



Media Release

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SPECTRUM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The **Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, AC** will congratulate Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre (SMRC) on its 25th anniversary with the launch of the publication "*Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre 25th Anniversary – The people, the stories, the history.*" at a reception at Government House next week.

"Innovation has been at SMRC's heart, shaping the beginnings of a one-stop shop, which has now expanded to cover the whole lifespan. From youth programs, accredited training courses, employment services to aged and disability services, culturally-tailored services are the SMRC's hallmarks," said **Ms Rosemary Kelada, SMRC's CEO**. In the book, **SMRC's founding Chairperson, Prof. Afif Hadj**, highlighted the Migrant Resource Centres' role, commenting how "They have saved governments money while producing tangible, measurable outcomes".

SMRC began its life as Preston-Reservoir Migrant Resource Centre (MRC). Whilst 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of the organisation's establishment, 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of its incorporation. The MRC was established in 1980 by a group of visionary people.

"The SMRC's longevity and success is due to the vision, passion and tenaciousness of many people. Through the publication of the 25th anniversary book, we want to pay tribute to those people and the many people they have assisted" explained **Ms Kelada**. The publication, that will be available to the public via the SMRC website, documents the Centre's major achievements, services and programs, showcasing a selection which epitomises the essence of the organisation's dynamism and successes.

SMRC looks forward to celebrating with stakeholders, community members, clients and former and current staff.

Event Details:

Please note: this is not an open event and this Media Release is not an invitation to the event. Photo opportunities must be organised via Media Contact.

EVENT: Spectrum's 25th Anniversary Celebration at Government House

DATE & TIME: Tuesday 22 September 2009 - 6pm sharp (5pm for media)

VENUE: Government House, Government House Drive, Melbourne

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