BURMESE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION

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METTA COMMUNITY CARE SYDNEY (MCCS)

BCDC Directors' Annual Report

2025 –2026

Our Mission

We are committed to harness and leverage the collective skills, knowledge and resources of individuals and organizations 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.

About this report

This annual report summarizes the Burmese Community Development Collaboration (BCDC)'s organisational development and significant initiatives, with particular focus on the 2025–2026 financial year. It includes a historical timeline because BCDC's current work builds on activities commenced in 2011.

1. Organisation, purpose and approach

Founded in March 2011, BCDC is an Australian not-for-profit organisation whose work has included non-formal education, primary health initiatives, humanitarian support, language education, refugee settlement services and community care.

BCDC's approach has developed over time. Its early work focused on establishing a community-based organisation and supporting education and health initiatives in Myanmar. It later expanded community services in Australia and developed a more diversified operating model intended to support long-term organisational sustainability alongside charitable and humanitarian activities.

BCDC works through community participation, volunteers, fundraising, partnerships and service delivery. Its initiatives have involved Burmese communities, other culturally and linguistically diverse communities, education and health networks, and partner organisations in Australia and the Thailand–Myanmar border region.

The organisation's broad objectives are to support access to education and health-related initiatives, assist vulnerable and displaced communities, provide culturally appropriate community services, and collaborate with partners to respond to identified community needs.

2. Timeline of BCDC milestones, 2011–2026

March 2011	**BCDC was founded, building on community activity and establishing a community-based organisational platform.**
2011–2014	Foundation stage: BCDC focused on non-formal education and primary health initiatives in Myanmar, alongside local language education and Burmese refugee settlement services in Australia.
May 2012	BCDC initiated and organized an international education seminar in Sydney, supported by an AustAid international seminar grant and co-sponsored by APHEDA, Macquarie University and BCDC. The seminar informed BCDC's approach to non-formal education.

2012 onward	BCDC helped establish and extend a non-formal education support network in Myanmar. The organisation reports that it initiated or participated in the establishment of four orphan boarding schools.
2015–2021	Community-services stage: BCDC continued education and relief work, maintained local language and settlement services, and developed community engagement in response to identified needs.
2015 onward	A monthly gathering for seniors began and has continued through voluntary donations from attending members, according to BCDC's records.
2015–2020	BCDC facilitated the provision of educational materials and equipment, including computers, laptops and networking devices, to education institutions in Myanmar. The network expanded to government high schools and tertiary institutions in 2019.
2021	Following the February military coup in Myanmar, BCDC adapted the delivery of educational assistance. In 2022 and 2023, assistance was sent through Mae Sot on the Thailand–Myanmar border.
December 2021–2023	BCDC began considering a Burmese residential aged-care service and took over Garden View Residential Care on 1 February 2023, transitioning the service to a not-for-profit model under BCDC.
August 2023	Garden View received Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) status, according to BCDC's records. BCDC also reports Deductible Gift Recipient status for the relevant entities.
2023 onward	BCDC engaged with the "Australian South East Asian Nations" ASEAN network group in Sydney and continued collaboration with community groups and partners.
2024–2025	Rising Sun Foundation organisations were established in Thailand and Australia. BCDC continued the collaborating with and financially supporting a computer training initiative for Burmese refugees in Mae Sot, opened in 2025.
July 2025	BCDC purchased the adjacent property at 58 Betts Road to support Garden View extension and renovation plans. Development work commenced in 2025 and remained underway during the reporting period.
2025–2026	BCDC received two UNDP grants for online education and health capacity-building projects, totalling approximately.
March 2026	BCDC and the Australia Karen Organisation held a fundraising gala for the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot. BCDC reports that $80,600 was donated after event expenses. The contribution of BCDC was $30,000.
June 2026	BCDC held a community gala dinner with free ticket that generated $80,709 in donations for NGOs supporting people in need in Myanmar, according to BCDC's records.
2026	BCDC reports expanding MCCS home care services to Burmese communities in Melbourne and Perth, and establishing Burma Art & Spring Literature Publishing as a trading name in September 2026.

