



Anti-racism in Melbourne's southeast

Support services and reporting pathways for people who have experienced racism



**For more information about
anti-racism support in Victoria, visit:
<https://antiracismvictoria.com.au/>**



There are different places in Victoria where people can speak out against racism, report it and get support after an experience of racism. But it is not always easy to find the ‘right’ service.

This booklet offers some guidance, especially for those who live or spend a lot of time in Melbourne’s southeast.

Local support services in the southeast

The southeast of Melbourne is one of three areas in Victoria served by a specialised community-led anti-racism support network.

The **Southeast Anti-Racism Support Network** covers Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia.

It offers a safe space for people who have faced racism to share their experiences in a supportive environment and jointly explore next steps. The network also anonymously documents reported cases of racism (if consent is provided) to develop local evidence on racism.

Contact any of the following to get support

Wellsprings for Women

Contact person: Samar Geid

Telephone: 03 97013740

Email: samar@wellspringsforwomen.com

Address: 79 Langhorne Street, Dandenong

Southern Migrant & Refugee Centre (SMRC)

Contact person: Sharon Smith

Telephone: 03 9767 1902

Email: sharons@smrc.org.au

Address: 39 Clow St, Dandenong

Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)

Contact person: Ayuel Mading

Telephone: 03 8594 1550

Mobile: 0428 760 849

Email: amading@cmy.net.au

Address: GF 243 Lonsdale St, Dandenong

South East Community Links (SECL)

Contact person: Ruwanthi Mudannayaka

Telephone: 03 9791 8344

Email: rmudannayaka@secl.org.au

Address: 176 Foster Street East, Dandenong

For free and confidential mental health support you can contact:

Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Greater Dandenong

Telephone: 03 8908 1800

Email: DandenongLocal@mindaustralia.org.au

Address: 29B Langhorne St, Dandenong

In addition to these local anti-racism support services, several state-wide agencies and organisations may also be able to provide assistance.

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC)

VEOHRC provides general information and referrals, and offers free, impartial conciliation (mediation) if the incident constitutes unlawful discrimination.

Call 1300 292 153 (Mon-Fri, 10am-2 pm)

email: complaints@veohrc.vic.gov.au

Anonymous reporting: scan the QR code



For more information, visit the VEOHRC website
<https://www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/race/>

Victoria Police

Only Victoria Police can investigate alleged crimes in Victoria. If racism or religious prejudice played a role in the crime, the police should treat it as a 'prejudice motivated crime'.

If it is an emergency, call 000.

Otherwise report to your local police station or call the Police Assistance Line: 131 444

For anonymous reporting call Crimestoppers (1800 333 000)

To anonymously notify police about anti-social behaviour on **public transport**, text the word *STOPIT* to 0499 455 455.

Support services for First Nations people

13YARN Crisis Support Hotline

An Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander crisis support line run by Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

Call 13 92 76

Call it Out Register (online reporting)

To report online, scan the QR code.



Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

VALS provides free legal information, referrals, advice and casework assistance to First Nations people.

Call 039418 5999

Support services for Muslim communities

Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV)

ICV's Islamophobia Support Service is a free service dedicated to providing information and holistic support for those impacted by Islamophobia.

Call 03 9328 2067

email: islamophobiasupport@icv.org.au

Islamophobia Register Australia

A nationwide platform for incidents of Islamophobia to be reported, recorded and analysed into a published report

To report online, scan the QR code.



Reporting antisemitism

Victorian Community Security Group (CSG)

CSG can be contacted to report an incident of antisemitism.

Call 1300 000 274

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We acknowledge and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Peoples and Traditional Owners of the lands known as Victoria and Australia.