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## SydWest Multicultural Services commemorates Harmony Week with big celebration in Blacktown

**SydWest Multicultural Services** is hosting its annual Harmony Week celebration event on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March 2023 in Blacktown.

The event is a celebration of inclusivity and diversity, where *everyone belongs*.

The event will feature a delightful array of cultural entertainment including:

- Chinese Mandarin Seniors performing Welcoming the Bride dance
- Filipino singers and dancers karaoke-style
- A Fijian Indian Meke dance performance
- South Sudanese superstar singer Silver X

Special guest speakers include the Deputy Mayor of Blacktown and the SydWest Youth representative Zahra Tokhi providing a youth perspective on the opportunities as reflected with Harmony Week, as well as senior executives of SydWest.

There will be some entertaining and interactive activities on the Village Green during the event, such as a Zumba class, Mr Bubbles and a Laughter Class. There will also be children's activities happening throughout the event.

The program promises to be a fun and engaging celebration of Harmony Week 2023! We are looking forward to everyone feeling like they belong and coming along to join in the fun as a member of the inclusive community that is Blacktown City.

*We look forward to this opportunity to celebrate our inclusive community, bringing diverse peoples together to share in the festivities. While our event is an uplifting celebration, we are conscious of its origins and the need to continually work hard to connect cultures and build community and ensure that we all stand strong against any form of racism and discrimination",* said SydWest CEO, Elfa Moraitakis.

*We are also grateful to organisations such as Blacktown City Council and Sri Sathya Sai Global Council Australia for their sponsored support of our event,* Elfa said.

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SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities. Established nearly 40 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.