3. Significant development and humanitarian initiatives, 2025–2026

3.1 UNDP online education project

BCDC reports receiving $229,004 from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for an online education project designed for high school and university students. The project was designed and developed with input from Burmese IT professionals based in Sydney.

The initiative aims to improve access to learning resources through online education. Its intended contribution is to support students whose access to conventional education may be disrupted or constrained.

3.2 UNDP health capacity-building project

BCDC reports receiving a UNDP grant of $83,764 for a health project focused on capacity and network development for health offices in remote areas of Myanmar.

The project is intended to strengthen local capacity and connections among health offices. The information supplied describes the project purpose and grant amount but does not yet provide measured results. BCDC should add confirmed outputs and lessons learned when available.

3.3 Education assistance and refugee computer training

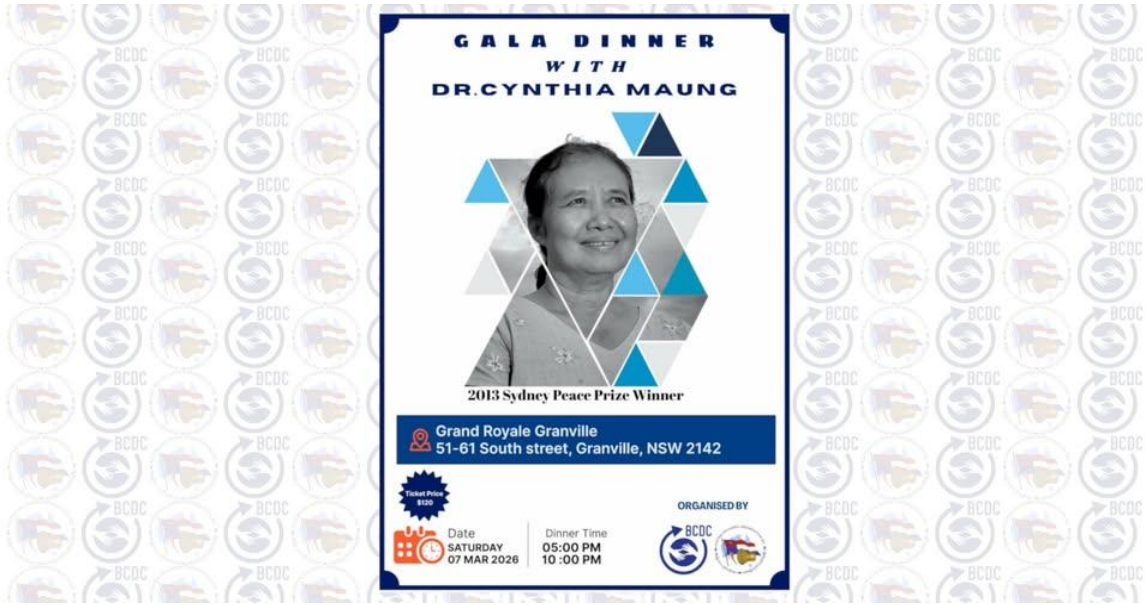
BCDC's education work has included support for non-formal education networks and the provision of computers, laptops and networking equipment. BCDC reports that, following the 2021 military coup, it redirected assistance through Mae Sot in 2022 and 2023. It also reports collaborating with and providing financial support to a computer training initiative for Burmese refugees in Mae Sot that opened in 2025.

These activities seek to maintain access to education and digital skills for people affected by disruption and displacement. Before publication, BCDC should confirm the quantity and value of equipment supplied, the partner arrangements, and the number of learners reached where records are available.

