 60 Rosstown Rd Carnegie
- Interests include: culture, social welfare and well-being of Dutch community
- Publishes journal the "Dutch Courier"
- Annual festival at Sandown Park, details at [www.hollandfestival.com.au](http://www.hollandfestival.com.au)

## **Australian Polish Community Services Inc**

At 'Polish House', 1325 Stud Rd, Rowville every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
Mail to: Unit 11, Level 1, 44-56 Hampstead Rd, Maidstone, Vic 3012.

Phone: 9689 9170

Fax: 9687 7446

Email: [info@apcs.org.au](mailto:info@apcs.org.au)

<http://www.apcs.org.au/>

- Provide advocacy and information about services for seniors (in Polish)
- Service at Rowville is scheduled for same day as meetings of the Polish Senior Citizens' Club

## **(The) Polish Club "Forty Plus" Inc**

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. 10-3 at John Pandazopoulos Hall, 78 Power Rd Doveton VIC 3177

Contact Ph. 9706 1490 (Grace)

- Activities include: info sessions with guest speakers e.g. Centrelink services, making wills, and health assessments by a physiotherapist; also trips/outings, exercises; walking group, (active for life program every Friday), coffee & chat.

## **Serbian Welfare Association of Victoria Inc**

Tom Houlahan Centre, 186 Foster St. East, Dandenong

Mail to: PO BOX 7507 Dandenong 3175

Ph: 9701 7308 Fax: 9706 9912

Email: [serbianwelfare@ozemail.com.au](mailto:serbianwelfare@ozemail.com.au)

- Services: assistance with community, employment and aged care issues.

## **Slovenian-Australian Cultural and Sport Association Planica Springvale Inc**

Club address: 11 Soden Road Bangholme VIC 3175

Club ph/fax: 9772 6235

Contact Ph: 9700 5014 (President, Ivanka Kolacko)

- Most activities Friday evenings and Sundays - includes dances, dinners & lunches. All ages and all nationalities welcome.

Spain/Spanish – see also Italo-Spanish and **South & Central America**

## **St John of Kronstadt Russian Welfare Society Inc**

13 Conway St Dandenong VIC 3175

Ph: 9793 5955

Fax: 9791 3933

Email: [kronstadtgardens@russianwelfare.org.au](mailto:kronstadtgardens@russianwelfare.org.au)

Webpage: [www.russianwelfare.org.au](http://www.russianwelfare.org.au)

- Provides a range of services particularly relating to Aged Care (details on web page); Also Russian language library and language service; Supports or co-ordinates the following groups: Russian Senior Citizen's Club of Dandenong, Russian Women's Health Group, Dandenong Parish Russian School, Russian Children's Choir, Crochet & Knitting Group, and Swimming Club

## **Dandenong Turkish Islamic Culture Society Inc**

Meet at: Emir Sultan Mosque, 139 Cleeland St Dandenong

Mail to: PO Box 7105 Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact ph: 0425 767 483 (M. Altun)

Fax: 9701 7197

- Social, leisure and religious activities, including sport and outdoor recreation for young people
- In the process of building a new mosque & community hall

## **Turkish Islamic Cultural Centre, Keysborough**

396 Greens Road Keysborough VIC 3173

Ph: 9701 8919 (Mt Hira College – on same site, Principal is contact person)

Fax 9701 5919

- Celebrates religious ceremonies

## **Association of Ukrainians in Victoria (Noble Park Branch)**

26 Chandler Road Noble Park VIC 3174

Ph: 9795 2679, mob. 0421258915 (President, Eugene Stefyn)

Email: [auvnolepark@optusnet.com.au](mailto:auvnolepark@optusnet.com.au)

- See also: Ukrainian Women's Association, *Education section*: Ukrainian community school, *Aged & Disability section*: Ukrainian Senior Citizens Club & *Places of Worship*: Ukrainian Catholic Parish Council

## **Ukrainian Women's Association of Victoria (Noble Park Branch)**

26 Chandler Road Noble Park VIC 3174

Ph: 0402 308 559 (Olga Radywyl)

Email: [soyuzukrainok@gmail.com](mailto:soyuzukrainok@gmail.com)

