



## **Statement of Principle: ACT Policing and CMCF Inc**

ACT Policing and the Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) Inc confirm their commitment to ensuring police and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community members continue working together towards a stronger relationship.

It is important both ACT Policing and the CMCF maintain a regular flow of information to ensure the policing needs of members of the Canberra community are met.

To further this process, ACT Policing commits to:

- Providing a Multicultural Liaison Officer as the first point of contact for CMCF correspondence with ACT Policing on community matters
- Formulating a "working group committee" between Crime Prevention members and CMCF representatives to meet as required to discuss current issues and projects
- Attending quarterly meetings of the CMCF

Further, ACT Policing commits to developing its relationship with the wider multicultural community by:

- Providing policing information to new migrants
- Attending various CALD community functions where appropriate
- Utilising CALD community communication channels such as newsletters and radio, where appropriate
- Continuing cross-cultural awareness training for members of ACT Policing
- Taking reasonable steps to provide appropriate language and interpreting services to members of the community when dealing with police
- Ensuring consultation on policing and multicultural issues, to enhance policing services to the community.

CMCF commits to:

- Developing and maintaining an ACT Policing page on the CMCF website, to house material provided by ACT Policing on matters of interest to the multicultural community
- Assisting ACT Policing to bridge the gap between police and CALD community members
- Providing feedback and information to ACT Policing via the Multicultural Liaison Officer on issues involving the multicultural community

This Statement of Principle is to be revised by both parties on a yearly basis to ensure the needs of the CMCF and of ACT Policing are adequately addressed.

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