3.4 Humanitarian fundraising for the Mae Tao Clinic

In March 2026, BCDC collaborated with the Australia Karen Organisation (AKO) to organise a fundraising gala supporting the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot, Thailand. BCDC reports total receipts of $109,638, including a $30,000 contribution from BCDC, and a donation of $80,600 after event expenses.

The event brought together approximately 65 volunteers and members of the Burmese and Karen communities in Sydney. The donation supported the clinic's work serving people in need in the Thailand–Myanmar border region. BCDC should retain evidence of the donation transfer and, if available, obtain confirmation from the recipient organisation.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WITH
DR.CYNTHIA MAUNG
2013 Sydney Peace Prize Winner
Grand Royale Granville
51-61 South street, Granville, NSW 2142
Ticket Price $120
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07 MAR 2026
Dinner Time
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3.5 Humanitarian donations for people in Myanmar

In June 2026, BCDC organised a commemorative gala attended by 591 people, with 80 volunteers helping deliver the event. BCDC reports contributing approximately $25,000 towards event expenses so that the event could be offered free of charge. Donations totalling $80,709 were distributed to non-government organisations identified to support people in need in Myanmar.

This activity mobilised community participation and donations for humanitarian assistance through partner organisations. For accountability, BCDC should document the recipient organisations, amounts transferred, intended purposes and any available confirmations of receipt.

