

## Site 1

### ENTERPRISE MIGRANT HOSTEL TRIBUTE GARDEN

114 Westall Road, Clayton South

The Tribute Garden is located at the old Enterprise site, now Lexington Gardens Retirement Village.

The garden's circular form is home to the first 200 Enterprise roses and symbolises notions of security, protection and refuge.

This garden is a place of continued dedication to an important part of Australia's rich immigration experience.

## Site 2

### THE FORMER SPRINGVALE COMMUNITY AID AND ADVICE BUREAU

5 Osborne Avenue, Springvale

The Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau, now known as South East Community Links was established in 1970 following extensive consultation with the Springvale community.

The work of the 'Bureau' was fundamental in helping the newly arrived migrants and refugees to establish Springvale, and Australia, as their new home.

## Site 3

### SPRINGVALE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

46-50 Queens Avenue, Springvale

In response to community demand, the City of Springvale built the Springvale Neighbourhood House in 1984. From that time many of the cultural groups who had arrived at the Enterprise Hostel in Springvale contacted the Springvale Neighbourhood House and, with its assistance, established support groups for their emerging communities. This helped them to settle successfully in the local community. Many of these people are still involved with the 'House'.



Springvale Neighbourhood House marker launch.



Members of Enterprise Hostel Community Group and project consultants, the late Joyce Rebeiro absent from photo.

### THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

The Spirit of Enterprise project was started in 2000 by a small group of people. This project initially commenced as an exhibition on the history of the Migrant Hostel and its impact on the Springvale community. The project has since evolved to incorporate a trail of significant sites/markers and a website.

The Spirit of Enterprise is now a well-known community development initiative and has been recognised as a project of 'National Significance' by many distinguished Australians, including former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. In 2018 the project was recognised for its 'outstanding contribution to culture' at the United Cities and Local Government Awards in Mexico City.

For further information please visit [enterprisehostel.org/home](http://enterprisehostel.org/home)



# THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE Trail

Exploring the history of the Enterprise Migrant Hostel and sharing the positive stories of the impact its residents and staff had on the development of Springvale



The Enterprise rose.

### THE ENTERPRISE STORY

Between 1970 and 1992 Springvale's Enterprise Migrant Hostel provided a place of refuge for over 30,000 migrants and refugees from over 58 countries.

Many of these new arrivals worked in the factories in the local area.

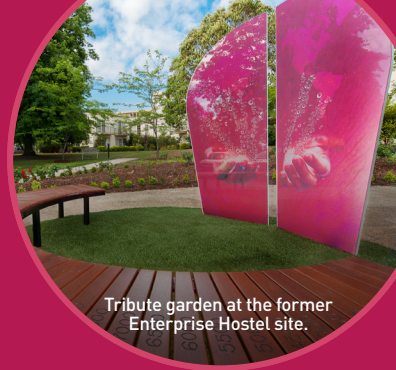
The role of the hostel was to be a transition between 'an old way of life and a new one'. Many of these new arrivals later settled into the local area and shared their own faiths, cultures and traditions and built the community we now enjoy.

### THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE TRAIL

The Spirit of Enterprise Trail explores the history of the Enterprise Migrant Hostel and shares the positive stories of the impact its residents and staff had on the development of Springvale.

Each marker celebrates Springvale's important role as a forerunner in developing innovative settlement services and acknowledges the important contribution that this area has made to the settlement of migrants and refugees from all over the world.

The Spirit of Enterprise Trail commences at the former Enterprise Migrant Hostel Tribute Garden and concludes at the Springvale Community Hub.



Tribute garden at the former Enterprise Hostel site.



Spirit of Enterprise Trail marker.



**Site 4** **SPRINGVALE ROAD SHOPS**  
Springvale Road, Springvale

Springvale Road has continually evolved with each wave of migration introducing new cultures, skills and energy to Springvale. The Enterprise Migrant Hostel was a major driver for this evolution.

The significant contribution and influence of the Enterprise residents on the cultural and economic life of the shopping strip is still evident today.

**Site 5** **SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
355A Springvale Road, Springvale

This site marks the location of Victoria's first 'Ethnic Teacher' Aides Program'.

Pioneered at this primary school in the late 1970s, the innovative program was developed by Juan Santa Isabel, a Student Welfare Officer at the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau.

This new method was used to support the students and their parents who lived at the Enterprise Migrant Hostel.

This innovative teaching method motivated the Victorian Government to develop the 'Ethnic Teachers' Aides in School Program'. This program is now known as the Multicultural Education Aides program and is still running today. The school has since been renamed Springvale Rise Primary.

**Site 6** **SPRINGVALE'S HEALTH SERVICES PRECINCT**  
Cnr Windsor and Buckingham Avenue, Springvale

The marker at this site acknowledges the planning and delivering of health services for newly arrived migrants and refugees at the Enterprise Migrant Hostel.

This area of the city has developed into Springvale's Health Services Precinct.

**THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE Trail**



**Site 7** **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY**  
324-334 Springvale Road, Springvale

The office of the Australian Government's former Department of Social Security (now Centrelink) opened in 1986.

At the time this office was opened, there were large numbers of migrants arriving in Springvale, many of whom lived at the Enterprise Migrant Hostel.

Most new residents at the Hostel arrived with very little money and with little knowledge of how to begin their life in Australia. The Department of Social Security, and other community organisations, worked quickly and effectively to deliver various government services, including unemployment benefits.

**Site 8** **SPRINGVALE COMMUNITY HUB**  
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

The Enterprise Hostel story is celebrated at the Springvale Community Hub through an interpretive artwork and rose garden featuring the iconic Enterprise rose.

The integrated artwork reflects the transition newcomers must make as they move from their former homes to a new one, the impact they have had on the development of our local community and the welcome they have received.

**THIS MAP IDENTIFIES THE LOCATIONS OF EIGHT PLACES. EACH OF THESE SITES HAVE AN INTERPRETIVE ELEMENT THAT SHARES THE STORY OF THE ENTERPRISE MIGRANT HOSTEL.**