

Faith/Religious Groups

Central West Islamic Association
Bathurst NSW 2795
Contact: Soliman Gillany
6337 4828 A/H – 0418 496 166 B/H

Bathurst Baha'i Multicultural Group
Contacts: Mojdeh Mutale 6331 2061 or
Ruhangez Honarmand 6331 4298

Dubbo Baha'i Multicultural Group
Dubbo NSW 2830
Contact: Nasser & Farzan Sedghi 6884 2536 A/H

Mudgee Baha'i Multicultural Group
Contact: Claire Windeyer,
PO Box 154, Mudgee NSW 2850, 6372 6174

Bathurst Evangelical Chinese Free Church
First weekend of each month
Saturdays: Bible study (Cantonese/Mandarin)
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Sundays: Church Service (Mandarin/Cantonese)
11.30 am
Lutheran Redeemer Church, 91 Stewart St, Bathurst
Contact person Gordon Ng - 63322145

Multicultural Groups

Bathurst Filipino - Australian Community Inc.
Bathurst NSW 2795
Contact: Joey Landicho
6334 4984 A/H

Filipiniana Friends Group Bathurst & Central West
Bathurst NSW 2795
Contact: Nita Weekes
6331 5673 – Mob: 0429 040 383

International Friendship Group of Bathurst
Bathurst NSW 2795
Contact: Hai Choo Khoo
6332 4669 A/H

Multicultural Women's Group Bathurst
Bathurst NSW 2795
Meets every 2nd Friday at 11am at the Bathurst Library
Contacts: Isabel 6332 3019 or Mary-Anne 6332 9596

Condobolin Multicultural Women's Group
Contact: Heather Blackley 6895 3301 B/H

Cowra Multicultural Reference Group
c/- Cowra Information & Neighbourhood
Centre, 15 Vaux St, Cowra NSW 2794
Tel 6342 4900 B/H, Fax 6341 1656

Cowra Italy Friendship Association
Contact: Maria Bell 6342 3640

Young Multicultural Group
Contact: Maria Hanrahan 6382 5666

Cowra Coffee and Conversation
Multicultural social group sharing coffee and conversation
Contact Kim Withers
Cowra Information & Neighbourhood Centre
6342 4900

Orana Region Filipino-Australian Association Inc
PO Box 2988, Dubbo NSW 2830
Contact: Vic Avila 6884 5273

Dubbo Multicultural Group
Contact: Gwen Young 6882 2100 B/H, 6882 2912 A/H

Dubbo Chinese/Malaysian Group
Contact: Angie Soo 6884 8877

Dubbo Multicultural Women's Group
Contact: Gwen Young 6882 2100 B/H, 6882 2912 A/H

ORISCON (Orana Residents of Indian Sub-Continental
Heritage), Dubbo
Contact: Madwan Keshwan 6884 3201 or 0412 723 635

Forbes Multicultural Group
Contact: Anni 6393 8625

Lightning Ridge & Region
Transcultural Community Council Inc
PO Box 1724, Lightning Ridge, NSW 2839
Contact: Ana Cvejic-Vastag
Tel 6829 2014, Fax 6829 0902,
e-mail: tccinc@lightningridge.net.au

Lithgow Filipino-Australian Social Group
Portland NSW 2847
Contact: Connie Allen 6355 5394

Orange Filipino - Australian Cultural Club
Orange NSW 2800
President: Julie Egea 6362 2851
Vice President: Jovie Bargwana 6391 2944 / 6362 9460

Orange Multicultural Mothers Morning Group
Thursday mornings at Orange Family Support
211 March Street, Orange
Contact: Orange Family Support 6361 4883
Coordinator: Seini Piei

Meet and Greet Group, Parkes
Parkes & District Neighbourhood & Community Informa-
tion Centre
Contacts: Pam 6862 6213 or Anni 6393 8625

Media, Leisure

SBS Radio, multicultural & multilingual national radio network in Bathurst on 88.9 FM and Cowra on 95.9 FM
www.sbs.com.au/radio

