



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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JCCV REPRESENTS 55 AFFILIATES



LEADING THE WAY SINCE 1938

TOGETHER, WE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR VICTORIAN JEWISH FUTURE.

OUR MISSION



COLLABORATION

Partnering to address key issues facing the Victorian Jewish community.



COORDINATION

Coordinating the Jewish Immersion Program to provide Jewish cultural training to service providers.



ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

Standing up for our community's interests with government, local council and in multicultural forums.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Looking ahead to ensure a sustainable Victorian Jewish community.



REMEMBRANCE

Bringing the community together so we never forget where we came from.



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CASE STUDY 1

TEACHER ANTISEMITISM TRAINING

The Victorian Department of Education approached the JCCV to lead the development of an antisemitism training course for schoolteachers. This program was a first of its kind in Australia. The objective was to explain the nature of antisemitism, the impacts of antisemitism and train teachers to identify and address antisemitism.

WHAT THE JCCV DID?

The JCCV brought together staff from the Department of Education with community partners to prepare the strategy, compile video scripts, record short films and develop accompanying learning resources.

WHO DID THE JCCV COLLABORATE WITH ON THIS PROJECT?

- ▶ Ark Centre
- ▶ Jewish Museum of Australia
- ▶ UJEB
- ▶ Victorian Government

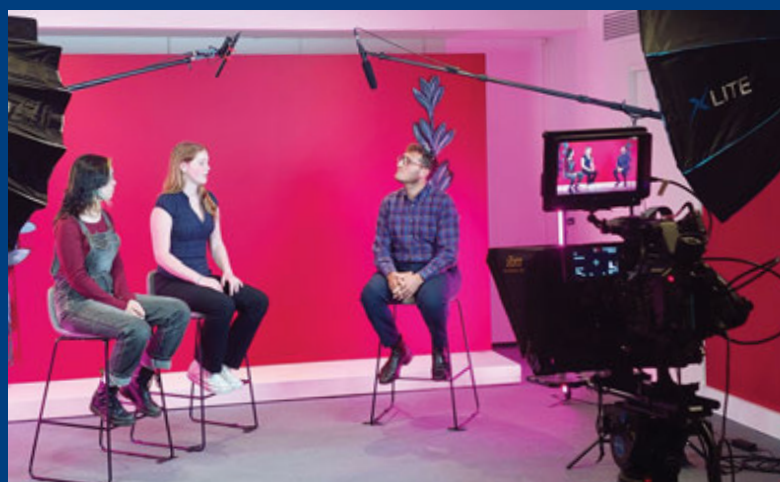
OUTCOME

A seven-part, on-demand antisemitism training program is now available free of charge to all Victorian school staff. The video-based program is engaging and accessible. The program also includes links to additional resource, including reflection questions and material for further study, much of which has been developed in collaboration with local Jewish organisations.

TESTIMONIAL

“It’s been such a joy to work with you over the past year to bring to life the professional learning series on antisemitism. Thank you to the JCCV for your support and partnership in this important work.”

— OFFICIAL, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



OUR IMPACT

COLLABORATION



21

JCCV affiliates that the JCCV has partnered with on events and projects



10

JCCV affiliates that presented at Plenums during 2022–23



57

Antisemitic incidents catalogued in the first JCCV-CSG Victorian Antisemitism Report



9

Major hospitals or medical facilities that received copies of the new JCCV-Beit Rafael Guide to Caring for Jewish Patients

CONNECTION



21

Participants in Jewish Immersion Programs



4

New specialised learning modules developed to upskill service providers



6

JCCV affiliates involved in facilitating Jewish Immersion Programs



95%

of participants said the program improved their awareness and understanding of the Jewish community in Melbourne

ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION



6

Victorian Ministers the JCCV has engaged with



21

Meetings attended by JCCV to guide Victorian Government's Swastika Engagement and Awareness Campaign



34

Minutes of on-demand professional training videos produced in partnership with Victorian Department of Education on antisemitism



22

Key Jewish community stakeholders the JCCV engaged to advise the Department of Justice and Community Safety on Nazi salute laws

YOM HASHOAH



530

Attendees at Yom Hashoah commemoration (full house)



7

Holocaust survivors and their families who participated in the commemoration



52

Youth participants in the commemoration

CASE STUDY 2

EXPANDING THE JEWISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

The JCCV's Jewish Immersion Program provides Jewish education and cultural understanding to non-Jewish service providers that regularly work with Jewish people, including local council staff. After receiving feedback from Jewish community members, in 2022-23, the JCCV developed additional learning modules for maternal and child health nurses and in-home aged providers that work with Jewish families and Jewish seniors.