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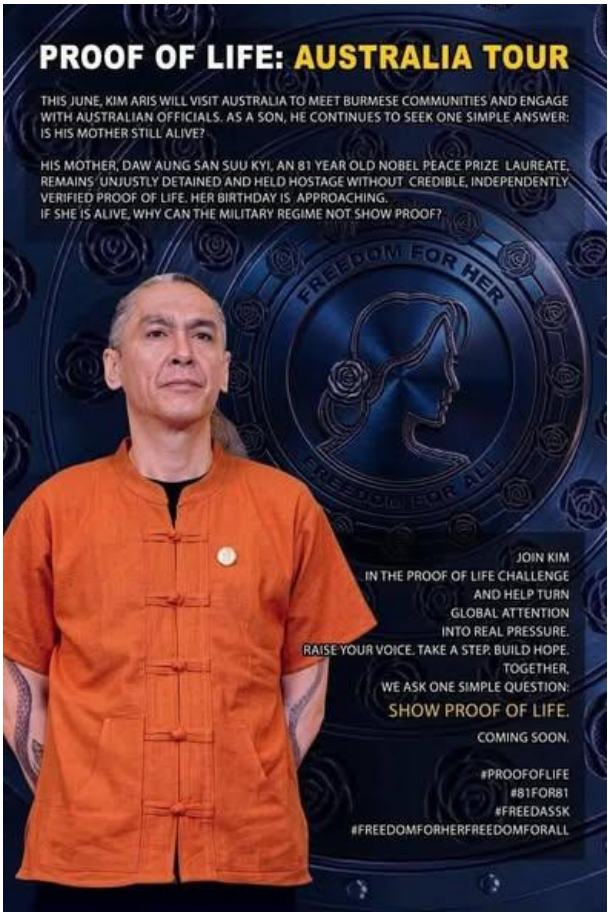
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THIS JUNE, KIM ARIS WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA TO MEET BURMESE COMMUNITIES AND ENGAGE WITH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS. AS A SON, HE CONTINUES TO SEEK ONE SIMPLE ANSWER: IS HIS MOTHER STILL ALIVE?
HIS MOTHER, DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, AN 81 YEAR OLD NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE, REMAINS