

G'day News Letter

G'day African Community Association

Trans Tasman Travel Arrangement



Under various arrangements since the 1920s, there has been a free flow of people between Australia and New Zealand.

The 1973 Trans-Tasman Travel Arrangement has allowed Australian and New Zealand citizens to enter each other's country to visit, live and work, without the need to apply for authority to enter the other country.

The movement of New Zealanders to and from Australia relates primarily to the economic conditions prevailing in both countries. In particular, the number of New Zealanders in Australia increases in times of economic buoyancy in Australia relative to New Zealand and decreases when economic conditions are slow.

At 30 June 2009, an estimated 548 256 New Zealand citizens were present in Australia.

Visa requirements

On 1 September 1994, amendments made by the *Migration Act 1958*, resulted in a number of changes to migration legislation.

One of the changes introduced was the legal requirement for all non-citizens lawfully in Australia to hold visas.

As a result, the Special Category Visa (SCV) was introduced for New Zealand citizens. In practical terms, there was no change to procedures for New Zealand citizens wanting to come to Australia. They continue to need only a valid New Zealand passport to travel to Australia and in most cases, do not need to seek a visa before travelling¹.

At the time of presenting their passports for immigration clearance they are considered to have applied for a visa and, subject to health or character considerations, will automatically receive an SCV which is recorded electronically.

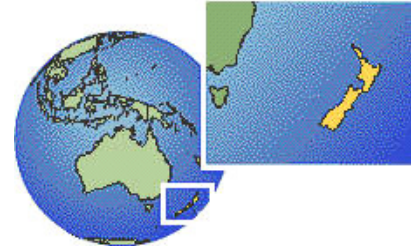
Their New Zealand passports are stamped, showing the date of arrival in Australia. This is the only evidence provided or necessary to show they are holders of an SCV.

People who become New Zealand citizens after their arrival in Australia can, subject to health and character considerations, obtain an SCV from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, as can New Zealand citizens who were already in Australia before 1 September 1994.

New Zealand citizens who were already in Australia before 1 September 1994, and were still in Australia on that date, automatically became SCV holders on 1 September 1994.

Is it necessary to apply for a permanent residence visa?

It is not necessary for a New Zealand citizen who holds an SCV to apply for or be granted permanent residence in Australia. The SCV allows a New Zealand citizen to remain and work in Australia lawfully as long as that person remains a New Zealand citizen.



In conjunction with the introduction of the new bilateral social security arrangement between Australia and New Zealand on 26 February 2001, the Australian Government also announced that New Zealand citizens who arrive in Australia on or after 27 February 2001 must apply for, and be granted, Australian permanent residence if they:

- intend to access certain social security payments not covered by the bilateral agreement
- obtain Australian citizenship or sponsor their family members for permanent residence.

Under transitional provisions, these changes do not affect New Zealand citizens who:

- were in Australia on 26 February 2001 as SCV holders
- were outside Australia on 26 February 2001, but were in Australia as an SCV holder for a total of 12 months in the 2 years prior to that date, and subsequently returned to Australia
- have a certificate, issued under the *Social Security Act 1991*, stating that they were residing in Australia on a particular date. These certificates are no longer issued.

This article from DIAC web site, If you need more detail please contact VISA Consultant.

Premier's Multicultural photographic Awards 2010

<http://www.photographicawards.qld.gov.au/main.aspx>

All Queenslanders are encouraged to get out and about with their cameras to capture our state's rich cultural diversity for the Premier's Multicultural Photographic Awards.

The awards celebrate the strong cultural heritage of Queensland's communities.

This year, photographers of all ages are asked to submit images that respond to the theme — A multicultural future...for all of us.

To open up the awards to a wider range of people and make it easier for entrants to submit their images, the 2010 Premier's Multicultural Photographic Awards will be conducted online.

Entries are to be submitted online and will be available for viewing at our [online gallery](#).

Individual prizes of photographic equipment and vouchers valued at up to \$2500 will be awarded across five categories.

Entries close Friday 23 July 2010.

Did you know Our G.C City Council has Community Grants & Research officer?

The following Gold Coast Councilors employ "Community Grants & Research officer" for community groups.

Division	Councilor	Officer's name	Phone	Email
Div. 1	Cr. Gates	Leanne Clarkson	5581-6463	lclarkson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
Div.3	Cr. Pforr	Alanna Edwards	5581-6278	aedwards@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
Div.2 Div.5	Cr. Wayne Cr. Young	Tess Martin	5581-6319 5582-8630	tmartin@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
Div. 4 Div. 7	Cr. Grummitt Cr. Douglas	Kym Purcell	5581-7258	kpurcell@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
Div. 9 Div. 12	Cr. Shepherd Cr. Betts	Donna Marie Wilson	5582-6728	dmwilson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
Div. 8 Div. 11	Cr. La Castra Cr. Grew	Sharon Solyma	5581-6024	ssolyma@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
Div. 13 Div. 14	Cr. McDonald Cr. RObbins	Karen Hutchinson	P: 5581-1546 T: 5581-7436	khutchinson@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

They work hard to support our community group, but unfortunately this initiative is only for division base. If your organisation is not in the listed area, support cannot be provided.

At the moment Council re budgeting for 2011, we need to keep this wonderful initiative. Please send a letter to your local councilor to express your appreciation about this initiative; it is great help to keep this position going.