WHAT THE JCCV DID?

The JCCV spoke with Jewish people who use local council-run maternal and child health services and in-home aged care to identify their unique needs and any opportunities for improvement of these services. The JCCV worked with relevant affiliate organisations, including rabbis and Jewish Care, as well as undertook independent research, to develop case studies and learning activities to provide targeted training that will improve cultural sensitivity towards Jewish people. This ranged from sharing a Jewish calendar so that nurses understood how to avoid scheduling consultations with Jewish parents on religious festivals, to providing insight into the journey of Holocaust survivors to Australia to assist those who are providing care to Jewish elders.

WHO DID THE JCCV COLLABORATE WITH ON THIS PROJECT?

- ▶ Jewish Care
- ▶ City of Glen Eira
- ▶ City of Stonnington
- ▶ Rabbis

OUTCOME

The JCCV now offers specialised training for maternal and child health teams and in-home aged care providers in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne. These programs feature new learning modules that look in-depth at the cultural needs of Jewish families and of Jewish senior citizens. In 2022-23, Jewish Immersion Programs were delivered to 243 people and 95% of participants said the program improved their awareness and understanding of Melbourne's Jewish community.

TESTIMONIAL

“Earlier this year members of our Maternal and Child Health team took part in training from the Jewish Community Council of Victoria team. Learning about the different sects and practices within the Jewish faith will help us better understand how to meet the needs of individual families.

“The team enjoyed learning about the Jewish festivals, associated foods, and practices. This will enable our service to plan key visits around these dates and provide a more responsive and flexible service.”

— MARK SAUNDERS, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING,
GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

"THE IMPETUS TO EXPAND THE CONTENT FOR JIPS WAS PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY THE DESIRE TO BRING THE PROGRAM TO NEW AUDIENCES. ONE OF THESE AUDIENCES WAS GLEN EIRA'S STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT, WHO MET WITH THE JCCV TO LEARN ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND TO UNDERSTAND HOW JEWISH OBSERVANCE INTERACTS WITH EMERGENCY SITUATIONS."



CEO'S REPORT



"TOGETHER, WE HAVE MADE POSITIVE CHANGE FOR THE JCCV AND LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS WITH A STRATEGIC FOCUS FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN THE YEAR AHEAD."

— JUDY FETTER, CEO

Over the past year the JCCV has strengthened its reach across the community and represented the Jewish community with purpose, professionalism and pride. Together, staff and Executive members, have built awareness and respect, streamlined our objectives and continued the momentum of the past year to add value and relevance for our roof body, now in its 85th year.

Community engagement has been meaningful and frequent. Plenums with topical speakers from affiliates reviewing the Victorian Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal, on Yiddish language and culture, on antisemitism and on First Nations have attracted impressive attendee numbers. Connecting proactively has highlighted the professionalism and dedication across our affiliates, and sparked new interest by Jewish organisations to seek affiliation. An inspiring trend.

JCCV Yom Hashoah returned to an in-person commemoration after three years of the pandemic. The community spirit and empathy for survivors and their family members was palpable and resonated across all ages, including official Government and Victorian Multicultural Commission representatives. We will always remember the past and nurture our youth to continue this annual remembrance together.

Jewish immersion Programs (JIPs) have expanded their reach and content inclusions in 2022/2023. Education on basic Jewish knowledge, traditions, and passive and overt antisemitism for service providers in local Councils, Health Care providers, Seniors Home Care package providers, specialist doctors and SES volunteers clarifies perceptions vs realities and adds tangible tools to better engage for both care givers and recipients. I am extremely proud of the growth of JIP and its value added moving forward.

Advocacy with the State Government has been significant over the past year. Antisemitism training stages 1 and 2 was funded for all Victorian state

school teachers, and coordinated by the JCCV this year. Discussions regarding stage 3 are in progress to broaden the scope and inclusions. The JCCV has been invited to a number of Roundtable Consultations regarding Banning of Nazi Symbols, and Antisemitism education. Our participation has been integral to the development of legislation and our advice and reach within the broader community highly respected and valued.

