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Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Members and Friends!

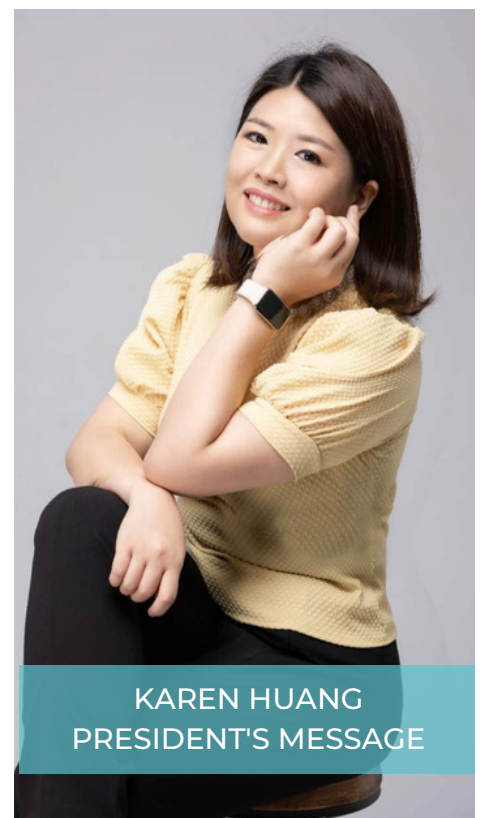
We are pleased to introduce our first newsletter for 2023.

We have many exciting events planned for this year, and we'd like to keep you updated on all the latest news and opportunities on offer.

Our annual Northwest Multicultural Show is back for 2023. This year it will be held at the Red Earth Arts Precinct, and we welcome enquiries from performers and sponsors. The **EOI** is now open for Performers, Choir members & Cultural Experience stallholders and market stallholders. If you're interested in showcasing your culture, we're looking for more performers, choir members, cultural experience and market stallholders to join us this year. It's an incredible opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity.



JOIN US AGAIN FOR ANOTHER AMAZING NIGHT



KAREN HUANG
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



OPENING OF CALD NETWORK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of the Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the first release of our newsletter. As the President of this dynamic organisation, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to connect with you and share our passion for the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community in the North West.

Our association is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion in all aspects of our community. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to feel valued and respected, regardless of race, ethnicity, or cultural background. We are committed to fostering a welcoming environment where everyone can thrive and contribute to our collective success.

As we embark on this exciting journey, I want to extend my gratitude to all of our members and supporters who have helped make this organisation a reality. Your dedication and hard work are truly inspiring, and I am honoured to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Moving forward, our association will continue to grow and make a positive impact on the lives of those around us. I invite you to join us in our mission to promote diversity and inclusion, and to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the North West.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working together with all of you to build a brighter future for our community.

Sincerely,

Karen Huang

President
Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.



NMAWA Committee for 2023

Karen Huang - President
William Lee - Vice President
Vacant - Treasurer
Julie Davies - Secretary
Neia Young - Asst Secretary
Shan Su - Committee
Claire Lin - Committee
Eva Liew - Committee
Katherine Hsu - Committee
Shane Young - Committee

Recent CaLD Member events



LAUNCH CALD PROFESSIONAL NETWORK



CONSUMER PROTECTION WA PRESENTATION BY GWENNYTH HAYWOOD



CIRCLE GREEN COMMUNITY LEGAL PRESENTATION



JAPANESE LANGUAGE CAFE AT STADIUM 26



CALD BACKPACKERS CAFE MEET AT STADIUM 26



CALD MENTAL HEALTH EVENT AT REAP

[Visit our Facebook page for all the details](#)

Round up of Member events Jan- June



HARMONY DAY ZUMBA PARTY WITH KAREN BAILEY



HARMONY DAY QUIZ FUN AT GRAND CENTRAL TAVERN



HAPPY ATTENDEES AT JAPANESE COOKING CLASS



FUN BAKING WITH CHEF WILLIAM LEE



JAPANESE COOKING WITH CHEF NAOMI WANGEMANN



COMMITTEE MEMBER EVA ATTENDED PASTRY COOKING WITH CHEF WILLIAM LEE

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Round up of Member events Jan- June



CAISHEN VISIT ON LANTERN DAY



LANTERN DAY AT KARRATHA SHOPPING CENTRE



NMAWA VOLUNTEER JESSICA



CALLIGRAPHY FUN ON LANTERN DAY



AUSTRALIA DAY FUN AT DAMPIER



AUSTRALIA DAY FUN AT DAMPIER

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MEMBER'S STORY

NMAWA SECRETARY - JULIE DAVIES



Julie Davies has been living and working in Karratha since 2011. She works in the Maritime Industry at Inchcape Shipping Services Dampier, a market leading Shipping Agency who looks after vessels with international crews from around the world 24/7.

