



Department of  
Local Government, Sport  
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# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL AWARDS 2024

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The Ritz-Carlton, Perth

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# Message from the Premier



Western Australia is full of unsung heroes from all walks of life.

From our artistic and sporting arenas, through to those volunteering in community organisations, every day countless Western Australians go above and beyond to make our State a better place for us all.

This of course includes the contributions of Western Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The Western Australian Multicultural Awards provide a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate multiculturalism, and all the richness and vibrancy it brings to our great State.

The Awards celebrate and recognise the individuals and organisations advocating for inclusivity and ensuring that people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are fairly represented and have equitable opportunities to achieve their full potential.

Tonight's ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate these unsung heroes — to recognise the great work being undertaken quietly day-in, day-out by so many in our communities.

My Government celebrates the benefits of our cultural diversity and values the important role individuals and organisations, such as those recognised tonight, make to our society.

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees of the Western Australian Multicultural Awards 2024 — we thank you for your outstanding contributions to Western Australia.

A handwritten signature in teal ink that reads "Roger Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Roger" and "Cook" being larger and more prominent.

**Hon Roger Cook MLA**  
**Premier of Western Australia**

# Message from the Minister

The cultural and linguistic diversity of Western Australia is one of the greatest assets we have.

More than half of us have one or both parents born overseas, and a third of us were born overseas ourselves.

This cultural diversity is a source of strength and opportunity for our society. Cultural and linguistic diversity enriches the social, economic and cultural fabric of WA, and contributes to our State's success in an interconnected world.

The State Government, along with every culturally and linguistically diverse community in Western Australia, is investing in the wellbeing, inclusion, empowerment and prosperity of our society.

We are incredibly proud of Western Australia's cultural diversity, and the Western Australian Multicultural Awards provide us the opportunity to recognise its positive impact.

These awards celebrate the immense amount of ingenuity, passion and dedication of every person and organisation

that is working to create a more equitable and inclusive Western Australia.

The Western Australian Multicultural Awards are a testament to the strength and vibrancy of multiculturalism in WA. The awards celebrate culturally and linguistically diverse voices, and the work being done to break down barriers, share stories and maintain traditions.

Our awards acknowledge and commend contributions across a variety of areas, including to the arts, local government, and vital community services.

Every single nominee has had an extensive impact on the diversity and development of our State.

I commend all nominees for the 2024 Western Australian Multicultural Awards, and send warm congratulations to all the winners.



**Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA**  
**Minister for Citizenship and**  
**Multicultural Interests**



# Event proceedings

**Master of Ceremonies** Nadia Mitsopoulos

**Welcome to Country** Barry Winmar

**Address** Hon Roger Cook MLA,  
Premier of Western Australia

**Presentation of the  
Premier's Public  
Sector Award**

**Address** Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA,  
Minister for Citizenship  
and Multicultural Interests

**Presentation of Awards**

**Awards will be presented across the  
following categories:**

- Premier's Public Sector Award
- Local Government Award
- Community Service and Support Award  
—General Community Service Organisation
- Community Service and Support Award  
—CaLD Community Service Organisation
- Community Service and Support Award  
—CaLD Community Association
- Arts Award
- Sportsperson of the Year Award
- Youth Award
- Outstanding Individual Achievement Award
- Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award
- Laksiri Jayasuriya Lifetime Community  
Service Award



# Thank you to our judges

# About the WA Multicultural Awards

Many thanks to the judges for their voluntary work and dedication to Western Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

**Dr John Byrne AM**

**Ms Sukhjit Kaur Khalsa**

**Mr Enzo Sirna AM**

Awards created by  
Anne Sorensen

Entertainment by  
Novos Ares

The Western Australian Multicultural Awards are an invaluable opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of Western Australians who have accomplished outstanding work in advancing multiculturalism, inclusivity and equitable participation.

The Western Australian Multicultural Awards launch Harmony Week 2024.

Harmony Week runs from 15 to 21 March every year and encourages everyone to experience, explore and appreciate our State's wealth of cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity.

Harmony Week is a WA State Government initiative.

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# Our nominees

## Premier's Public Sector Award

Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS)

Department of Communities

Department of Health—Older Person Health Network

Women and Newborn Health Service—Diabetes Service

## Local Government Award

City of Gosnells

City of Swan

City of Wanneroo

## Community Service and Support Award—General Community Service Organisation

Broken Crayons Still Colour Foundation

Filipino Australian Health Workers Association

First Hike Project

Jai Maa Durga Temple Perth (Mata Durga Temple)

Mission Australia

United in Diversity (UID)

United Nations Association of Australia Western Australia Division (UNAAWA)

Victoria Park Centre for the Arts

Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia

## Community Service and Support Award—CaLD Community Service Organisation

Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS)

Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD)

Edmund Rice Centre WA

Multicultural Futures Inc

Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia (MSCWA)

Muslim Women's Support Centre of WA (MWSC)

Umbrella Multicultural Community Services Care Inc

## Community Service and Support Award—CaLD Community Association

Australian Multicultural Philippine Society

Buddha's Light International Association Western Australia Inc (BLIAWA)

Hindu Association of Pilbara Inc

Indian Society of Western Australia (ISWA)

Mandurah Filipino-Australian Multicultural Community Inc

Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc

Organisation of African Communities in WA Inc (OACWA)

Projeto Cabana

Samskruthi-Perth

## Arts Award

Mr Jay Emmanuel  
Dr Marie-Muriel Hillion Toulcanon  
Mr Prashant Tupe  
Mrs Rakhi Bose  
Ms Rita Nita Nsubuga  
Ms Shivani Bhat  
Mrs Tani Saha  
Ms Zareena Yasmin Qureshi

## Sportsperson of the Year Award

Ms Minjee Lee  
Mr Tuko Maia  
Mr Rodrigues Niyongere

## Youth Award

Ms Shivani Bhat  
Mr Abdiwahab Hillow  
Ms Syeda Maisara Muzaffar  
Ms Marwa Wasiqe  
Mr Joshua Zilani

## Outstanding Individual Achievement Award

Mrs Aliaa Al-Zayadi  
Dr Sarah Cherian MBBS  
FRACP PhD  
Ms Andrea Creado GAICD  
Ms Karen Huang  
Dr Parwinder Kaur  
Mr Tarun Khetarpal  
Mrs Nivedita Kelkar  
Ms Jawaria Mahmood  
Mr Hameed Mohammad  
Dr Lesa Melnyczuk Morgan  
Ms Rita Nita Nsubuga  
Ms Dorota Pietowska  
Dr Kiran Puttappa  
Dr Parthasarathy Ramesh  
Dr Nasim Salakjani  
Mr Dinesh Sharma  
Mrs Vidhu Sharma  
Mrs Sadhana Srinivas

Mr Utsav Thapaliya  
Mr Joe Tuazama  
Ms Xinyu Nancy Zhao  
Mr Ahmed Zilani

## Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award

Ms Andrea Creado GAICD  
Mrs Kerry Palmer  
Mr Robert Turner  
Mrs Christina Ward

## Laksiri Jayasuriya Lifetime Community Service Award

Ms Jennifer Au Yeong



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