The financial sustainability of the JCCV is far stronger today than when I commenced in 2019. The community trust has been restored in the JCCV over the past few years and Donors and Government grants have increased in frequency and value. The Victorian Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal is almost fully acquitted with the last allocations due to be transferred by October 2023. This has been an enormous responsibility for the JCCV since 2020 and we have delivered diligently, ensuring all donated funds were fully allocated to deserving projects, programs and communities concentrated in the Upper Murray region of Victoria.

These advances of the JCCV are the result of the enormous contribution and strategic vision of the JCCV Executive, led by Daniel Aghion, President. I thank him for his leadership and all the Executive for their support and guidance, as we have navigated the past year. In addition, the JCCV staff team of Naomi Levin, Hilary McMahon and Joshua Goodman have been extraordinary in their dedication to task and community. Together, we have made positive change for the JCCV and laid the foundation for quality improvements with a strategic focus for our community in the year ahead.



Judy Fetter
CEO



From left: St Vincent de Paul Michael Quinn, Judy Fetter, Ian Davis and Daniel Aghion at the final acquittal of the Victorian Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal.



The JCCV has participated in a range of multicultural and interfaith groupings to build connections with other communities.



The JCCV is represented by Judy Fetter (second from right) and Rabbi Ralph Genende OAM (third from right) at the Victorian Multicultural Commission's Multifaith Advisory Group.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



"I AM INCREDIBLY PROUD THAT THE JCCV, THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF OUR EXECUTIVE AND STAFF, AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR GENEROUS PATRONS, DONORS AND THE COMMUNITY IS MEETING THE GOALS I SET."

— DANIEL AGHION KC, PRESIDENT

In the final full year of my presidency, the JCCV has continued to strengthen its position and focus strategically in 2022-23.

As in previous years, I have aimed, during my presidency, to do the following:

1. Restore the credibility of the JCCV;
2. Re-establish a JCCV which leads the community by example;
3. Put the organisation on a sound financial footing;
4. Identify matters which meet the common aspirations of the community as a whole. It is in those matters where unity can be found.

I am incredibly proud that the JCCV, through the hard work of our executive and staff, and the support of our generous patrons, donors and the community is meeting the goals I set.

This annual report details the organisation's key achievements. I urge you to read through it and learn more about our work.

What I would like to focus on in my report is the future. The JCCV, as our community's peak body, has a special responsibility to look ahead and consider what challenges and opportunities are on the horizon.

This year, the JCCV restarted the Council of Presidents. The Council of Presidents is a formal meeting of presidents of JCCV affiliate organisations that gives our community leaders a chance to come together and discuss common issues.

The Council had been on hiatus due to the pandemic, but was resurrected with great success. We saw presidents of Orthodox synagogues sharing experiences with presidents of Progressive synagogues. We heard that many of our affiliate organisations were planning to support the Yes vote in the Voice Referendum and gave them an opportunity to connect for greater impact.

We learned that our community organisations are looking for ideas and support effective board operations, from succession planning to best practice governance. It was inspirational for me to see our leaders working together for a stronger community.

This year also saw the JCCV partner to launch two major reports that will help guide our future plans. The first was the Walk Together Report.

The Walk Together project team did an excellent job of surveying JCCV affiliates to find out what activities are currently taking place between Jewish and First Nations people. They used their findings to provide meaningful recommendations on steps our community can take towards Reconciliation.

The second major report was the first Victorian Antisemitism Report, co-produced by the JCCV and CSG. This report, which will become an annual fixture, complements ECAJ's National Antisemitism Report. It gives us a local snapshot of antisemitism in Victoria. Of course, antisemitism is an issue that continues to trouble community leaders. The more information and data we have, the better we can address and combat it. We need to ensure that all Jewish Victorians feel safe to participate in all aspects of life.

I am proud that we have started a community conversation around the need for centralised strategic planning led by the JCCV. Our community is evolving and faces unique challenges. But we are innovative and adaptable, with community engagement and high-level analysis, we can plan for a strong future for Victoria's Jews.

Thank you to the executive Howard Sachs (schools), Yossi Goldfarb (Zionism Victoria), Frank Greenstein (affiliates), Rabbi Gabi Kaltmann (anti-racism), Greg Kirshon (security), Michelle Meyer (protecting the vulnerable), Frances Prince (interfaith and multicultural), Sam Strunin (marketing), and also to Natalie Gunn (interfaith and multicultural). Special thanks to the Honorary Officers Hannah Greenberg (Treasurer) and Doron Abramovici (Vice-President).



