

ACCS HISTORY

- 1982** "First in Aid" Grant, received from DIEA
- 1984** Croatian Community Welfare Association of Victoria (CCWAV) incorporated
- 1987** First funding for English language classes received from the Western Metropolitan Council of Further education
- 1988** DIEA funding reduced to a part time worker, successful community campaign to have funding for full time worker position reinstated.
Funding received from Community Services Victoria for a part time worker.
- 1991** First Croatian National Conference called CROWELL held at Marie Mill Centre
- 1992** Several education and community programs launched HIV/AIDS Campaign, Domestic Violence Project, Family Outdoor Experience Program, School Holliday Program, Croatian Play Group.
First HACC funding received for a research project called "The Invisible Elderly", a study of the needs of Croatian elderly in the western region
- 1994** First HACC funding for Friendly Visiting Program in the Western region
Bureau of immigration and Population funded a research about Croatians in Australia
Croatian community Welfare Association of Victoria (CCWAV) changed the name to Australian Croatian Community Services (ACCS)
Inaugural Dinner Dance
- 1995** Community based Employment Program funded to assist people to gain skills for employment
- 1996** Community Settlement Services Scheme program, funded by DIMIA

- 1998** Office in 40 Picket Street, Footscray was officially opened on 21 March by the Honourable Phillip Ruddock
- 2002** First funding received for the Community aged Care Packages for North West (15)
- 2004** ACCS commissioned a Ten Year Aged Care Plan
- 2005** Additional Community Aged Care Packages received for North West (5) and South (10) and East (10)
- 2006** Office in Dandenong was opened
Launch of 10 Year Aged Care Plan
Community Partners Program (CPP) funding received from DOHA
- 2010** "Count Us In" Project launched
- 2011** "Forgotten Art but not the People" Exhibition held
First funding for HACC Planned Activity Groups in Southern Metropolitan Region received
- 2012** Victorian Minister for Health, the Hon. David Davis officially launched new planned activity groups in Endeavour Hills.
Two staff, Rosie Jurina and Senada Ekic received "Multicultural Award for Excellence" for their work in Croatian and Bosnian and Herzegovinian communities
- 2013** Launch of the Booklet "A new Beginning - Personal Experiences"
ACCS received Victorian Multicultural Award for Excellence – Meritorious Service to the Community
- 2014** Funding received for new program "Community Visitors Scheme"
Diversification – Initiatives for young people of Croatian heritage
Celebrated 30th Anniversary of ACCS
- 2018** Australian Croatian Community Services has opened its first regional office in Geelong