

7 – Business enterprises:

One of the most needed services employment wise is Aged Care Garden Maintenance at reduced fees. Aged Care packages usually do not cover gardening and whilst it is easy to find someone to cut lawns it is harder to find someone who will come in and weed and do trimming of bushes and garden maintenance at reduced fees.

Multicultural cafes: This could take the form of combined cultures (2 or 3 together), providing the area with a taste of their food, bringing awareness of this to others, helping migrants and refugees to integrate and practice language skills and get them out in the Community. This would also involve Business Studies, Accounting studies, Hospitality studies, Cooking studies etc. They could even take on apprentices.

Multicultural gift shops: similar to above, standing on their own or combined with above café. If they made their own craft/giftware, this would cut down on expenses and bring greater profit to them.

The above require training at TAFE or Uni in various fields including, accounting, business studies, garden maintenance, hospitality industry, etc.

Aged Care Workers from a non English Speaking background. There will come a time when our migrants and refugees need more care at home than family can provide and as language can be a problem more workers from non English speaking backgrounds need to be trained in this profession. Although this is not a “business” as carers are usually employed by other agencies, it is still an area that needs to be addressed. Perhaps agencies could pair refugees and/or migrants with people skilled in this area under some kind of “apprenticeship scheme”.

Yours sincerely,

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