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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the October edition of IECC CALD Talk.

I'm pleased to inform you that since our last newsletter, the IECC has received additional funding to accommodate the needs of CALD communities in the Illawarra. Recent projects have included \$51,000 for another 12 month of the Ukrainian Community Development Project, an additional \$20,000 for the IECC In Home Support Project and a Ukrainian Day Care. Liaising with and understanding the needs of CALD communities allows the IECC to advocate on their behalf and ultimately enable provision of services.

I am also pleased to report that on the 1 October 2008, the "Lingua Loca Project" was opened at Project Contemporary Artspace in Wollongong. This was a fascinating exhibition of artworks by talented multicultural artists in the Illawarra.

The IECC was also involved in "Viva La Gong" and "Turkfest" from the 5th of October to the 12th of October; these activities are a prime example of the achievements made possible through teamwork and collaboration amongst organisations in the Illawarra.

I am delighted to report that The National Manager of Multicultural Services and local Managers of Centrelink visited the IECC Offices in June and were eager to work and assist our organisation and staff. Furthermore, the Community Relations Commission chose the

Illawarra to bring a Japanese delegation of welfare and community workers to observe and learn about service deliveries and project outcomes due to their high regard and respect for the work and the services provided by the IECC.

I am extremely pleased to report that the IECC has purchased a property in Corrimal Street, Wollongong, which will house our staff as well as a Day Care facility for our CALD Communities.

I feel honoured and proud to report that the IECC Ethnic Meals on Wheels was awarded the 'Innovative Practice' award for the second year in a row from the NSW Meals on Wheels Association.

Finally, it is my pleasure to invite all our members to the IECC 32nd Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday, 6 December 2008 at 3:00pm at our new premises, 117 Corrimal Street, Wollongong.

I am looking forward to welcoming all of you to the AGM and extend a warm invitation to you to join us for afternoon tea at the conclusion of the AGM.

If you have any questions in relation to the IECC or any of its related projects, please feel free to contact our office. Our friendly staff would be happy to here from you!

Kind regards,

Ken Habak



Chairperson

Aged Care Division

Dementia Awareness Week - Carers Dinner

The Illawarra Ethnic Communities Council hosted a dinner at the Cringila HACC Centre for carers and clients during Dementia Awareness Week.

A 3 course meal, drinks and music was provided. A dietician from Port Kembla Hospital spoke on the importance of nutrition.

The event was proudly sponsored by Alzheimer's Australia NSW, SESIAHS and The Vicki James Foundation.



IECC PRESENTATION ON DEMENTIA SPECIFIC SERVICES

The Illawarra Ethnic Communities Council held a presentation on Dementia Specific Services which are available in the Illawarra.

The presentation was held at the General Practitioners Conference in Wollongong on the 19 September 2008. For more information please contact Liz Arroyo on (02) 4276 4364

NEW STAFF

The IECC welcomes the following staff to the team.

Magdalena Eckardt - Baltic States Day Care Coordinator

Julia Wren - Ukrainian Day Care Coordinator

Belinda Oerlemans - Dutch Day Care Coordinator

Meri Zafirovski - In Home Support Coordinator (12 month temporary position)

We say goodbye to Linda Van Gils (Dutch Day Care Coordinator) and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We wish Gabby Sloane (In Home Support Coordinator) a safe trip overseas. While Gabby is overseas, Meri Zafirovski will be replacing her for 12 months.

Aged Care Information Session for Aged Care Providers

The Ukrainian CPP programme is holding an information session to provide Aged Care Service Providers with information about CALD Aged Care services, Aged Care trends and supporting the CALD community.

It will be held on Tuesday 25 November at Itsowel on 21 Stewart Street, Wollongong from 9:30am.

The session will be facilitated by the Ukrainian, Greek, Italian, Macedonian and Polish CPP Programme Coordinators and proudly supported by IECC, Macedonian Australian Welfare Association, Greek Welfare Centre, Itsowel and Polish Australian Welfare Association.

For more information please contact Nelke on (02) 4229 7566

NEW FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

IECC attended an information session on Food Legislation which was organised by The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. It was held on 16 July in Kiama to introduce the new food safety standards. For more information please contact Gordana on (02) 4229 7566

Student Work Placements

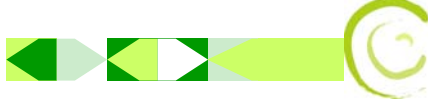
IECC welcome 3 work placement students to the team. They are: Chris Mackie, Michael Danilov and Rebecca Collins. All students are completing 120 hours of work placement.

Ethnic Meals on Wheels

Congratulations to the Ethnic Meals on Wheels service which has won the NSW Meals on Wheels Food Service Award 2008 for the second year in a row. The Ethnic Meals on Wheels "Innovation Award 2008" was in recognition for the innovative way which IECC participates with local communities to develop delicious cultural meals.



Congratulations to Cresaline Ryder for an excellent achievement.



Youth and Arts Division

links to learning



The 2008 Links to Learning program is coming to a close as students from Lake Illawarra High, Oak Flats High, Warilla High, Illawarra Sports, Warrawong High and Figtree High have participated in a variety of training and educational challenges including TAFE Training, First Aid, Duke of Edinburgh, Retail, Self Defence, volunteer work and much more.