Finally, thank you to the office staff Judy Fetter (CEO), Naomi Levin (COO), Hilary McMahon (Business Manager) and Josh Goodman (Community Engagement Manager). The JCCV simply could not function without your hard work and untiring efforts. I am eternally grateful to all of you for your ongoing support and dedication.

This is my final message to you as JCCV President, but I am so pleased that the organisation is in good shape and planning for the future of our Jewish community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "d. aghion".

Daniel Aghion KC
President

CASE STUDY 3

WALK TOGETHER

The JCCV’s First Nations Reconciliation Program set up a project called Walk Together. This project was designed to increase the Jewish community’s understanding of, and support for, Aboriginal self-determination and empowerment.

WHAT THE JCCV DID?

Under the JCCV, the Walk Together project team developed a rigorous survey for both Jewish and First Nations’ community organisations. These surveys, and follow up consultations, were used to produce a comprehensive research report. This report was presented to the May JCCV Plenum in the presence of the Hon Kevin Bell, Commissioner of the Yoorrook Justice Commission.

WHO DID THE JCCV COLLABORATE WITH ON THIS PROJECT?

- ▶ Miriam Bass
- ▶ Joy Lobo
- ▶ Lee Ann Bassar
- ▶ Karen Milward
- ▶ Russell Jaffe

OUTCOME

The [Walk Together Final Report](#) is a detailed and comprehensive analysis of current activities between Jewish and First Nations peoples. It also includes four detailed recommendations, in summary:

- ▶ To develop First Nations education resources for JCCV affiliates
- ▶ To build respectful relationships with the First Nations community
- ▶ To seek First Nations cultural advice and support for the JCCV
- ▶ To work towards a JCCV Reconciliation Action Plan.

The JCCV Executive has committed to considering the findings from this report and developing actions in response.

TESTIMONIAL

“Many affiliates were of the view that they would like to see the JCCV facilitate Jewish and First Nations communities coming together and working together to build the path forward and promoting awareness of the JCCV’s role within the Jewish community.”

— WALK TOGETHER FULL REPORT, MAY 2023



JCCV IN THE MEDIA

ABC NEWS

VIDEO: Calls to ban Nazi salute after anti-trans rights rally

Presented with ABC News at 5:57pm, updated with ABC News at 6:07pm

Daniel Aghion
Jewish Community Council of Victoria

The state government says it is open to looking at further action against hate symbols after a group of protesters performed Nazi salutes outside parliament.

THE JEWISH AGE

OP-ED

How we can fight violent extremism after far-right rally

By Daniel Aghion
Jewish Community Council of Victoria president

March 21, 2023 - 4:07pm

The great American judge Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a person (shouting) shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic."

This is the essence to those who say that neo-Nazis should be free to demonstrate at public rallies. It also explains why our current [anti-hate laws](#) are inadequate and need reform.

No rational person will deny that Nazis are a very great evil. It was a so-called doctrine that denied the right of others to exist, and advocated for their destruction.

The tall, blue-eyed and blond-haired were "the master race". Groups who the Aryans despised were designated as "inferior" and targeted for mass destruction.

Australian Jewish News

NEWSSTORIES TO WATCH

Symes commits to action

We had an opportunity to thank the Attorney General for the Victorian government's leadership on legislating to ban the Nazi swastika symbol

By DAN STIMP
Mar 17, 2023, 12:17pm

Attorney General Jaclyn Symes recommended the Victorian government to legislating a ban on the Nazi salute during a meeting this week with the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV).

Australian Jewish News

JCCV RESEARCH FINDINGS

Jewish and First Nations communities walk together

By DAN STIMP
Mar 17, 2023, 12:17pm

The Jewish community is engaging with First Nations communities in a range of ways, but there is more that could be done.

These are the findings of a comprehensive research report compiled by the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV)'s Walk Together Project team.

THE JERUSALEM POST

Melbourne University Student Union voted on a motion calling for the boycott of Israel

Melbourne University Student Union passed a BDS motion on Monday against Israel, Jewish organisations in Australia criticized the motion saying that the Jewish students there are being targeted.

By DINA HUBIN
AUGUST 15, 2022 12:38 Updated: AUGUST 15, 2022 12:42

The Australasian & Jewish Affairs Council, Executive Council of Australian Jews, Jewish Federation of Australia, Jewish Community Council of Victoria and Zionist groups have released a statement condemning the UNDS motion.

"It is inappropriate to suggest that this motion is simply about criticism of the Israeli government or support for the Palestinians," the statement said. "It effectively advocates the eradication of Israel as a state and thus denies the basic right of national self-determination of the Jewish people. The motion is infused with racism and its language steeped with antisemitic hatred," the Jewish organizations said.

