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## Jewish Community in Action - The JCCV Who?

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### THE JCCV WHO?

We're often asked what we do, how we support the Jewish community and build social cohesion within the wider multicultural community. Given the [JCCV 2012 Appeal](#), it is timely to address these questions.

A good starting point is to define the role of a [peak body](#) - *a representative organisation that provides information dissemination services, membership support, coordination, advocacy and representation, and research and policy development services for members and other interested parties...* How does the JCCV measure up against these functional criteria?

#### Information dissemination services

The JCCV offers two main communication services via email. [What's Nu](#) is a weekly service filled with information and tips relevant to member organisations, while [Jewish Community in Action](#) goes out several times per year to approximately 10,000 individuals. The [JCCV plenum](#) (the 'parliament' of the organisation) runs eight times per year and is an opportunity for us to disseminate information to our members and listen to community issues.

#### Membership support

The [current executive](#) and staff focus on professional networking and development events, workshops for lay and professional leadership, and discussion groups for executive directors and CEOs. We are also spearheading a youth summit to assist university students with leadership and combatting extremism on campus.

#### Coordination

The JCCV coordinates a [Community Calendar of Events](#) to facilitate activity, organises community events such as the annual [Yom Hashoah](#) (Holocaust) commemoration and [volunteer awards night](#), coordinates with council for the special operation of traffic lights on Sabbaths and festivals, works with Victoria police to ensure the accurate collection of statistics on [anti-Semitic incidents](#), and assists members in partnerships and collaboration on various initiatives.

#### Advocacy and representation

The Victorian and Federal Governments, their agencies, the media and ethnic and religious groups have long recognised the JCCV as the representative body of the Victorian Jewish community with two-way channels of communication between the JCCV, government and various NGOs. We also recognise that religious and racial harmony are built on understanding and respect gained through interfaith dialogue and friendship and arrange numerous initiatives such as: [Hebrew calligraphy](#), the world's oldest language, at Federation Square; the annual [Catholic/Jewish Friendship Dinner](#); an evening with the [Islamic Council of Victoria](#) Executive and the development and sharing of our [Interfaith Guidelines](#).

#### Research and policy development services

Although the JCCV does not provide comprehensive research services for our community, this area is admirably led by Professor Andrew Markus of the Monash University [Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation](#) on which the JCCV sits as an advisor. We have also developed an extensive [policy platform](#) over the years.

So to our original question - the JCCV who? We speak on behalf of our community and are recognised as the body to turn to for issues regarding the Jewish and broader communities. There is so much more that we would like to do if we were better resourced and we need your support to remain relevant, viable and effective. , and to increase our efforts on the community's behalf, we need our community's support and your understanding.

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