

The National Ethnic
and Multicultural
Broadcasters'
Council

NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Updates from the NEMBC

We had a fantastic time at the NEMBC Conference!

We're thrilled by the overwhelmingly positive feedback from those who attended our recent conference, highlighting the valuable workshops, networking opportunities, and the vibrant Gala Dinner!

Please enjoy the photos throughout this newsletter, and again, congratulations to all our nominees and award winners!

Acknowledging the AGM Outcome and Our Path Forward

We were certainly disappointed by the outcome at our recent AGM, particularly that the proposed constitutional changes, which would have extended voting rights to program members, were not passed.

Rest assured, we are diligently working behind the scenes to address the issues that arose.

We are committed to strengthening our governance and ensuring all members have a fair opportunity to vote.

In addition to ensuring the NEMBC's legal compliance by transitioning from an association to a company limited by guarantee, the proposed constitutional changes are about ensuring your voices are represented, even if you weren't able to attend the AGM.

Recognising the strong desire for all members to have their say and cast their vote, we are not giving up on this important initiative.

We've listened to your feedback and will be holding the vote again electronically in the coming months, once our new platform is ready, to ensure every station has the opportunity to cast their vote and be heard.

Our goal is to ensure that all program members, as well as stations, will have the opportunity to vote at the 2026 AGM and beyond.



Marianne Wangira
General Manager, NEMBC

2025 NEMBC Award Winners

Congratulations to all our nominees and winners of the Awards!

Everyone who was nominated and awarded has done a great job and made a huge impact on the community broadcasting sector.

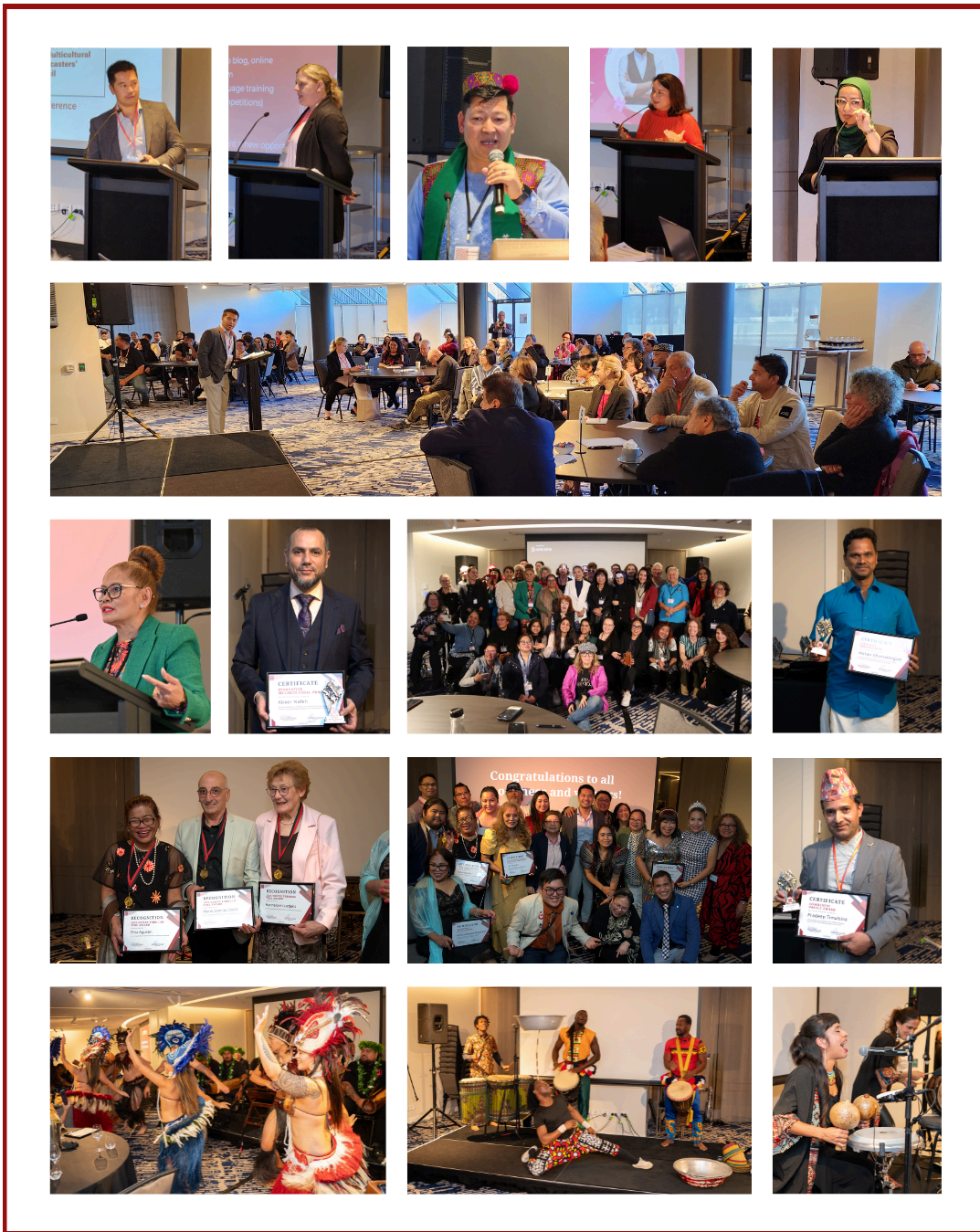
Here's the full list of winners.