"We reject the lies in this motion. We reject the denial of Jewish connection to Israel, and we stand by Jewish students who face constant antisemitism and censorship based on campus because of who they are, and their family, ethnic, cultural and religious connections to Israel."

Herald Sun

Victoria Education

Study finds there is 'clearly pervasive racism and religious discrimination against minority groups in Australian schools'

Jewish, Muslim and Christian students are being picked on, discriminated against, excluded and harassed for their faith in Victorian schools, a sweeping new study has found.

By **Sarah O'Brien** Education Editor
Updated: January 1, 2023 12:00pm Sunday Herald Sun

Kevin Tsai, CEO of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, said it was important to "empower young people to stand up to bullies".

He said his organisation had been speaking about these issues of religious and racial discrimination for more than 20 years.

Daniel Aghion, president of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria, said his organisation was working with the Department of Education on a program to help teachers and school leaders identify and respond to religious harassment.

"One of the issues is that it is recognized as bullying, but not religious bullying which has particular consequences," he said.

THE JEWISH AGE

Catholic schools to roll out training to fight racism, sexual harassment

By Wendy Taylor
November 16, 2022 - 1:08pm

On Wednesday, Ben Paxton, interim executive director of Educated Risk Education Australia, said he had emailed all EREA principals in Victoria two weeks ago, telling them that culture training would be implemented in coming months "to specifically address racism and prevent violence" in schools.

Paxton said the organisation was meeting with a culture training organisation this month to discuss how information on gendered violence and racism may be tailored to schools across Victoria.

"In the same way, I met with the Jewish Community Council of Victoria to understand how our existing program can better develop students' empathy and understanding not just of the Jewish faith and culture, but the faiths and cultures of all religions," he said.

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THE PROJECT 10

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JEWISH COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

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LOOKING AHEAD

STRATEGIC PLANNING

BACKGROUND

The Victorian Jewish community is vibrant, active and dynamic. Our community has benefitted from extraordinary leaders, volunteers and philanthropists who have built and strengthened our Jewish schools, synagogues, welfare groups and cultural organisations.

But our community is evolving. We know we have a real sense of some of the challenges ahead thanks to the data collected through the Gen07, Gen17 studies and Gandel Holocaust Survey. But we need a plan to address these challenges as a community.

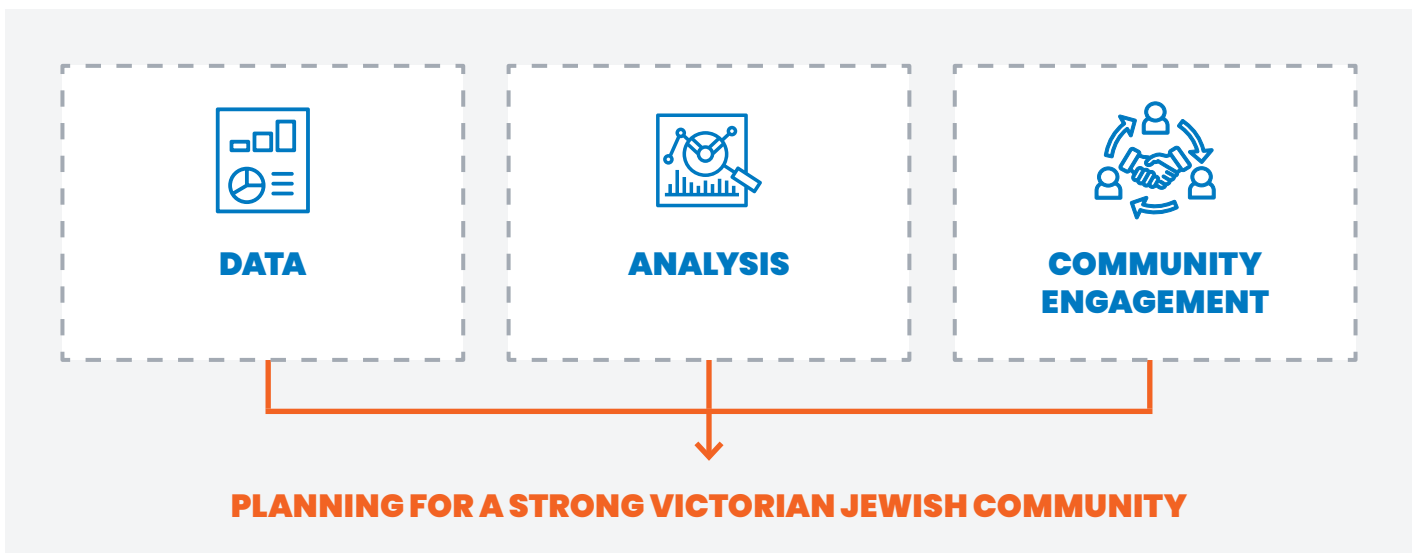
The JCCV believes a focussed and inclusive strategic planning process would benefit the entire Victorian Jewish community.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

