

Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council Meeting communique

The 11th meeting of the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council was held in Brisbane on 27 September 2018.

Members reviewed Queensland Multicultural Month 2018, noting a number of activities that worked well such as the Queensland Multicultural Awards lunch, increased widespread publicity, sponsoring the Multicultural Plaza Music Stage at the Ekka for the first time, and increased social media presence.

Members also discussed opportunities to enhance the reach and impact of the month in 2019, such as improving branding and messaging about Queensland as a diverse state and increasing the presence and awareness of what's happening during the month across regional Queensland.

Members then heard from two Queensland Government agencies, the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs and the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women on topics of interest to the Council and the progress of actions in the Multicultural Action Plan 2016-17 to 2018-19. The Council discussed the progress and further opportunities to build on existing work to achieve cultural responsiveness and to support inclusive, harmonious and united communities.

Further information on the progress of actions in the Multicultural Action Plan can be viewed on the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs' website at <http://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/multicultural-affairs/policy-and-governance/multicultural-policy-and-action-plan.html>.

The Council briefly discussed work to develop the first Parliamentary Report on progress of the Queensland Multicultural Policy and the new Multicultural Action Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22.

The final meeting of the Council for the year will be held in Brisbane on 22 November 2018.