

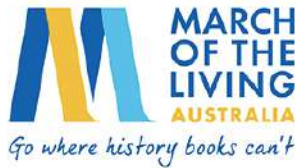


JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OF VICTORIA INC

ANNUAL REPORT **2022**



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Ballarat Hebrew
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 JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF VICTORIA				
				
				
				
				

your COMMUNITY JCCCV



OUR MISSION

To be the recognised and responsible peak body and voice of Victorian Jewry through advocacy, representation, networking and collaboration, both within the Jewish and wider communities.



OUR VALUES

- To be inclusive and representative of the diversity of the Jewish community;
- To be independent and objective;
- To support Jewish continuity and the Jewish way of life; and
- To support Israel.



OUR VISION

A society in which members of the Victorian Jewish community are able to live as Jews in peace and security, participating fully and without prejudice.



IMPACT

Victorian Community Relationships



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Ministers

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Leaders of Multicultural Organisations

6

Victorian Government Departments

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MPs

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Local Councils



Walking Together
Jewish Schools Project
Walking Together
Pillars of Light
Child Safety

Victorian Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal Community Support through Lockdowns
Zero Emissions Community Antisemitism Training in Schools Yom Ha'atzmaut
Yom HaShoah JCCV First Nations Reconciliation Project Mental Health Support

12

Projects collaborating with

72

Community Organisations

JCCV
COMMUNITY
EVENT

YOM HASHOAH
יום השואה



Remembering Together

CASE STUDY

Over 2000 viewers
20 collaborating affiliates

5 schools

10 youth groups and
student organisations

5 Community organisations
and centres



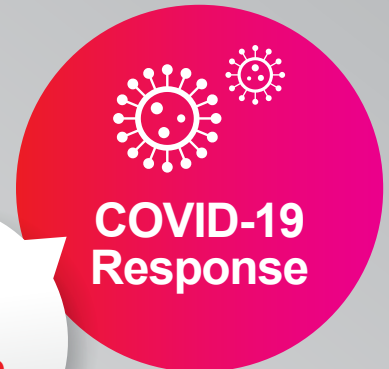


IMPACT

Organisational Programs, Events and Activities



2
new
affiliates



38
COVID-19
broadcasts



68
participants



3
sessions
delivered

in collaboration with the
Victorian Department
of Education and Training
213 participants
1200 students reached

CASE STUDY

Jewish Immersion Program

200% increase in number of councils participating

4x as many sessions run than in previous year

Delivering tailored sessions to staff at councils that provide services to 74% of Victorian Jews

Feedback showed 93% of participants said JIP improved their awareness and understanding of the Jewish community in Melbourne



JCCV
**JEWISH
IMMERSION
PROGRAM**

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF VICTORIA





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Daniel Aghion KC

Leading the community by example

The JCCV executive operates on a three year term. In the 2021 report, I said that the current executive had the following goals:

First, to restore the credibility of the JCCV

Second, a JCCV which leads the community by example

Third, a sound financial footing

Fourth, the identification of matters which meet the common aspirations of the community as a whole. It is in those matters where unity can be found.

Achieving our current goals and working towards our future goals.

In 2021, we met and exceeded our first goal. The 2022 calendar year has been directed towards meeting our second goal, of leading the Victorian community by example. I believe that we have succeeded in this goal as well. Our success can best be seen through the extensive work described in the report of our CEO, Judy Fetter. I would like to thank all JCCV executive members for their contributions.

The JCCV staffing team has also evolved with Josh Goodman being employed as a Project Officer in August, and Naomi Levin being appointed Chief Operating Officer in May. I thank the JCCV staff – Judy, Naomi, Hilary and Josh, for their tireless efforts and extend my appreciation to them for their hard work.

These staffing additions have resulted in a

significant uptick in JCCV operations, including increased Jewish Immersion Programs, improved communications with the Jewish community, and freeing up Judy Fetter, our CEO, to focus on strategic, rather than operational matters.

We continue to attract new affiliate organisations, while retaining those who have been associated with us for decades. I am regularly contacted by media organisations to contribute to public debates relevant to our community. We continue to lead, and also to respond on the key issues affecting Jewish Victorians, including antisemitism.

We continue our work including continuing to link our community to government at all levels, diverse multicultural communities and other key stakeholders.

