

# NEWSLETTER



WE ARE PROUD TO  
INTRODUCE OUR NEW  
BOARD

UPCOMING EVENTS  
HOSTED BY ECCWA

**Ethnic  
Communities  
Council of  
Western  
Australia**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Ethnic Community Council of WA acknowledges and pays tribute to the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and their Elders past and present as the Traditional Custodians of the Country (Boodja) on which we work.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Western Australia and recognise their continuing and cultural connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them, their cultures, and to Elders both past and present.

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# Elected Office Bearers

**President**



**Sadhana Bose**

**Vice President**



**Divya-Jyoti Sharma**

**Secretary**



**Seren Ulusoy**

**Treasurer**



**Theresa Ng**



# Elected Board Members



**Emem Udo**



**Meggie Collie**



**Syed Muzaffar Ahmed**



**Neelam Wadhvani**



**Andrea Creado**



**Sarina Sirna**

# This Year so Far

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## 2ND FEBRUARY, 2024

Attended the 2024 New Year Sector Breakfast, hosted by WACOSS at the University Club of Western Australi, to celebrate past achievements and set future intentions



## 19TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Appointed two new Admin Assistants. Welcoming Isabella Karelis and Ali Hussain

## 20TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Continuation of McCusker Program with two new interns starting. Welcoming Niina Ohta and Sebastian Elissegaray



## 25TH FEBRUARY, 2024

With there being festivities all around Perth to celebrate ever lovely Anbumoly attended the Lunar New Year festivities in Mandurah on behalf of the Ethnic Communities Council of WA

## 27TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Following on from the AGM held in december there was a need to host another meeting to elect the office bearers for the coming two years and board members for the year.



# GENESIS

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP



## 28TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Social inclusion in Mirrabooka Genesis program

# In Other News

## CALD CANCER RESOURCES PROJECT 2023/2024.



We had the pleasure of collaborating with the wonderful Nadeen Curran from the Health Consumer's Council (HCONC) to discuss the CaLD Cancer Resources Project 2023/2024. Our goal at ECCWA is to empower and support the HCC in working with the CaLD communities. Together, we're striving to understand the unique challenges faced when grappling with a cancer diagnosis and how to disseminate relevant information effectively.

This initiative will see essential resources translated into 6 languages, bridging gaps and ensuring that vital support is accessible to all. Join us in this crucial mission to elevate cancer awareness and foster understanding.

Your support means everything! Email us at [admin@eccwa.org.au](mailto:admin@eccwa.org.au)

## HOMELESSNESS: SPOTLIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN WA

It's crucial to highlight the challenges faced by international students in Western Australia's deepening rental crisis. Currently there are limited affordable housing options, pushing students towards substandard conditions.

Soaring rental costs are making it harder for students to find suitable accommodation. And unfamiliarity with the local rental system is leaving them vulnerable to exploitation.

Let's advocate for enhanced education and resources for international students navigating the rental market along with increased availability of affordable student housing and stricter regulations to prevent exploitative rental practices.

Every student deserves a safe place to live while pursuing their dreams. Let's ensure our international community isn't left behind.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Of the total homeless population in Australia, 20% are from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds.

If you or someone you know is facing housing challenges, especially within the CaLD community, reach out. Let's start a conversation and work together to find solutions.



# Get Funded

## UPCOMING GRANT APPLICATIONS

### Organ Donation Information Grant

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: IPM (AWST), 1ST MARCH 2024**



The Community Awareness Grants Program by the Organ and Tissue Authority aims to enhance organ and tissue donation awareness. Focused on reaching culturally and linguistically diverse communities, it offers funding for projects promoting donation registration and conversation among Australians.

Grants up to \$400,000 are available for digital content creation and community events, specifically during DonatLife Week 2024. Eligible entities include not-for-profits and educational institutions with projects running between May 2024 and April 2025. Applications require detailing the project's contribution to the program's goals, audience engagement strategies, and organisational capability. The Organ and Tissue Authority is excited to announce a grant opportunity aimed at bolstering its community awareness program. This initiative is part of a national effort to elevate awareness and understanding of organ and tissue donation across Australia. You can apply and find out more [here](#)

### Grant Opportunity Festivals and Celebrations in Remote Locations

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION - 18TH MARCH 2024, 11:30 PM (AEST)**

Festivals Australia is offering a fantastic funding opportunity for individual art projects that enrich regional or remote festivals. This initiative is designed to bring innovative and engaging arts projects to festivals across Australia's less urban areas, enhancing community events such as town celebrations or the unveiling of new community resources. With funding available from \$5,000 to \$150,000 for organisations not in major cities.

To learn more and to apply please visit the [Grant Connect Website](#)



# Get Involved with ECCWA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### International Women Day

**DATE: 8ND SEPTEMBER 2024 | TIME: 11:45AM (AWST) | LOCATION: 20 VIEW STREET, NORTH PERTH WA 6005**



Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia (MSCWA), in collaboration with the Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia (ECCWA), cordially invites you to join us in celebrating International Women's Day, featuring a Keynote Address by Honourable Dr Anne Aly MP (Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Youth).

This will be followed by a talk on Gender Equity and Inclusion at the Workplace – The MSC Experience, presented by Linda Vettoor, Disability Services Manager, MSCWA, along with networking and light refreshments.

### National Anti-Racism Framework Consultation

**DATE: 7TH MARCH 2024 | TIME: 10AM - 12PM | VENUE: 20 VIEW STREET, NORTH PERTH | RSVP VIA ONLINE FORM [CLICK HERE](#)**

Ethnic Communities Council of WA is running a consultation for inclusive solutions against racism in healthcare, in conjunction with Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia - FECCA's National Anti-Racism Framework Community Consultations program. This consultation will focus on women, people with disabilities, people from refugee and asylum-seeking backgrounds, and youth (18-25).

If you are interested in participating, please register your interest and come along to our premises. We hope to see you there!







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