UNJUSTLY DETAINED AND HELD HOSTAGE WITHOUT CREDIBLE, INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED PROOF OF LIFE. HER BIRTHDAY IS APPROACHING.
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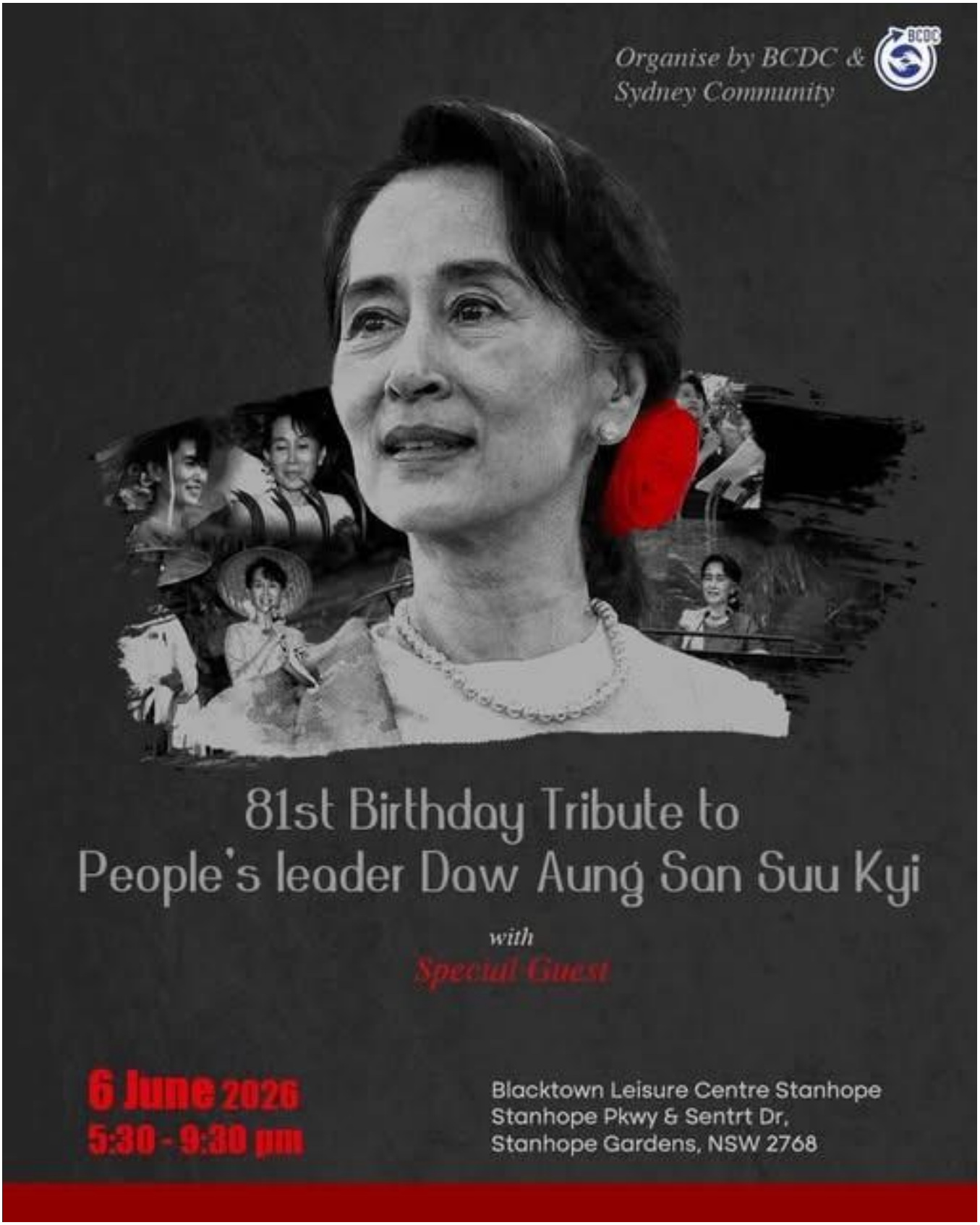
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Sydney Community
81st Birthday Tribute to
People's leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
with
Special Guest
6 June 2026
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Stanhope Pkwy & Sentrt Dr,
Stanhope Gardens, NSW 2768

