



25 November 2025

MEDIA RELEASE

SydWest Multicultural Services Celebrates 40 Years of Building Belonging

Annual General Meeting & Anniversary Event – 27 November 2025

Western Sydney's leading multicultural service provider, **SydWest Multicultural Services**, will mark a major milestone on **Thursday, 27 November 2025**, celebrating **40 years of service** to culturally and linguistically diverse communities alongside its **Annual General Meeting**.

Since its founding in 1985, SydWest has been a cornerstone for migrants and refugees, ensuring that **belonging is not a privilege but a right**. From settlement support to aged care, disability services, youth programs and women's initiatives, SydWest has helped thousands of families thrive in their new home.

"Our journey tells a story of resilience and community," says **Elfa Moraitakis**, CEO of SydWest. "Belonging is the heartbeat of everything we do. It's about creating spaces where people feel seen, heard and valued."

The event will bring together **VIPs, past leaders and long-term supporters**, including:

- **Sneha Chatterjee**, First Assistant Secretary, Office for Multicultural Affairs
- **Noel Hiffernan**, former Board Member and disability rights advocate
- **Irene Ross**, former Senior Centre Manager at SydWest
- Advocates, community champions and many other stakeholders who have shaped SydWest's legacy.

Photo Opportunity:

Media representatives are invited to capture this historic celebration featuring distinguished guests, cultural performances and community stories that reflect four decades of impact.

Event Details:

Venue: Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church Street

Date: Thursday, 27 November 2025

Time: 2.30pm – 5pm



STATEMENT ENDS /

Media Enquiries:

For further information or to arrange photo opportunities or interviews, contact Vikki Hine, Media and Events, SydWest Multicultural Services on vikki.hine@sydwestms.org.au or 0428-109-215 OR Peter Skarparis 0434 403 273 peter.skarparis@sydwestms.org.au

Follow us on:

- [LinkedIn](#) (SydWest Multicultural Services)
- [Facebook](#) (@sydwestms)
- [Instagram](#) (@sydwestmulticulturalservices)

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 and Penrith, we cover all matters of cultural diversity in the region.