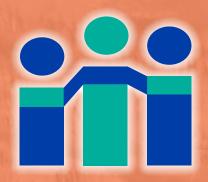
INFORMATION GUIDE

for Organisations Working with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities during the Covid-19 Pandemic in the City of Casey

2021





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Prelude

This information guide has been compiled to assist the people from multicultural backgrounds who live in the City of Casey and have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The guide is a joint initiative of Casey North Community Information and Support Service and Community Information and Support Cranbourne as part of the CALD Communities Taskforce Local Partnerships project funded by the City of Casey to support a sustained and effective response to COVID-19 recovery amongst CALD communities.

In February 2021, The Age published an article that stated that around half of the more than 20,000 people infected with coronavirus in 2020 were born outside of Australia. This also highlights the vulnerabilities of the communities from migrant and CALD backgrounds in accessing support services. We identified the need for having a handy information guide focusing on the CALD communities that will help the workers and service providers to access the most up to date information possible about free or low-cost services available to them. Every effort has been made to make sure that information contained in it is up to date.

This guide will be made available on the websites of both CISSs. Please see the additional two resources that are helpful to access the information about the support services.

- 1) Making Ends Meet 2021, the information and resources guide aimed to people living in the City of Casey but particularly for those households with low income.
- 2) South East Refugee and Asylum Seeker Directory 2021 developed by Monash Health includes information about support services available for people with refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds in the South East as well as COVID-19 financial supports.

We have also added links for resources to assist the Afghan communities after the recent crisis in Afghanistan on page 24.

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Important Numbers

Emergency Services

Ambulance	000
Fire Brigade	000
Police	000
Cranbourne Police Station	5991 0600
Dandenong Police Station	9767 7444
Narre Warren Police Station	9705 3111
Endeavour Hills Police Station	9709 7666

Hospitals

Casey Hospital	8768 1200
Dandenong Hospital	9554 1000
Monash Medical Centre Clayton	9594 6666
Monash Health Moorabbin Hospital	9928 8111
South Eastern Private Hospital	9549 6555
St John of God Berwick	8784 5000
Mulgrave Hospital	9790 9333

Other

Suicide Help Line	1300 651 251
Lifeline (24 Hours)	13 11 14
(Hearing Impaired TTY Line)	13 36 77 (then ask for 13 11 44)
Sexual Assault Crisis Line	1800 806 292
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Mensline Australia	1300 789 978
Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre	1800 015 188
The Men's Referral Service (No to Violence)	1300 766 491
Gas Outages, Leaks and Gas Emergencies	1800 427 532 (1800 GAS LEAK)
South East Water (Water & Sewerage)	13 28 12
City of Casey	9705 5200
(Hearing Impaired TTY Line)	9705 5568
Emergency Outside Normal Working Hours	9705 5200
Telephone Interpreter Service	13 14 50
1800Respect	1800 737 732

Financial Help and Emergency Relief

Casey North Community Information and Support Service (CNISS)

30 - 32 Verdun Drive Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone: 9705 6699 Email: cnciss@caseynorthciss.com.au www.caseynorthciss.com.au Mon to Fri 9:30am – 4:30pm Wednesdays: 12:00pm till late Services include:

- Emergency relief and food and other essential supports
- Financial Counselling
- Advocacy and Support
- Bilingual workers available in Spanish, Polish, Arabic, Hindi, Marathi, Urdu and Punjabi languages.
- NILs loan
- Keeping It Together- a free program for women to support themselves and strengthen their relationships with partners, children, friends and family.
- Some eligibility applies.
- CISS help flyers available in English, Dari, Pashto, Arabic, Hindi and Nuer.

Community Information and Support Cranbourne

156 Sladen Street Cranbourne VIC 3977 Phone: 5996 3333 Email: cisc@cisc.org.au www.cranbourneiss.org.au Mon to Fri 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Services include:

- Emergency relief and food and other essential supports
- Financial Counselling
- Advocacy and Support
- Bilingual worker/s available in Urdu and Punjabi languages.
- NILs loan
- CISS help flyers available in English, Dari, Pashto, Arabic, Hindi and Nuer.
- Casey South residents only.

Andrews Centre

2-6 Hanna Drive Endeavour Hills VIC 3802 Phone: 9700 4944 Fax: 9700 0822 Email: admin@andrewscentre.org www.andrewscentre.org.au Services include crisis food, clothing, and financial assistance for residents of Endeavour Hills.

Salvation Army Community Services - Cranbourne

1 New Holland Drive Cranbourne VIC 3977 Phone: 5995 0133 www.salvationarmy.org.au/cranbourne Monday to Friday 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Close for lunch: 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm Provides a range of services including:

- Emergency Relief food parcels and relief, furniture, household goods and clothing
- Counselling Family, personal and youth

Sikh Volunteers Australia

1734 South Gippsland Hwy Devon Meadows, VIC 3977 Phone: 0452 401 734 Email: info@sikhvolunteersaustralia.org www.sikhvolunteersaustralia.org Provides free food to disadvantaged and needy individuals and community. Free food home delivery during COVID-19 pandemic.

