



Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.

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**NMAWA
Volunteering WA Finalists 2024**



Senior Wisdom



**Independence Day
Fiesta**



Celebrating our dedicated volunteers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members and readers,

It has been a hectic end to the financial year for the Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc., with a number of exciting events and initiatives taking place.

Our CaLD Professional Network continues to grow and thrive, providing valuable support and networking opportunities for culturally and linguistically diverse professionals in the Northwest.

The recent Dragon Boat Festival was a great success, bringing together families to celebrate and enjoy a day of fun and camaraderie.

We also had the pleasure of hosting a Senior's Wisdom Morning Tea, where our elders shared their stories and wisdom with us. It was a truly inspiring and heartwarming event.

The groundbreaking international collaboration between the Pilbara organisation and overseas university and museum--- 'Unearthing Taiwan's Mining Industry: Past, Present and Future' photography exhibition at the Dampier Community Hub was a fascinating exploration of Taiwan's rich mining history. The exhibition showcased the successful cases of mining town transformation and gives good inspiration to the Pilbara.

Looking ahead in upcoming months, we will be hosting the Karratha Innovation Challenge, where we will showcase the innovative ideas and projects that the youths in our community are working on. This is a great opportunity to highlight the talent and creativity within our future generations.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the Northwest Multicultural Festival and Forum 2024 will be held on 19 October 2024. The event includes local performers and multicultural performers traveling from Perth, food vans, market stalls, workshops. Other than amusement and celebration, we also include a half-day forum for the cultural leaders, services providers and government officials to join together to brainstorm on CaLD issues. Our team is working extremely hard to ensure that it is a success, and we look forward to celebrating the diversity and richness of our community at this special event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their continued support and dedication. Your hard work and commitment are what make our association successful and vibrant.

Thank you once again, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Warm regards,

Karen Huang

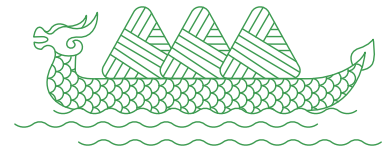
President
Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.



NMAWA Committee for 2024

Karen Huang - President
Joseph Almonte - Vice President
Ren Mullane - Treasurer
Julie Davies - Secretary
William Lee - Committee
Shan Su - Committee
Eva Liew - Committee
Wiwik Mears - Committee
Momette Gunda - Committee
Vicki Long (not pictured)





Dragonboat Festival



Dragonboat Festival



Community members enjoyed making traditional sticky rice dumpling



Community members with some of our NMAWA committee



Tasty Chinese cuisine was prepared for sale on the day by community member Grace pictured above. The menu included chicken, beef and vegetarian options.



Pictured above: NMA President Karen Huang with some Zongzi that were made on the day to be shared in the community at Ieramugadu Store Maya.



Our team attended the **Samahang Pilipino Karratha's** 126th Philippines Independence Day at the Leisureplex. We enjoyed an evening of fantastic entertainment and delicious foods. Congratulations and thanks to President K.C Cruz and committee for their hospitality.



Pictured from left: Shan Su, Eva Liew, William Lee, NMA President Karen Huang, Samahang Pilipino President KC Cruz, and Secretary Marianne Matanguihan, Momette Lormyr Gunda, Mr Kevin Michel MLA, and NMA Vice President Joseph Almonte



Community Conversation



Our Vice President Joseph Almonte represented the Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc. (NMAWA) to join a conversation with the Member for Oxley Hon. Milton Dick MP , Member for Durack Hon. Melissa Price MP , Susan Grylls from the Pilbara Kimberley University Centres , Sarah Whelan from KDCCI , Don and Riley discussing the importance of the local diverse community and hear about the presentation of 'Parliament in schools' for our future generation of students. We are glad to help the voice of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community to be heard.

CaLD Professional Network

June Programme event



Photo: Finance expert **Ren Mullane** presented Workshop <Understand Your Financial Statements and Tax Return>s to the attendees from Karratha and Hedland.



CaLD Professional Network program creates a platform for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community to learn and upskill in the Pilbara.

Living in the regional area, quality education and learning opportunities are precious. We are fortunate to have experts and professionals from different fields to share their knowledge and skills with the learners, help bridge the gap and make the community thrive.

The CaLD Professional Network was initially established with the support of Office of Multicultural Interests City of Karratha, Pilbara Ports & Fortescue. This year we are privileged to have Rio Tinto and Chevron to help us continue the program!



Community Story



Katherine Cruz



My name is Katherine Cruz, and I am honoured to serve as the President of the Filipino Community in Karratha Incorporated.

