



# ETHNIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

## NEWSLETTER

May 2008

Community Languages Schools  
Where Language and Culture Come Together

### VICTORIAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS EDUCATION ROUND TABLE HELD ON MAY 16, 2008 in MELBOURNE

The Minister for Education, The Hon Bronwyn Pike MP opened the Round Table on Community Languages Schools Education in Victoria last Friday May 16, 2008 at the Old Treasury Building in Melbourne. This was an initiative of Community Languages Australia and the Ethnic School Association of Victoria, which was negotiated with the Minister earlier this year and supported and implemented by the Ministerial Council on Languages, ESL and Multicultural Education (MACLEM). The Council is chaired by Liz Beattie MP Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier on Multicultural Affairs.

The Round table was chaired by Steve Herbert MP, the Parliamentary Secretary for Education. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) undertook the administrative and planning aspects and fully supported the Round table.

Principal Associations, Regional Offices of DEECD, VMC, Tertiary Institutions, VSL, VCAA, School Principals, Department of Human Services, ESAV and Community Languages Australia were all represented.

**Question:** You maybe be asking; **Why the long introduction, listing all the above?**

**Answer:** To highlight the significance of the event and the support it attracted from key stakeholders which included the Minister and two Parliamentary Secretaries, MACLEM and DEECD.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the roundtable was to raise awareness about community languages schools to a range of key stakeholders and seek solutions to issues that are often raised in relation to community languages schools. It was an opportunity to discuss ways for creating stronger links.

The Minister emphasised the importance of languages education in Victoria and the role of community languages schools play in Victoria. Community languages schools and VSL provide complementary provision to Victoria's mainstream schools in teaching languages. She indicated that we need to seek to capitalise on the opportunities to ensure a stronger, integrated delivery model.

Steve Herbut MP guided the discussion which was focused on outcomes.

Stefan Romaniw, Executive Director of Community Languages Australia gave an overview of National and State delivery by community languages schools, the importance of the MCEETYA Languages Statement and Plan. He also provided information on the important project funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) under the MCEETYA Plan which involved Improved National Coordination and Quality Assurance. The Victorian Governments' contribution to per capita funding, training and PD and administrative support was recognised. He also highlighted the facts that make community languages schools deliverers of credible programs which include; being a legal entity, having curriculum documents which are in line with the State's Framework, teachers and instructors undertook training and professional development and that there was evidence of strong teaching and learning practices and all funded schools must undergo an accreditation process.

The presentation can be viewed on

<http://www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au/Presentation/ROUNDTABLES-08.ppt>

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The Quality Assurance Framework was also discussed as a vehicle that will take schools into the future. <http://www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au/QualityAssurance.php>

A draft Statement of Commitment was presented for discussion and when completed will reinforce the role community languages schools play. It will raise greater awareness in mainstream schools of this role and the Government's commitment. The draft Statement of Commitment can be viewed on [http://www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au/Documents/Statement\\_Commitment.pdf](http://www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au/Documents/Statement_Commitment.pdf)

Carol Kelly, Assistant General Manager, Targeted Programs Branch provided an overview of DEECD position highlighting the importance of cooperation, partnerships and the need to have a coordinated approach in delivering languages education in Victoria. Building on our combined strengths, capitalising on our resources is paramount. Taking the message out about community languages school and engaging key stakeholders at a local level is a model that needs to be pursued.

The presentation can be viewed on

<http://www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au/Presentation/Carol-Presentation.ppt>

Purposeful discussion followed which provided useful action points.

Some of the outcomes were:

- That consultation be held around Victoria on community languages schools and their role and to initiate this discussion including the draft Statement of Commitment at regional level. This will engage more mainstream schools in the overall discussion
- Seek ways of building stronger communities around mainstream host schools and community languages schools which use Government school facilities
- Seek creative community partnerships that will deliver better results

#### **A very useful exercise!**

The ESAV and Community Languages Australia express their gratitude to the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretaries, MACLEM and DEECD for their support and to all participants for their involvements.

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## **QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP**

### **THURSDAY MAY 29, 2008 - at LMERC 6.00PM**

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The Workshop is IMPORTANT. It will provide your school with the information required to implement the Quality Assurance Framework. More information on <http://www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au/QualityAssurance.php>

This Framework will give your whole school community - administrators, teachers, parents, students and community members an opportunity to work together to strengthen your school planning and to deliver quality programs which in return lead to better student results. This will take some time.

ESAV and Community Languages Australia will work with your school and travel that journey together.

Come and start the journey. We encourage all schools to send at least one representative

To register please contact Fahry Abubaker on 03-9349-2400 or email [abubaker.fahry.f@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:abubaker.fahry.f@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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# STATE CONFERENCE SATURDAY JULY 5, 2008

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Theme “2008 International Year of Languages”  
SIDNEY MYER ASIA CENTRE, MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES AUSTRALIA  
ETHNIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

**VICTORIAN STATE  
COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS  
CONFERENCE**

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS  
WHERE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COME TOGETHER

Theme: **2008**  
International Year  
of Languages

Saturday July 5, 2008

9.45am - 4.00pm  
Sidney Myer Asia Centre  
Cnr Swanson Street and Monash Road  
University of Melbourne, VIC

**Program:**  
Key note addresses  
Languages education - Now and into the future  
Outcomes of the Ministerial Round Table on  
Community Languages Education

**Workshops:**  
-Classroom activities and leading practice  
-Hands on materials to use in a community languages schools  
-Computer Technology, connecting with languages  
-Quality Assurance Framework - Our next steps  
-Funding sources for community languages schools  
-Emerging communities Working in partnerships  
-Ideas, exhibits and cultural performances

Cost \$40 per participant including Conference papers & lunch  
RSVP June 30, 2008

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The Conference this year will have a very practical approach to it.