- ★ **Youth Broadcaster of the year:** Deema Jalloul (2MFM)
- ★ **Emerging Broadcaster:** Mohan Dharmalingam (1CMS)
- ★ **Outstanding Women in Multicultural Media:** Accent of Women Team (3CR)
- ★ **Excellence in Journalism & Storytelling:** Hamdi Ali (3CR)
- ★ **Innovative Multicultural Program:** Abeer Nafeh (2MFM)
- ★ **Community Impact:** Pradeep Timalsina (1CMS)
- ★ **Ethnic Program of the Year:** Rajeev Arora (3ZZZ)
- ★ **Multicultural Station of the Year:** 2MFM Muslim Community Radio
- ★ **Voices Through Time:** Gina Agustin (Gippsland FM), Hannelore Luetjens (Gippsland FM), Mario Sammut OAM (Gippsland FM), Hanadi Alshelh (2MFM), Ena Lewis (3ZZZ), and Viet Tran (4EB).

Photos from the Conference and Award Ceremony

This year's conference created amazing memories, and we've put together a collection of great photos for you to view and download your favourites.

Click here or on the image below to view and download the photos



An exciting visit to 3CR!

Today, the NEMBC team visited 3CR in Fitzroy (VIC) to personally present the two awards they won at the 2025 NEMBC Awards, as they were unable to attend the awards night.

It was a great opportunity to meet their team and tour their vibrant studios!

The NEMBC honours and recognises the award winners and nominees from 3CR for the amazing work they do as broadcasters.

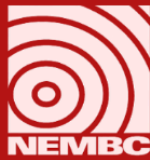


Photo: Meg Butler (Acting 3CR Station Manager), Hamdi Ali (Somali Language Show), Ximena Jimenez (Accent of Women Team), and Marianne Wangira (NEMBC General Manager).

Award Nominations Booklet

Download the 2025 Award Nominations Booklet to find out more about this year's nominees.

[Click here or on the image below to view and download the booklet](#)



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2025

**SATURDAY
24 MAY**

Crowne Plaza
Melbourne



Conference PowerPoint Presentations

We're pleased to share a selection of PowerPoint presentations from this year's conference. Feel free to view or download them for your reference.

[Click to view and download the presentations](#)

Conference Feedback

We're committed to making the conference better each year and would really value your input.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts using our quick digital feedback form.

[Click to access the feedback form](#)

Celebrating 25 Years of 2MFM at Their Inaugural Symposium

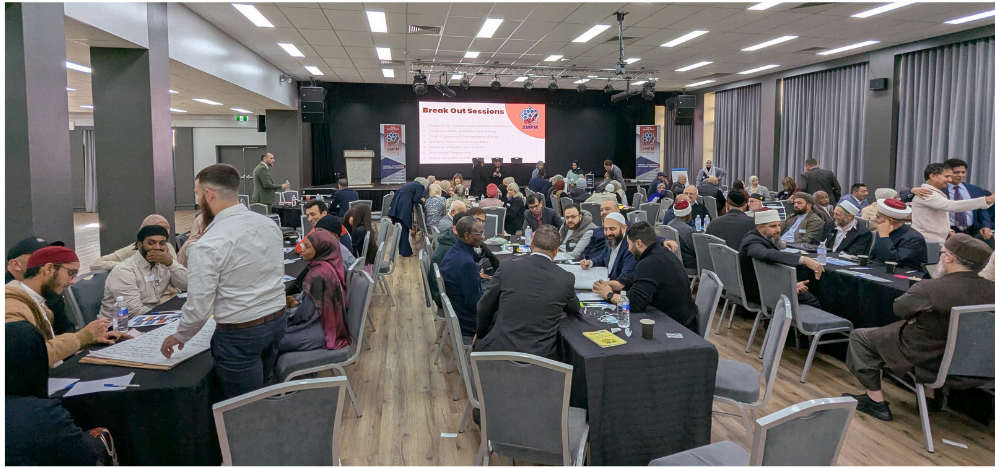
Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the first-ever 2MFM Symposium, held in Chester Hill, NSW, to celebrate the station's 25 years on air. It was an inspiring event, highlighting the incredible impact of community radio band 2MFM's dedication to multicultural broadcasting.

