

## **DAN Community meeting in Dandenong**

On Saturday 26/05/2012 the DAN community meeting was held at Dandenong. The meeting was attended by community leaders and representatives of the DAN Board. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan and the plans and activities for the next financial year.

Darfur Australia Association President and DAN Board member Dr Idris Tarrh presented the community with an update of his very successful trip to Sydney to meet with the community there. He also encouraged the community to work together and participate with the activities of DAN. He told the community that the DAN needed the community members to survive and the Darfur community members also needed the DAN to unite the community members here in Australia amongst other things. He also addressed the need to involve women to participate in the activities of DAN. The Treasurer of DAN Board, Gavan Blau presented the financial update of DAN and how the organisation managed its funds.

Also attending the meeting was Mr Amer Hesabu president of Darfur Union in United Kingdom who was given an opportunity to address the community meeting. He briefed the community on the activities of Darfur community in UK. He expressed a desire to link up with DAN to share our experiences and the work we were doing. This was well received by the Darfur community here. He also encouraged the community to keep striving to bring the issues of the Darfur conflict to the public and to the Government of Australia. He was pleased to see such an organisation as DAN and was very encouraged. He said in England his Darfur organisation received no help from the government or from any organisation, its members worked to get things done on their own.