The JCCV will establish a Victorian Jewish Strategic Planning Office. This office would begin by:

1. Undertaking research and analysis, including evaluations of existing data and community demographics, in-depth engagement across the community and mapping future trends.
2. Consulting with community leaders, grassroots members and experts to develop and present planning documents and identify demands.
3. Developing a draft vision and strategy for Victorian Jewish community.
4. Working with the community to create a sustainable services and facilities vision and strategy, incorporating consultative feedback and endorsement.

JOIN US AS WE STRENGTHEN THE VICTORIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR COMING GENERATIONS.



CASE STUDY 4

YOM HASHOAH

After three years online, the JCCV Yom Hashoah community commemoration returned to an in-person event.

WHAT THE JCCV DID?

The JCCV brought together a new-look committee to develop a meaningful and reflective Yom Hashoah community commemoration. This committee included Holocaust experts, creative experts, youth leaders and education experts.

WHO DID THE JCCV COLLABORATE WITH ON THIS PROJECT?

- ▶ AUJS and Jewish youth movements
- ▶ City of Glen Eira
- ▶ Courage to Care
- ▶ Jewish Care
- ▶ The King David School
- ▶ Melbourne Holocaust Museum
- ▶ Mount Scopus College
- ▶ Sholem Aleichem College

OUTCOME

Participants from across the breadth of the Jewish community delivered a moving commemoration to a sold-out audience at Glen Eira Town Hall. The commemoration was hosted, for the first time, by Liora Miller, grandchild of Holocaust survivor Riva Frenkel. The audience reflected on the testimony of Australian-Lithuanian survivor Rona Zinger, who was born in the Kovno Concentration Camp. Youth movement leaders also led a memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on its 80th anniversary.

TESTIMONIAL

“31,000. That’s how many Holocaust survivors rebuilt their shattered lives in Australia in the years following the end of World War Two. The majority of them settled in Melbourne and it became the home for one of the highest numbers per capita of Holocaust survivors in the world.”

— LIORA MILLER, YOM HASHOAH 2023 HOST



JCCV AWARDS 2022

GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH AWARD

Professor Andrew Markus AO

The 2022 JCCV General Sir John Monash Award was presented to Emeritus Professor Andrew Markus AO. Prof Markus has made a significant contribution to the Victorian Jewish community via his academic research into local Jewish demographics and analysis of aspects of the Victorian Jewish community. This research has helped the Victorian Jewish community to prioritise and plan for the future, and identify current and future challenges. Prof Markus has made a contribution to the Jewish community nationally through his leadership of the Gen07 and Gen17 reports. He has also contributed more broadly to social cohesion with his research into multiculturalism and immigration.

SYLVIA GELMAN YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

Eitan Meyerowitz

Eitan Meyerowitz was awarded a Sylvia Gelman Young Leadership Award after establishing all-inclusive theatre group, Stars and the Moon.

Eitan established an innovative theatre company to “create opportunities for connection and artistic expression both on and off the stage in a way that reflects and harnesses the diverse abilities of our community”. Despite the interruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, Eitan persevered and Stars and the Moon productions went ahead successfully.

Natalie Gunn

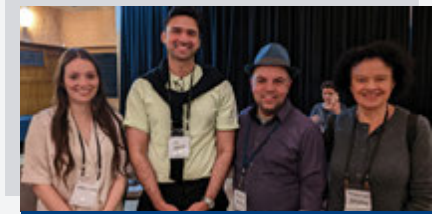
Natalie was awarded the Sylvia Gelman Young Leadership Award as she completed her term as AUJS national president in 2022. During her presidency, she showed national leadership in seeking to persuade university leadership to respond strongly to campus antisemitism. Prior to becoming president, Natalie was vice president and Jewish engagement officer. She also served as a madricha in Bnei Akiva until 2020, and also volunteered with Friendship Circle.



