



Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia Inc.

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2022 Women's Hall of Fame

On 6 September 2022, Nihal Iscel, ECCWA's Speak My Language WA Coordinator attended the Launch of the Nominations for the 2023 WA Women's Hall of Fame with the Hon Minister Simone McGurk, Mr Kim Beasley, 2022 Inductees and the sponsors.

Nihal was honoured to be inducted in the 2022 WA Women's Hall of Fame and to be recognised for her services to people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities (CaLD) and people with disabilities. ECCWA would like to congratulate Nihal on this amazing achievement.

ECCWA would like to strongly encourage the nomination of women from CaLD backgrounds for the 2023 WA Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of their valuable hard work in the community in the following categories including arts, health, mental health, sports, business and economic independence, science and research, community services including services to the CaLD communities, Aboriginal people and people with disability.



For more information,
<https://www.wawomenshalloffame.com.au>

Assistive Technology (AT Chat)

Assistive Technology (AT) Chat assists people with disabilities in performing day-to-day activities. It helps maintain or improve your quality of life, enabling you to be more independent and participate in and connect with your community.

So you may wonder in what way can AT Chat assist you. AT Chat includes items like long-handled reaching aides to help you pick up objects from the floor, 'one-touch can openers', 'handy bars' to help you get out of the car right through to mobility aids, and the 'read-aloud' narrator built into your computer or mobile phones browser, and which reads text out to you.

So how do you find out and navigate AT Chat. The good news is that AT Chat is a peer-led, co-designed online community for Assistive Technology (AT) users to share information and lived experiences about AT. They aim to help build the confidence of people with disability to make AT decisions through access to peer support and peer-led information. AT Navigators can provide mentoring support to NDIS participants.

Further information on this can be obtained at this link <https://www.atchat.com.au/>

If you have enquiries you can email the following: at.chat@ilaustralia.org.au and use the AT Navigator Request in the subject line or phone (08) 6202 4700.

You can also connect with your community of AT users by joining AT Chatterbox - a uniquely wonderful Facebook community, open exclusively to AT users which provides a safe and supportive space to ask questions, share information, and chat with each other about all things AT.

If you are keen to join here's the link <http://bit.ly/ATchatterbox>

ECCWA 2022 Annual General Meeting

We wish to advise that our 2022 AGM will be held on Tuesday 18th October 2022 commencing at 5.30 pm at 20 View Street, North Perth.

All positions are currently available for nomination:

- President
- Senior Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice-President Women's Interest
- Vice-President Youth Affairs
- 10 Board Members

Nominations for these positions must be received by COB 07.10.2022

Please feel free to contact our office on 9227 5322 or our Executive Officer Vivienne Pillay on 0433 998 281 or email her at vivienne@eccwa.org.au.

Disability Royal Commission Consultation Held at ECCWA

On 16 August 2022, the Ethnic Communities Council of WA (ECCWA) supported the Disability Royal Commission (DRC) to organize a consultation with people with disability from culturally and linguistically Diverse (CaLD) backgrounds, their families, carers, and community leaders.

The DRC representatives wanted to hear what changes people from CaLD backgrounds would like to see the Australian government make for people with disability. It was a highly interactive night with many ideas put forward.

For further information or to submit, please refer to the DRC website at the following link <https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/share-your-story/make-your-submission>.



Optus Customers in WA Impacted by Data Breach

The State Government of WA is taking immediate steps to safeguard the identities of Western Australians impacted by the Optus data breach.

Any Western Australian who is contacted by Optus and advised that their driver's licence details have been compromised by this breach can attend a Department of Transport centre or regional agent to apply for a new driver's license card and number - free of charge.

For more information, please see the State Government of WA's Media Statement at this link:

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2022/09/State-Government-acts-to-protect-WA-Optus-customers-impacted-by-data-breach.aspx>

WA Harmony Week Grants 2023

As part of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Harmony Week 2023 campaign, \$2000 grants are offered to support community-led activities promoting and celebrating multiculturalism in Western Australia.

All not-for-profit organisations based in WA and associations operating under the Western Australia Associations Incorporation Act 2015 are eligible to apply for funding to support activities with a focus on culture, arts, sport and active recreation.

Applications close on Monday 10 October 2022.

For more information about the grants please visit the Harmony Week Page at this link:

<https://www.omi.wa.gov.au/events-and-training/harmony-week>



Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March

This year's Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March will take place on Tuesday, 29th of November 2022, at Forest Chase, Perth, from 10 am to 1 pm.

The event is organised by the Centre of Women's Safety and Well Being which is the peak body for women's community-based health (Women's Health Centres), sexual assault services and Family and Domestic Violence specialist services in Western Australia.

The Silent March is the longest-running family and domestic violence march in Australia. It has endured due to the long-standing commitment of the former Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services. This year will be the 32nd year that this event has been held.

The March provides an opportunity for the community to reflect on the profound impact of family and domestic violence and our shared responsibility to work to change the disturbingly high prevalence of this serious human rights and public health issue. The term domestic violence includes all forms of behaviours, which are designed to control or harm.

ECCWA will be having a stall at the event. Hope to see you there.

**32ND ANNUAL SILENT
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
MEMORIAL MARCH**

Tuesday 29 November | Forrest Chase, Perth
10.00am - 1.00pm

Thank you to our sponsor

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Migrant and Refugee Women and Girls with Disabilities Survey

Harmony Alliance, Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA) and National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA) are surveying the experiences of women, girls, women-identifying, and non-binary people with disabilities from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

If you have had interaction or experiences with health care and disability support services in Australia, your participation in the survey will help Harmony Alliance, Women with Disabilities Australia and National Ethnic Disability Alliance to better understand the situation of migrant and refugee women with disabilities in Australia and their access to services. The data and analysis of this survey will inform their policy work on the key issues experienced by migrant, refugee women and girls with disabilities.

The Survey is available in Arabic, English, Mandarin, Nepali, Spanish, and Swahili.

All information gathered in this survey is completely confidential and participants will not be identifiable in any way. They will not ask you for your name or contact details or any other personal details which could identify you.

You can access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGRS997English>

Western Australia African Communities Awards Night 2022

The Western Australian African Communities Awards (WAACA Awards) recognize the positive contribution and impact of African Australians in WA. The awards acknowledge young people, innovators, business leaders, community leaders, and champions for their contributions to the African Australian community locally, state-wide, and nationally. The Awards also reward outstanding community groups and organisations that support the state's multicultural agendas.

The Organisation of African Communities in Western Australia had its fifth annual WA African Communities Awards (WAAC Awards) ceremony on 3 September 2022 at the Pan Pacific. ECCWA was honoured to be invited to this event.

Eight community categories received the awards with the theme "Building a Vibrant, Resilient and Strong African Community in the Midst of COVID-19".

1. Emerging Young Leader Award
2. Women in Leadership
3. Outstanding Community Champion
4. Excellence in Innovation
5. Social Change and Impact Award
6. Community Pillar Awards
7. Sport & Entertainment Award
8. Students Award

ECCWA would like to congratulate the recipients of the various awards, on the night and their recognition was well deserved.