2MCE, community radio, Bathurst 92.3, Orange 94.7
6338 4790
www.csu.edu.au/2MCE

FM 107.5, Community Radio for Orange
6361 8877

Multicultural
Services
Directory

Multicultural Services Directory

For the Central West of NSW
Including some services based in other areas

Immigration, Migrant Support

Regional Migrant Support Services - SGP
Settlement Grants Program—Free and Confidential
Services

Bathurst, outreach Lithgow, Oberon, Blayney, Cowra:
Bathurst Information and Neighbourhood Centre,
96 Russell Street, Bathurst
Monique van Toor - 6332 4866,
e-mail: migrantsupport@binc.org.au

Bathurst Migrant and Refugee Mentoring Program
Bathurst Information & Neighbourhood Centre
96 Russell Street Bathurst - 6332 4866
Cathie Hale - Coordinator: chale@binc.org.au

Dubbo, with outreach to Mudgee & Wellington:
Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre
213 Brisbane Street, Dubbo
Gwen Young - 6882 2100,
e-mail: gyoung@dnc.org.au

Orange, with outreach to Parkes, Forbes & Cabonne
Shire:
Orange Community Information Services Centre
79 Kite Street, Orange
Anni Gallagher - 6393 8625,
e-mail: AGallagher@orange.nsw.gov.au

Orange Migrant and Refugee Mentoring Program,
Carmel Dunn - Coordinator
6393 8600

Lithgow, Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood
Centre
1 Padley Street, Lithgow - 6352 2077,

Refugee Support Groups
Bathurst Refugee Support Group 63374132
Orange Refugee Support Group 6360 0443
Dubbo Refugee Support 6882 2912 (AH)

Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC)
a non-profit community legal centre, free & confidential.
Phone advice: Tel: 9262 3833
(Tuesday and Thursday 2 - 4 pm),
face to face advice by appointment only:
IARC Administration Tel: 9279 4300, Fax: 9299 8467
Level 5, 362 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000
www.iarc.asn.au

Northern Settlement Services Inc.

a not for profit company and a public benevolent institu-
tion (formerly Migrant Resource Centre of Newcastle and
the Hunter Region), this community organisation provides
a wide range of support services to migrants including a
freecall number specific to rural NSW including the Cen-
tral West and is also part of the Immigration Advice and
Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS) which provides
information & help for visa applications, free for eligible
persons.
8 Chaucer St, Hamilton, NSW 2303, Tel: 4969 3399, Fax:
4961 4997, Toll free: 1800 813 205
www.nsservices.com.au Director: Violetta Walsh
Alex Burns - supports SGP projects across NSW and is a
general rural contact on migration issues.
Lulu Tantos & Irena Lupish - are migration agents, provid-
ing guidance and advice to people sponsoring others
from overseas and people intending to migrate from over-
seas.

Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW (CRC)

responsible for ensuring that State Government services
fulfill their responsibilities to clients from diverse cultural
and linguistic backgrounds
www.crc.nsw.gov.au

Director Regional Services NSW: Fadel Benhima,
Tel: 4224 9922, fadel.benhima@crc.nsw.gov.au

Regional Council Liaison Officer: Camilla Fisher,
Tel: 02 4929 4191, camilla.fisher@crc.nsw.gov.au

Interpreting and Translating Service
Stocklands House, Level 7, 175-183 Castlereagh St, Syd-
ney 2000, 1300 651 500, covers all services in NSW,
free for some community funded services

Ethnic Communities Council of NSW

this is the peak migrant body in NSW
221 Cope St, Waterloo. NSW 2017,
Tel: 9319 0288
www.eccnsw.org.au
www.orangeradio.com.au

Books in your language

Ask at your local library. This is a free service!

