

Chaldean Australian Society Inc.

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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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CAS 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.

Information Sessions and Support Services 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 services for individuals, families, and groups. This activity holds for the third year fortnightly on Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm at Meeting Room, Fairfield Community Services Centre, 25 Barbara St, Fairfield NSW 2165. This project is a partnership with CORE Community Services.













2018 Fairfield ClubGRANTS

Project: Getting to Know Your City – Fairfield

The Chaldean Australian Society has received a grant under 2018 Fairfield ClubGRANTS Program funded by Club Marconi to run a project "Getting to Know Your City – Fairfield". This project helps new migrants from Chaldean/local community living in Fairfield city area to know more about their city including its recreation and leisure activities/facilities, sport and centre-based activities, and programs/activities provided by community organisations.

Project: Advocacy for Refugees Who are at Risk of Being Homeless

The Chaldean Australian Society has received a grant under 2018 Fairfield ClubGRANTS Program funded by Club Marconi to run a project "Advocacy for Refugees Who are at Risk of Being Homeless". This project provides advocacy services to refugees from Chaldean and local community who are at risk of being homeless to be able to access safe and secure housing.

CAS Submission-Australia's Humanitarian Programme 2018-19

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 2018-19". This submission includes information about the situation of the Chaldeans in Iraq and neighbouring countries.

Fowler Immigration Summit

On 5th June 2018, the Chaldean Australian Society represented by 3 committee members attended and participated in 2018 Fowler Immigration Summit. This summit was hosted by The Hon Chris Hayes MP, Federal Member for Fowler, and The Hon Shayne Neumann MP, Shadow Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, was a quest speaker. This summit was about bringing together community groups, service providers and different levels of government, to discuss ways to improve settlement outcomes and services for newly arrived migrants in our

community.



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