



Western Sydney LGAs

AUBURN
BAULKHAM HILLS
BLACKTOWN
HOLROYD
PARRAMATTA

Western Sydney Top 15 Languages 70+ pop.

1	ITALIAN	1,911
2	ARABIC	1,557
3	CANTONESE	1,551
4	MALTESE	1,204
5	MANDARIN	793
6	GREEK	789
7	POLISH	583
8	GERMAN	544
9	SPANISH	532
10	TAGALOG*	458
11	CROATIAN	457
12	TAMIL	385
13	FILIPINO *	355
14	HUNGARIAN	348
15	UKRAINIAN	312

*Tagalog and Filipino are spoken in the Phillipines. Filipino (along with English) is the official language. It is based on Tagalog but incorporates aspects from other native languages.

Introducing the Community Partners Program Workers...

New Year for Community Partners Program

Older people from CALD backgrounds experience specific barriers when accessing aged care services. As a result of this the Australian Government has identified these communities as special needs groups, under aged care legislation (*Aged Care Act, 1997*). These barriers may include language, access to information, culture and religion.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing funds organisations under the Community Partners Program (CPP) to assist aged people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds in accessing aged care services. The core objective of the program is:

Promoting and facilitating increased and sustained access by culturally and linguistically diverse communities with significant aged care needs to aged care support services.

CPP-funded organisations employ Project Officers to work with target CALD communities within particular localities. The Community Partners Program has a dual role in working both with CALD communities and Aged Care Service Providers.

The end of the financial year marked a new funding round for the Community Partners Program which has been typically funded on an annual basis. This year a tendering process was announced allowing new projects to apply for three year funding. This was an opportunity for currently under-represented communities to make a case for the needs of their CALD elderly.

The successful applications were

recently announced and include, both familiar and new faces. Among the new services that have joined the Community Partners Program are Macarthur Diversity Services Inc, Sydney West Multicultural Services and Sydney Multicultural Community Services. These organisations will support a diverse range of community groups in their target areas. Among the new communities that will receive support through the CPP are: Croatian, Dutch, Fijian Hindi, French, German, Hungarian, Indian, Maltese, Portuguese, Samoan, Serbian and Tamil.

CPPs can offer the CALD aged community:

- education and information sessions on the range of aged care services
- improved access to aged care services through identification and removal of barriers
- information and resources in community languages

CPPs can offer Aged Care Service Providers:

- links with local CALD communities
- information on the needs of older persons from CALD communities
- advice on developing strategies for culturally appropriate care
- cultural briefings and information sessions
- links to CALD resources and networks

TACS will keep you advised of the contact details of all Community Partners Program projects as soon as the current negotiations and recruitment are finalised. The new contact list will be placed on the TACS website and will continue to be updated on a quarterly basis.

...meet more CPPs in our following issues