



Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council

Meeting communique

The 14th meeting of the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council (the Council) was held in Brisbane on 27 June 2019. This was the last meeting of the inaugural membership of the Council.

The Council was provided with a presentation from TAFE Queensland on accessing services for people seeking asylum, and discussed strategies to raise awareness about voting amongst culturally and linguistically diverse communities with the Electoral Commission of Queensland.

The Council was provided an update on preparations for the Multicultural Queensland Month in August. A number of events are planned for the Month ending with the Multicultural Queensland Awards at the Royal International Convention Centre on 30 August 2019. An update was also provided on the Multicultural Queensland Ambassador program.

As this was the last meeting for this term of the Council, members provided their highlights from the last three years and some key learnings for consideration by the new Council.

Highlights included:

- Regional consultations and hearing from people that members don't usually engage.
- Meeting with Queensland Government Departments to discuss their activities in addressing the needs of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Using members' expertise to engage with Government bodies.
- Being a part of and contributing to the process of Government.

Learnings included:

- Consider how members can be utilised more at the community level.
- Include more regional representation.
- Opportunity to focus on the Advancing Queensland's Priorities.
- Ensure the broader community is engaged.
- Build on the agenda with the next Council.

The new Council membership will be announced in August 2019 and will meet later in the year.