I can say this position is unique and best for our community. Even Brisbane and Logan people are envious of this program.

Councilor Divisional Donation

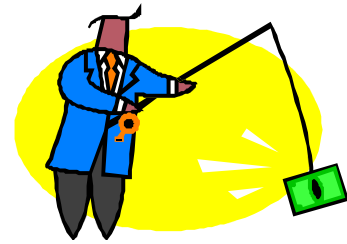
Every year each councilor allocates some funds for community. Up until last year if you need some support, only you can ask fund to councilor. But from this year the clarity has been increased.

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If you would like to have Event or project, you have to write request for "Divisional Donation" to your association registered area councilor.

Closing day will be 31st August 2010.

You can apply up to \$4,000.00



2011 Queensland Week sponsorship Program

Queensland Week is a special time for all Queenslanders to celebrate what's great about our State.

Each year, a range of diverse activities are held that involve families, businesses, schools and a range of community groups throughout the State, each celebrating Queensland's people, places and achievements.

The Queensland Government invites you to get involved in Queensland Week 2011.

About the program

Sponsorship between **\$2000 and \$10 000** (excluding GST) per event is available for organisations and community groups to plan and host their own events between Queensland Week 2011, Saturday 4 and Monday 13 June.

In addition to cash sponsorship, your event will receive marketing support as part of the 2011 Queensland Week program of events.

All eligible applications will be assessed on the event's ability to align with the criteria of the Queensland Week sponsorship program.

Please visit: www.premiers.qld.gov.au/events/queensland-week/2011.aspx



Making English Easier

Learning English may get a little easier thanks to a new program on offer at Gold Coast Libraries.

English Conversation Circles provides residents with the opportunity to practise English communication skills, meet new friends and learn more about their local community. Held every Thursday at 10am at the Southport Branch Library, the program is run by community volunteers who



have all completed the Program of Assistance for Community Tutors course, provided in partnership with Southport TAFE.

Chair of Community Services and Cultural Development, Cr Bob La Castra, said the program provided a relaxed, social environment for people who spoke English as a second language.

"The English Conversation Circle will allow participants to develop and practise language skills that are not used in a formal classroom setting, and also to socialise with peers with similar needs," he said.

Members of the Gold Coast community are invited to let their local library know if they would like an English Conversation Circle to start up at their own branch.

Volunteers are available to meet this community need.

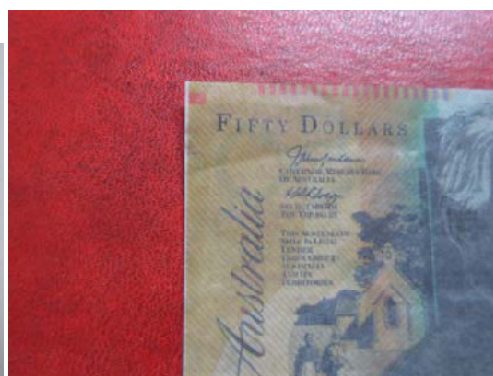
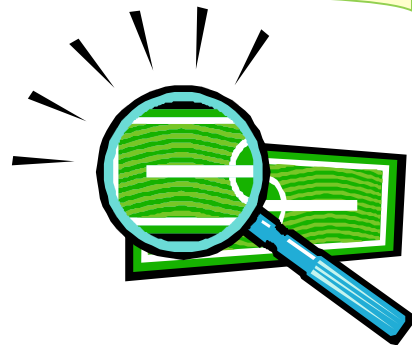
Everyone is welcome to attend and bookings are not required.

COUNTERFEIT \$50 NOTES

Queensland Police have received information from the Northern Territory Police that they have had a number of incidents involving the passing of counterfeit \$50 notes. The notes are slightly smaller in length and width than a regular \$50 note and have obvious "paper" arks (white strip) observed down one side (image 2).

Notes appear darker in colour and feel thicker as if covered with contact on one side. When held to the light, the Coat of Arms shadow image does not appear; further the clear window in the notes also appears and feels inferior. When checked using UV light, the notes are missing the fluorescent ink properties of authentic \$50 notes (the number 50 and the serial number should glow when viewed under a UV light).

Anyone with information which may assist Police with their investigations is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at www.crimestoppers.com.au or on 1800 333 000



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Let's have fun at Gold Coast Library

Many more activities
At your Local Library.
Please contact to
find out more.

Hip-Hop: Learn the latest hip hop moves.

29th /June 11am-12pm Robina, 1pm- 2pm Elanora
1st /July 3pm-4pm Southport
6th /July 11am – 12pm Nerang, 2pm-3pm Broadbeach

How to make your own SUSHI

Helensvale: 23/July 9:30am–10:30am, 6th/Aug 9:30am-10:30am

Cooking Casseroles with slow cookers

Nerang: 15th /July 10:30am-11:30am

Taiko Groove in Gold Coast- Japanese Drum spectacular

Date & Time: 31st July, Start 2pm – 4pm

**Venue: Albert Waters Community Centre
Next Broad Beach Library**

Admission: Adult \$5 Under 12yo Free

Artists:

**Master Kanagawa Bashow (Japan)
Master Niwa Motoyuki (Sunshine Coast)
Wadaiko Rindo (Melbourne)
Kizuna Wadaiko (Gold Coast)
Troy (Didgeridoo professional)**

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