JCCV HIGHLIGHTS



Israel's Ambassador to Australia Amir Maimon met the local Jewish community, including local student and youth movement leaders, at a JCCV co-hosted reception in August.



Natalie Gunn (left) and Frances Prince (right) participated in the Victorian Interfaith Networks Conference on behalf of the JCCV in November.



Dedicated community volunteer and long-standing JCCV executive member Frank Greenstein was named a Local Hero at the Caulfield Volunteer Awards.



Led by then-executive member Michelle Meyer, the JCCV joined other Jewish organisations to raise awareness for family violence and the services available in November.

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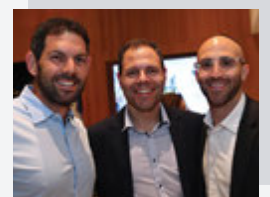
From left: Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP, Zoe Daniel MP, Senator James Paterson and Josh Burns MP answered questions from the community at a post-election community forum, co-hosted by the JCCV.



In September, the JCCV welcomed two new affiliate organisations: Australian Friends of Rambam and the Jewish Arts Quarter.



In the lead up to the Victorian election, the JCCV co-hosted four of the Jewish candidates contesting the seat of Caulfield at a sold-out local forum. From left: Rachel Lampolski, David Southwick MP, Nomi Kaltmann, Lior Harel.



The AGM returned to an in-person event, hosted this year at Jewish Care. There was a strong turn out from the community.



The JCCV led interfaith celebrations on the final night of Pillars of Light as part of the Victorian Government's Swastika Engagement and Awareness Campaign. From left: Naomi Levin, Minister Colin Brooks, Rabbi Gabi Kaltmann.



It was a year of affiliate engagement, JCCV President Daniel Aghion is pictured speaking to Jewish radio station, and JCCV affiliate, J-Air.



In May, the JCCV welcomed Courage to Care Victoria as its newest affiliate organisation.



The JCCV was again represented at the Pride March in 2023, pictured is JCCV Vice President Doron Abramovici with Dr Dov Degen.



Frank Greenstein laid a wreath on behalf of the JCCV at the VAJEX Anzac Day commemoration to remember the Jewish people who have served in the Australian armed forces.

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GLEN EIRA NEWS



Connecting with Glen Eira's multicultural communities

Ellie Kooragla brings a lesson from Turkey home to Glen Eira with her husband and was looking out for reuniting opportunities that would make her feel more connected. When she heard the call for applications to join Council's new Multicultural Advisory Committee, it felt like a great match. Find out more on page 3.

JCCV community engagement manager Joshua Goodman was the cover star of the Glen Eira News in February.



The JCCV's Council of Presidents reconvened after a long hiatus in March 2023. These councils offer an opportunity for community leaders to come together and address common challenges.



In celebration of Israel's 75th anniversary, the JCCV was proud to co-host the Yom Ha'atzmaut cocktail party with the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Zionist Federation of Australia and Zionism Victoria, and attended by then-Premier Daniel Andrews, Opposition Leader John Pesutto and Ambassador Amir Maimon.

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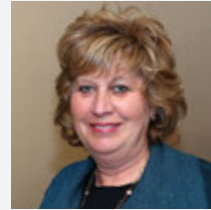
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TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report the improved financial position of the JCCV over the 2022/2023 period.

A highlight has been the reduction of debt. Over the past year we have continued to pay down our longstanding debt to the ECAJ and are now current leading into the 2023/2024 year. This a great achievement for the current JCCV Executive and contributes to our financial health.

Last year I commenced this report by introducing Maoz to the JCCV family. Owing to a possible conflict of interest, it was legally recommended to cease this partnership. We at the JCCV, wish Maoz all the best for their valuable work across the Jewish community.

JCCV INC

The profit and loss statement shows the JCCV Inc had a total income in the year 2023 of \$674,535. Income from affiliation fees remains strong, in excess of \$90,000. This position reflects unwavering support from our affiliates and increased grant income, especially for antisemitism training. There is strong growth for the year 2022/23.

Expenditure for the JCCV at June 2023 was around \$556,844. The main component of expenses is wages at \$331,451 or 60%. The increase in wages was predicted in the last AGM report with an additional senior staff member, but this has generated increased capacity for growth.

The area of fundraising and donations requires a focussed plan to combat the gap in the budget from reduced appeal income in 2022/2023. We are making progress in this area by initiating approaches to foundations and high-capacity individuals to consider supporting the JCCV Patrons Program.