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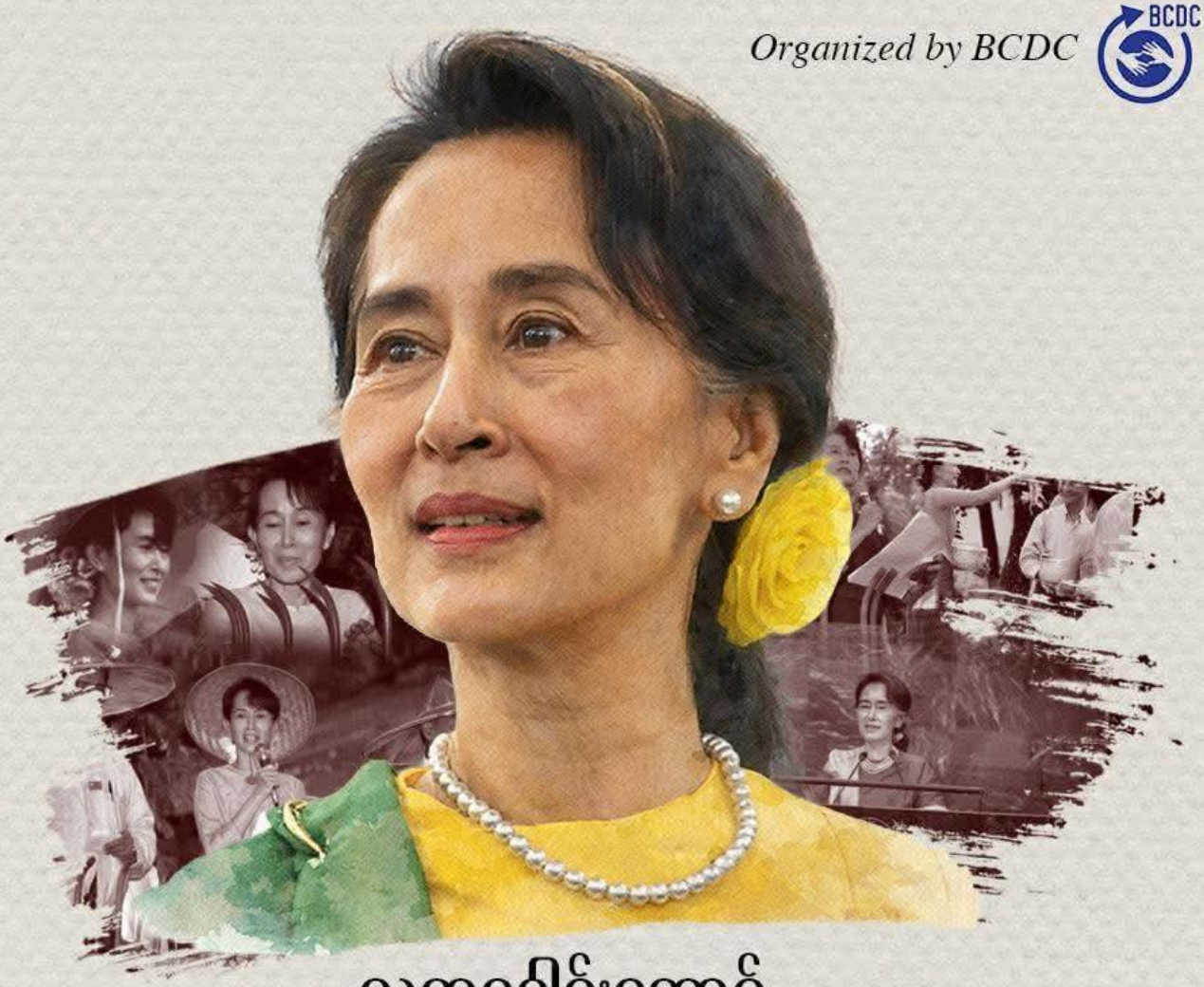

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Special Guest
Kim Aris

6 June 2026
5:30 - 9:30 pm

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope
Stanhope Pkwy & Sentrt Dr,
Stanhope Gardens, NSW 2768

4. Community services and care infrastructure

4.1 Metta Community Care Services (MCCS)

BCDC operates community home care services under the name Metta Community Care Services (MCCS). MCCS provides home care and related support services, and BCDC reports that services expanded to Burmese communities in Melbourne and Perth during 2026.

