

# ECCWA

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# Annual General Meeting

The ECCWA AGM for 2021 was held on Wednesday 27th October at 5.30 pm.

**Congratulations to our new Board members for 2021-2022.**

**They are as follows:**

**Suresh Rajan - President**

**Rahim Ghauri - Senior Vice President**

**Mamta Kochhar - Vice President Women's interests**

**Seren Ulusoy - Vice President Youth**

**Champo Ngweshe - Secretary**

**Baily Fernandez - Treasurer**

**Adam Demir - Board member**

**Tarek Chamkhi - Board member**

**Karla Benitez - Board member**

**Michael Wu - Board member**

**Satish Nair - Board member**

**Getty Williams - Board member**

**Carmelita Baltazar - Board member**

**Ranjit Ratnayake- Board member**

**Paul Kyaw - Board member**



# COVID-19 SMALL GRANTS

FECCA is working with the Federal Government and other organisations to administer the CALD COVID-19 Health Small Grants Fund. This Fund will help multicultural community groups to lead grassroots communication activities around COVID-19 and the vaccination rollout, targeting CALD communities.

This is funded by the Federal Department of Health and will be implemented in collaboration with The Settlement Council of Australia, Migration Council Australia, and The Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network.

ECCWA is proud to announce that we have been announced as one of the successful applicants for the FECCA small grants for COVID messaging. Our team will be working towards launching the " Better safe than sorry. Get the shot" campaign, which will aim at providing information by the Department of Health regarding the vaccines to various CaLD communities in Perth. The goal of our campaign is to educate the wider public through online and in-person information sessions about how vaccines are made, the approval process of vaccines in Australia, answer any questions they may have so that they can make an informed decision whether to get vaccinated.

To find out how to register your organisation for the FECCA grant, visit: [www.fecca.org.au/grants/](http://www.fecca.org.au/grants/)





**Speak My Language**

Diverse communities living well with a disability



**Let's talk about living well!  
Let's talk about life - working,  
studying, shopping,  
travel, hobbies, friends...**

**Get Involved! Be a Storyteller  
... why not share your story?  
Be a Guest Speaker**

Do you speak a community language? Have something to share about finding inclusive places, activities and opportunities? We want to know about anything and everything in inclusive in multicultural Australia. Our bilingual podcasters would love to hear from you. Please call us to share your story of living well.



### **About Speak My Language**

Speak My Language will involve 100's of people with a disability from culturally diverse communities sharing stories about every day experiences of living well, and how they use skills and community resources to do so.

Other interviews with guest speakers give further information about inclusive places, activities, and opportunities for you to enjoy.

25 languages; 150 Radio Broadcasts; 650 Podcasts

Funded by the Department of Social Services.  
Proudly delivered in partnership with all state and territory Ethnic and Multicultural Councils and Communities' Councils across Australia  
[www.speakmylanguage.com.au](http://www.speakmylanguage.com.au)

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# NATIONAL ANTI-RACISM FRAMEWORK

The Australian Human Rights Commission has launched a plan to develop a National Anti-Racism Framework. The Framework will be a long-term, central reference point to guide actions on anti-racism by government, NGOs, business, educators, health professionals, police, other justice authorities, civil society, and the community

A Commission Concept Paper provides an initial overview of the Framework's key principles, outcomes and strategies. The Commission is working with all levels of Government, peak bodies, human rights agencies and community organisations to progress the Framework.

The Commission is accepting public submissions on the Framework from 21 October to 15 December 2021. If you or your organisation would like to make a submission, please visit the [Have your say](#) page where you can complete the guided form or upload your submission. The Commission is accepting submissions in writing as well as video or audio formats, in any language.

The Commission is also undertaking a series of targeted scoping consultations, workshops and roundtables. If your organisation is interested in participating in this process, please contact the Commission at [antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:antiracismsecretariat@humanrights.gov.au).

The findings of consultations and the submissions process will inform a revised Framework Concept Paper and a Consultation Report, to be released in June 2022.