Alongside this role, I work as the Assistant Manager at Telstra Karratha and run a drop shipping business on the side. I am also happily married for five years and am thankful for my lovely, supportive wife.

I first visited Australia in October 2014 during my university break, staying for only two weeks. After returning to the Philippines to continue my Pharmacy course, I made the decision in March 2015 to permanently move to Australia with my family. My dad, who worked as a welder/boilermaker, petitioned for the whole family, and ever since, Karratha has been our home away from home.

I grew up in Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, which is the total opposite of Karratha. At first, I was bored and even asked my dad to send me back to the Philippines because there wasn't much to do here. Gradually, I started traveling outside of Karratha, exploring different cities in various states. I even lived in Perth for at least a year and a half during my wife's cancer journey.

This helped me realize that Karratha is the best place for me. What I love about it is the simplicity of life: everything is just five minutes away, there's no traffic, everyone is very friendly, and I feel secure. But the best part is the beautiful camping spots, stunning beaches, colourful sunsets, and the amazing experience of the night sky.

I have now been living in Karratha for almost 10 years, and I'm loving it. Taking on the responsibility as the new President of the Filipino Community in Karratha Incorporated has added more excitement to my life here. I took this position to give back to my fellow Filipinos, and I'm looking forward to more projects and events.

Karratha has truly become my home, a place where I have found peace, community, and endless natural beauty. I am excited to continue contributing to this wonderful town and watching it grow and thrive.



Inclusive Volunteering Award by Volunteering WA

Northwest Multicultural Association Inc recognised as Finalist
by Shan Su

Volunteering has a powerful impact when it is accessible to all.

The *Inclusive Volunteering Award* celebrates organisations that have created inclusive cultures, reflecting the diverse communities they serve and improving participation from a broader range of community members.

Our Northwest Multicultural Association was honoured to be one of the finalists in this esteemed category. We stood alongside some very strong community contributors, and we have much to learn from their inspiring efforts.

This recognition serves as a testament to our contributions to the community.

Celebrating the night with all the amazing volunteers in the room was a wonderful experience. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed, and this recognition makes us even more grateful for the incredible community we have and for all of our volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to make Karratha a better place to live. Together, we continue to build a more inclusive and vibrant community, and we look forward to many more years of impactful volunteering.

Thank you to everyone who supports and participates in our initiatives. Your contributions are what make our community strong and united.



Left to right:
Karen Huang NMA President together with Shan Su Founding Committee member





Seniors Wisdom

Autumn Club community



Our team recently had the privilege of organising a Senior's Wisdom morning tea to reflect the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Yvonne, the President of Karratha Autumn Club, along with Vivien, Dot, Julie, Judy, Sue and Mary shared their incredible life journeys and wisdom with our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community.

It was truly inspiring to hear about their experiences and the importance of independence in preventing elder abuse. We are excited to include these shared experiences below.



The Autumn Club is a wonderful organisation that provides support for seniors in our community. They offer a range of activities and bus pick-up services to promote the senior's health, well-being, and social connection.

Thanks to Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre and Department of Communities in supporting the seniors in this regional area.



Japanese Cooking Adventure



Japanese Cooking Class

Nikujaga (Beef and Potato Stew)
Deep Fried Tofu



Book your spots now!
\$40 member
\$50 non-member

27/07 Saturday
10 am-12 pm

(Bring your own takeaway container for your cooking)

Join us for a fun and interactive Japanese cooking class where you'll learn how to make delicious Nikujaga (Beef and Potato Stew) & Deep-Fried Tofu!

This in-person event will take place at the **Pam Buchanan Family Centre Kitchen.**

Our experienced chef, Naomi, will guide you through the step-by-step process of preparing these authentic Japanese dishes. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned cook, this class is perfect for anyone who wants to explore the flavours of Japan.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn some new cooking skills and enjoy a tasty meal! Limited spots are available, so be sure to sign up soon.

Remember to bring your own takeaway containers and personal cutlery if needed.

Ticket sales via our Facebook webpage or email admin@nmawa.org.au

Japanese Cooking Class

Steamed Prawn Dumplings
Eggplant with Miso Dressing



Book your spots now!
\$40 member
\$50 non-member

31/08 Saturday
10 am-12 pm

(Bring your own takeaway container for your cooking)

Japanese Cooking Class

Fried Chicken with Vinegar and Tartar Sauce
Chinese Cabbage with Fried Tofu



Book your spots now!
\$40 member
\$50 non-member

30/11 Saturday
10 am-12 pm


(Bring your own takeaway container for your cooking)




Coming Events

KOLLYWOOD DANCE IN KARRATHA

Experience the dance like a Bollywood/Kollywood star!!