BCDC's records also state that MCCS and Garden View were recognised as specialised care providers for culturally and linguistically diverse communities by the Australian Government Department of Health.

The intended impact is to improve access to culturally responsive support for older people and other community members who may face language or cultural barriers. Useful outcome measures for future reporting include the number of clients served, service locations, client feedback and continuity of care.

4.2 Garden View Residential Care

BCDC took over Garden View Residential Care on 1 February 2023 and continued the service under a not-for-profit model. BCDC reports that Garden View received Public Benevolent Institution status in August 2023.

In July 2025, BCDC purchased the adjacent property at 58 Betts Road to support a building extension and renovation project. Development work began in 2025 and was still underway during the 2025–2026 reporting period.

The acquisition and proposed building works are intended to strengthen the organisation's long-term capacity to provide residential care. As the project remains underway, this report describes the work as an investment in future service capacity rather than claiming completed outcomes. Final publication should verify the project's status, approvals and funding arrangements.

5. Community engagement, collaboration and other initiatives

BCDC continued engaging with Burmese community organisations and other multicultural networks. Activities reported for the period included participation in community fundraising events, a multi-faith prayer event in January 2026, and collaboration with the Australian South East Asian Nations ASEAN network and community leaders.

BCDC reports co-sponsoring a luncheon with ASEAN Ltd for the third annual Community Leaders Summit and Gathering of ASEAN Ambassador Teams in March 2026, as well as participating in community cultural events.

BCDC also reports establishing Burma Art & Spring Literature Publishing as a trading name in September 2026. The organisation previously translated and published a Burmese-language version of Professor Sean Turnell's book Unlikely Prisoner in 2023 and reports that net proceeds of approximately $50,000 were used for humanitarian donations.

These activities contribute to community connection, fundraising, cultural participation and cooperation between organisations.

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COMMUNITY ORGANISATION RECOGNITION AWARD
Presented at Parliament House NSW
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SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING AUSTRALIAN
VALUES: RESPECT, INCLUSION, COMPASSION
PRESENTED DURING THE LAUNCH OF:
MKA - MICHAEL KIRBY ASEAN AWARD
AEC - ASEAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL
IN THE PRESENCE OF
HON. JUSTICE IAN HARRISON
HON. MINISTER JANELLE SAFFIN MP
HON. ANTHONY D'ADAM MLC
JULIA FINN MP
HON. JUSTICE MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG
HON. MINISTER JIHAD DIB MP
HON. MARK COURE MP
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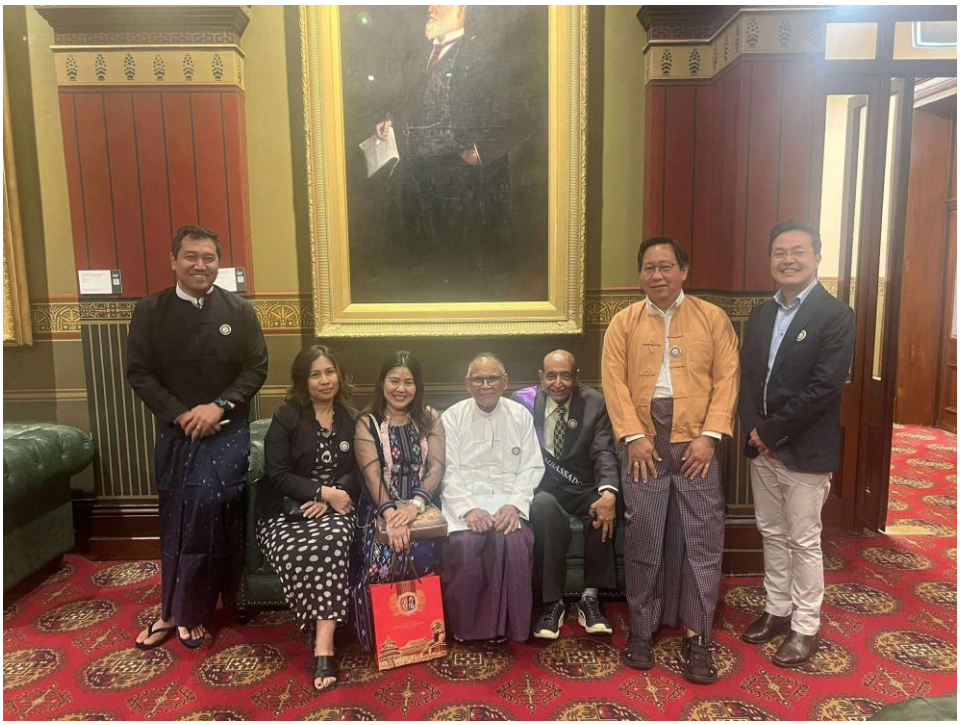
PARLIAMENT HOUSE NSW
14 OCTOBER 2025