Our third goal continues to be a work-in-progress: to create a sound financial footing for the JCCV. I am pleased to say we have secured three patrons, who have each made a sustained commitment. My objective is to add to the list of patrons in the very near future.

Key successes

Some of the JCCV's key successes in 2021-22 include:

- Government advocacy – The JCCV has worked hand-in-hand with the Victorian Government on a range of issues important to our community, including COVID-19 public health response, antisemitism training for government school teachers, and implementing laws to combat antisemitism.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont.

- Tikun Olam – The JCCV is keen to contribute to a creating a better world, this includes completing the acquittal of the \$3.1 million Victorian Bushfire Relief Appeal; supporting LGBTIQ+ community members; and actively working towards Reconciliation with Australia's First Nations.
- Holocaust remembrance – Hosting the largest community Yom Hashoah commemoration in April.
- Bringing community together – working with JCCV affiliates on a range of projects and programs, including
- co-hosting events and forums throughout the year.
- Education – Expanding the JCCV's Jewish Immersion Program to three local councils: Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Stonnington.

In the 2022-2023 year we must consolidate these gains and continue to communicate our successes. Most importantly, we must tackle our third goal, to put the JCCV on a sound financial footing. This requires us to find financial support from within our community to sustain our operations into the future.



Daniel Aghion KC
President

November 2022





CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Judy Fetter

The past year of COVID-19 related challenges has given the JCCV an opportunity to redefine our role. We have collaborated, listened and delivered with renewed focus and purpose. As a result, the JCCV has made significant steps forward to proudly support our collective Jewish way of life in Victoria.

Advocating for our community and ensuring open dialogue with our affiliates, the Victorian Government, local councils, Victoria Police and Victorian Multicultural Commission ensured our central roof body was relevant, respected and trusted. Regular meetings with senior Department of Health officials on helping deliver COVID-19 related messaging during difficult periods and to support and guide the Jewish community directly and via our affiliate organisations was significant.

Leading the consultation process with the Victorian Attorney-General and the Department of Justice and Community Safety on the banning of the public display of the Nazi swastika in Victoria; working with the Department of Education and Training to educate state school staff on antisemitism, its manifestations and reporting mechanisms; and expanding the role and reach of Jewish Immersion Programs (JIP) to local council staff and health service providers have been major achievements for the JCCV this year.

Our focus has also been on raising awareness and enabling action on key issues for our community. These include affordable and sustainable models for Jewish education for next generations raised by Jewish Schools Project; safeguarding the vulnerable through partnering with MAOZ;

safety and security issues with CSG in a period of growing antisemitism globally; leading JCCV First Nations Reconciliation Programs; and diligently managing distributions for the Victorian Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal to ensure communal funds were allocated effectively and in a timely manner.

The Yom Hashoah community commemoration remains a central responsibility of the JCCV. Due to the pandemic, we had to reimagine its style and delivery, while retaining the personal connection with survivors and their families and embracing youth involvement. Our solemn messages reached over 2,000 people in 2022, more than ever before.

I am proud to work with such a devoted yet small team of professionals to bring these achievements to life. My thanks to Naomi Levin, Hilary McMahon and Joshua Goodman who are instrumental in maintaining relationships, creating and delivering these services. Daniel Aghion KC and the JCCV Executive for their insight, guidance and strategic vision for the JCCV and our valued donors for their generosity, trust and loyalty. Together, we have adapted to changing times and delivered across our local and state areas with pride.

Judy Fetter
CEO

November 2022



ACHIEVEMENTS

INTERFAITH

JCMA

JCCV continues to sponsor and participate in the Jewish Christian and Muslim Association. JCCV executive member Rabbi Gabi Kaltman was elected President in 2021 and the JCCV is also represented by Frances Prince.

General Religious Education

JCCV executive member Frances Prince is working with other faith organisations to bring more general religious education to Victorian schools.

MULTICULTURAL

The JCCV is active at the highest levels of multicultural affairs, including in the **Victorian Multicultural Commission, Victorian Multifaith Advisory Group and Victoria Police Multifaith Reference Group.**



CHILD PROTECTION

MAOZ

Maoz established as the child safeguarding partner of the JCCV led by JCCV executive member Dr Michelle Meyer.



ADVOCACY

JCCV President Daniel Aghion KC sat on the **Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety's Core Consultation Group** to advise on the drafting of the Summary Offences Amendment (Nazi Symbol Prohibition) Act 2022.



