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Chinese-Australian Community Support for the First Nations Voice to Parliament

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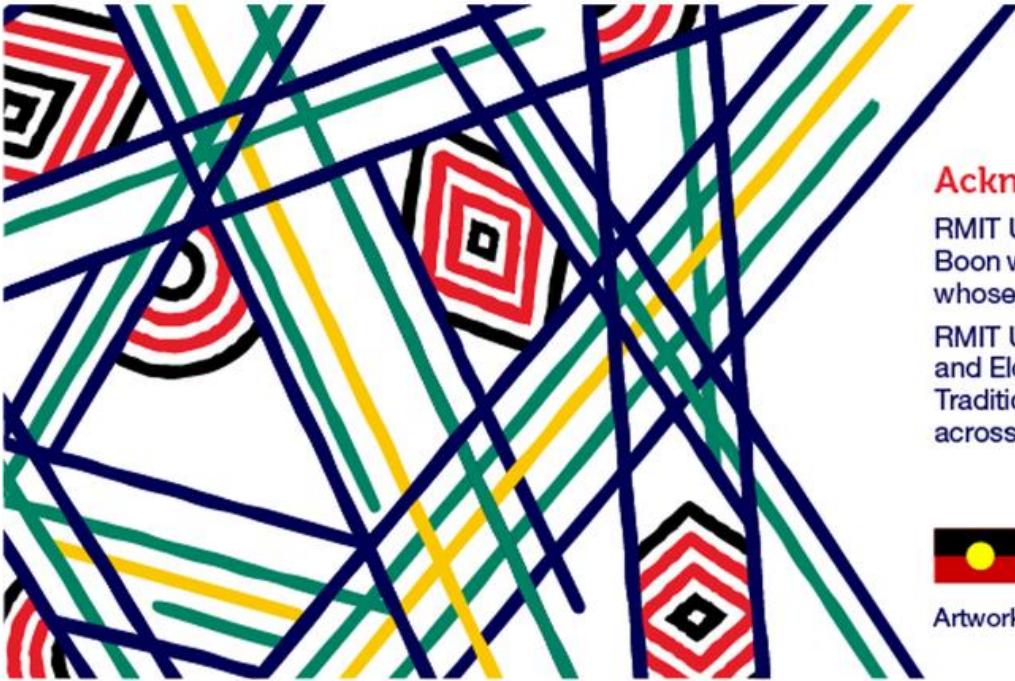
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather today, the Turrbal and Jagera peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.



Introduction

A Case Study on the Chinese-Australian Community during the Voice Referendum

Addressing challenges in multicultural communities' to understand issues faced by the First Nations people in Australia



Acknowledgement of Country

RMIT University acknowledges the people of the Woi wurrung and Boon wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nation on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the University. RMIT University respectfully acknowledges their Ancestors and Elders, past and present. RMIT also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where we conduct our business.



Artwork 'Sentient' by Hollie Johnson



WE DEVELOP RECONCILIATION COMMITMENTS AND SUPPORT A FIRST NATIONS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT VIA CHINESE-VICTORIAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.



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Chinese Community Council of Australia (VIC)
維州澳華社區委員會

Acknowledgement of Country
The Chinese Community Council of Australia - Victoria Chapter (CCC) acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land now known as Victoria and pays respects to their Elders past and present. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their ongoing spiritual, cultural, material, and economic connection to land, water, and resources.

Overview of the Problem and Why

- History and truth-telling
- Information production and consumption within multicultural communities
- Obstacles for broader Reconciliation efforts



Challenges and Intricacies

- Community engagement
- Language barriers
- Spread of mis/disinformation



Community Education and Campaign

Chinese-Australian volunteers led a multifaceted education campaign involving platform diversification, media releases, surveys, webinars, social media, videos, and community events.



Timeline



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July 2022

- *6/7/2022: CCCAV became one of the first multicultural organisations to publicly declare its full support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.*

February 2023

- *24/2/2023: Chinese Community Organisations in Support of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum*

March 2023

- *16/3/2023: Online Information Session: Understand and Support a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum*

April 2023

- *11/4/2023: Anonymous Survey on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice*
- *15/4/2023: Information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum*
- *27/4/2023: Support a First Nations Voice to Parliament: A Chinese Australian's Perspective*



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Information Session

Understand and Support a First Nations Voice to Parliament

Thursday, 16 March 2023, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (AEDT)



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Chinese Community Organisations in Support of a First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum (华人社团支持原住民议会之声全民公投)