No interest loans (NILs)

Casey North Community Information and Support Service 30-32 Verdun Drive Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone: 9705 6699

Community Information and Support Cranbourne 156 Sladen Street Cranbourne VIC 3977 Phone: 5996 3333 www.goodshep.org.au/services/nils/ Provides no interest loans to people on low incomes flexible and affordable credit from \$200 up to \$1,500 for the purchase of basic household items, some medical expenses, education expenses, car registration or repairs, vet bills and more.

Household Relief Loans with Interest

COVID Hardship Support Hotline 1300 121 130 (Good Shepherd) www.goodshep.org.au/services/household-relief Provides loans of up to \$3,000 are available for rent, rates, body corporate fees and utility bills – with no interest, charges or fees.

Utility Relief Grant Scheme

Concessions information line Phone: 1800 658 521 Email: urgis.applications@health.vic.gov.au www.services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grantscheme Provides supports to eligible cardholders and low-income earners who are unable to pay their mains electricity, gas or water bill due to a temporary financial crisis. The amount of the grant is based on the balance owing at the time of application and is capped at six months' worth of usage up to a maximum of \$650 for each utility. This grant does not have to be paid back. This grant is available to both private renters and homeowners. Speak to your utility company to apply.

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Anyone with a Health Care Card or Pension Card can apply direct to Get Active Victoria. Families without income on a temporary visa, or undocumented can apply through Brotherhood of St Laurence. Email: getactivekids@bsl.org.au Provides eligible families engage their children aged 4-18 in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Families can receive up to \$200 for each child.

National Debt Hotline

Phone: 1800 007 007 9:30 am - 4:30 pm www.ndh.org.au Provides free financial counselling.

Financial Help and Emergency Relief

Red Cross - Migration Support Program

Level 1, 280 Thomas Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 8327 7370 www.redcross.org.au

Australian Red Cross Victoria

23-47 Villiers Street North Melbourne VIC 3051 Phone: 9345 1800 Fax: 9101 5961 www.redcross.org.au

Level 1, 280 Thomas Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 8327 7370 (hotline) www.redcross.org.au

2-6 Hanna Drive Endeavour Hills VIC 3802 Phone: 9700 4944 Fax: 9700 0822 Email: admin@andrewscentre.org www.andrewscentre.org.au Provides people seeking asylum appointments to be assessed for eligibility for support, material aid, and financial assistance.

Provides a range of services including :

- Tracing agency that provides information and advice about family reunion.
- Telecross, a telephone service that provides support to people who are isolated, lonely or at risk.
- Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme provides health care for asylum seekers who are not holders of Medicare cards.
- Volunteer transport that takes people without access to public transport, to hospital appointments.

Services include crisis food, clothing, and financial assistance for residents of Endeavour Hills.

For an up-to-date list of current meal programs in the City of Casey, please contact either of CISSs: Casey North Community Information and Support Service: 9705 6699 Community Information and Support Cranbourne: 5996 3333

Support Services

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Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre

39 Clow Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9767 1900 Email: smrc@smrc.org.au www.smrc.org.au

Other locations: Selandra Rise Community Hub 7/9 Selandra Boulevard Clyde North VIC 3978

Lynbrook Community Centre 2 Harris Street Lynbrook VIC 3975 Services include:

- Emergency relief and food and other essential supports
- Financial Counselling
- Advocacy and Support
- Bilingual worker/s available in Urdu and Punjabi languages.
- NILs loan
- CISS help flyers available in English, Dari, Pashto, Arabic, Hindi and Nuer.
- Casey South residents only.

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Provides extensive and essential services to refugees and migrants such as:

- Immigration advice, advocacy, information on Centrelink entitlements
- Education and employment services
- Housing and health
- Youth support services to Afghan and other communities
- Diverse bicultural and language staff services with nominal fees available.



Foundation House (The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture)

155 Foster Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9389 8888 Fax: 9277 7871 Email: info@foundationhouse.org.au www.foundationhouse.org.au

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Opening soon in Dandenong Phone: 8772 1380 Email: dandenong@asrc.org.au

Head Office: 214-218 Nicholson Street Footscray VIC 3011 Phone: 9326 6066 Email: admin@asrc.org.au www.asrc.org.au

Centre for Multicultural Youth

South East Region 39a Clow Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 8594 1550 Fax: 9794 0062 Email: info@cmy.net.au www.cmy.net.au the survivors of torture and other traumatic events.