ACHIEVEMENTS

ADVOCACY

Partnered with the Victorian Department of Education to deliver antisemitism training to teachers at Brighton Secondary College, with a plan to expanding this training to all Victorian schools in 2023.

At the request of the council CEO, educated City of Glen Eira councillors and assisted City of Glen Eira staff ahead of a Council motion to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism.

Worked with the Victorian Department of Health to lead the Jewish community response to COVID-19, including the vaccination campaign



EDUCATION

Partnered with the Jewish Schools Project to host community forums to discuss how to get more children learning in Jewish schools.

COMMUNITY

Participated in the Pride March with Jews of Pride and met with the leaders at the **Victorian Pride Centre**.

Partnered with B'nai B'rith Victoria and The King David School to host Walking Together with First Nations peoples at Pillars of Light in Federation Square, where Indigenous leaders and Jewish leaders lit Chanukah candles together.



ACHIEVEMENTS

COMMUNITY

Hosted the largest ever Yom Hashoah community commemoration.



Finalised allocations to bushfire affected communities from the \$3 million raised by the Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal.



Co-hosted two Bystander Training sessions for local council staff and other public service staff together with Courage to Care.





OUR VISION



The JCCV has been the voice of our community since 1938.

Our vision is to continue to represent, advocate and lead our whole community.

We represent 60,000+ Victorian Jews.

Jews who are religious.

Jews who are secular.

Jews who were born in Australia.

Jews who were born elsewhere.

Jews who live in Caulfield.

Jews who live outside the 'bagel belt'.

Jews who identify as LGBTQI+.

Jews who are dedicated to protect our Jewish history.

Jews who are working to create a better world.

The JCCV's affiliate organisations are active across the community, and we will continue to engage meaningfully with all JCCV affiliates.

COMING UP

The JCCV will continue to:

- **Connect.** Provide meaningful linkages across our community by leading discussions and connecting affiliates.
- **Advocate.** Provide our community's input to government on key issues affecting the Victorian Jewish community, including antisemitism.
- **Lead.** Strongly positioning the Jewish community in multicultural Victoria.
- **Educate.** Teach the broader community about the characteristics, needs and diversity of our community via the JCCV's Jewish Immersion Program and antisemitism training for Victorian teachers.
- **Remember.** Encourage broad participation in Yom Hashoah commemorations to ensure the memory of the Holocaust never fades.
- **Collaborate.** Bring Victorian Jewish organisations and community leaders together on shared issues to maximise impact, while streamlining resources.

VISION





TREASURER'S REPORT

Hannah Greenberg

JCCV FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

The year ending June 2022 has been very exciting for the JCCV. Instead of having only two entities – the JCCV and the Cultural Fund, we have now grown to three entities with the addition of Maoz Inc.

JCCV has entered into a partnership with Maoz Inc which is a Harm Prevention Fund that has its own DGR, allowing all donations to be tax deductible. This partnership allows JCCV to offer tax deductibility for two types of donations, that is cultural activities and now harm prevention.

JCCV Inc

The accompanying profit and loss summary shows the JCCV Inc had a total income in the year 2022 of \$576,000. Income from affiliation fees remains strong, in excess of \$90,000. This reflects unwavering support from our affiliates and increased grant income, especially for antisemitism training, and there is strong growth for the year 2022/23.

In 2022 the JCCV decided to discontinue the publication of the JCCV diary. We know this has disappointed some members of the community but from an economic and financial analysis it was considered untenable, with the costs of publication versus the income resulting in a large loss. The JCCV Executive agreed this was the financially responsible decision.

Looking at the expense side of JCCV Inc, the total was in the vicinity of \$489,000. The main component of expenses is wages at

\$287,025 or 56%. A restructure of staffing was required owing to increased demands on the JCCV. In May 2022 the new role of Chief Operating Officer was created and changes from the Business Manager role to Business Administrator role enabled this structure to be sustainable. This increase in salaries planned in 2022/2023 will impact next year's expenses but enable the Chief Operating Officer to concentrate on strategy and fundraising to improve the longer-term viability of the JCCV.

The area of fundraising and donations require a focussed plan to combat the gap in the budget from reduced appeal income in 2021/2022.