The station was rightly proud of its many awards and nominations from the recent NEMBC Gala and Awards Night at Crowne Plaza Melbourne, a testament to their hard work and commitment to diverse voices.

Alongside Pradeep Timalina (NEMBC Board Director), we observed some fantastic breakout sessions led by 2MFM members, covering crucial topics like youth broadcasting, multilingual services, digital innovation, and more.

It was a powerful reminder of what community radio can achieve when it gives people a platform to share their stories and connect.

Huge congratulations to 2MFM on this milestone and here's to many more years of amplifying multicultural voices.



Chad Phillips
Membership and Engagement Coordinator, NEMBC

Radio and You - Sector Impact Survey

Think Impact and Compass Polling are working together to better understand the impact of ethnic and multicultural radio, as well as several other sectors of

community radio.

To help them do that, they have designed a very short survey. The purpose of this work is to support additional funding requests from community radio.

We are hoping for as many responses as possible. The more responses we get, the stronger the results will be.

We are interested in responses from listeners, volunteers, employees and advertisers/sponsors.

All responses are completely anonymous.

The findings will be included in a public report to help shape the future of radio.

To participate in the survey, click on the button below:

[Click to access the survey](#)



Projects

The Harms of Vaping - Distribution campaign

The NEMBC has partnered with the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia (MYAN) to distribute ready-to-air 60-second grabs for the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care on *The Harms of Vaping* in the following nine languages: Assyrian, Bahasa, Bengali, Hindi, Japanese, Malay, Swahili, Tagalog, and Tamil.

The NEMBC is managing the distribution to community radio for four weeks, starting on 12 May 2025, across six radio stations in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and the Australian Capital Territory.

The script included in the grabs is as follows:

“Did you know vaping isn’t as harmless as it seems? People who vape may be exposed to chemicals that can damage their lungs, harm brain development and impact mood, memory, and even sleep. Even when it’s not mentioned on the label, nicotine is present in many vapes, which can cause addiction and withdrawal symptoms.

Quitting supports your health, helps the environment and saves money – and there is support available to help. If you or someone you know is considering quitting – they don’t have to do it alone. Download the free My QuitBuddy App or call Quitline on 13 7848. You can also speak with a GP or trusted healthcare professional or find resources in different languages on health.gov.au/vaping. Quitting can be challenging, and it’s okay if it takes a few tries!”

The in-language grabs were produced by MYAN.

[Download the grabs here](#)

Get Involved

Are you interested in collaborating with the NEMBC on future projects? We’d love to hear from you!

Please reach out to us at projects@nembc.org.au

Radio stations are encouraged to share a list of the languages you offer so we can keep you in mind for relevant opportunities that align with your community’s needs.

We’re excited to hear from you and explore ways we can work together!

Member Updates



Live @ Alive 2025

Join **Live @ Alive 2025**, a vibrant night of live music celebrating World Make Music Day on **Saturday 21 June**. Hosted by Alive 90.5FM, enjoy performances across genres from top local artists including The Voice 2024 winner Reuben De Melo.

[More information here.](#)



CBAA Conference

Registrations for the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia's conference **are now open!** The conference will take place from **23 to 25 October 2025** at the Crowne Plaza in **Hobart, Tasmania**.

[More information here.](#)

Community Updates



Multicultural NSW

Community Consultation

Multicultural NSW is developing a new strategic plan, and they want your input! If you live in NSW you are invited to join a community consultation in our local area or online to share your insights and ideas. Get more information and register [here](#).



NSW Health

Engaging Effectively with Refugee Communities Forum

NSW Ministry of Health in collaboration, are offering a free workshop on **Engaging Effectively with Refugee Communities**. You don't have to live in NSW to attend. For more information or to register click [here](#).

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