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| **OMI weekly news update**  |

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| As we come to the end of the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for the OMI team during 2018.It has been a very busy year as we work to deliver programs and initiatives to meet the needs of the Western Australian community.Our work is done in partnership with the community, and other stakeholders, and we value and respect this important relationship.The Office of Multicultural Interests will be closed from **Monday 24 December 2018 to Tuesday 1 January 2019**, inclusive. During this period, please send emails to harmony@omi.wa.gov.au.We looking forward another productive year in 2019 and wish you, your family and community all the best for the holiday season. Kim EllwoodExecutive DirectorOffice of Multicultural Interests.  https://gallery.mailchimp.com/6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583/images/b7eb8bb7-ee39-4e75-8c58-b23169806f23.jpg  **Western Australian of the Year Awardshttps://gallery.mailchimp.com/6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583/images/216612c2-c14d-4a68-b70f-475c4ef8e98c.jpg**The Western Australian of the Year Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding contribution to our state by those born and bred in Western Australia, or those who have chosen to make Western Australia their home.The awards are presented in seven categories: * Aboriginal Award
* Art and Culture Award
* Business Award
* Professions Award
* Sport Award
* Youth Award.

More information, including how to nominate, can be accessed on the [Celebrate WA website.](https://omi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583&id=4b86d02814&e=2497154426)Nominations close **Friday 15 February 2019.** **International students welcome eventhttps://gallery.mailchimp.com/6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583/images/07ad0572-6e3b-427b-b377-de680a4eba09.jpg**Study Perth, in association with WA universities and the Government House, is organising a special welcome event  to make newly arrived international students feel welcome in Perth and to reassure parents that their children have chosen a friendly, safe and welcoming study destination.**Date:**              11.00am to 1.00pm **Sunday 17 February 2019****Venue:**           [Government House Gardens](https://omi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583&id=3bab493387&e=2497154426)                       13 St Georges Terrace, Perth **Dress code:**   casualThe event marks the start of students’ education journey in Perth and the beginning of an enduring connection with Western Australia.Register to attend the event by **Friday 18 January 2019.**For more information please email events@cathyfogliani.com.au orcall 0407 330 559. **Review of integration, employment and settlement outcomes for refugeeshttps://gallery.mailchimp.com/6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583/images/7818ec2b-ad45-4043-9b95-85ed1c8b2690.jpg**The Government has commissioned an independent review into the integration, employment and settlement outcomes for refugee and humanitarian migrants to Australia. The review will provide advice to the Government on how to better support refugees and humanitarian entrants to make valuable contributions to our social fabric and our economy. It will recommend options to improve integration, employment and settlement outcomes.Targeted consultations will be conducted with stakeholders across settlement, industry and academic sectors and report to the Government in February 2019.[More  information including terms of reference for the review](https://omi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583&id=79f39dbe03&e=2497154426) **Click on the links below for more valuable information and opportunities for multicultural communities in WA:** * [Arts and disability mentoring initiative 2019 - 21](https://omi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583&id=0f611bf492&e=2497154426)
* [WA Inaugural Forced Marriage Conference](https://omi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583&id=0430e05813&e=2497154426) — March 2019
* [Team Leader - SETS Partnership — job opportunity](https://omi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b3a3f7b848e66bfa0f6fc583&id=bd2f1186ef&e=2497154426)
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