In the year ending 2022, the JCCV made a commitment to support the payment plan to pay down the ECAJ debt. This will commence in July of the 2022/23 year, increasing our repayment from \$5,000 per month to \$10,000. We plan to discharge this debt in the next 12 months.

Cultural Fund

The profit and loss of the Cultural Fund shows an income \$87,000. This is down on previous year largely due to a \$50,000 bequest being banked in the JCCV and not the Cultural Fund. Also Appeal income was \$58,800 compared to \$70,200 in the prior year.

The Cultural Fund shows an income line \$7,500 from a new partnership with Walk Together. Walk Together is new project concentrating on relationships with our Indigenous people.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC.
A.B.N. 18 081 783 381

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Revenue	575,443	637,503
Expenditure		
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(3,981)	(4,428)
Employee benefits expenses	(287,025)	(271,565)
Other expenses	<u>(234,541)</u>	<u>(176,417)</u>
Net revenue for the year	49,896	185,093
Retained earnings / (Accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial year	<u>235,514</u>	<u>50,421</u>
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>285,410</u>	<u>235,514</u>

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	425,415	310,969
Accounts receivable and other debtors	<u>9,877</u>	<u>26,313</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>435,292</u>	<u>337,282</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	<u>35,705</u>	<u>39,686</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>35,705</u>	<u>39,686</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>470,997</u>	<u>376,968</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	151,669	118,039
Provisions	<u>33,918</u>	<u>23,415</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>185,587</u>	<u>141,454</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>185,587</u>	<u>141,454</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>285,410</u>	<u>235,514</u>
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	<u>285,410</u>	<u>235,514</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>285,410</u>	<u>235,514</u>

JCCV CULTURAL FUND
A.B.N. 83 644 196 783

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Revenue	135,374	455,329
EXPENSES	1,184,043	843,121
Net income (loss) for the year	(1,048,669)	(387,792)
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year	1,300,434	1,688,226
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	251,765	1,300,434

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF JCCV CULTURAL FUND
A.B.N. 83 644 196 783**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	362,480	1,274,486
Debtors and other receivables	55,745	25,979
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>418,225</u>	<u>1,300,465</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>418,225</u>	<u>1,300,465</u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors and other payables	166,451	21
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>166,451</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>166,451</u>	<u>21</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>251,775</u>	<u>1,300,444</u>

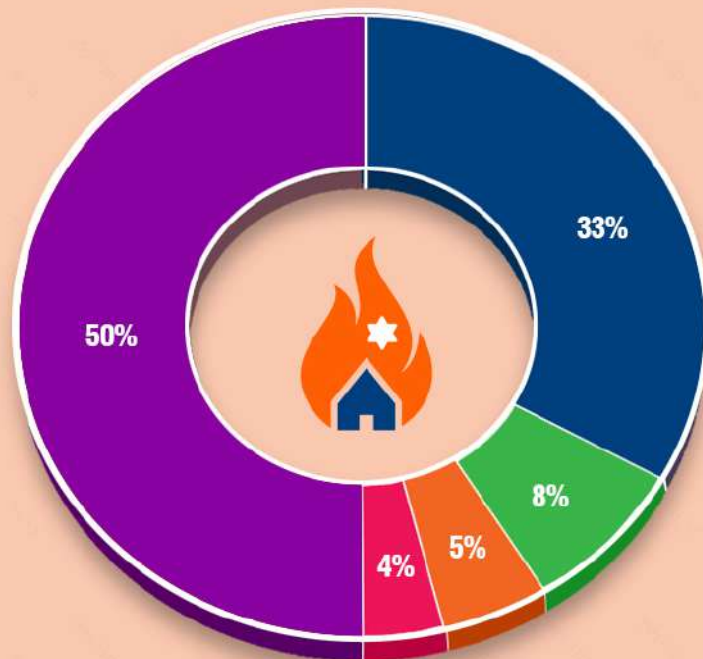
EQUITY

Settlement capital	10	10
Retained earnings	251,765	1,300,434
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>251,775</u>	<u>1,300,444</u>

Victorian Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal

ALLOCATIONS

Education	- \$1,500,000 (50%)
Rebuild	- \$1,000,000 (33%)
Environment	- \$232,430 (8%)
Wellbeing	- \$145,000 (5%)
Admin	- \$120,000 (4%)



APPRECIATION

The Jewish Community Council of Victoria thanks all our wonderful patrons, supporters and friends