Provides specialist refugee trauma support services including

specialised counselling and individual and family support for

Provides assistance to on-shore asylum seekers in:

- Resume preparation
- Provision of food parcels
- Assistance with finding jobs
- Provision of Telstra phone cards
- Location of regular 'English as Second Language' class
- Access to computers and photocopying
- Computer training in Microsoft products
- Provision of 2 hour travelcards (all zones)
- Emergency accommodation for single adults
- Individual assistance with English as required
- Referral to legal, medical, housing and counselling services.

Provides programs for youths, community support groups for South Sudanese communities, early intervention crime prevention programs focused on disengaged young people, employment support for people from migrant and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities (ADEC)

Suite 1, 50 Thomas Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9480 7000 Email: info@adec.org.au www.adec.org.au Provides and social support services to people with disability from different ethnic communities in Victoria. Provides support services with NDIS and Aged Care.

InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

GPO Box 2905 Melbourne VIC 3001 Phone: 9413 6500 Toll free number: 1800 755 988 Email: admin@intouch.org.au www.intouch.org.au Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Provides multilingual, cultural support and advocacy to women and children from non-English speaking backgrounds experiencing family violence or leaving situations of family violence.

Wellsprings for Women Inc.

79 Langhorne Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9701 3740 Email: administration@wellspringsforwomen.com Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm www.wellspringsforwomen.com

Provides case management to women impacted by mental health, isolation, family violence, poverty and homelessness, Women's Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Youth and Children's Services, financial literacy and business skills. Female only service providing a range of support options. Childcare available.

Women's Association South East Melbourne Australia (WASEMA) Inc

PO Box 140 31 Douglas Street Noble Park Vic 3174 Phone: 0476 163 036 Email: womensassociation.wasema@gmail.com www.wasema.org.au Provides information about women's issues and opportunities to engage in community programs, including in collaboration with other women's welfare agencies and service.

Organises Women's Friendship Cafes in the City of Casey and other councils to provide culturally appropriate education, mentoring, and well-being opportunities for women across Victoria including hybrid/online mode during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Relationships Australia Victoria

Cranbourne 2/199 South Gippsland Highway Cranbourne VIC 3977 Phone: 5990 1900 Email: cranbourne@rav.org.au www.rav.org.au

Cranbourne North 405 Narre Warren Road Cranbourne North VIC 3977 Phone: 5911 5400 Email: cranbournenorth@rav.org.au

Berwick Family Relationship Centre 1-2, 38 Clyde Road Berwick VIC 3806 Phone: 8768 4111 Email: enquiries@berwickfrc.org.au Support for parents and children, step families in crisis, couples, single adults, parents and children after separations.

All personal, couple and family issues, behavioural problems as well as school and work issues. A fee for service applies to most services and is based on your total family income and ability to pay.

Caroline Chisholm Society (Pregnancy and Family Support Service)

1 Darebin Place Caroline Springs VIC 3023 Phone: 9361 7000 1800 134 863 (toll free outside Metro area) www.caroline.org.au

- 24 hour telephone counselling line
- Face to face counselling
- Free pregnancy testing
- Supported crisis accommodation
- Post-natal Depression Support Group



Community Four Ltd

Email contact form https://communityfour.org/contact https://communityfour.org Provides health information communication sessions during COVID-19 in the City of Casey.

We combine the long term social benefits of communityled approaches with the accountability of a recognised professional charity.

Ventana Hispana (Spanish Window) Vic

PO Box 248 Endeavour Hill VIC 3802 (formerly within SMRC office) Phone: 0400 117 175 or 0422 657 121 Email: info@swcs.com www.swcs.org.au Provides supports to families and individuals, suffering crisis or need help to access services breaking the cycle of social isolation for (Spanish-speaking) members of our diverse community. Has been providing information sessions on COVID-19 messaging and information about vaccination to the Spanish speaking communities in the City of Casey.

Bicultural worker and Community Champion Network

Suite 4, 31 Robinson Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9791 1768 Email: info@enliven.org.au www.enliven.org.au Provides supports to Bicultural Workers and Community Champions to deliver COVID-safe messages and vaccine information to their communities, and to link community members to the health and support services they need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The network has been convened by Enliven in partnership with City of Casey and City of Greater Dandenong.

CatholicCare Victoria

Dandenong office: 33-35 Princes Highway Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 8710 9600 www.ccam.org.au Provides family and relationship services, relationship education, pastoral services, refugee and asylum seeker support, and school and education support.

All services are offered to the whole community, regardless of religious belief or background.

Supports the priority CALD community members (in their own languages) to understand and act on health advice and access the relevant services when needed.

City of Casey - Youth Services

Hampton Park Youth Information Centre 22-26 Stuart Avenue Hampton Park VIC 3976

Cranbourne Youth Information Centre Shop 156 Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre Cranbourne VIC 3977

Narre Warren Youth Information Centre 52 Webb Street Narre Warren VIC 3805 www.casey.vic.gov.au/youth Provides services for young people between 10-25 years and families to access supports related to family conflict, self-destructive behaviours, relationships, education, legal issues, and sexuality.