## **2.4 Region: Middle East**

### ***Arranged in alphabetic order by association name***

#### **All Mesopotamian Christian Association Inc (AMeCA)**

Mail to: 103 Gleneagles Drive ENDEAVOUR HILLS VIC 3802

Contact Ph: 9706 1773 Mob: 0407 002 897 (President, Josephine)

Email: [syloli2002@yahoo.com](mailto:syloli2002@yahoo.com) (Treasurer: Suha)

At SERMRC Thursdays 10-2 Ph 9706 8933, Level 1, 314 Thomas St Dandenong

- Christians from Mesopotamia (now Iraq, Syria, Iran & Turkey) who get together to celebrate especially at Easter and Christmas
- Provides support and information to new arrivals (of any religious background) - especially from Iraq

#### **Antiochian Community Support Association Inc**

Mail to: PO Box 1153 DANDENONG PLAZA VIC 3175

Ph: 9792 2066 or 0402 132 074 (Community Dev't worker, Margaret Kharoufeh)

Fax: 9792 4367

Email: [info@acsainc.org.au](mailto:info@acsainc.org.au)

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[www.stpaulchurch.org.au/](http://www.stpaulchurch.org.au/)

- A community-based welfare organisation for all Arabic speaking people (of all religious faiths) living in the south east of Melbourne
- Groups and activities for seniors, youth and women

## **Casey Arabic Women's Club Inc**

Meet at Sts Peter & Paul Melkite Church Hall  
35 Somerville Rd Hampton Park VIC 3976  
Contact Ph. 9704 8097 (Venice)

- Social activities including meals and outings – ages range from 30-80 years

## **(The) Lebanese Cultural Club Inc**

Mail to: 63 Robinswood Pde, Narre Warren South VIC 3805  
Contact ph: 0421 882 138 (Abdul Wahad c/- Hafez Abdul Wahab)

- Leisure and sporting activities including: volleyball and basketball; various activities for all ages

## **Palestinian Community Association of Victoria**

PO Box 1629 Doncaster East VIC 3109  
Ph: 0402 838 522 Imad Sukkar  
Email: [secretary@palestine-victoria.org.au](mailto:secretary@palestine-victoria.org.au)

- Aims to Engage the Palestinian community with the wider Australian society while maintaining and promoting our Palestinian identity

## **Victorian Arabic Social Services Inc (VASS)**

[www.vass.org.au/](http://www.vass.org.au/)

Phone: 9309 0055 (Broadmeadows - Head Office)

### **South East office co-located at SERMRC**

Mondays 10am-5pm & Friday afternoons at SER MRC Dandenong Ph: 9706 8933

Contact Ph: 0421 990 216 (Iman Allaf)

Mail to: PO Box 1139 Dandenong VIC 3175

Email: [iman.allaf@vass.org.au](mailto:iman.allaf@vass.org.au) or [imanaziz6@hotmail.com](mailto:imanaziz6@hotmail.com)

- Social support, referrals & advocacy for the Arabic community; Education & training through the Family Strengthening Support Program; Playgroups for Arabic speaking families and cultural awareness training

## **VASS Arabic Women's Group**

Meet at Dandenong Netball Centre, Greaves Reserve, Bennet St

Contact Ph: 9798 5227 (Maisaa Olabi)

Email: [maisaa.olabi@hotmail.com](mailto:maisaa.olabi@hotmail.com)

- Meet every second Wednesday;
- Social meeting, educational & information sessions

## **VASS Iraqi & Chaldean/Assyrian Women's Group**

Meet at Dandenong Netball Club, Greaves Reserve, Bennet St

Contact Ph: 9796 3976 (Manahel Hurmez)

Email: [m\\_hurmez@hotmail.com](mailto:m_hurmez@hotmail.com)

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- Meet every Thursday 10-1
- Educational & information sessions, Parenting sessions

## **VASS Playgroup for Arabic Speaking Families**

Contact Ph: 9706 8933 or 0407 050 515 (Nadia Abu Douhu)

Email: [nadiaabu1970@hotmail.com](mailto:nadiaabu1970@hotmail.com)

Meet at Dandenong Netball Club, Greaves Reserve, Bennet St

- every Thursday 10-1

Meet at McFees Rd Child Health Centre, Dandenong North

- every Tuesday 10-1

## **2.5 Region: South & Central America**

### **Salvadorean Community Council of Victoria Inc**

[www.salvadoreancouncilvictoria.org/](http://www.salvadoreancouncilvictoria.org/)