# NEW OFFICE OF DISABILITY TO PROMOTE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF SECTOR IN WA



New Office of Disability to promote rights and interests of sector in WA Thursday, 9 September 2021

\$13.4 million over four years in 2021-22 State Budget to establish WA's first Office of Disability

Dedicated team to lead State Disability Strategy, advance reforms and provide leadership for the disability sector.

Office to inform and advise government on issues and experiences accessing the NDIS across WA.

Part of the McGowan Government's commitment to invest in key services for all Western Australians.

The McGowan Labor Government will establish the State's first Office of Disability ('the Office'), to promote the rights and interests of people with disability and the broader disability sector.

The Office will act as a vital conduit of information and knowledge on the range and quality of services people with disability require.

It will sit within the Department of Communities and provide disability sector stewardship, advice on State and Commonwealth systems, and drive work and innovation to advance inclusion and participation of people with disability in Western Australia.

The Office will also provide leadership to implement, monitor and further develop 'A Western Australia for Everyone: State Disability Strategy 2020-2030'.

The Office will support the WA Government to deliver on its long-term commitment to empowering people with disability to participate in all aspects of the community and the economy.

Importantly, the Office will also have a role in informing and advising government on the experiences between Western Australians with disability, their families and carers and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The role and structure of the Office of Disability has been shaped by an extensive consultation and engagement process undertaken across the State in 2020, and its formation answers calls from peak and advocacy bodies in the disability sector for such a body to be formed in WA.

For more information, visit <https://www.ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au>

Comments attributed to Disability Services Minister Don Punch:

"The establishment of an Office of Disability will ensure disability continues to be at the forefront of the McGowan Government's focus, and that there is a strong voice advocating for people with disability across Government, the disability sector and the broader community.

"The McGowan Government has an ongoing commitment to deliver better outcomes for the 411,500 Western Australians living with disability, as part of our commitment to invest in key services to support all Western Australians.

"The new Office of Disability is key to both optimising the local delivery of the NDIS and increasing the economic and social participation of people with disability."

# AUSTRALIA IS ISSUING VACCINES PASSPORTS

8th September 2021

Australians will begin using an international vaccine passport within weeks to prove their immunisation status overseas and on their return as the Prime Minister flags home quarantine will be key to reopening borders.

Scott Morrison is also asking state and territory leaders how they plan to integrate vaccination certificates into existing check-in apps and for their timelines on introducing home quarantine

The federal government will start issuing international COVID-19 vaccination certificates from October and is also in talks with other countries to work out which vaccines will be recognised in international travel bubble arrangements.

The Australian vaccine passports for international travel will be available either on travellers' phones or in printed form. Mr Morrison has previously promised overseas travel can resume more broadly when states reach the 80 per cent full vaccination threshold. So far 39 per cent of the eligible population – or more than 8 million Australians aged 16 and over – are fully vaccinated.

"Home quarantine is where we go next. And the length of that quarantine also was what we're looking at," Mr Morrison said on Tuesday.

Work is under way to enable people's vaccination status to be linked to their passport chips, and in late July a plan was put to the federal cabinet for Australians to get an international vaccine certificate in the form of a QR code. It would also use "visible digital seal" technology backed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

Currently all travellers to Australia must undertake a mandatory two-week quarantine at their first port of arrival regardless of vaccination status, a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokesperson said.



The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, led by chief medical officer Professor Paul Kelly, is considering the different quarantine options that could apply to vaccinated people entering Australia. It's still unclear which vaccines will allow arrivals to forgo strict hotel quarantine...

"The Morrison government continues to work towards vaccine assurance standards that will be one element of enabling vaccinated Australians to move and travel more freely," he said.

The Prime Minister said home quarantine was also key.

"Home quarantine needs to be at scale and needs to be tested and ready, and that's what's happening now, and that's what I'll continue to push to open the country up because that's what enables the national plan," he said in a Sky News interview.

"I'll be following up last Friday's [national cabinet] meeting with the premiers, writing them looking to get some timetables about their introduction of home quarantine, but also following up this issue of the integration of our technology that can enable fully vaccinated theatres, fully vaccinated events."