Multicultural, Multilingual

Beginning a life in Australia booklets

The Beginning a life in Australia booklets welcome newly-arrived migrants to Australia and provide information on the types of settlement services available and advice on where to go to ask for assistance. This information is available in English and in 22 community language. <http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/settle-in-australia/beginning-life/>

Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)

For information about immigration matters
Telephone numbers: General inquiries: 131 881
Work rights information line (for employers):
1800 040 070, www.immi.gov.au

Note: Officers from DIAC visit the Central West - Orana region twice a year. Details in "Multicultural News" or from Monique van Toor, Tel: 6332 4866, migrantsupport@binc.org.au

Citizenship Test Australian Citizenship

DIAC Citizenship Inquiry Line: 131880
www.citizenship.gov.au

Immigrant Women's Speakout Association

Peak advocacy, information/referral and research body representing the ideas and issues of immigrant and refugee women in NSW. Community development projects and direct services in the areas of domestic violence and employment, education and training. Speakout is a community-based organisation, managed by women of non-English speaking background.
www.speakout.org.au
47 Albion Street, PO Box 9031, Harris Park
NSW 2150, Tel: 9635-8022, Fax: 9635-8176

Community Harmony Helplines

Established by the Community Relations Commission for a multicultural NSW to encourage community members who suffer racial abuse, insult or harassment to report such incidents.

help@crc.nsw.gov.au 1800 80 41 41

there is also a website promoting multiculturalism and community harmony. It contains a lot of information and is well worth checking out: www.crc.nsw.gov.au

Australian Muslim Helpline 1300 787 257

Crisis Line run by Mission of Hope, a Muslim Charity
Monday to Thursday 10am-1pm, 4pm-8pm
Friday to Sunday 10am-1pm, 4pm-12am
www.amal.org.au

Central West - Orana - Far West Multicultural Interagency,

This interagency of regional service providers meets quarterly around the region,
contact: Monique van Toor 6332 4866

This directory was compiled by Ruth Schmid, former Migrant Support Worker, Bathurst Information & Neighbourhood Centre, with input from Alex Burns, Rural Support Worker, Northern Settlement Services in Newcastle, and in consultation with the Migrant Support Workers in Lightning Ridge (Gyorgyi Nyers), Dubbo (Gwen Young) and Orange (Anni Gallagher). Every care has been taken to ensure contents of this directory are correct at the time of printing. Updates, comments and suggestions are welcome. To update or add any information please email: migrantsupport@binc.org.au or fax: 63321244

Orange Multicultural Network, meets quarterly,
contact: Anni Gallagher 63938625

www.welcometosydney.com

easy to use website with many links to a wide range of services & information, useful - not just for Sydney.

Centrelink Multilingual Call Centre

allows the enquirer to speak in their own language to sort out Centrelink issues, even from home:
Tel: 13 1202 Note: you can ask for an interpreter if required at any Centrelink Office
Information in many languages www.centrelink.gov.au

Centrelink Multicultural Service Officer

Caz Pilgrim, Multicultural Services - Area South West
Based in Orange, Tel: 6392 6506
caz.pilgrim@centrelink.gov.au

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

nationwide, 24 hours, 7 days a week - **131 450**
Service providers please note:
there are user charges, for more information including eligibility for fee-free services:
www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/index.htm

TIS Doctors Priority Line

A fee-free telephone interpreting service for medical practitioners in private practice
1300 131 450, any time anywhere in Australia.
Please note that clients have the right to ask their doctor to use this service!

DoCS Multicultural Services Unit, Tel: 9716 2088.

DoCS has a range of resources and Multicultural Caseworkers to assist DoCS offices in working with culturally diverse clients. DoCS offices can also provide information sessions for emerging migrant and refugee community groups, regarding the role of DoCS and the child protection system. Services funded by DoCS can register to receive free interpreter services for work with migrant and refugee clients who have little or no English. The Multicultural Services Unit is a useful contact point for information on these services.

Making Multicultural Australia

Wealth of resources relating to multiculturalism past & present, valuable site for information and research.
www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au

Legal

Free Legal Advice in Bathurst

Face to face appointments with a lawyer
Bathurst Information and Neighbourhood Centre
96 Russell Street, Bathurst
Every Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm
For bookings call : 63324866

Immigration Advice and Rights Centre Inc.

