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# Executive Officer's address



*It is with a level of happiness that I write this short address.*

*The past two years have been quite difficult for all of us as a result of the pandemic and its effects. The periods of isolation (especially from friends and family) have been very difficult to deal with as has the economic impacts on our communities and businesses. To see us now in the position where WA has been able to open its borders, have minimal hospitalisations and deaths and to see us coming out of the pandemic with a reduction in restrictions is a tremendous outcome. To have family reunions this Easter and with no restrictions on family gatherings etc this is truly a time for us to rejoice and celebrate. Hence, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Easter, and to our Muslim Communities Ramadan Mubarak.*

*I would also like to take this opportunity to say that despite all of the above barriers ECCWA has continuously worked to ensure that the voice of the CaLD community is heard in Government decision making processes, and that we are continuously consulting with Community members and open to receiving feedback from our members on the issues facing them.*

*Hence, in June 2022, we will be launching a few training opportunities such as Media Relations – How to work with media, How to do interviews, media releases etc. Other topics will include Financial Management, Child protection, Racism, What is Multiculturalism to name a few.*

*In addition, with the announcement of the Federal Election we will also be hosting a Pre-Election Forum on Wednesday May 11 2022. More detailed information will be provided to all of you in the near future on this event and the trainings mentioned above.*

*My staff and I are looking forward to working closely with you and to have more personal consultations with you our Community members.*

*Vivienne Pillay*

# Federal Elections



The 2022 federal elections have been announced to take place on the 21st of May 2022. The elections are compulsory and all eligible Australians are required to enrol to vote by 8pm on Monday 18th of April.

You can enrol to vote online by visiting [www.aec.gov.au/enrol/](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/)

If you were previously enrolled but have changed any personal details, such as your name or your address, you can update them here [www.aec.gov.au/enrol/update-my-details.htm](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/update-my-details.htm)

If you are not sure of the status of your enrolment, you can check here. [www.check.aec.gov.au](http://www.check.aec.gov.au)


You can also call the AEC on 13 23 26.

## **Ways to vote:**

There are several ways to vote, either in person voting on the 21st of May, mobile voting, pre-poll voting and postal voting.

**Mobile voting** will be available in remote communities and in facilities such as residential care, where people cannot visit the voting place.

**Postal voting:** If you are eligible for postal voting and cannot attend a polling place on election day, you can apply for postal voting here [www.aec.gov.au/election/pva.htm](http://www.aec.gov.au/election/pva.htm)

	
<h3>The 2022 Federal Election</h3>	
<b>Issue of writs</b>	Monday 11 April
<b>Close of rolls</b>	8pm Monday 18 April
<b>Close of nominations</b>	Midday Thursday 21 April
<b>Declaration of nominations</b>	Midday Friday 22 April
<b>Start of early voting</b>	Monday 9 May
<b>Election day</b>	Saturday 21 May
<b>Return of writs</b>	On or before Tuesday 28 June

Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner, Canberra

# COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATES

Cited from the official Government website [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)

Based on the latest health advice, public health measures will be relaxed further from 12.01am, Thursday 14 April.

## Gatherings

- No limits to home and private outdoor gatherings

## Density and capacity limits

- The 500 patron limit removed for hospitality venues, nightclubs, convention centres or function centres
- The 2 square metre rule remains in effect.
- For entertainment venues such as indoor or outdoor cinemas, theatres, concert halls, live music venues, or a convention centre, the capacity limit is either the 2 square metre rule or 75% fixed seating capacity, whichever is greater.

## Close contacts

Refined close contact definition to align with National Cabinet's definition.

A close contact is now defined as:

- a household member or intimate partner of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period,
- someone who has had close personal interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where they spent 4 hours of cumulative contact with them in a residential setting, (i.e. a home, accommodation facility) where masks have been removed by both people for all of this period
- someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

The refined close contact definition means schools will no longer need to contact trace classroom or equivalent contacts when school resumes for Term 2.