Provides short to medium term counselling and referral to young people and their families and Personal Development – programs.

Income Support

Centrelink

For more information, please visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au International services 13 16 73 Multilingual services 13 14 50 In languages other than English 13 12 02

Centrelink Cranbourne 7 - 9 Codrington Street Cranbourne VIC 3977

Centrelink Narre Warren 71-73 Webb Street Narre Warren VIC 3805

myGov

www.my.gov.au

A secure website to access all your government services.

Child Support (Advocacy)

Springvale Monash Legal Service Narre Warren Branch Address: Suite 1, Level 2, 64 Victor Crescent Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone: 9038 8002 Email: info_narrewarren@smls.com.au

Child Support Agency

Phone: 13 12 72 (general enquiries) www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/ information/child-support-website Information and advice about child support.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Commonwealth)

Level 4, 15 William Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 PO Box 9955 Melbourne VIC 3001 Phone: 1800 228 333 TTY 13 36 77 then ask for 1800 228 333 Fax: 9454 6999 Email: generalreviews@aat.gov.au www.aat.gov.au Provides a free, independent service to review Centrelink and Child Support Agency decisions.

Social Security Rights Victoria (SSRV)

PO Box 4226 Fitzroy VIC 3065 Telephone Advice: 9481 0355 Phone: 1800 094 164 www.ssrv.org.au Monday to Thursday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Provides free independent advice about Centrelink payments and decisions. If an interpreter is required, ring the Translating Interpreter Service on 13 14 50 and an interpreter will ring the unit.



Job Advocates - City of Casey

Phone: 9705 5200 Email: jobadvocate@casey.vic.gov.au www.casey.vic.gov.au/casey-job-advocates Provides a free one-to-one service to assist Casey residents with finding work, developing their skills and addressing any work-related issues they are facing. The program may be particularly helpful for:

- People who are returning to work after time off
- People who have not previously worked in Australia
- People with specific requirements

Fair Work Ombudsman

Phone: 13 13 94 www.fairwork.gov.au Provides information on federal workplace laws, investigation of complaints

For an up-to-date list of employment agencies in the City of Casey, please refer to Making Ends Meet: Resource and Information Guide 2021 (or the latest version available or contact either of CISSs):

Casey North Community Information and Support Service: 9705 6699

Community Information and Support Cranbourne: 5996 3333

Education Funding for Camps, Sports and Excursions

www.education.vic.gov.au

Government funding to assist with Camps, Sports and Excursions Program. Please see school principal for application form.

Embrace Education

Email: enquiries@embrace-education.org www.embrace-education.org

Provides free education support to disadvantaged high school students. Free tutoring, mentoring and homework clubs to students from refugee, recent migrant and low socio-economic backgrounds. Textbooks, stationery & other items may also be provided

Second-hand books and uniforms online

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au www.ebay.com.au www.theuniformexchange.com.au www.schoolxchange.com.au

State Schools' Relief

www.stateschoolsrelief.org.au

Provides clothing and footwear to disadvantaged children attending Victorian Government Primary and Secondary schools. Referrals made only via school principal or CISSs.

AMES Australia: SEE Program (Skills for Education and Employment)

Level 4, 280 Thomas Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Monday to Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm www.ames.net.au Provides access to training especially designed for young people. Courses includes many of the following learning activities:

- Reading and Writing
- Computer Skills
- Preparation for TAFE or further study
- Learning about driving
- Playing sports such as Australian Rules football, cricket and basketball.

Wellsprings for Women Inc.

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Provides case management to women impacted by mental health, isolation, family violence, poverty and homelessness, Women's Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Youth and Children's Services, financial literacy and business skills. Female only service providing a range of support options. Childcare available.

Family Violence

InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

GPO Box 2905 Melbourne VIC 3001 Phone: 9413 6500 Toll free number: 1800 755 988 Email: admin@intouch.org.au www.intouch.org.au Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Provides multilingual, cultural support and advocacy to women and children from non-English speaking backgrounds experiencing family violence or leaving situations of family violence.

WAYSS

WAYSS Family Violence Outreach Dandenong: 9791 6111 Berwick: 9703 0044 After hours: 1800 015 188 Workers available at Dandenong office: 8:00 am – 11:00 pm 7 days a week www.wayss.org.au Provides specialist family violence support if you are experiencing violence in your home, if you feel threatened, or if you are at risk of physical, financial, or emotional abuse. The workers will discuss your options and help support family's access to the services you need.

Women's Health in South East (WHISE)

Level 1/70 St Kilda Road St Kilda VIC 3182 Phone: 9794 8677 Monday to Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm www.whise.org.au

Wellsprings for Women Inc.