For advice phone: 02 92623833
Tues & Thurs, 2-4 pm only

Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

1800 670 812 www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/adb

Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre

Free telephone legal service for people in the Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Oberon and Bathurst regions
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 am and 12 noon
Call 1300 363 967 or 4782 4155

Law Access NSW

1300 888 529 www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au

Health, Old Age, Disability

NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service

www.mhcs.health.nsw.gov.au/mhcs/languages.html
many publications on health issues - search in English view and download in many different languages

Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW,

MDDA is the peak body for people from non-English speaking background with a disability and their families and carers in NSW.
PO Box 9381, Harris Park, NSW 2150,
Tel: 1800 629 072, www.mdaa.org.au
For disability related information in other languages:
www.mdaa.org.au/clearing

Transcultural Mental Health Centre,

Working with mental health services, clients, carers and the community to improve the mental health of people from non-English speaking backgrounds living in NSW,
Locked Bag 7118, Parramatta BC NSW 2150
Tel: 1800 648 911 or 9840 3800, Fax: 9840 3755
www.dhi.gov.au/tmhcc

STARTTS NSW Service for the treatment & rehabilitation

of torture & trauma survivors
Tel: 9794 1900, Fax: 9794 1910, www.startts.org.au

NSW Rural Health Care Interpreter Service

Available for all NSW public health facilities, 24 hours, 7 days a week, 1800 674 994.
For a fee, this service also provides interpreting for other services. Also offers assistance re State policies and training for interpreters and users.

Domestic Violence Line, a free statewide 24 hour

counselling and referral service. Translators available.
Tel: 1800 65 64 63, TTY 1800 67 14 42
www.community.nsw.gov.au/DOCS/STANDARD/PC_101007.html

NSW Refugee Health Service

NSW Dept. of Health, assisting refugees & health professionals who work with them
Tel: 8778 0770, Fax: 8778 0790
marisa.salem@sswahs.nsw.gov.au
www.refugeehealth.org.au

Multicultural Problem Gambling Hotline

1800 856 800 www.dhi.gov.au/mpgs

Education, Employment

NSW Adult Migrant English Service (AMES)

www.ames.edu.au
Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) only available to eligible migrants and refugees.

To learn English online Go to www.ames.edu.au and click the Online Courses link. Or you can learn English in class, by distance learning or with a tutor. Course information for rural programs: 9205 3466 or 9205 4367 or contact the Dept. of Foundation Studies at your local TAFE.

TAFEs in this region: Bathurst (6338 2519), Broken Hill (8082 6688), Cowra (6340 1372), Dubbo (6883 3619), Forbes (6853 9136), Lightning Ridge (6847 2028), Lithgow (6352 0444), Mudgee (6378 2600), Orange (6391 5638), Parkes (6862 8100), Wellington (6845 1844), Condobolin (6895 3133).

Language & Literacy publications Tel: 9289 9255, PO Box 1222, Darlinghurst, NSW 1300 or visit www.ames.edu.au, click on publications and you will find the catalogue as well as the order form.

Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) through

TAFE (NSW) offers many vocational and English language courses by distance learning.
For Adult Migrant English Program phone 9715 8709. For other courses with OTEN phone 1300 362 346 or email: oten.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au

The Multicultural Education and Support Unit can provide English language support in other courses and advice about having overseas qualifications recognised Tel: 1300 362 890
www.tafensw.edu.au/oten

NSW Department of Education & Training

GPO Box 33, Sydney NSW 2001, Tel: 9561 8000
www.det.nsw.edu.au
click on "Translated Documents" at bottom of page to find information for parents in over 40 languages

Multicultural Programs Unit, Tel: 9244 5311
Fax: 9244 5381

Language & Literacy publications Tel: 9289 9255,
PO Box 1222, Darlinghurst, NSW 1300

For more information: Ann Dib, Community Information Officer, Orange School Education Area,
Tel: 6392 8427, Fax: 6392 8445
Email: ann.dib@det.nsw.edu.au

Get your overseas qualifications and skills recognised in Australia.

The Australian Skills Recognition Information (ASRI) website will point you in the right direction.
www.immi.gov.au/asri

NSW Cultural Exchange Programs in Schools

Promoting Tolerance, Inclusion and Diversity
www.culturalexchange.nsw.edu.au