We want to do two things:

- Together, plan our future in Victoria as community languages schools
- Provide practical, hands on activities that teachers-instructors and administrators can take back to their schools such as; provide ideas and advice on improved classroom activities, curriculum planning, strategies for administrators – how to manage your school, how to apply for funding, how to ensure you comply with regulations.

It will also be an opportunity to meet with many teachers and administrators from throughout Victoria

**REGSITER NOW** - Cost \$40 – Cover Conference papers, Morning Tea and Buffet Lunch  
*See you there!!*

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## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS BY JULY 1, 2008

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Have you finalised this at your school? This must all be done for all those working with children in your school by JULY 1, 2008.

If you need advice on this matter, contact Child Safety Commissioner's office on 03 8601 5884 or visit <http://www.ocsc.vic.gov.au/>.

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### TEACHER TRAINING COURSE SEMESTER 1, 2008

UNIVERSITY	COURSE TITLE	DATE
Monash Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Early Years	March 19
Monash Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 2 VELs	March 19
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Arabic	April 14
RMIT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Chinese	March 19
VUT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 1 Vietnamese	April 1
VUT Uni	LOTE Methodology Phase 2 Vietnamese	May 20

All courses funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Education

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMESTER 1, 2008

TITLE	LANGUAGE	DATE
Intercultural Studies for Yr 9 and Yr 10	English	March 11
LOTE Classroom Management	English	March 18
Coursework & Assessment for Yr 11 Unit 1, 2	English	March 19
Coursework & Assessment for Yr 12 Unit 3, 4	English	March 26
Changing student attitudes	English	April 30
Working with children check	English	May 20
Facilitating intercultural understanding in our students	English	June 11
Keeping Enthusiasm Alive in our Classroom	English	June 14

All courses funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Education

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# 6<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

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Theme: "2008 International Year of Languages"

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2008 -  
PERTH**

BOOK YOU FLIGHTS NOW

**Interesting Program**

Saturday: Conference, Dinner

Sunday: Social activities!

*ESAV will cover conference registration costs*

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## FIRST AID COURSE

21592VIC Course in First Aid Level 1 -      Emergency Life Support

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**SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2008 AT LMERC**



Courses will be conducted by South West Training Services Pty Ltd, a Registered Training Organization. The course will run for six hours. There will be an assessment process at the end of the course – both practical and written. The cost per participant will be **\$35.00**

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## PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

### OAMPS INSURANCE BROKER

**PERIOD OF INSURANCE**

July 12, 2007 to July 12, 2008 at 4pm Local Time

**COVERING**

The Insured's legal liability to pay by way of compensation to third parties in respect of personal injury and/or Property Damage happening during the Period of Insurance caused by an occurrence in connection with the Business of the Insured (as per Insurers Policy Wording).

**LIMIT OF LIABILITY**

Public Liability - \$10,000,000 any one occurrence.

Products Liability - \$0 in the aggregate during the Period of Insurance.

Asbestos Liability - \$0 any one occurrence and in the aggregate during the period of insurance.

Incidental Errors and Omissions - \$0 any one claim and in the aggregate during the period of insurance.

**EXCESS**

Property Damage & Bodily Injury \$1,000

**NOTE:**

SPECIAL CLAUSES APPLICABLE: As Per Attached

1. Molestation Exclusion
2. Communicable Diseases Exclusion
3. Participation Exclusion

*To obtain a copy of the insurance cover, please contact Fahry Abubaker on 9349-2400*

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## ESAV MEMBERSHIP

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**Renew your membership NOW.**

**Fahry Abubaker** our Executive Officer has been working hard to ensure schools are financial members. Reminders have been sent out to schools.

ESAV membership brings with it many benefits such as:

- Representation of the Victoria's community languages schools interests before Government and other stakeholders ,
- Representation of community languages schools on the Ministerial Council on Languages, ESL and Multicultural Education (MACLEM)
- Representation to mainstream schools on school rental issues,
- Negotiating a cost effective Public Liability Insurance Policy,
- Negotiating funding for and facilitating teacher training courses and professional development sessions, first aid courses, programs for parents and teachers,
- Reduced in costs for registration at Conferences,
- Opportunities to liaise and network with others and most importantly,
- Strengthening the community languages schools position in Victoria and nationally.

If you have not paid your subscription please send your membership fee of \$30 to; ESAV office at 150 Palmerston Street, Carlton, 3053.

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## LANGUAGE & MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE



The LMERC Library collection contains a range of practical classroom and curriculum development resources relating to bilingualism, second language acquisition and language teaching methodology available for loan to teachers of community languages.

The LOTE collection also contains material in about 50 languages, including some videos, CDs and picture books.

For more information visit our website at: [www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/](http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/)

The website also has the latest newsletter from LMERC with information on happenings and new resources. Contact us by telephone on 03 9349-1418 or by email: [lmerc.library@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:lmerc.library@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Opening Hours:

The Library is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5 pm. On Tuesday during term time, the Library opens until 6.30 pm.

The LMERC library catalogue is available on-line.

The catalogue is accessible from the LMERC homepage at [www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/lib\\_online\\_cat.htm](http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/lib_online_cat.htm)