The program focuses on communication skills, developing positive self esteem, language and living skills, career and educational pathways along with a 'next step' towards career goals.

The 2008 Graduation Dinner will be held on the 2nd of December 2008 at the Hellenic Club where students will receive their training portfolios they have worked hard for all year.



The program is also seeking sponsors to provide additional activities for the participants. Interested parties should contact *Michael Marino* at the IECC on (02) 4296 9032.

MULTICULTURAL ARTS

Lingua Loca 'Migratory Flight' Multicultural Exhibition 1st - 12th October 2008.

Migratory Flight is the Fourth Annual incarnation of Lingua Loca exhibitions representing the Multicultural artists of the Illawarra.

This year Lingua Loca became part of the Viva La Gong festival which was an outstanding success with over 500 visitors to the gallery in the 10 days the exhibition was open. Sales are increasing annually with a quarter of the artists selling work this year.

We also ran a Peoples Choice prize to engage the public in visual art discernment and appreciation with approximately 300 visitors voting for their favourite piece. We are proud to announce that Virginia Settre won the \$350 Peoples Choice prize with her work 'Passage 2008'.

Also performing at the Viva La Gong Festival was 'Prayer Bells'.



'Prayer Bells' is a choral work by Constantine Koukias for three solo cantors - in Hebrew, Greek and Latin - and eight male voices, accompanied by a quarter - tone set of specially crafted hand bells.

MULTICULTURAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (MYDP)

Multicultural Youth Magazine: Collaborative partnership with Port Kembla Youth Project. The project is working with year 11 students from Warrawong High School and cultural community youth groups and individuals. The launch of the youth magazine is scheduled for December.



IN THE MIX: Planning for the cross-cultural/ cross-generational event with CALD women of various ages is scheduled for 28 October 2008. IN THE MIX is in collaboration with Wollongong Women's Centre, Port Kembla Youth Project and various community organisations.

ZINES WITH JOHN RICHARDSON SCHOOL (KEELONG Juvenile Justice Centre): Implemented on the 24th September in collaboration with Luciano Valeo and Guy Sterling. Young mail offenders participated in an hour and a half Zine Workshop and produced collaborative zine.

SKY'S THE LIMIT: The Mini-Olympics 'Sky's The Limit' with young people with special needs was held on 23 October 2008. The MYDP assisted in recruiting volunteers for the event.

SOCCER DAY: Planning has commenced for the Soccer Day in collaboration with DET, WIEC and IMS. The Soccer Day will be an outdoor event at the University of Wollongong on Tuesday 16 December 2008.



NSW FIRE BRIGADE: In August 2008 the MYDP Officer was appointed as a NSW Fire Brigade Community Volunteer to liaison between the Illawarra's Multicultural Community Safety Coordinator (Culturally Diverse Services), David Weir.

Jennifer Gifford with Superintendent Gregory O'Connor (Zone Commander MSI - Wollongong)

KIDS MAKING CHOICES

The Kids Making Choices workshops were held on the 9th and 16th of September with Tarrawanna Primary School. The program has recruited 3 volunteers and 1 work placement student.



Iryna Cachia is successfully managing the PCYC kitchen; Azarnoush Dooki Vasquez volunteered to prepare/update/improve the evaluation package for the program; Solkan Donakzy has an outstanding didgeridoo performance on the first day of the program; and work placement student Michael Danilov helped in the kitchen and the barbeque. Coniston Primary School became part of the Kids Making Choices program. Workshops began in October 2008. For more information please contact Irina on (02) 4229 7566

The IECC Head Office is open from

Monday to Friday 9:00am—5:00pm

We are located at : 16 Stewart Street, Wollongong

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Or visit us on our website: www.iecc.org.au

For More Information On Individual Projects and Activities

CALD Aged Care and Disability Services

The IECC delivers specialised services and aged care programs for CALD communities across the Illawarra including:

Middle Eastern Day Care
Croatian Day Care

Greek Day Care

Baltic States Day Care
Ukrainian Day Care

Dutch Day Care

Ethnic Meals On Wheels

Ukrainian CPP Project

Village Elders & Friends of
Cringila Social Group

In-Home Respite &
Social Support Services

Multicultural Dementia
Day Care Services

Dementia Carer Support

HACC Community
Development Respite
Services

Find Out More About Our Multicultural Arts & Youth



links to learning

KIDS MAKING CHOICES

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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IECC Announcements & Upcoming Events

NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The IECC 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held on
6 December at 3:00pm at 117 Corrimal Street,
Wollongong

IECC Seeking Volunteers

*IECC is continually in search of
volunteers who can assist any of
our clients.*

*If you have a bit of time on your
hands and are looking to share a
few precious moments please
contact the staff on 4229 7566*

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM

Applications for the 2008 - 2009 Aged Care Approvals
Round (ACAR) to create more nursing home beds and
community care places closes on 19 December 2008.
For more information please go to www.health.gov.au

2008 Illawarra Boss of the Year

Congratulations to Terrie Leoleos, Manager
of IECC, who was a finalist in the 2008
Illawarra Boss of the Year. Well Done.