JCCV CULTURAL FUND

The profit and loss of the JCCV Cultural Fund shows an income \$60,000. Appeal income was \$15,000, which was lower than expected.

The Cultural Fund shows an income line of \$20,000 from our partnership with Walk Together. Walk Together is a new project concentrating on relationships with our Indigenous people.

The balance sheet of the Cultural Fund shows a significant decrease in cash on hand. This is basically around \$130,000. This reflects the major allocations from the Victorian Jewish Bushfire Relief Appeal being transferred. As at 30 June 2023, a balance of \$30, 000 is yet to be allocated.

SUMMARY

In a snapshot, the JCCV is growing. With new staffing arrangements for 2023/24, I can only foresee growth in fundraising, donations and affiliate memberships.

I would like to thank the Executive, especially the President, Daniel Aghion. Working with Daniel is inspirational. He works tirelessly for the JCCV and is never too busy to take my calls and give me advice. I would also like to thank the Chief Executive Office, Judy Fetter. It is a pleasure working with Judy who is dedicated to task and effective in achieving positive outcomes. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment of Naomi Levin and Joshua Goodman. Their contribution to the JCCV is nothing short of amazing.

I look forward to a successful coming year.



Hannah Greenberg
Treasurer

Executive Council of Australian Jewry Inc.

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28 August 2023

Daniel Aghion KC
President
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Dear Daniel

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

This year, the JCCV continued to support and strengthen the Jewish community in Victoria, adding new affiliates, enhancing its engagement within the community, bringing more members together, and leading vibrant communal discussions on gender equality, multifaith connections and First Nations issues. This, together with the JCCV's increased visibility and positive presence in social and local media, enhanced its prominence in advocating for matters of importance to the Victorian Jewish community.

As we continue to face growing numbers of antisemitic incidents in Australia, particularly in schools and university campuses, we commend the JCCV's important work in coordinating and delivering key antisemitism training online programs for Victorian Education Department teachers statewide, and also increasing the reach of Jewish Immersion Programs (JIP's) for service providers in local councils in south-east Melbourne. These exchanges and collaboration with the broader Victorian community are invaluable to our efforts in raising awareness of, and combatting, antisemitism.

Further to these important initiatives, I would also like to congratulate you on your successful launch of the Jewish Community Crisis Management (JCCM) program in May this year.

This year as well, the JCCV continued to make significant contributions to the ongoing consultations of the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) regarding the Nazi salute ban and anti-vilification laws, and played an important role in advocating for the Jewish community with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, as part of the Swastika Education Awareness Campaign.

The JCCV's close engagement with the community was demonstrated by the highly attended event commemorating Yom Ha'Shoah, which took place this year in person, honouring our survivors and their families. Also noteworthy is the successful Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration for Victorian parliamentarians, which we were delighted to co-host together with the JCCV, the Zionist Federation of Australia and Zionism Victoria.

I take this opportunity to thank you, your CEO Judy Fetter, and COO Naomi Levin for your strong and insightful leadership and particularly for your invaluable contributions to the work of the ECAJ as a Councillor and as ECAJ Honorary Secretary. I wish the JCCV continuing success in its future endeavours.

With warmest regards.

Jillian Segal AO
President

Message from the Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission

I would like to thank the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) for their efforts and accomplishments over the past year.

The work your organisation does, the people your programs and services reach and support, and what you champion in public policy areas is critically important to both the Jewish community and society as a whole.

I am particularly appreciative of your sustained and resolute leadership and advocacy in the areas of antiracism, social cohesion, equity and inclusion. Your collaborative efforts with the Hindu, Buddhist and Jain communities through the Swastika Education and Awareness Campaign, as well as the release of the first antisemitism report for Victoria, in collaboration with the Community Security Group Victoria, are illustrative of this leadership.

As we continue our broader advocacy efforts, inclusive service delivery and assistance to the individuals and families most in need, we are reminded of the need to show greater respect and appreciation of the volunteering efforts provided by multicultural and faith communities. It is that sense of community and the act of giving for the greater good which will build a more cohesive society.

On behalf of the Victorian Multicultural Commission, I commend the JCCV for its continued efforts in the Jewish community and more broadly. I am also appreciative of the support and wise counsel you share with the Commission through the Multifaith Advisory Group and through other forums.

Thank you once again and I look forward to another year of great collaboration, in overcoming challenges and seizing opportunities.

Yours Sincerely



Vivienne Nguyen
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Victorian Multicultural Commission

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