MEMBER Q & A

Why did you move to Karratha?

I moved to Karratha in 2011 as my partner came to work with his brother and nephew at Karratha Glass.

What do you like most about living here?

The seasons - we have two. Non cyclone season and cyclone season.

During cyclone season we talk about the weather a lot!!

What surprised you about Karratha?

Frozen bread in the supermarket.

What food do you miss from your hometown?

Horseshoe rolls.

I am the fortunate daughter of a South Australian Mum and a U.K born Dad.

We lived in Perth for all my childhood, and moved several times while I was growing up.

I have always loved knowing about different cultures, and this started very early in life with my first friends at school who were from Myanmar (Burma), Netherlands, Noongar, Italy and Scotland.

When I moved to high school, we learned French in year 8 which I loved, and I have had a bit of a love affair with everything French for most of my life. I read a lot as a child and often found French phrases to look up and use in daily conversations. But high school for me is now a long time ago, and much of what I learned has been forgotten. My partner moved here for work in 2010, and I packed up my life in Perth and moved here in 2011.

From the time I arrived in Karratha I was busy with work, raising family and some travel in between. But when my youngest child had moved out of home to start University, then things were a lot quieter at home.

I started watching Chinese content on Netflix. My interest was piqued with a show called "Ashes of Love" and I used the English subtitles entirely to understand the plot. But that one TV show led to many more, and suddenly, I could understand some of the audio without looking at the screen.

How exciting! I was starting to learn to speak Mandarin.

As luck would have it, NMAWA advertised that they would be having language lessons for Children and Adults. The sign-up day would be held at their Annual festival at the Tambrey Oval.

I decided that I really wanted to pursue this learning so off I went to find out more. I was greeted at the door by a lady with colourful earrings who indicated I should go off to a side table to have a chat with the instructor.

So, I did exactly that and it was about two months later I found myself in the first beginners' class in the Pilbara Universities Centre in The Quarter Building.

Talk about being out of my comfort zone! It was hard both learning as an adult and having to be vulnerable when you know that you are going to make mistakes. But I enjoyed learning from my Tutor Frida and had fun with the fellow students in class. It was the highlight of my week!

As I learned more, I grew to admire so many things about Chinese culture. 我爱中国文化

I then completed a second course about Business Mandarin at Pilbara Universities and getting to know my talented course Tutor better in turn led me to help a little with some of the activities at NMAWA.

Before I knew it I was signed up as a NMAWA Member, then later voted onto the Committee for 2023, and now I am a regular at many of the events.

I welcome the opportunity to serve the Pilbara CaLD community and I value the many opportunities to connect with all the different nationalities and be exposed to all that their cultures have to offer.

The world is not beige. It is all the colours of the rainbow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Japanese Cuisine

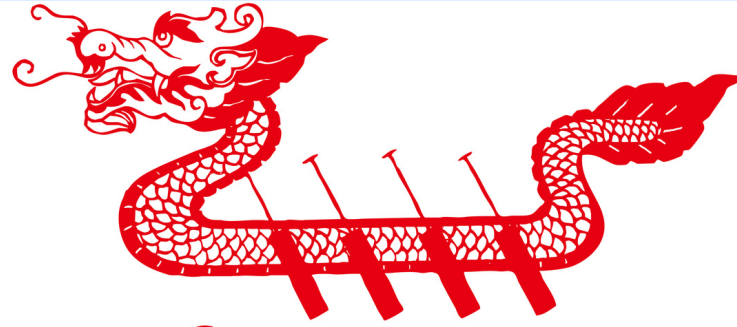
Oyakodon (Chicken and egg rice bowl)
Green beans seasoned with sesame sauce



Book your spots now!
\$35 member
\$45 non-member

24/06 Saturday
10 am-12 pm

JAPANESE COOKING CLASS
WITH CHEF NAOMI WANGEMANN



25/06/2023

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IELTS EXAM DATES: (KARRATHA)
24/06/2023
09/09/2023
02/12/2023

LOCATION:
PILBARA UNIVERSITIES CENTRE



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LEARN TO COOK AUTHENTIC THAI
CUISINE WITH JANG.

