

Media Release

Vice Regal Visit to SydWest Multicultural Services on the 17th October

21st October 2019

SydWest Multicultural Services was proud to share our work with the Governor of NSW today.

The SydWest Multicultural Services Board and Senior Management team hosted Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr. Dennis Wilson at our head office in Blacktown, providing opportunity for SydWest to share our work with refugees, migrants and CALD community members through our diverse work.

The visit was chaired by Robert Fitzgerald, Chair of SydWest's Board and Chief Inspector of the Blacktown Local Area Command. He was supported by other Board Members Bridget Sarris (Treasurer), Dr Karin Mackay, Clr Moninder Singh and Vish Vishwanathan.

Senior management staff representing SydWest were Nikolayka Bentcheva, Corporate Services, Clement Meru, Community Services & Engagement and Alex Jeloudev, Aged Care & Disability Services.

With more than 150 years of combined experience at SydWest, our representatives presented an overview of our work in Settlement services, Youth, Families, Disability Employment, Aged Care and NDIS/Disability Services.

Blacktown is the second largest LGA in NSW with 182 languages spoken and the largest Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) population at 2.8%. SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities.

As part of the visit, Her Excellency and Mr. Wilson visited our Filipino and Iranian Seniors Social Support Groups, who both welcomed her with song and were excited to meet the Governor of NSW.

Before leaving, the Governor and Mr. Wilson also enjoyed a short tour of the SydWest office, taking the time to meet some of our staff – all with their own multicultural backgrounds.

SydWest Multicultural Services looks forward to building ongoing links with the Governor of NSW, particularly to support opportunities for great impact and sharing the good news about the successful settlement and growth of newer residents in the Western Sydney area.

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About SydWest Multicultural Services

SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities.

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. [Learn More](#)

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. [Read More](#)

With locations in Blacktown, Mt Druitt, Penrith and Rouse Hill, we cover all matters of cultural diversity in the region.