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Media release — New board for Multicultural Council

The Multicultural Council of Tasmania (MCOT) has been refreshed with ten new board members — including a new chair.

With Mr Waqas Durrani completing his term as chair, MCOT members elected Mr Datta Mahambrey as the new chair at their annual general meeting.

Mr Mahambrey is a long-term Hobartian, senior commercial energy analyst, CPA and graduate of UTAS.

“As chair I will ensure that MCOT continues to advocate for people from diverse backgrounds who are participating in and contributing to Tasmanian society,” said Mr Mahambrey.

“As our first act, the 14 elected MCOT board members appointed four additional board members. This ensured that female board members constitute at least a third of the board, and that the board includes Tasmanians with African heritage and Latin American heritage.”

To ensure representation across the State, MCOT has recently established an office in Launceston.

“MCOT staff are now regularly engaging with communities across the North and North West,” said Mr Duncan Spender, MCOT chief executive officer.

“Over the next two months MCOT will be running a Government Roadshow across the state for Tasmanians with a culturally and linguistically diverse background. These sessions will provide information on Australia’s system of government and encourage participation in government and civil society.”

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