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Orange Door

311 Lonsdale Street Dandenong VIC 3175 (opening in November 2021)

Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (closed public holidays) www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au

Safe Steps

Family Violence Response Centre Phone: 1800 015 188 www.safesteps.org.au Provides a range of health information, health promotion and education to women and health professionals. Priority areas include:

- Sexual and reproductive health
- Prevention of violence against women

Provides case management to women impacted by mental health, isolation, family violence, poverty and homelessness, Women's Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Youth and Children's Services, financial literacy and business skills. Female only service providing a range of support options. Childcare available.

Provides a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

Provides a range of services for women and children experiencing violence and abuse from a partner or ex-partner, or someone close to them. Free service.

Sexual Assault Crisis Line

Phone: 1800 806 292 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) www.sacl.com.au For victims of sexual assault.

1800RESPECT

Phone: 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) www.1800respect.org.au

For professional counselling and support, contact the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service. The service is available all day every day.

Kids Helpline

Phone: 1800 55 1800 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) www.kidshelpline.com.au Provides a free, private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service for young people aged between 5 and 25.

With Respect: LGBTIQ+ Service

Phone: 1800 542 847 www.withrespect.org.au Supports LGBTIQ+ communities and their families who are experiencing or have experienced family violence or intimate partner violence.

Child Protection

Phone: 13 12 78 https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/child-protection Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 24 hours on weekends and public holidays Provides support for children and young people whose safety is at risk.

Victims Support Agency

Phone: 1800 819 817 or text 0427 767 891 (8:00 am – 11:00 pm, 7 days a week) Email: vsa@justice.vic.gov.au www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au/ victims-support-agency The official Victorian Government service offering free information and support for people affected by crime.

Men's Referral Service (No to Violence)

Phone: 1300 766 491 Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm https://ntv.org.au/ Provides a telephone referral and advice service regarding issues relating to domestic violence. All calls are anonymous and confidential.

Djirra: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Service

Phone-based service 1800 105 303 Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm www.djirra.org.au Provides legal and non-legal support to Aboriginal people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence.

Health

Monash Health Cranbourne Integrated Care Centre

140-154 Sladen Street Cranbourne VIC 3977 Phone: 5990 6789 Provides a wide range of acute medical and same day surgical services, primary health care, mental health and rehabilitation.

Monash Health Community Berwick

28 Parkhill Drive Berwick VIC 3806 Phone: 8768 5100 www.monashhealth.org/services/ monash-health-community/ cardinia-casey-community-health-service

Doveton Community Care Unit 20 Matipo Street Doveton VIC 3177 Phone: 1300 369 012 Provides a range of services including allied health, health education and treatment, multi-disciplinary early intervention for children: speech and occupational therapy, child psychology and communication and behaviour modification groups.

- Comprehensive counselling and family support services
- Financial Counselling
- Youth health programs
- Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies program
- Women's health services
- Service for aged and disabled clients

Monash Health Refugee Health and Wellbeing

122 Thomas Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9792 8100 www.monashhealth.org Monday to Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm Refugee Nurse Liaison (Hospital Based Services) Phone: 9554 9776 Mobile: 0420 301 634 Provides a range of services to eligible refugees and asylum seekers, even those without Medicare.

- Refugee Health Nursing and GP
- Counselling
- Physiotherapy
- Women's Health
- Immunisation
- Complex case management
- Infectious diseases
- Paediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Access to onsite pharmacy and pathology
- Social inclusion programs and volunteering

Link Health and Community (NDIS ECEI Services)

Cranbourne NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) 7 Bakewell Street Cranbourne VIC 3977 Phone: 1800 546 532 Email: ecei@linkhc.org.au Fax: 9563 2893 www.linkhc.org.au/ndis-early-childhood-earlyintervention NDIS ECEI - by appointment only Provides Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in the City of Casey.

La Trobe Community Health Services (NDIS Local Area Coordination)

NDIS Local Area Coordination Narre Warren Ground Floor, Suites 1-3, 68 Victor Crescent Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone: 1800 242696 www.lchs.com.au/services/aged-disability-carers/ national-disability-insurance-scheme-ndis/

Provides Local Area Coordination services for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The Health Translations Directory

www.healthtranslations.vic.gov.au

Provides online web pages, documents and videos about navigating the Victorian Health System, translated in many different languages. The Health Translations Directory is a Victorian Government initiative, maintained by the Centre for Culture Ethnicity and Health.

The Water Well Project

PO BOX 6218 Vermont South VIC 3133 Email: mail@thewaterwellproject.org www.thewaterwellproject.org Provides free, interactive health education sessions around Melbourne, delivered by volunteer healthcare professionals. Popular topics include:

- Navigating the Australian Healthcare System
- Nutrition advice
- Mental health information
- Men's, women's and children's health topics
- Health information sessions on COVID-19 and vaccination

Mental Health Services

Beyond Blue

Phone: 1300 224 636 www.beyondblue.org.au Provides a range of services to raise awareness of depression, anxiety, and suicide prevention, reduce the stigma surrounding these issues and to encourage people to seek support when they need it. Online chat and phone call available.

