

## **Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council Meeting communique**

The seventh meeting of the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council (the Council) was held in Brisbane on 8 February 2018.

The meeting was the first for the new Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP.

Members reviewed the 2017 Queensland Multicultural Month, noting a number of activities that worked well such as the powerful personal stories shared on social media, the themes for each week and the Business Lunch. Members also discussed opportunities for the 2018 Queensland Multicultural Month including championing economic participation, and spreading the message into regional Queensland.

The Council also discussed its work plan for 2018, which will again include a focus on jobs including through the NDIS, and the inclusion of new issues such as regional settlement and domestic and family violence.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Toowoomba, with other meetings for the year planned for Rockhampton and the Gold Coast.