



**Francisca Ho  
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Francisca Ho and her family chose to move to Noble Park in 1977; its cultural diversity was reflective of their own backgrounds. Fran ran a corner shop and was well known for her organisational skills. As soon as the business was sold, Fran became actively involved in local community work.

Fran was born in post-war Holland. Her family migrated in late 1954, settling in Healesville. Fran experienced problems of isolation and misunderstanding, but credits this small country town with setting the pattern for her later community involvement. She believes that community depends on contribution of many in a variety of ways.

Fran met her husband, David, at RMIT. He had come to Australia from Singapore and his support has enabled Fran to contribute widely, not only on a local level; she has held many state representative positions. For 6 years, she was the State Advisor for Support Groups with the Girl Guides Association of Victoria and for 3 years was their Australian Multicultural Consultant. Fran has also been a member of the Police Community Consultative Committee. However, it is in the field of education that her contribution has perhaps been greatest.

Since 1987, Fran has been a member of a number of school councils and has overseen numerous changes. As Council President, her role was pivotal in the amalgamation of Noble Park Secondary Colleges. She has also been a member of the Victorian Board of Studies and the Association of School Councils in Victoria, for which she is Convener of Multicultural Affairs. Fran's most recent involvement has been as a Foundation Member of the Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Colalition.