

A Brief History of the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Ltd

Members of the ethnic communities began to discuss the need for the establishment of access to services

- 1976 The Honourable John Herbert MLA, Minister for Community Welfare Services and Sports invited fourteen (14) people to meet and found the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ)
- 1979 The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland joined with the other State and Territory Councils to establish a national organisation to be known as the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia Inc (FECCA)
- 1980 The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland was incorporated as a non-political, non-profit making Company Limited by guarantee
- 1988 The Honourable Neil Blewett MP, Minister of Community Services and Health officially opened the Berlasco Court Multicultural Caring Centre at Indooroopilly in Brisbane
- 1989 Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Ltd introduced the Community Options Home Care Service, servicing 249 clients from many countries on a daily basis
- 1991 The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Ltd Advocacy and Liaison Service was introduced and all services were transferred to a purpose built building at West End in Brisbane, which became known as the ECCQ Home and Community Care Resource Centre (HACC)
- 1992 The HACC Resource Centre was officially opened by the Honourable Peter Staples MP, Minister for Aged Care and Health, and the Honourable Ken Hayward MLA, Queensland Minister for Health
- 1996 Saw the introduction of the first of our higher-level Community Care Packages, a new dimension in personalised home care, servicing 42 clients on a daily basis
- 1998 The Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care project was funded to assist nursing home proprietors to provide culturally inclusive services for their residents from non-English speaking backgrounds
- 2000 HACC Resource Centre was restructured and rebadged and officially presented to the Aged Care Industry, clients and carers, as Diversicare, by the Honourably Wendy Edmond, Minister for Health

Diversicare relocated to larger premises at 49-51 Thomas Street, West End
ECCQ House relocated to 253 Boundary Street, West End

Summary

The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Ltd, as a State Peak Body representing Queenslanders from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, continues to face the many challenges before it today.

With confidence, the ECCQ looks forward to the future.