People in isolation who are not a household close contact will be able to leave isolation at 12.01am tomorrow (Thursday 14 April).

## Contact registration

- Contact registration will only be required for people visiting a hospital
- Proof of vaccination requirements remain unchanged

## COVID-19 testing for travellers into WA

- Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) on arrival will not be required for international and domestic travellers
- RATs will still be available for all travellers arriving into WA
- People are encouraged to take up use of the free RATs and must register (external link) any positive result with the Department of Health.

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## APPLICATIONS OPEN: AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL FOUNDATION LAUNCH CARLA ZAMPATTI LEGACY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

**Thursday 7 April, Melbourne, Australia** - Today, applications open for the Australian Multicultural Foundation Carla Zampatti Scholarship for Young Women. The new annual scholarship is a national initiative developed by the Australian Multicultural Foundation (AMF) to celebrate the legacy of acclaimed Australian fashion designer, businesswoman and champion for multiculturalism, the late Carla Zampatti AC.

Carla, 78, died one year ago this week on April 3, 2021, after her incredible 56 years of work pioneering the fashion industry and breaking down barriers for women in business. The scholarship will go on to continue her work of celebrating multicultural Australia and directly support young women (18 - 29 years of age) from new and emerging culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to achieve their aspirations in life where they may encounter financial barriers and insufficient support.



“This scholarship will support the commencement of a personal or business project - whether it be education, technology, arts or business et cetera. This isn't exclusive to fashion, and Carla wasn't exclusive to fashion, she was a trailblazer in business. Through this Scholarship, we want to see more young women from diverse cultures overcome barriers and challenges to achieve their aspirations and in the process, strengthen the future prosperity of multicultural Australia” says Dr. Hass Dellal AO, Executive Director Australian Multicultural Foundation.

In its first year the annual scholarship will pledge \$10,000 to a single recipient. Additional funding for the scholarship will be sought in sequential years to increase the number of recipients each year and supporting funds. Applications for the scholarship will close on Friday 6 May, and the winner will be announced on the 31st of May in Melbourne.

AMF formed a longstanding partnership with Carla, aligning on their united commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures to enrich social connections and economic growth.

“Carla was on the board of AMF for over 10 years, and she championed multicultural women on and off the catwalk, she wanted them to have a voice and succeed. It's that legacy we're keeping alive with the support of her family,” Hass adds.

Carla's three children, Alexander, Allegra and Bianca speak passionately on their mother's contribution to Australia and proudly support AMF's dedication to her cause.

"My mother's journey to Australia as a young girl and her determination to set up her business is a journey for all women. We know launching this scholarship today is the beginning of supporting many wonderful business ventures for young multicultural women everywhere in Australia for years to come," says Alexander Schuman, Carla's son and CEO of CARLA ZAMPATTI PTY. LIMITED.

Carla's own journey to Australia and then into business was not without challenges and strokes of luck. She emigrated to Australia with her parents in the 1960's from a small town in the Italian Alps to another small town in Western Australia. Her move to Sydney as a young woman to chase her dreams was advanced by a chance meeting on a bus ride with a head of a department store who would then employ her. When she realised she wanted to go out on her own, she couldn't access small business loans like men could back then in Australia.

*"There's been a dramatic change over the last 50 years to advance female business ventures, but before 1971 women couldn't access bank loans, this was the case for my mother in the 60's when she wanted to start her business. Luckily a cousin of hers was able to help her out. Yet, multicultural women still have barriers in business endeavours today, my mother would want us to keep breaking them down in her name," he adds.*

For more information on the scholarship eligibility, important dates and to enter, please visit:  
<https://amf.net.au/the-australian-multicultural-foundation-carla-zampatti-scholarship-for-young-women/>

**~ENDS ~**  
**About AMF**

The Australian Multicultural Foundation aims to cultivate in all Australians a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures and by so doing to advance its social and economic well-being; the promotion of an awareness among the people of Australia of the diversity of cultures within Australia and the contribution of people from all cultures to the development of Australia. And spread respect and understanding between all cultural groups through appropriate means.

