



GDF NEWS

GDF Co-founders at multicultural dinner



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On 20th August 2011, Federation of Indian Associations of Victoria (FIAV) along with Australia India Society of Victoria (AISV), organised a multicultural dinner to celebrate Indian Independence Day.

Attended by Federal and State Ministers, Members of Parliament, Mayors, Councillors, Leaders of Business, Community and Ethnic groups, the event represented a strengthening multicultural Victoria.

It heard from speakers about Australia's relations with India and about the development of initiatives such as the multicultural community hub, which is proposed for the City of Manningham. FIAV's President Mr. Vasan Srinivasan, thanked all the supporters of the hub project and reiterated the community's commitment to establishing the first centre of its kind.

Guests included:

The Hon Martin Ferguson, AM, MP Federal Energy & Resources Minister, Minister for Tourism

The Hon Mathew Guy, State Minister for Planning, Victoria

The Hon Nicholas Kotsiras MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship

The Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Federal Member for Menzies, Shadow Minister for Families, Human Services.

Mr Michael Gidley, MP for Mount Waverley, Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations

Mrs Heidi Victoria, Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier with the Arts

Ms Marsha Thomson, State Member for Footscray

Senator Scott Ryan, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business

Mr Colin Brooks, State Labor MP for Bundoora and Parliamentary Secretary to the Opposition

Mayors, Councillors of various city Councils, Leaders of Business Community & Ethnic Communities

GDF is a not-for-profit organisation. We work in the field of citizen diplomacy and use 'dialogue' to promote Intercultural Understanding and Development. Under the auspices of United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), our objective is to initiate, promote and foster cooperation among the global community in a range of intercultural initiatives that aim to establish a peaceful and safer coexistence.