EACH Social & Community Health

5/66 Victor Crescent Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone: 1300 003 224 www.each.com.au Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Provides an integrated range of health, disability, and counselling and community mental health services across Australia.

Family Life - Connect Program

Level 2, 1-7 Langhorne Street Dandenong VIC 3175 (above Dimmey's) Phone: 1800 326 543 Email: connect@familylife.com.au www.familylife.com.au Provides a free mental health peer support program for individuals 16 years and above who reside, work or study in Greater Dandenong or are linked via family connections within this area. Multicultural/multilingual workers available in English and Arabic, Dari, Hazaragi, Pashto, Persian, Urdu and Hindi languages.

GROW - Mental Health Group Program

Phone: 1800 558 268 www.grow.org.au Groups in Berwick, Cranbourne, Pakenham and Springvale.

Headspace

Narre Warren Office Suite 1, 66 Victor Crescent Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone: 1800 367 968 Fax: 8738 9888 Email: headspaceDNWenquiries@each.com.au www.headspace.org.au Tuesday to Friday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Provides support to people with their recovery from mental ill-health through a program of mutual support and personal development.

Provides early intervention mental health services to 12–25-year-olds, promoting mental health, physical health, work and study support. Information and services for young people, their families and friends as well as health professionals. Other support services include counselling, general practice, alcohol & drug support etc.

Mind Australia

Level 3, 33 Princes Hwy Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 1300 286 463 Email: mindconnect@mindaustralia.org.au www.mindaustralia.org.au Provides mental health services to support people in their recovery and to build and sustain self-defined, purposeful lives. Programs also include small group activities, day outings & group holidays.

ERMHA – Eastern Regions Mental Health Association

First Floor, Building G, 45 Assembly Drive Dandenong South VIC 3175 Phone: 1300 376 421 Email: reception@ermha.org www.ermha.org Provides services to people living with a mental illness or disability and their carers, by advocating for and providing individually tailored supports including National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Support Services.

Housing

Public Housing - Health & Human Services Office of Housing

Office of Housing (Dandenong) 165-169 Thomas Street Dandenong 3175 Phone: 1300 286 625 www.housing.vic.gov.au/public-housing Provides affordable public housing to eligible families and individuals.

Rental Housing Support - Peninsula Community Legal Service

65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East 3977 Phone: 9783 3600 Email: pclc@pclc.org.au Free Tenancy Advice Program Peninsula Community Legal Service Outreach Service at CNCISS - Tuesday Afternoons 30-32 Verdun Drive, Narre Warren Free advice to private rental clients. Appointment required. Phone: 9783 3600

Consumer Affairs Tenancy Advice

Phone: 1300 55 81 81 www.consumer.vic.gov.au/housing/renting

Tenants Victoria

55 Johnston Street Fitzroy 3065 Phone: 9416 2577 (Advice Line) Phone: 9416 0513 (FAX) www.tuv.org.au

WAYSS Ltd

20 Langmore Lane Berwick VIC 3806 Phone: 9703 0044 www.wayss.org.au

Dandenong Office 20 Princes Highway Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9791 6111 Opening Hours Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Launch Housing – Dandenong

35 Robinson Street Dandenong 3175 Free Call: 24-hour service Phone: 1800 825 955 Phone: 9792 0750 Fax: 9792 0751 Email: dandenong@launchhousing.org.au www.launchhousing.org.au Provides free advice given to tenants with problems with leases, rent rises, bond retention, evictions, etc. Includes residents of rooming houses and caravan parks.

Provides housing related information including: general housing, accommodation options such as public housing and private rental. Services also include referrals and advocacy to government and community agencies and services; tenancy advice services and a range of support services.

Provides a short term stay facility and transitional housing. After hours emergency accommodation may be available.

Windermere Child & Family Services

48 Webb Street Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone: 9705 3200 www.windermere.org.au

Community Housing Ltd

Phone: 1300 245 468 www.chl.org.au Provides information, referral and support to families and individuals who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Assistance provided to locate transitional, medium-term and long-term accommodation.

Provides affordable housing for low to moderate income households. Rents offered at discount rental to the market rates. Housing range varies in type and size.

