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VICTORIAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS PLAN FOR ONGOING AWARENESS RAISING

ETHNIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA held a very productive sub meeting last night (May 3, 2006) with some tangible outcomes and resolved the following:

- **Dinner Dance Committee**
To hold the Annual Community Languages School Dinner Dance in the second half of October this year.
- **Conference Sub committee**
The State Community Languages School Conference on July 1 2006 will be held at Victoria University City Campus Flinders Street. The program will focus on a *hands on* approach with the day offering a series of workshops. Schools are also encouraged to provide examples of their school's leading practices in areas of publications and materials development
- **Community Languages Schools Day**
The ESAV will initiate an Annual Community Languages Schools Day to coincide with Education Week. The planning for the 2007 event commenced at last night's meeting, exploring a range of formats the day could take
- **Community Languages Schools Students Awards**
Students and staff should be acknowledged for their efforts and contribution. It is proposed to approach the VMC to add another category to the Multicultural Awards program in Victoria to include community languages schools. A range of categories should be established to allow exemplary efforts in areas of teaching and learning to be recognized
- **Funding**
The, meeting discussed funding needs and resolved to prepare a submission for increased funding for community languages schools. The rental issue has again escalated with exorbitant costs being charged in some situations. Members are keen to meet with their local members to discuss these issues.
- **Save VCE LOTE**
An informal meeting between ESAV, VSL and the VCAA will be held on Friday May 5, 2006 to examine the detrimental effect the decision of having a minimum of f 15 students enrolled in language for it to be offered. The perennial issue of scaling is also taking its toll with parents and students. In some cases students are hesitant in taking language at VCE