

# AMF Home Page

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The AMF Home page opens up the full range of projects and initiatives.

**Established to promote a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures.**

## Background

The Australian Bicentennial Authority gave support to a proposal to establish the Australian Bicentennial Multicultural Foundation. The idea was first proposed by the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia National Conference in 1981.

In 1986 the Federation and the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs jointly convened a Working Party which consulted widely concerning the objects and direction for the Foundation.

In June 1987 the Authority invested \$3 Million in the Australian Bicentennial Multicultural Foundation Trust Account. In September 1988 the Funds were transferred to the Foundation after it was legally incorporated as an independent organisation.

## Current Status

The Foundation is incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee under the Companies (Victoria) Code and registered as a body corporate in all States and Territories and is now known as the Australian Multicultural Foundation.

## Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Foundation are:

- to cultivate in all Australians a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures and by so doing to advance its social and economic well-being;
- the promotion of an awareness among the people of Australia of the diversity of cultures within Australia and the contribution of people from all cultures to the development of Australia; and
- the spread of respect and understanding between all cultural groups through any appropriate means.

The Foundation will achieve its aims:

- by adopting issues of national significance; and
- by initiating projects and programs in consultation and in partnership in any worthwhile field or activity.