Legal Help

Springvale Monash Legal Service

5 Osborne Ave Springvale VIC 3171 122 Thomas Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9545 7400 Email: info@smls.org.au www.smls.org.au

Suite 1, Level 2, 64 Victor Crescent Narre Warren VIC 3805 Phone for appointment: 9038 8002 Email: info@narrewarren@smls.org.au Outreach service also at Cranbourne, Doveton and Pakenham Phone: 9038 8002 Provides free and confidential legal services.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre

441 Nepean Highway Frankston VIC 3199 Phone: 9783 3600

65 Berwick Cranbourne Road Cranbourne East VIC 3977 Phone: 5995 3722 www.pclc.org.au

Mon, Wed, Tues (evenings) – Family Law Telephone advice: call office at 9:00am on the day to register. Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Victorian Legal Aid

Dandenong Westernport region 14 Mason Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9767 7111 Provides a wide range of legal services and cost is dependent on the client's income. There is also a multilingual telephone information service. The cost of Legal Aid is dependent on the individual's income and the type and merit of a specific case.

Provides free legal advice services. Appointments are

necessary.

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service Co-operative Ltd

273 High Street Preston VIC 3072 Phone: 9418 5999 24 hour service 1800 064 865 www.vals.org.au Provides legal advice, assistance, and representation in areas of criminal, civil and family law to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Family Violence Law Help

Phone: 1800 737 732 (24 hours, 7 days) www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/ For legal information and assistance

Magistrates' Court of Victoria - Family Violence

www.mcv.vic.gov.au/family-matters/ family-violence-intervention-orders-fvio

Fines Clinic

Clinic held at Frankston with Peninsula Community Legal Centre Phone: 9783 3600 Provides assistance on a broad range of fines, including toll roads, parking and public transport.

Culturally Specific

Afghan

Afghan Australia Philanthropic Association Inc.

PO Box 321 Endeavour Hills VIC 3802 Phone: 9706 2787 Email: aschna1@hotmail.com www.aapa.org.au Provides support and settlement assistance to members of the Afghan community and newly arrived migrants.

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Bakhtar Cultural Association

PO Box 4273 Narre Warren South VIC 3805 Phone: 0435 945 591 Mobile: 0435 945 591 Email: info@bakhtar.org.au www.bakhtar.org.au

Provides emergency relief for those in need during COVID-19 for Afghan communities, Organises different information sessions related to COVID-19 messaging, employment services, mental health etc.

United Cultural Support Inc

Lynbrook VIC 3975 Phone: 0415 914 663 Email: info@ucsi.org.au www.ucsi.org.au Organises educational programs, workshops, excursions and events to support the Hazara community. Provides information sessions about COVID-19 messaging and vaccination and health via social media in Afghan languages such as Dari, Pashto and Hazaragi.

Culturally Specific

Afghanistan Crisis Support

Please use the following contacts/links to get more information related to visas, resources and support services to assist the families affected by the 2021 Afghanistan crisis.

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (Please refer to page 8)

Afghanistan Legal Clinic Hotline: 9252 2534 Monday To Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Email: afghanistantriage@asrc.org.au Information for people impacted by the crisis in Afghanistan: www.asrc.org.au/crisis-in-afghanistan-refugee-protection-infosheet

Southern Migrant Refugee Centre (Please refer to page 7) Support Resources for Afghanistan: www.smrc.org.au/support-resources-for-afghanistan

For any wellbeing services, or in-language mental health support, please use the following links:

Foundation House (please refer to page 8) www.foundationhouse.org.au

Family Life (please refer to page 18) www.familylife.com.au/support/mental-health

For any supports related to legal issues: Springvale Monash Legal Service (Please refer to page 21)

Information for Afghan Australians: www.smls.com.au/information-for-afghan-australians

Refugee Legal Level 6, 20 Otter St, COLLINGWOOD, VIC 3066 Afghanistan Hotline: 9413 0166 Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Email: refugeelegal@refugeelegal.org.au www.refugeelegal.org.au/get-help/afghanistan-resources

African

Afri-Aus Care

562 – 564 Springvale Road Springvale South VIC 3172 Phone: 9794 9195 Mobile: 0433 526 553 Fax: 9792 1111 Email: info@afri-auscare.org www.afri-auscare.org Provides assistance and support to individuals through primary mental health intervention and intensive support programs and by counselling clients' families.

Services include: emergency response, Ubuntu peer support, community engagement, legal support, employment pathways.

Multicultural Youth Support Services

Melbourne, Victoria Phone: 0481 213 384 Email: Coordinator@myssvic.org.au www.myssvic.org.au Provides homework support to young people within African communities, counselling services and mental health education. Provides food emergency relief supports to families and individuals in financial hardships during Covid-19 lockdown.

Arabic

Victorian Arabic Social Services (VASS)

Dandenong Sub-Office 39 Clow Street Dandenong VIC 3175 (co-located with Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre) Head office: C1, 1-13 The Gateway Broadmeadows VIC 3047 Phone: 9359 2861 Fax: 9706 8830 Email: mail@vass.org.au www.vass.org.au

Provides support to disadvantaged members of targeted communities, through increased access to services, decision-making and civic participation, education and employment, and enhanced community safety programs.