Published by CCCAV on 24 February 2023

Timeline

May 2023

- 4/5/2023: Chinese Australians Support the First Nations Voice

June 2023

- 9/6/2023: The Voice Referendum Will Be Held in Late 2023

July 2023

- 22/7/2023: Multicultural Community Forum: Understand and Support a First Nations Voice to Parliament
- 25/7/2023: Members of Chinese and Multicultural Communities Gathered to Show Support for the First Nations Voice to Parliament

August 2023

- 3/8/2023: ABC Report: Government Revises Chinese Translation of Referendum Question after Community Raises Concerns
- 18/8/2023: ABC Report: "Voice Referendum: Why I Changed from No to Yes"
- 23/8/2023: Yes for the Voice: How to Translate into Chinese?
- 13/8/2023: Joined the Indigenous leader Thomas Mayo at a Multicultural Communities for the Voice event in Springvale
- 27/8/2023: Joined the AFL legend Michael Long for the Long Walk to Canberra for the voice



Timeline

September 2023

- 9/9/2023: Community Q&A Forum: Understand the Voice Referendum
- 15-17/9/2023: Held an information booth at the 2023 Australia-China Trade Expo at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for three days, engaging with hundreds of visitors
- 17/9/2023: Melbourne Walk for Yes
- 18/9/2023: Voice Online Forum by Jason Yat-Sen Li MP, Professor Peter Yu AM, and Molina Asthana
- 19/9/2023: Voice to Parliament Online Forum by the Asian Australian Alliance
- 19/9/2023: A Letter of Appeal to the Chinese Community on the Indigenous Voice Referendum
- 22/09/2023: Yes or no? A Community Debate about the Voice Referendum at RMIT.
- 23/9/2023: Chinese Community Hosts Forum to Promote Understanding and Support for the Indigenous Voice
- 25/9/2023: 'Why Yes? Why Now? Multicultural Communities and the Voice' Forum
- 26/9/2023 Mandarin information flyer to key questions about the Voice released
- 30/9/2023: Yes for the Voice: A Chinese-Australian's Perspective - by Chek Ling
- 30/9/2023: A Yes Vote Just as Important to Chinese-Australians as for Our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters - by Kingsley Liu



Timeline

September 2023 (Cont'd):

- Door-knocking and distributing information at train stations.

October 2023

- 1/10/2023: Speaking Out for the Voice - The Heartfelt Words of Chinese-Australian Artist Mr Zhou Xiaoping
- 7/10/2023: Chinese Community Q&A Forum: The Voice Referendum Information Session in Box Hill Town Hall
- 9/10/2023: We Are Voting Yes, and We Hope You Will Too
- 1-13/10/2023 Worked at the Pre-poll Centres
- 14/10/2023: Worked at the Polling Booth



Voice to Parliament 公投中文答疑会



日期: 10月7日 下午 1:45 至 3:30 (请提前入席)
地址: 博士山市政厅 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
报名方式: 请扫码在Eventbrite上注册
活动联系人: Jerry Cui 0477 792 636



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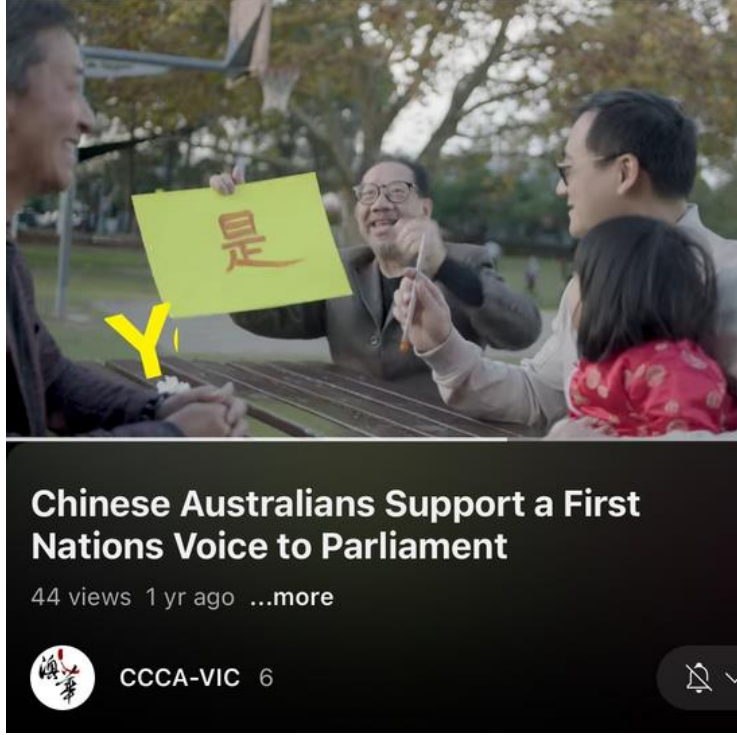


