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# ANNUAL REPORT

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*The Chaldean Australian Society (CAS), a community-based and not-for-profit organisation established in 1993 to serve the Chaldean community in NSW. CAS addresses the settlement needs to the increasing numbers of Chaldeans arriving to Australia under humanitarian entry and family reunion and the majority of them settle in Fairfield, Liverpool, Mount Druitt and South Western Sydney areas. CAS maintains the Chaldean culture and at the same time assists the engagement of Chaldeans with the Australian society. We welcome and help the locals and others who are in need of our services.*

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## Ongoing Services

*CAS provides free services to our community 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) by the members of our committee and the volunteers. We help our community by providing:*

- Information and advice
- Referral
- Support Letters
- Advocacy
- Case Management
- Assistance with form filling related to Immigration, Citizenship, Housing, Centrelink, Health Services, Enrolling in School and TAFE, etc.



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## Information Sessions and Support for the Chaldean Community

This project is to support the Chaldean Community particularly new arrivals in settlement issues and to integrate with the Australian society. This involves information sessions and support for individuals, families, and groups. This activity holds every Friday from 10 am to 1 pm at Meeting Room, Fairfield Community Services Centre, 25 Barbara St, Fairfield NSW 2165. Dr Emad Arabo, Secretary and Administration Coordinator, facilitates and runs these sessions with the aid of other committee members and the volunteers. This project is a partnership with Fairfield Migrant Resource Centre.





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## Preparation for the Australian Citizenship Test Courses

CAS run two courses “Preparation for the Australian Citizenship Test” to local Fairfield residents who are about to undertake the Australian citizenship test. These courses were funded by Smithfield RSL Club within 2015 Fairfield ClubGRANTS. Dr Emad Arabo, Secretary and Administration Coordinator, facilitated and delivered these courses.



## Refugees' Issues and Australia's Humanitarian Programme

### CAS SUBMISSION-AUSTRALIA'S HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMME 2016-17

At the invitation of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the Chaldean Australian Society has submitted a written submission on "Australia's Humanitarian Programme 2016-17". This submission includes information about the situation of the Chaldeans in Iraq and neighbouring countries, our recommendations regarding 12,000 places allocated to Iraqi and Syrian refugees, and other issues.

### CONSULTATION MEETING ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMME 2016-17

The Chaldean Australian Society represented by the president Mr Younan Yousif, participated in the consultation meeting with the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, about Australia's Humanitarian Programme 2016-17 and with participation of community organisations and peak bodies.

### MEETINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

The Chaldean Australian Society represented by Mr Younan Yousif, President, and Dr Emad Arabo, Secretary and Administration Coordinator, attended two meetings with Mr Peter Vardos, Deputy Secretary DIBP, and Ms Libby Hampton, Assistant Secretary of the Refugee and Humanitarian Programme, in a roundtable discussion about the 12,000 humanitarian places provided for those displaced by the conflicts in Syria and Iraq. Religious and ethnic leaders from Syrian and Iraqi communities participated in this meeting.

### CAS SUBMISSION TO 2016 UNHCR-NGO CONSULTATIONS

The Chaldean Australian Society has submitted a written submission to 2016 UNHCR-NGO CONSULTATIONS via The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) about the situation of Chaldeans and Christians in Iraq and Middle East and this submission included recommendations regarding this matter.

### INAUGURAL NSW REFUGEE COMMUNITIES ADVOCACY NETWORK (RCAN) CONFERENCE

On Saturday 21 May 2016, The Chaldean Australian Society represented by Mr Younan Yousif, President, and Dr Emad Arabo, Secretary and Administration Coordinator, participated in The NSW Inaugural Refugee Communities Advocacy Network Conference.



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## Volunteer Grants 2015 – Department of Social Services

The Chaldean Australian Society has received a grant from Department of Social Services under Volunteer Grants 2015. We have received a letter from The Hon Christian Porter MP, Minister for Social Services, congratulating us for being awarded the grant. This grant will be used for the benefit of our volunteers to enhance our services to the local community.



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