



BURMESE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION

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METTA COMMUNITY CARE SYDNEY (MCCS)

BCDC Directors' Annual Report December 2021 – December 2022

Our Mission

We are committed to harness and leverage the collective skills, knowledge and resources of individuals and organisations from across the diverse sectors, Government, private, NGOs and academic sectors to help improve the education and wellbeing in the communities both in Australia and Burma. We achieve this mission by researching, piloting and promoting collaborative and innovative approaches to community development.

We are also committed to assist and provide the settlement services to newly arrived Myanmar refugees. We work with partners from across various sectors to make a difference and achieve this mission.

Brief History

BCDC was founded in 2011 as a Not-for-Profit Organisation (ACNC Registration) with ABN: 39150530260. Our initial focus is to support community health and education programs in Myanmar. Since aged care services and health & wellbeing programs/services for the seniors in the Burmese community in Sydney are identified as a critical need we have established Metta Community Care Sydney (MCCS) in 2014.

At the 2021 Annual General Meeting, the BCDC board had informed the members and guests on the plans to establish a Residential Aged Care facility for Myanmar Community in Sydney. Feasibility studies are being carried out and approved by the board members. We are now in the process of purchasing “The Garden View” nursing home in Merrylands, NSW2160 and are at the stage of receiving the official loan approval and exchanging of contracts with the National Australia bank.

BCDC Collaboration & Support for projects in Myanmar & Australia

BCDC have actively participated in fund raising drives, community events as well as support to various groups within our Burmese community in Australia and in Myanmar despite the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic crisis and as from February 2021 till date there are changing political scene in Myanmar and Myanmar people are facing various ongoing escalating violence, killings, conflict and civil war. We provided continuous assistance and collaboration to our Myanmar community members and community organisations alike in hiring community halls, charity fundraising food fairs, charity concerts and facilitating

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supporting the communities to attend rallies in Sydney and Canberra in support and donation funds for people in Myanmar.

We continued with last year's COVID-19 support and donation campaign throughout the year as support for the people of Myanmar.

CDM (Civil Disobedient Movement) fund raising for Myanmar was started in February 2021 and continued to date. Since May 2021, BCDC put more focus on fund raising to support CRPH (Committee Representing Pyithu Hluttaw) in Myanmar and NUG (National Unity Government) that follows. We have initiated and actively participated in the fund management of the donations. BCDC also initiated the distribution of funds in Myanmar with the collaboration of NGOs as well as CRPH/NUG in Myanmar to ensure the funds are received by the intended recipients. Total donations received towards the humanitarian assistance program for the Financial Year 2021-2022 is \$1,290,473.00. The detailed list of donations can be provided upon request.

BCDC also participated and collaborated with CRPH NUG NSW Support Group.

BCDC have partnered with the University of New South Wales in the Football United Project and participated in the fund management of the donations of \$34,200.00.

BCDC have partnered with the Hope for Shining Stars (H4SS) in the collaboration work for Myanmar humanitarian assistance programs / projects and participated in the fund management of the donations of \$105,713.00.

Metta Community Care Sydney - Governance, Activities and Events

BCDC trading as MCCS delivers Aged Care Services (under Home Care Packages System) and Health & Wellbeing Programs for the seniors in the Burmese community in Sydney. MCCS started operating since the beginning of 2018 till now. We are planning to expand our home care services in Western Australia in the near future to assist our elderly Burmese Community not just in Sydney but also nationwide.

The growth of clients is gradual and at present there are a total of 13 clients/care recipients serviced by the workforce of 10 personal care workers, 1 payroll/billing officer, 1 Admin/Care coordinator and volunteers.

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BCDC obtained \$269,207 from MCCA home care services as the 48% of the BCDC total income.

BCDC/MCCA have conducted ten weekends day care program and eight weeks of exercise programs at the Lidcombe community centre during the period from March 2022 till November 2022.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the monthly function held at the Villawood Senior Citizens Centre in Villawood was cancelled throughout 2021 and 2022. Now that the restrictions are totally lifted and the situations have permitted to promote the health and wellbeing of the seniors of the Burmese Community, we aim to resume the programs is February 2023.

The free monthly gathering program includes building initiatives to increase community participation in activities including the capacity of seniors to communicate with friends that focus on dementia prevention and gentle physical exercise program.

Grants and Funding

The following grant applications were lodge during the year and are approved.

- Cumberland Council Grant – Community Participation Small Grants Program: \$5000 for MCCA volunteers;
- NSW Government, Department of Social Service, Day Care Centre Grants Programme – \$5000 for the community seniors and BCDC volunteers;
- COVID-19 Supporting Grant - \$1997.21 for MCCA workers.

BCDC Future Plan

BCDC plans on establishing a residential aged care facility for the Myanmar community is progressing. The nursing home will benefits greatly to the Burmese community since it will provide a much needed service to the elderly population in the community.

BCDC recognises that the growth in quality and standards is as important as growth in size. We are determined to provide the best quality of services to meet the community and the residents' needs.

BCDC planned to promote awareness of being a Public Company to the BCDC members and our community members for more active participation, volunteering and membership growth.

Acknowledgement & Thank You

BCDC acknowledges the valuable contribution of dedicated members, volunteers, donors, corporate and community members who have worked tirelessly for the advancement and achievement of BCDC goals.

Accordingly, we greatly appreciate & thank all our supporters for their valuable time, generous donations, support, friendship and loyalty. Without your friendship, support and trust we would not be where we are today.

With Metta,

BCDC Board of Directors:

Mr. Maung Maung Myint (Chair)

Dr Kyaw Myint Malia

Mrs Nila Wai-Toe

Dr Tun Aung Shwe

Mr Kevin Moe

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Date: 11 December 2022
