Foundations of successful Multiculturalism

- Acceptance of difference and inclusion of all people
- Open and ongoing communication
- Willingness to engage, participate and learn
- Self-awareness of the role we all play in contributing to society

- A respectful and honest dialogue is maintained at all levels of politics
  - Opportunity exists for all members of the community
  - Leadership across all sectors celebrates and fosters inclusion
  - Media discourse is positive and avoids unnecessary stereotyping

- Dedicated services support successful settlement
- Mainstream services are accessible and equitable
- Policy seeks to empower individuals to achieve independence
- Policy is conducive, flexible and does not obstruct engagement of all citizens

- Education on the benefits of multiculturalism
- Preparing the community to accept diversity and engage in welcoming practices
- Understanding and empathy
- Celebration of diversity (culture, art, language, cuisine and religions)

National and state/territory government policy must be informed by Australia’s cultural diversity and must actively support the engagement of all members of community in civic life.

Australia’s national culture must be one that is open to the participation of all members of community. The national identity must be one that embraces difference and celebrates diversity.
49% of Australians are born overseas or have one or both parents who were born overseas.

In 2016 the top 5 countries of birth were Australia, England, China, New Zealand, and India.

85% of Australians agree that multiculturalism has been good for Australia.

After English, the next most common languages spoken are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, and Vietnamese.

Sydney has the largest overseas-born population.

Australia's population as at December 2017

24,625,681

Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia.

137,750 people were granted Australian Citizenship in 2016-17.

By 2050 migrants will contribute $1.6 trillion to Australia's GDP.

Australia is home to the world's oldest and continuous cultures. More than 150 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

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