

The National Ethnic  
and Multicultural  
Broadcasters'  
Council

# NEWSLETTER

## October 2025

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## 1. Voting for a new Constitution

The NEMBC is preparing for an important vote on changes to our Constitution, and we want to give all our Members the opportunity to have their voice heard.

Our team has spent the last few weeks working with stations to ensure we have an up-to-date program list. This is vital for ensuring that each station receives the right allocation of votes.

### **Special General Meeting**

A Special General Meeting of the Members will be held in the first week of December, where the vote will take place. A formal notice will be sent out next week with details of the meeting, the motion being voted on, and the voting process.

Only confirmed delegates will be able to vote, and they must attend the SGM for their votes to be counted.

Further information regarding the nomination of delegates and proxies will be sent out next week.

It's vital that you share your views with station leadership so your voice is part of the decision-making process.

### Hear from our President

We've created a short video from the NEMBC President, explaining what the vote is about and why it matters. Please take a moment to watch and then speak with your station leaders about how your vote will be represented.



For more information, please see the [Constitution Explainer](#) document.

[Constitution Explainer](#)

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## 2. NEMBC Conference 2026 - Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! The 2026 NEMBC Conference will be held on **22-23 May in Brisbane**, and it promises to be an unforgettable celebration of multicultural media. Get ready for two days full of culture, connection, learning and fun, where broadcasters, digital creators, and community media supporters come together to share ideas, celebrate achievements, and shape the future of multicultural media in Australia.

Stay tuned for registration details, program highlights, and special guest announcements. We can't wait to see you there!



**Marianne Wangira**

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## 3. Membership Update

### Upcoming NEMBC Online Forums

The NEMBC is pleased to announce that we will be hosting two more online forums in **December 2025**, with dates to be confirmed shortly.

These sessions form part of our biannual process to connect directly with members and station leadership teams, providing an open space to share ideas, discuss challenges and explore opportunities for innovation and engagement across the multicultural media sector.

Following the success of our first round of forums, which brought together members and stations from across Australia, we're excited to continue these conversations. The feedback and insights shared so far have been instrumental in helping us better understand the needs of our community and guide the NEMBC's future priorities.

These upcoming forums including the **Member Insight Forum** and the **Station Leadership Forum** will focus on how the NEMBC can best support stations in areas such as digital transformation, content development and community engagement.

Your input is vital in shaping the direction of the NEMBC's work and ensuring we continue to serve the needs of our members effectively. Please keep an eye out for the official **dates and registration links**, which will be shared soon. We look forward to another round of productive, collaborative discussions that strengthen our voice across the community media sector.



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## **NEMBC at the 2025 CBAA Conference**

The NEMBC Board and Team were delighted to attend the [Community Broadcasting Association of Australia \(CBAA\)](#) Conference in Hobart, Tasmania from 23rd – 25th October 2025. The event brought together broadcasters, station managers and sector leaders from across Australia. Creating a vibrant space for collaboration, learning and exchange of ideas.

It was wonderful to reconnect with community media colleagues and witness the shared commitment to strengthening our sector. The NEMBC attended several engaging workshops and sessions showcasing new program ideas, innovations in technology, discussions around sustainability and audience engagement. These conversations highlighted the diversity and creativity that continue to drive Australia's community broadcasting network.

We would like to extend our warm thanks to the CBAA for their invitation and for hosting such a successful conference.

The NEMBC values these opportunities to connect with partners and share our ongoing work in supporting multicultural and multilingual broadcasting, ensuring that the voices of culturally and linguistically diverse communities remain heard and represented across Australia.

As we look ahead, the NEMBC is eager to continue building stronger connections and collaborations within the Australian community media sector. We look forward to participating again at future CBAA events and working closely with stations nationwide to champion diversity and inclusion in media.



Photo: The NEMBC Board & Team (Juan Paolo Legaspi, Chad Phillips, Andsley Dennis & Marianne Wangira) at the 2025 CBAA Hobart Conference.