Events



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Social Media



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Community Influencers

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我们投YES,期待您也能投赞成票。

It's time... to support the Voice for recognition, reconciliation and a better future.
是时候...支持原住民之声,为了承认,和解和更美好的未来。



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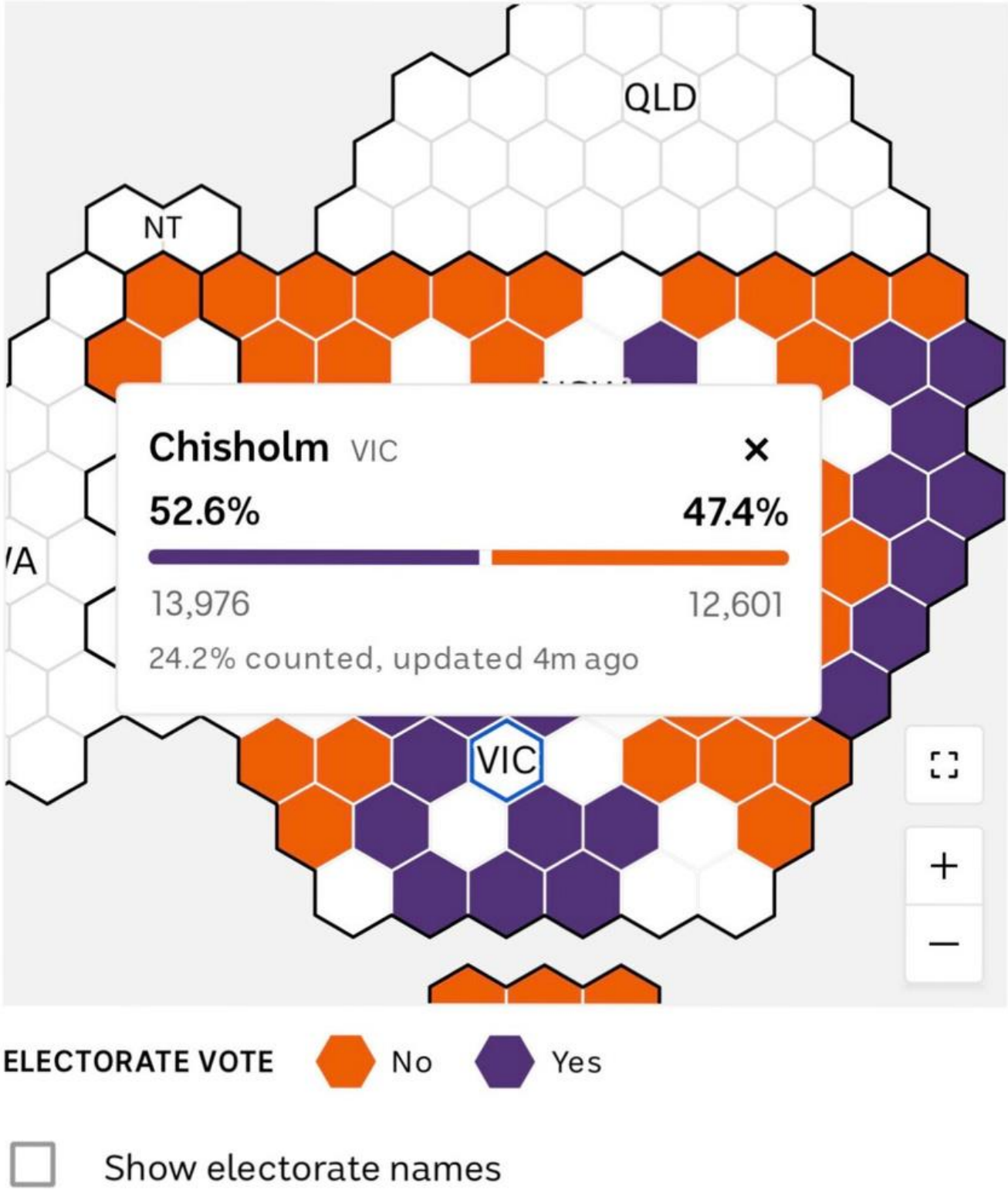
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Implications

Campaigns had a significant impact in electorates with large Chinese-Australian populations, such as Reid and Chisholm, which voted in favour of the Yes campaign well above the national average.



Recommendations

- Education
- Community engagement
- Advocacy



Conclusion

The Chinese-Australian campaign highlighted the importance of education and engagement in multicultural communities to work in solidarity with First Nations peoples.



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