Source: Sydney Morning Herald

# SELECT COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY MIGRATION MEDIA RELEASE

1 September 2021

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## Temporary Migration report tabled in the Senate

The Senate Select Committee on Temporary Migration today presented its report to the Senate. Tasked with investigating the impact temporary migration has on the Australian economy and labour market, social cohesion and workplace rights and conditions, the Committee has since December 2019 received 131 submissions from individuals and organisations. The report also explores the exploitation of temporary visa holders, considers pathways to permanency and examines improvements to the regulatory framework and policy settings.

The Committee made 40 recommendations for reform aimed at protecting vulnerable temporary visa holders from exploitation, including:

- Significantly increasing the resources provided to the Department of Home Affairs to improve visa application assessment times;
- The abolition of the 88 day farm work requirement of the Working Holiday Maker program;
- Increasing Australia's quarantine capacity for the inclusion of seasonal workers;
- Improving the flexibility of the Seasonal Worker Programme to allow greater engagement of people from the Pacific region and Timor-Leste in agriculture specific work;
- Banning employers who exploit workers from employing temporary visa holders;
- Significantly increasing the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold to restore fairness to Australia's skilled shortage by protecting local workers;
- Providing protections to those temporary visa workers who report exploitation;
- Establishing a small-claims tribunal to resolve wage theft disputes;
- Holding franchisors financially responsible for the underpayment of employees by franchisees;
- Reorganising the Fair Work Ombudsman into the Fair Work Inspectorate, with greater focus and resources on enforcement;
- Authorising unions to conduct audits on businesses suspected of exploiting workers.
- The report also recommends a number of measures aimed at improving education and training, the establishment of a National Labour Hire Licensing Scheme, and increased resources for non-government organisations to support migrants integrating into Australian communities.

A copy of the report and more details about the inquiry are available on the committee's website. For media enquiries contact: Senator Raff Ciccone, Committee Chair, on (03) 9894 2098

# UBE MOCHI WAFFLES

- **Waffles:**
- 3/4 cups milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon ube extract
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cup mochiko flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

## Ube glaze:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1/2 teaspoon ube extract
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

1) Preheat waffle iron.

2) In a medium mixing bowl add milk, egg, ube, and vanilla extract. Whisk until well combined. Set aside.

In another medium mixing bowl add mochiko flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Whisk until well combined.

3) Add wet ingredients to dry. Whisk until just combined.

4) Spray nonstick cooking spray on the waffle iron. Add 1/4 to 1/2 a cup of the batter to the waffle iron. Cook for 3-5 minutes or until golden brown.

5) For the ube glaze:

Add powdered sugar, milk, ube extract, and vanilla extract to a bowl. Whisk until well combined. This can be used to drizzle over the ube mochi waffles.