PATRONS

Daniel Aghion KC & Jenny Aghion
Gandel Foundation
Graham Leonard AM & Ruth Leonard

SUPPORTERS

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Katherine Bruce

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JCCV Executive 2022

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Daniel Aghion KC

Vice President



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Ricci Steckoll

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PRESIDENTS

Victorian Jewish Advisory Board Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies Jewish Community Council of Victoria 1938-2022

Victorian Jewish Advisory Board

Isaac Herbert Boas	1938-39
Archie Michaelis (late Sir Archie Michaelis Kt)	1939-40
Dr Jacob Jona	1940-Dec 1942
Alex Masel	Dec 1942- Nov 1946
Maurice Ashkanasy	Dec 1946- May 1947

Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies

Maurice Ashkanasy	May 1947-Oct 1950
Ben Green	Oct 1950-Aug 1951
Bernard Cowen	Aug 1951-Dec 1951
Maurice Ashkanasy	Dec 1951-Dec 1954
Abraham Samuel Leibler	Dec 1954-Dec 1956
Trevor Rapke	Dec 1956-Oct 1958
Nathan Jacobson	Nov 1958-Dec 1961
Maurice Ashkanasy	Dec 1961-Dec 1962
Leon Lasky	Dec 1962-Dec 1966
Nathan Hirsch Beller OBE	Dec 1966-Dec 1969
Walter M Lippmann MBE AM	Dec 1969-Dec 1972
Isi Joseph Leibler AO CBE	Dec 1972-Mar 1977
Arnold Bloch AM	Mar 1977-Feb 1980
Phil Symons OAM	Feb 1980 -Apr 1980
Robert Zabłud	Apr 1980-Dec 1986
Phil Symons OAM	Dec 1986-Dec 1987
Shmuel Rosenkranz	Dec 1987-Oct 1988

Jewish Community Council of Victoria

Shmuel Rosenkranz	Oct 1988-Dec 1990
Joe Gersh AM	Dec 1990-March 1993
Leon Rosen	Mar 1993-Aug 1994
Geoffrey Green OAM	Sep 1994-Dec 1996
Nina Bassat AM	Dec 1996-Dec 1998
Dr Philip Bliss OAM	Dec 1998-Nov 2000
David Klein	Nov 2000-March 2001
Grahame Leonard OAM	Mar 2001-Mar 2003
Michael Lipshutz OAM	Mar 2003-Nov 2005
Anton Block	Nov 2005-Nov 2008
John Searle	Nov 2008-Nov 2011
Nina Bassat AM	Nov 2011-Nov 2014
Jennifer Huppert	Nov 2014-Nov 2020
Dr Andre Oboler	Nov 2020-Jan 2021
Frank Greenstein (Interim)	Jan 2021-April 2021
Daniel Aghion KC	April 2021-current



JCCV COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

General Sir John Monash Award

for Outstanding Service to the Jewish Community

2006	Shmuel Rosenkranz
2007	Ann Zablud OAM
2008	Rabbi John Levi AM
2009	Nina Bassat AM
2010	Phil Symons OAM
2011	Sylvia Gelman AM OBE
2012	Anton Block
2013	Joey Borensztajn AM
2014	Professor Louis Waller AO
2015	Tony Levy OAM
2016	Susi Ivany OAM
2017	Johnny Baker OAM
2018	Danielle Charak OAM
2019	Dr Helen Light AM
2020	Grahame Leonard AM
2021	Rabbi Ralph Genende OAM

Sylvia Gelman Young Leader Award

2014	Josh Back
2015	Lauren Mandel
2016	Jemima Hoffman
2017	Shira Appelbloom
2018	Co Founders of The Jam Project -NCJWA Vic Alexandra Davis, Morgan Lincoln and Jainie Mills
2019	Joel Kuperholz
2020	Elana Forbes



Rabbi Ralph Genende OAM

**General Sir John Monash Award
for Outstanding Service to the Jewish Community**



The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

Premier of Victoria

1 Treasury Place
Melbourne, Victoria 3002 Australia
Telephone: +613 9651 5000

MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

I'd like to send my congratulations to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria on another successful year.

For over eight decades, you have worked to support and strengthen Victoria's Jewish Community and helped preserve Jewish culture and history here in our state.

The JCCV has worked to ensure that Jewish Victorians have a strong voice, and that the needs of your community are respected and represented at every level.