Mail to: SCCV, P.O. Box 2051 Fountain Gate VIC 3805

Contact: 0410 548 463 (Alberto)

Email: [administrator@sccv.org.au](mailto:administrator@sccv.org.au) or [info@sccv.org.au](mailto:info@sccv.org.au)

- A non-government, non-profit, community organization which takes an active interest in all the aspects of multiculturalism and ethnic affairs for Salvadorean - Spanish Speaking Community in the South East of Melbourne.
- Volunteer-run organization that provides community services to the Salvadorean and Hispanic communities of South East Melbourne and throughout Victoria
- See webpage for more information in Spanish & English

### **Ventana Hispana (Spanish Window) Inc**

Mail C/- SERMRC Level 1, 314 Thomas St Dandenong VIC 3175

Contact Ph. 9705 6966 (Tues 10-2) 9706 8933 (Thur 10-4) or 0422 657 121 ask for Co-ordinator, Lucy Salinas or Food relief co-ordinator Miguel Avendano

Email: [salinas\\_gallardo@hotmail.com](mailto:salinas_gallardo@hotmail.com)

- Provides welfare including food relief, social and cultural support, information & learning opportunities to promote harmony and participation in the Spanish-speaking and general diverse community in Victoria
- Activities: computer lessons; English classes; Latin & traditional dance; Welfare casework & referral

Social support group meets every Tuesday at SERMRC Narre Warren

## **2.6 Other Groups**

*Groups meeting at Springvale Neighbourhood House (some meet weekly or monthly, others occasionally): Many of these groups do not have a regular convenor so contact can be made via Springvale Neighbourhood House. Groups with \* have listing elsewhere in directory.*

46 -50 Queens Ave Springvale 3171

Ph: 9548 3972

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Fax: 9574 0483

Email: [coordinator@snh.org.au](mailto:coordinator@snh.org.au)

## 2010 GROUPS:

- AA Resurreccion – self help support group for Spanish speaking people with alcohol problems
- \*ADEC Carers Support Groups – Arabic, Turkish & Vietnamese
- Al-Ehssan Support Group – Support & social group for Muslim women
- Al-Emaan Women’s Group – self help group providing social support to each other and newcomers and young mums; also studying the Koran
- Amigos Unidas – social & support group
- Arab Women’s Group – social & support group
- Au Hua Musical Group – Chinese musical group
- Australia Burma Society – support group
- Australian Oromo Community Association in Vic
- Blue Lagoon dance group
- Cook Islands Royal Polynesian Dance Team
- Cook Islander’s Women’s Association Inc
- Cook Islander’s Welfare Association Inc
- Eritrean South Eastern Group– social & support group
- Gaddisa Oromo Community
- Hararian Community Association in Australia
- Hararian Organisation
- Hararian Organisation in Vic
- La Voz Femenina – Support & social group for Latin American women
- \*Lakhanda Elderly Day Centre – for Sri Lankan elderly
- Maya Dance Group – cultural dance from El Salvador
- Multicultural Women’s Sewing Group
- Multicultural Women’s Group – for Italian women
- New Life Assembly of God Youth (Cook Islands)
- New Life Ministry Centre Inc – support for Cambodian adult & young people
- Oromo Children
- Oromo Women’s Association in Australia, South Pacific Region
- Quba group – social & support group
- Rhythms of the Pacific – South Pacific music
- Salvadorian Australian Association Inc
- Samoan Assembly of God – church group
- \*SEAAC – support & social group
- Seven Valley Ensemble – Persian Classical Music Group
- Slavic Senior Citizen’s Club
- Slavic women’s group – “Relaxum” Springvale
- Somaliland Women’s & Youth Group
- South Eastern Region African Women’s Association
- \*South Eastern Region Melbourne Oromo Community Association in Victoria Australia (SERMOCABA) Inc
- South Sudan Equatorial Women’s Sewing Group
- Springvale Mandarin Support Network
- \*United Filipino Elderly Group Inc
- \*Ventana Hispana – support & social group
- Victorian Eritrean Community – support & social group