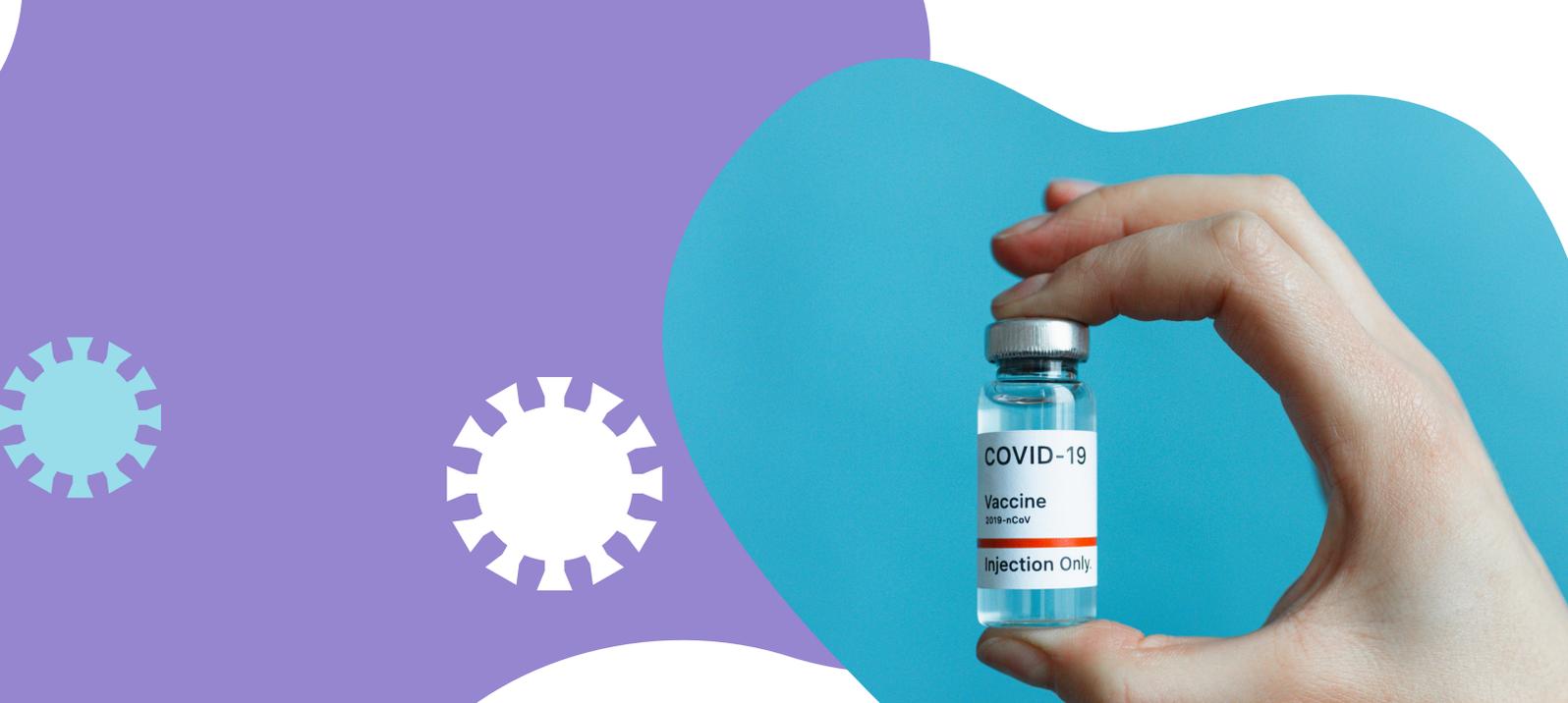
Add toppings of your choice and ENJOY!

Source: Ube Mochi Waffles Recipe (Gluten Free) - Keeping It Relle

Share your favourite recipe with us for a chance to be featured in the next newsletter!

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## COVID VACCINES INFO SESSION

Are you unsure of the safety of the COVID vaccines and want to get more information about them?

Our information sessions are designed to help you understand about the vaccine safety, possible side effects, how to sign up for vaccinations and answer any questions you may have. These sessions will be run by WA health experts in English but will be translated into different languages by an interpreter/ bilingual worker.

Our aim is to assist people of the community with a language barrier to make an informed decision about getting vaccinated.

**Please RSVP your interest to attend to Amira:  
eccwauser01@eccwa.org.au.  
0466424501**

**Community organisations are welcome to register on behalf of their staff and members**

# ECCWA MEMBERSHIP

As the state's peak ethnic umbrella organisation, our work is to represent community organisations and CaLD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) individuals' interests and ensure they have access to effective systemic advocacy as well as the necessary resources to serve their respective communities.

Our membership program allows all of our members to exchange and benefit from each other's services such as settlement grant programs, women's services and mental health services. Annual memberships for 2021 - 2022 are free due to COVID-19. Memberships are open to: key organisations working with multicultural or CaLD persons and to Community Associations.

To sign up, please obtain our membership form from <https://www.eccwa.org.au/membership> and email it to [admin@eccwa.org.au](mailto:admin@eccwa.org.au).

If you wish to seek further information, please call us on (08) 9227 5322 to speak to an ECCWA officer and or schedule a meeting with our Policy officers or with Mrs Vivienne Pillay, the ECCWA's Executive Officer .



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