

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
**MULTICULTURAL
AWARDS 2023**

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Department of Local Government,
Sport and Cultural Industries
Office of Multicultural Interests



Message from the Premier

Multiculturalism enables everyone to participate equitably in political, social and economic life in Western Australia. This has helped build the State we are today.

Our cultural and linguistic diversity drives innovation, inspires creativity and reinforces our connections with the rest of the world.

The Western Australian Multicultural Awards celebrate those who are working to further inclusivity, build social harmony and ensure multiculturalism thrives in Western Australia.

The achievements being recognised tonight span all areas of endeavour—from community-led initiatives that are changing lives to individual accomplishments that inspire others.

This is an opportunity to shine the spotlight on work that often goes unnoticed and acknowledge the efforts of people who are seeking to create a better society.

The McGowan Government values cultural diversity and is committed to enhancing and celebrating it through programs such as these awards.

Well done to all winners and nominees of tonight's awards—it is our honour to recognise your hard work and achievements.

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

Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia

Message from the Minister

Welcome to the 2023 Western Australian Multicultural Awards.

These awards provide an opportunity to recognise the outstanding work being done by organisations and individuals to support multiculturalism in Western Australia.

We are fortunate to live in one of Australia's most culturally diverse States. Cultural and linguistic diversity is one of Western Australia's greatest strengths—providing economic, social and cultural benefits to everyone.

Tonight, we celebrate the work being done by passionate and committed people who have dedicated themselves to creating a more equitable and inclusive Western Australia.

From grassroots initiatives to personal achievement, tonight's award winners come from all walks of life, showcasing the broad and positive impact of cultural and linguistic diversity on the development of our State.

Congratulations, and thank you to all award winners and nominees.



Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA
Minister for Citizenship and
Multicultural Interests



Event proceedings

MC	Nadia Mitsopoulos
Welcome to Country	Ingrid Cumming
Address	Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
Address	Hon Mark McGowan MLA, Premier of Western Australia
Presentation of Awards	

Awards will be presented across the following categories:

- Premier's Community Response and Recovery Award
- Community Organisation Award—
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD)
- Community Organisation Award—General
- Local Government Award
- Public Sector Award
- Arts Award
- Sportsperson of the Year Award
- Youth Award
- Outstanding Individual Achievement Award
- Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award
- Laksiri Jayasuriya Lifetime Community Service Award
- Minister's Awards for Distinguished Service

Thank you to the judges

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

Dr John Byrne AM

Mr Abdullah Khan

Ms Theresa Kwok

Awards created by

Anne Sorensen

About the WA Multicultural Awards

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, inclusiveness and equitable participation.

The Western Australian Multicultural Awards launch Harmony Week 2023.

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

Harmony Week is a WA State Government initiative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO

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Our nominees

Premier's Community Response and Recovery Award

Hindu Council of Australia WA

Indian Society of WA (ISWA)

Organisation of African Communities in WA (OACWA)

Community Organisation Award—CaLD

Association of Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS)

Bunbury Multicultural Group

Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD)

Cockburn Chinese Community Association (CCCA)

Hindu Council of Australia WA

Indian Society of WA (ISWA)

Midwest Multicultural Association

Multicultural Connect Australia (MCA)

Multicultural Drama Dance

Multicultural Services Centre of WA (MSCWA)

Nigerian Association of WA (NAWA)

Organisation of African Communities in WA (OACWA)

Perth African Nations Sports Association (PANSA)

Roots TV

Community Organisation Award—General

Auspire – Australia Day Council WA

Community Arts Network (CAN)

Meerilinga Children and Community Foundation

Swim For Refugees

United Nations Association of Australia, Western Australia Division (UNAAWA)

William Langford Community House

Local Government Award

City of Belmont

City of Canning

City of Gosnells

City of Wanneroo

Public Sector Award

Child and Adolescent Health Service WA

WA Department of Health—Cancer Network

Arts Award

Mr Tusif Ahmad

Ms Nazila Jahangir Anbardan

Mrs Lene Makwana

Mr Sayyed Amir Mohammad Musavi

Ms Ana Lucia Pereira da Silva

Ms Zareena Qureshi

Mr Mararo Wangai

Sportsperson of the Year Award

Ms Sunday Aryang

Mr Christopher Geordas

Mr Soa Palelei

Youth Award

Mr Christopher-John Daudu

Mr Lueth Dengdit

Ms Surbhi Sharma

Outstanding Individual Achievement Award

Ms Aliaa Al Zayadi

Mr Surya Ambati

Ms Maria Aziz

Mrs Karla Benitez

Dr Sender Dovchin

Dr Pedus Eweama

Ms Carolina Gonzaga Allen

Ms Mary Gurgone

Ms Karen Huang

Dr Rateb Jneid

Mr Courage Madinya

Mr Mohd Hafiz Masli

Ms Blessings Masuku

Ms Ann Melbin

Mr James Oladejo

Mr Soa Palelei

Ms Henrietta Podgorska

Mr Dinesh Sharma

Mr Manveer Singh

Ms Adelin Taylor

Mr Joe Tuazama

Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award

Mrs Asha Bhat OAM

Dr Sender Dovchin

Dr Pedus Eweama

Mr Danny McEvoy

Mr Utsav Thapaliya

Laksiri Jayasuriya Lifetime Community Service Award

Ms Mary Gurgone

Mr Enzo Sirna AM

Minister's Awards for Distinguished Service

These awards are not won, but rather presented in recognition of dedication and service to the community.

For 2023, this award will be presented to the following people:

Mrs Constance & Mr Keith Allmark

Mr Salim Youssef



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