Over the past year, the JCCV have helped to combat the scourge of antisemitism across our state, supported our most vulnerable throughout the global pandemic and ensured Victorian students can fully comprehend, and stand against, the evils of racism, extremism, and hatred.

As leaders in our community, your work has helped to make our state a stronger, fairer, and more welcoming place for every Victorian family.

On behalf of our Government and all Victorians I'd like to thank you for all that you do.

Congratulations once again, and I wish you every success for the year ahead.

Dan Andrews



MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) and its members as it comes together for its 2022 Annual General Meeting.

As the peak organisation for Victorian Jewry, the JCCV continues to successfully promote the interests of its numerous communal and affiliate organisations across various issues and promote positive relationships between Victoria's Jewish and other communities.

The Liberal Nationals recognise the work of the Council in helping create a cohesive, harmonious and vibrant multicultural community. It remains at the forefront of our State's interfaith and intercultural movement and continues to play a vital role in generating genuine interfaith engagement.

This activity is critical in engendering greater social cohesion, respect and understanding in our multicultural and multifaith society.

I congratulate JCCV for its commitment to supporting Victoria's Jewish community. I extend my best wishes to the Executive, staff and its members for all their endeavours in the coming year.

THE HON. MATTHEW GUY MP

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Member for Bulleen

07 September 2022

Message from the Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission

Throughout 2021-22, the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) was proud to work closely with the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) and we remain proud of this ongoing collaboration and partnership.

Building on your accomplishments during the pandemic, the VMC was once again impressed by JCCV's dedication not only to its own communities, but to the broader Victorian community. On behalf of the VMC, I thank you and your staff, many of whom we know are volunteers.

We attribute JCCV's commitment to interfaith dialogue and collaboration to a greater sense of understanding between culturally diverse communities. This cohesion is vital to the strength and longevity of our multicultural state and its impact cannot be overstated.

The past few years have been challenging for all. Your unwavering stand against all forms of racism, vilification and discrimination and your efforts in raising awareness of mental health issues is something that the JCCV Board, staff, volunteers and members should be immensely proud of.

JCCV's holistic engagement ensures that your members and the community are better heard, informed, and included in all aspects of society. The VMC is honoured to support these efforts.

The VMC and I look forward to continuing to work alongside the JCCV, and congratulations on another very successful year.

Kind regards



Vivienne Nguyen

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2 November 2022

Daniel Aghion KC
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Dear Daniel

On behalf of the ECAJ councillors, observers, advisers and staff, I wish to extend my congratulations to you and all your colleagues and staff at the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) for another successful year of dedicated service to the Victorian Jewish community.

The JCCV continues to support and strengthen the Jewish community in Victoria, bringing members together in numerous events and initiatives, such as the JCCV Planum, deepening ties with its affiliate organisations and establishing valuable relations with various faith and multicultural groups.

During this past year, JCCV under your leadership, and with the support of the Executive Director and staff, have recorded important achievements in combating rising antisemitism and racism. The JCCV played a significant role assisting the Victorian Government in drafting legislation criminalising the display of the Nazi Swastika. In addition, the JCCV provided valuable inputs to the Victorian Parliament Legal and Social Committee's report into extremism in Victoria, which included recommendations for better collection of hate incidents and rejection of extremist rhetoric in the media and the public debate.

In the field of education, the JCCV worked with Victoria's Department of Education and Training to help school staff identify and respond to antisemitism in Victorian schools. Together with ECAJ and other Jewish community organisations, the JCCV provided support to Jewish students and condemned and worked to overturn the antisemitic motion passed by the Melbourne University Student Union.

In this context, your work with the Victorian Government and the Glen Eira City Council leading to their adoption of the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism was of particular importance.

I also wish to commend the JCCV on the numerous initiatives and significant work in building relations and developing close connections with faith and multicultural communities. These include the Multicultural Women's Reference Group, bringing together women from diverse backgrounds working to support First Nations people via the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and also the bystander intervention training session, facilitated by Courage to Care Victoria and co-hosted by the JCCV, the Australian Intercultural Society and the Immigration Museum. These are critical steps in paving the future for a more inclusive and tolerant society.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions to the work of the ECAJ as a Councillor and as ECAJ Honorary Secretary and wish you continuing success in your future endeavours.

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