\$75 PER PERSON

OPTIONAL SOCIAL DINNER AFTER THE COOKING CLASS

Three signature dishes to take home with you:

Thai Fish cake

Pad Kra Pao (basil chicken stir fry)

Tom kha gai with omelette

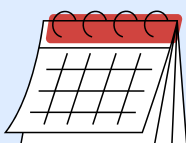


DATE: 01 JULY 2023

TIME: 2 PM - 4 PM

LOCATION: THE THAI CORNER/ EMPIRE 6714

RSVP: ADMIN@NMAWA.ORG.AU



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit our Facebook Page for the latest
events for members and friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nepalese Night Dinner Buffet

COMING IN JULY

Curated menu and Nepalese music
by Sky Restaurant
(Vegetarian option is available)

NMA Member \$35
Non-member \$45
Children
(5-15 yr \$15 / under 5: FREE)

Softdrinks available & BYO

RSVP: admin@nmawa.org.au



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Chinese Cooking Class

JULY PROGRAM
COMING SOON



We invite you to share feedback on our events
between January and May 2023.

<https://form.jotform.com/231268115645455>

Thank you for participating in our community
survey. Your feedback is important to us and
will help us to improve our services and
events to better meet the needs of our
community. If you have any additional
comments, suggestions, or feedback you'd
like to share, please feel free to message us or
email us. Thank you for supporting the
Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc.,
and we look forward to bringing more
professional services to our community!

KARRATHA

30 July 2023

JOIN US IN KARRATHA

Be on our Team

We invite members and friends to be
part of the NMAWA team for the
CITY TO SURF fun run

An easy 4km walk or a brisk 12km run.

When: 07:30 start 30 July, 2023
Where: Searipple Park, Bulgarra



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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We welcome you to apply to become a member of NMAWA Inc.

Our members enjoy discounted event prices throughout the year.

Annual memberships: Individual \$20 or Family \$50

Some of our programs include:

- Community Baking Class
- Japanese Cuisine Class
- CaLD Professional Networking events throughout the year
- Community language programs for children and adults
- Annual Multicultural Dance and Fashion Parade
- Annual cultural events

Volunteers welcomed: if you have some time to help and make new friends

Contact us directly or visit Seek Volunteer

<https://www.volunteer.com.au/> to see how you can get involved.

Sign up for our e-newsletter

Email: admin@nmawa.org.au

Find us on **facebook** or visit our website www.nmawa.org.au

Embracing Diversity

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIAN DEPT OF HOME AFFAIRS

If you have applied for a visa, you may receive a phone call from an officer from the Department of Home Affairs to get some more information to progress your application. Phone calls may come from any of our departmental officers, including those located overseas and may occur outside of standard business hours.

Be aware of scammers who impersonate the Department of Home Affairs. They may contact you by phone and say they are calling on our behalf. Our staff will always identify themselves before they ask for any information. You can verify that you are speaking with a departmental officer by asking them to confirm your file number or your application lodgement date.

Our staff will never ask for your:

- Credit card information
- Banking details
- ImmiAccount password
- Payment over the phone.

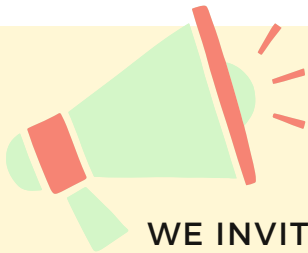
For more information and to check the requirements for your visa, visit:
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

If you need help with your visa application, immigration assistance services are available. For more information and a list of authorised providers, visit: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/check-twice-submit-once>

MEMBER NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We encourage you to share your immigrant stories, experiences and perspectives and invite you to either submit an article or complete our easy interview questions for the next edition of the newsletter in August 2023.

Our team can be contacted by email admin@nmawa.org.au



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