



**LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL**  
*Preserving the Past, Enhancing the Future*

# **LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY**

## **MULTICULTURALISM**

# 1 PREAMBLE

This statement seeks to acknowledge the valuable contribution of the ethnic community to Leeton and the aim of the Multiculturalism Policy is to ensure that people from diverse cultural backgrounds have equitable access to Council's services and facilities; are welcomed and valued for their unique contribution to the local community.

Leeton Shire Council take seriously the principle that it is the responsibility of every area of government in Australia, federal, state and local, to support positively the ideals of multiculturalism, diversity and the integration of migrants and refugees.

The strategies identified in this Policy are considered in the development of Council's Integrated Planning Reports (IPR) and Council's Annual Report.

# 2 POLICY

## 2.1 Applicability

According to the 2011 Census:

- 5.9% of people living in Leeton were from Non English Speaking Backgrounds
- 13.1% of people living in Leeton were born overseas
- 5.9% of people living in Leeton were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

## 2.2 Objectives

Leeton Shire Council's Multiculturalism Policy Statement is based on delivering outcomes against three key objectives:

**(i) Social Justice** – Leeton Shire Council will ensure that:

- Resources are distributed on an equitable basis,
- Ethnic communities are consulted about decisions relating to policy development and development applications,
- Services are effectively targeted to meet the needs of members of ethnic communities.

**(ii) Community Harmony** - Leeton Shire Council will foster a climate of mutual respect by:

- Welcoming new migrants/refugees to the Leeton community.
- Highlighting the benefits of cultural diversity to the community.
- Supporting anti-discrimination measures.

- Promoting and maintaining community harmony.

**(iii) Economic and Cultural Opportunities**

Leeton Shire Council will promote the benefits of multiculturalism in the economic and cultural life of the Shire and policies which encourage the participation of persons from ethnic backgrounds.

**Policy History:**

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