

Multiculturalism involves active commitment from all members of the Australian community; from individuals through to community groups; and from small business through to government.

- 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

Multiculturalism thrives in an environment that is supportive and welcoming. Across all aspects of Australian society a positive discourse must prevail.

- 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

Foundations of successful Multiculturalism

- 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

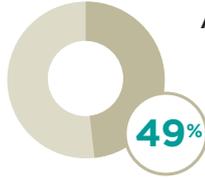
- Education on the benefits of multiculturalism
- Preparing the community to accept diversity and engage in welcoming practices
- Understanding and empathy
- Celebration of diversity (culture, art, language, cuisine and religions)

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.

Multiculturalism in Australia - 2018

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.



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

Sydney has the largest overseas-born population.



Australia's population as at December 2017

24,625,681



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



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



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.