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Speak My Language

Diverse communities living well with a disability



## About Speak My Language

Speak My Language (disability) involves hundreds of people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities sharing their stories of living well with disability. The stories are made into podcasts, and published on the SML website.

For more information about the Speak My Language program and to listen to the podcasts of our current and former SML participants, please see this link: <https://speakmylanguage.com.au/about-speak-my-language>

The aim of this is to encourage people with disability from refugee and migrant backgrounds to feel empowered to access the services they need and meaningfully participate in the community.

We are looking forward to welcoming people with disability from CaLD backgrounds who are willing to share their stories of their daily lives, their work, study, hobbies, friends, how they do their shopping, raise their family, go on holidays and so on, and how they use skills and community resources to do so. The story tellers will be provided with a \$50 gift voucher as a thank you for their participation.

We would also like to talk to guest speakers who work in mainstream services as in health, education, banking, legal justice, councils, etc and provide information on inclusive places, activities, resources, opportunities and programs.

## CONTACT US

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# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**





# CALD

*Women's*

# workshop



Meet like-minded women from CaLD backgrounds at the new Hillview Hub every two weeks starting from the 15 Feb until the end of June 2022.



Do you want to overcome your shyness and get to know more people?

Join our free social sessions at the Hillview Hub, where women of all ages can meet and participate in activities or informative talks in a safe environment.

We will be hosting classes each fortnight, sometimes on important topics such as Women's health, and sometimes fun workshops where you can make handicrafts. Morning tea will also be provided.

Come to as many sessions as you like! It is free.

**Dates in April/June:** 26th April, 10th May, 24th May, 7th June & 21 June.

**Time:** 10 am - 12 pm

**Location;** Hillview Intercultural Community Centre, 1-3 Hill View Place, Bentley WA, Australia

**Contact Eliza on 9227 5322 or [eliza@eccwa.org.au](mailto:eliza@eccwa.org.au) for more information or to register.**



# CaLD WOMEN'S MAKEUP WORKSHOP

Our first makeup workshop on the 12th April at the Hillview Intercultural Community Centre received fantastic feedback from the ladies who participated.

The free two-hour class, taught by a professional makeup artist, offered the opportunity for CaLD women to learn how to apply everyday makeup that enhances their natural features, and last all day. Our goal was to create a fun environment where women can meet to share their interests and passions; and we've definitely hit our target.

Our next makeup workshop will be held on the 10th May. If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to [eliza@eccwa.org.au](mailto:eliza@eccwa.org.au).





## **Why should my organisation become a member?**

### **1) Ensure that your voice is heard:**

We represent your community's interest and ensure that you have access to effective systemic advocacy. As a peak umbrella organisation of ethnic communities in WA, we have been providing advocacy services for over 47 years and we are a member of the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (FECCA).

### **2) Benefit from the services from over 75 other organisations**

Our membership program allows all of our members to exchange with and benefit from each other's services and community events such as settlement grant programs, women's services and mental health services.

### **3) Cross promotional opportunities**

We can publicise your community's activities to our members which may lead to collaborations across our membership in the future.

### **4) Get discounted rates on our training programs and hall hire**

Enjoy Discounted rates on Racism Matters, Healthy relationships, Multiculturalism and Child protection training sessions provided by our education and training officer for your organisation; and having recently refurbished our offices in North Perth, ECCWA now has a conference/training room available for hire that has up to date IT and video conferencing facilities. There is also a kitchenette available to support events. Discounted rates are available to members for our North Perth meeting room hire .

### **5) It's free**

Annual membership fees for 2021-2022 are waived due to COVID-19. Memberships are open to key organisations working with multicultural or CaLD persons, community agencies and persons of cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

To apply, please visit: [www.eccwa.org.au/membership](http://www.eccwa.org.au/membership) or email [vivienne@eccwa.org.au](mailto:vivienne@eccwa.org.au) to schedule a meeting with our Executive Officer, Ms Vivienne Pillay.