

## Media Release

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### **SydWest Multicultural Services CEO an awards finalist!**

Elfa Moraitakis, CEO of SydWest Multicultural Services, has been recognised as a finalist in this year's Third Sector Awards for the not-for-profit sector.

Ms Moraitakis is one of five finalists for the national award category of CEO of the Year.

'I'm delighted and humbled to receive such an acknowledgement, especially if it draws attention to our work with vulnerable communities,' Ms Moraitakis said.

'I also believe that when an individual is recognised for their contribution, it is a credit to having a great team of people working alongside you. Thank you to all of the wonderful, dedicated people who make up SydWest Multicultural Services and work tirelessly for our community.'

Tamara Giles, Chair of SydWest Multicultural Services Board, welcomed the nomination as an important recognition of Ms Moraitakis' leadership and advocacy, speaking out on behalf of multicultural communities.

'Elfa has led the organisation as CEO for the past six years and is a tireless advocate. Her passion and expertise has seen the organisation grow significantly over that time, which has enabled us to address even more community needs.'

'The Western Sydney based organisation has been extremely busy this past year, providing assistance to refugees and others from non-English speaking backgrounds. In addition to running a wide array of support programs, the organisation has played an active role in the dissemination of vital public health advice about COVID-19.'

'As a result, SydWest Multicultural Services now provide services in domestic violence prevention, youth services and NDIS and social support programs for seniors across 17 language backgrounds, as well as in-home aged care and community engagement services throughout western Sydney.'



‘Cast your vote for SydWest Multicultural Services so that we can continue to raise our profile and use our voice in advocacy for the people of western Sydney.’

Third Sector and a team of judges, with the help of a public vote, will decide this year’s award winners.

[Click to vote your CEO of the Year in 2021](#)

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**SydWest Multicultural Services** is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities. Established more than 35 years ago, SydWest provides a range of services to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) individuals and communities services to assist with settling and living productive and independent lives in the community. We offer flexible and integrated service models across the life course of refugees and migrants, supporting the self-determination and empowerment of our diverse communities. SydWest is an innovative employer of choice, with passionate, qualified and experienced bilingual and bicultural staff who are sensitive to the languages and cultures of the communities we represent. With locations in Blacktown, Mt Druitt, Penrith and Rouse Hill, we cover all matters of cultural diversity in the region.

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