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### **Share Your Station's Story on the NEMBC Blog**

The [NEMBC Blog](#) is open for new stories and we'd love to hear from you.

This is an open invitation to all NEMBC member broadcasters and affiliated radio stations to share the great work, milestones and community impact happening at your station.

Whether it's a successful community event, a new program launch or an inspiring story from your broadcasters, the NEMBC Blog is a platform to

celebrate your achievements and highlight the voices that make our multicultural media network so unique.

The NEMBC is happy to workshop and support future stories, helping you shape ideas into engaging articles that can reach a wider audience. Your contributions not only showcase the diversity of our sector but also help strengthen the connection between multicultural broadcasters across Australia.

If you have a story idea or would like assistance in developing one, please get in touch with Chad Phillips at [community@nembc.org.au](mailto:community@nembc.org.au). We're here to help you bring your station's story to life.

Let's continue sharing the stories that reflect the heart and strength of Australia's multicultural broadcasting community.



**Chad Phillips**

Membership & Engagement Coordinator

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## 4. Projects

### **NEMBC Application for a Second Round of Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Grant**

The NEMBC is preparing an application to develop a second round of multilingual explainers to support [DonateLife](#) and the Organ and Tissue Authority in encouraging all Australians to discuss organ and tissue donation, register as donors, and talk to their families about donation.

In 2025, we produced an audio explainer series titled "[Share the Gift of Life](#)" in English and in Australia's nine most spoken languages: **Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish** and **Vietnamese**.

Scripts were developed in consultation with health experts and community representatives, translated into nine languages, recorded by voice talents across the country, and produced as Headliner-style videos with accompanying graphics.

This round will include new languages. We invite any radio broadcasters or producers interested in contributing voiceovers or ideas to contact us as we finalise our grant application.

### **Reminder: SBS Content Platform for NEMBC Members**

The NEMBC and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) have signed a memorandum of understanding authorising NEMBC Members to broadcast SBS news bulletins within their programs.

The SBS News Bulletins platform is now live at [www.nembc.org.au/sbs](http://www.nembc.org.au/sbs).

Don't forget to check out our [SBS How-to Guide](#) for easy downloading and integration of bulletins into your programs.

Bulletins are currently available in **Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin** and **Vietnamese**, with more languages possible in the future.

This is a great opportunity to provide high-quality, trusted news to your listeners, free of charge.

We encourage all members to explore the guide and make the most of this valuable resource.

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# 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](mailto: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!



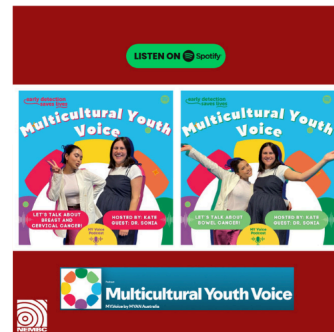
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[Click to explore the Projects section on our website](#)

[Click to download the NEMBC Project Brochure](#)



## 5. Sector Opportunities

### 2MCE FM Journalist

2MCE is seeking a part-time Journalist! A fantastic chance to report on news and events across Bathurst and Orange. Apply now through the link below.

[More information here](#)

### Committee Vacancy

CBF has a vacancy on the Sector Investment Advisory Committee, who provide advice on community broadcasting's bigger projects, coordination and collaboration.

Learn more [here](#).

### Major

### Grant Opportunity

The Department of Home Affairs *Critical Support for Multicultural Communities - Independent Multicultural Media - transformation and sustainability* grants are now open. Learn more [here](#).

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## 6. Community Updates

### Mapping Social Cohesion 2025 Report

The Scanlon Foundation's Mapping Social Cohesion Report is Australia's most comprehensive national study on community connection, trust, and belonging.

Read the full report [here](#).

## Free Webinar - Volunteer Management

This webinar covers topics such as proper record keeping, communication, volunteer-related policies, legal checks, and volunteer recruitment and retention. 13 November 1-2pm AEST.

Access more information [here](#).

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