

# CULTURE

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## Celebrating Cultural Diversity in Foster Care in Victoria

Caring for a child from a culture, language or religious background different to your own?... Get along to an event or access the resources available overleaf for fun ways to support culture and cultural awareness for the whole family.

FCAV's Carer Information and Support Service offers specific cultural support, information and resources. Go to: [www.fcav.org.au/news/calendar-of-cultural-religious-dates](http://www.fcav.org.au/news/calendar-of-cultural-religious-dates) or [www.fcav.org.au/images/carer-resources/information-sheets/Cultural\\_Life\\_Story\\_Work.pdf](http://www.fcav.org.au/images/carer-resources/information-sheets/Cultural_Life_Story_Work.pdf).

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Are you caring for a child from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background, and living in regional Victoria? Would you like more information about supporting your foster child's culture of origin? These links may help:

- **Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria Inc. - <http://www.eccv.org.au/contact>**  
The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria Inc. (ECCV) is the peak body for ethnic and multicultural organisations in Victoria.
- **FCAKS - <http://www.fka.com.au>**  
FKACS provides support, information and resources to CALD families with pre-school children. Some of these include: the bicultural support program; an onsite library; online borrowing facilities and a Mobile Resource Service (MRS). The onsite bookshop has a range of culturally diverse resources and materials in English and community languages.
- **Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services - <http://www.lcms.org.au>**  
LCMS is a not-for-profit organisation supporting migrants and refugees to build new lives in regional Victoria. They promote and celebrate the region's rich diversity, multiculturalism and multi-faiths. They are the peak body for migrant and refugee groups in the Loddon Campaspe region.  
Mission: Supporting multicultural communities, celebrating diversity  
Vision: A vibrant, thriving and multicultural central Victoria
- **North East Multicultural Association (NEMA) - <http://www.nema.org.au/home>**  
NEMA was established in 2005 as the first ethnic community council in North East Victoria, with a vision to support existing and new migrants, raise cultural awareness, and promote the benefits of diversity.
- **Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council - <http://www.smeccinc.org>**  
SMECC helps settle new migrants and refugees into the area. They offer a range of client and community services including: multicultural supported playgroups, community information and capacity building, and provide bi-lingual support workers.



We respectfully acknowledge that we work on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation and pay respect to the Wurundjeri people, past and present, who are the traditional custodians of this land.