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Would like to invite

7 Colleagues from BCDC

Honorary Guest Speaker

Hon. Tom Bathurst AC KC
Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court NSW
Honorary Co-Patron of ASEAN Ltd

TO

LUNCHEON WITH THE ASEAN LTD FOR 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY LEADERS SUMMIT & GAAT - GATHERING OF ASEAN AMBASSADOR TEAMS

Sponsored by

Honorary Guest Speaker

Hon. Chris Bowen MP
Minister for Climate Change and Energy
Federal Member for McMahon

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SYDNEY CABRAMATTA

DATE: SUNDAY 15 March 2026
1:00-4:00pm
VENUE: Cabravale Club Resort
1 Bartley St, Canley Vale NSW 2166
RSVP: 25 February 2026

CABRAVALE CLUB RESORT

Hosted by

BORIS BELEVSKI, CEO

MAJOR WALTER ROBINSON OAM (RTED)

Community Sponsors

GARDEN VIEW Aged Care

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* $50 per colleague
$80 non-Ambassador's colleague

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Kampuchea Krom Cultural Centre of NSW Inc.
Address: 114 Broomfield St, Cabramatta NSW 2166 P.O Box 473 Cabramatta NSW 2166

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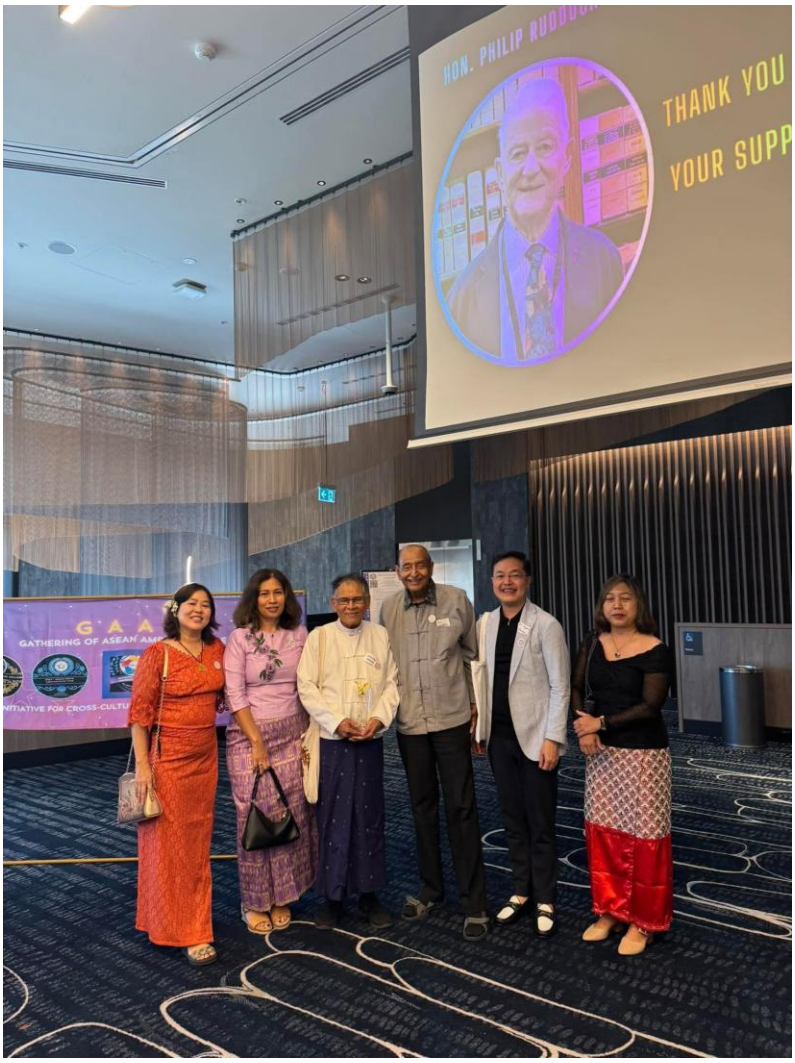
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6. Financial overview and sustainability

The following income figures are drawn from information supplied by BCDC for the 2025–2026 financial year. They should be reconciled to the audited financial statements before publication. The categories below are not a substitute for the complete income and expenditure statement.

Reported income category	Amount (AUD)	Description
BCDC rental income from Garden View	$373,500	Property-related income
BCDC gala dinner income	$161,771	Income associated with two fundraising gala dinners
BCDC online and event donations	$90,732	Donations and fundraising
BCDC total from listed categories	$626,003	Total of the three categories above
MCCS Home Care Package services	$2,472,790	Home care service income; funding mix to be confirmed
MCCS minibus hire	$3,954	Service-related income
MCCS total	$2,476,744	Total of the two categories above
UNDP online education grant	$229,004	Restricted/designated project funding, subject to grant terms
UNDP health project grant	$83,764	Restricted/designated project funding, subject to grant terms
UNDP grants total	$312,768	Total of two grant figures supplied
Garden View relief-fund donations	$6,430	Donation income reported separately

BCDC's reported income model combines rental income, fundraising, donations and project grants. MCCS primarily records income associated with Home Care Package services.

7. Governance, learning and accountability

BCDC reports that its Board members are volunteers and that the organisation has no paid executive director

BCDC's experience delivering education support under changing conditions has required adaptation of delivery routes and collaboration with partners. Its expansion into community care has also highlighted the importance of sustainable income, service quality, governance and compliance with relevant funding requirements.

8. Priorities for the next reporting period

BCDC's priorities include continuing the UNDP-supported education and health projects; documenting results and learning; sustaining collaboration with education, health and humanitarian partners; supporting computer training and education initiatives for displaced communities; strengthening culturally appropriate home care services; and progressing the Garden View extension and renovation project.

BCDC also intends to continue community engagement, improve financial and program reporting, and strengthen organisational systems that support transparent governance and accountable use of funds.

9. Board statement and commitment

The Board of the Burmese Community Development Collaboration acknowledges its responsibility to oversee the organisation's activities, finances and governance. The Board is committed to transparent reporting, responsible stewardship of resources, and continuous improvement in the effectiveness and accountability of BCDC's development and humanitarian work.

ACFID Code of Conduct commitment: BCDC is committed to working towards full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct and to strengthening the policies, systems and practices required to meet applicable requirements.

Approved by the Board of BCDC: _____

Name and position: __Maung Maung Myint - Director

Date: 19.10.2026