Chinese

Chinese Community Social Services Centre Inc.

Suites 9A & 19, Box Hill Central, 17 Market Street Box Hill VIC 3128 Phone: 9898 1965 Fax: 9890 1888 www.ccssci.org.au

Clayton Office Clayton Community Centre 9 - 16 Cooke Street, Clayton VIC 3168 (Open on Mondays only) Phone: 9898 1965 Fax: 9890 1888 Provides migrant settlement services, carer support for families with children of special needs, mental health education and support groups.

Provides COVID-19 special program-Family Violence Prevention program - community education sessions on family violence prevention, one-on-one support to Chinese-speaking victim survivors of family violence. Please contact Box Hill Office for more information.

Filipino

Australian-Filipino Community Services

Doveton Baptist Church 127 Kidds Road Doveton VIC 3177 Phone: 9701 3421 Email: info@afcs.org.au www.afcsvictoria.org.au Provides welfare services and community care to disadvantaged families and individuals. Provides free shopping delivery to Filipino seniors during the COVID-19 in the City of Casey.

Culturally Specific

Indian

Australian Sikh Support

Phone: 0469 095 892 Email: aussikhsupp2013@gmail.com www.australiansikhsupport.org Provides recovery support during and following natural disasters including COVID-19 pandemic. Provides groceries/ food packages to people affected by the pandemic across Melbourne including the City of Casey.

Casey Malayalee

Casey Malayalee City of Casey's (South East of Melbourne) Phone: 0431 391 904 Email: caseymalayali@yahoo.com.au www.caseymalayalee.com.au Provides the communities with groceries for those who were in self-isolation or affected by COVID-19 and organises Zoom sessions on vaccination and mental health issues from the experts in Malayalam language.

Pakistani

Pakistan Welfare Organisation in Australia

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia Contact form on the website Email: pwoa@outlook.com.au www.pwoa.com.au Provides supports to communities with mental health awareness program, COVID-19 English content translation in Urdu, free groceries and fresh food during COVID-19 pandemic to especially international students.

Serbian

Serbian Community Association of Australia

186 Foster Street Dandenong VIC 3175 Phone: 9701 7308 Fax: 9706 9912 Email: info@serbiancommunity.org.au www.serbiancommunity.org.au Provides Serbian community with information, advocacy, support, education, and referral services including aged care projects, employment services etc.

Vietnamese

Springvale Indochinese Mutual Assistance Association Inc. (SICMAA)

11-13 Morwell Parade Springvale VIC 3171 Phone: 9547 6161 Email: sicmaa.bh@bigpond.com www.sicmaa.com Provides a range of support services including information and advice, Employment and training referrals, Emergency relief (limited financial assistance), Family support (including family violence and parent/child relationships) and health referrals (including disability support services)

Community Information and Support Service (CISS) Help Flyers

www.caseynorthciss.com.au/resource	Both CISSs have jointly produced flyers in different languages
www.cranbourneiss.org.au/resources.html	in English, Dari, Pashto, Arabic, Hindi and Nuer containing a
	summary of emergency relief and support services available in
	CISSs. The flyers can be downloaded from the websites of both
	CISSs. (To be uploaded soon)

Embassies and Consulates

Consulate General of India In Melbourne www.cgimelbourne.gov.in

Consulate General of Pakistan in Melbourne

Phone: 9696 7348 Email: info@pakconsulatemelbourne.org.au www.pakconsulatemelbourne.org.au Consular Hours 09:30 am – 1:00 pm (Monday to Thursday) 09:30 am - 12:00 pm (Friday)

Consulate General of the Peoples Republic of China in Melbourne

Phone: 9822 0604 Fax: 9824 6340 For urgent Consular protection of Chinese citizens (No enquiries of visa, authentication, etc): Phone: 9824 8810 Email: chineseconsulate.mel@gmail.com

Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Melbourne

Phone: 9290 4200 Fax: 9867 4873 Email: mail@slcgmel.org www.slcgmel.org

Consulate of the Republic of Mauritius in Victoria

Consulate of the Republic of Mauritius 2 Kelvin Grove, Prahran VIC 3181 Contact form on the website Embassy of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Phone: (02) 6282 7377 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Monday to Friday except public holidays

Fijian Consulate in Melbourne Phone: 9722 1761 Fax: 9722 1441 Email: regh09@tpg.com.au

Philippine Consulate General in Melbourne Phone: 8375 9646 E-mail: melbourne.pcg@dfa.gov.ph www.melbournepcg.dfa.gov.ph

South Africa High Commission in Canberra Phone: (02) 6272 7300 Email: immigration.canberra@dirco.gov.za www.sahc.org.au

South African Honorary Consulate in Melbourne, Australia Phone: 8825 5718 Fax: 8825 5799 Email: melbourne@honcons.com.au

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