Saturday
13/07/2024
1:00 pm-2:00pm
Red Earth Arts Precinct
Studio Rooms A & B
Hosted by Choreographer Baalu




MONEY SMART FOR KIDS


CHILD FINANCE
AGES 8-14

Date: Saturday 27/07/2024
Time: 12 pm-2 pm
Venue: Karratha Library (Read Room)
Age: 8-14 yrs
RSVP essential

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR KIDS



Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.



Northwest Multicultural Association Inc. Multicultural Festival & Forum
Saturday, October 19, 2024
at Red Earth Arts Precinct



Unearthing Taiwan's Mining Industry: Past, Present and Future

Photography Exhibition

《發掘台灣採礦業的過去、現在與未來》攝影展

Dig deep into Taiwan's rich mining history and culture.
深入了解台灣豐富的礦業歷史文化

Date: 15/06-14/07 2024
Time: MON-FRI 9 AM- 4 PM
SAT 9 AM- 12 PM

Location:
Dampier Community Hub Foyer

Unearthing Taiwan's Mining Industry: Past, Present and Future

Photography Exhibition

《發掘台灣礦業的過去、現在與未來》攝影展

Have you visited the 'Unearthing Taiwan's Mining Industry: Past, Present and Future' photography exhibition at Dampier Community Hub?

This exhibition is a unique project partnered with the Houtong Mining Visual Project by National Taipei University of Technology and Houtong Miners' Culture and History Museum.

This exhibition gives an international case study of mining town transformation and also offers an opportunity to make comparisons between the mining industry in the Pilbara and another area. This exhibition is on display until 14 July!

Thank you to City of Karratha, Rio Tinto, and Chevron for supporting NMA annual programs. Thanks to Fuyao International and Northwest International for their valued support to co-ordinate this exhibition. A special thanks also to Dampier Community Association for supplying the exhibition space!

"...Visitors can compare the mining industry in northern Taiwan with that of the Pilbara region of Australia... explore the similarities and differences in the development of the industry and its lifestyle, prompting reflection on the impact of the mining industry on the environment, society, and economy, and how to achieve a balance between economic development and sustainability..."



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES ACROSS 11 CAMPUS LOCATIONS

NR TAFE has campuses situated right across the north of Western Australia, in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Karratha, Kununurra, Minurmarghali Mia (Roebourne), Newman, Pundulmurra (South Hedland), Tom Price, and Wyndham.



Please visit our website for detailed course information

Skill Sets marked with **1/2 Price** form part of a Qualification under the Skills Ready lower fees, local skills initiative, allowing eligible students to pay just half of the standard course fees for training until 2025.

National Skill Sets and State Skill Sets marked with **FREE** form part of the Skills Ready initiative to provide you with fully fee-free Job Ready Short Course Skill Sets.

Local Skill Sets marked with **FREE** will be 100% course fee free.

*Currently enrolled secondary school-aged students, certain Australian visa holders, and participants who have previously completed the relevant accredited unit of competencies are subject to a commercial fee.

**These skill sets are delivered as part of a qualification.


*** These skill sets are funded for secondary school-aged students in year 11 and 12.

Please call **1300 966 573** or email **info@nrtafe.wa.edu.au** to enrol or find out more.

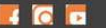
The information displayed in this calendar is correct as at **27 June 2024**, however, is subject to change without notice.

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Jobs & Skills Centre provides free and independent training information and career guidance to assist you with information on education and training courses, career pathway options and the career planning process. JSCr team can help you with:

- discovering your career interests and focusing on your career choices;
- career planning tools and resources;
- skills and qualification recognition information
- education and training options;
- apprenticeship and traineeship assistance;
- career pathway information;
- making choices and action planning; and
- job matching and your job search.



What's your plan?

Call 9168 9488 to book an appointment **TODAY!**

Walk ins are also welcome

 **JOBS & SKILLS CENTRE**

COMMUNITY SURVEY 2024



We want your feedback!

Please complete the survey on the link below.



Community Survey



**Northwest Multicultural
Association WA Inc.**

Support NMAWA

Collect your recyclable items and support your Association



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RECYCLING**

Let's all make change.

MEMBER NUMBER

Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.

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thank you

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, the Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc. has been able to make a significant impact in our community.

Through a variety of events and programs, we have been able to promote diversity, inclusion, and cultural understanding. From cultural festivals and workshops to educational seminars and community outreach initiatives, our sponsors have played a crucial role in bringing people together and fostering unity.

We are grateful for their belief in our organisation and the work that we do, and we look forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of many individuals in our region.

