

An overview of activities for the period July 2007- June 2008.

- 12th August. '07 – SEVACARE seminar focusing on Community Living for seniors of SA origin – at Cherrybrook Community Centre.

- 5th Sept. '07 – SEVACARE for SA Seniors an Information Session focusing on Social security entitlements, healthy living, 'Mind your Mind' – Dementia – at the Epping L& R centre.

- 26th Oct. '07 – "Stepping into your Teenagers world" – a Parenting Forum for SA parents to enrich families in understanding their teenagers world at the Dougherty Centre, Chatswood.

- 18th Feb 2008 – 'A South Asian Community Forum' – an Introduction to migrant services including Centrelink, DEEWR, TAFE, Multicultural Health services and Women's Health services. At the Ashfield Town Hall.

#- 28th May 2008- 'North Sydney Region Migrant Employment Expo at North Sydney Council Chambers.

Other initiatives included:

nominations of SEVA's representatives on following:-

- North Sydney Central Coast Health Services CALD Community Reference Panel – Shantha Viswanathan;
- MigrantLink Integrated Settlement Services Reference Panel – N. Santhanam.
- Lower North Shore Multicultural Network- working group – youth and women's health matters- Bindu Narula.
- Community Resources List of CRC – community representatives to assist Justice Dept. and Police in dealing with Juvenile offenders – SEVA nominees- Ashutosh Agarwal and Tony Colaco.

Initiating discussions with BHHPMRC, CBMRC and St. George MRC regarding **Capacity Building programs** for the SA community;

Introduction of a **Volunteer Training trial project** in collaboration with the BHHPMRC – as an Outreach program for a Needs assessment.

Finalisation of **SEVA's constitution** (drafted by Ashutosh Agarwal) and Public Liability insurance cover for the first time on an annual basis.

Setting up **Project Management Office** (PMO) within SEVA under the stewardship of Vish Viswanathan.

Successful Funding - *grants* received for the following **feasibility studies** :

- Partnership between a SA community network and existing child minding facilities – coordinator – *Ashutosh Agarwal*;
- Building community care for older South Asians – coordinator- *Caroline Romeo*;
- Cooperative Enterprise of SA Women – coordinator – *Tony Colaco*.

action on production of a **Profile** or a Snapshot on the **Indian migrant community** in Sydney, NSW. Author – Ms *Amrit Grewal* – pro bono work on behalf of SEVA.

initiating consideration of future projects towards creating **community based support structures** in areas such child care, aged care , disadvantaged and others.