



## Media Release

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### **ECCWA Inc. celebrates its Harmony Champions**

The Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia (ECCWA) Inc. will recognise the achievements and efforts its volunteers make to multiculturalism at a dinner this week as part of Harmony Week.

The event, to be held on 8th March, 2014 at North Perth Town Hall has been supported by the Office of Multicultural Interests through a Harmony Champions Program grant of \$500 as well as in-kind support from City of Vincent.

Dr. Zarrin Siddiqui, the President of the Group said that it is great as we are celebrating Harmony Champions who have kept the Women Sub Committee of the ECCWA as one of the most active sub-committee of the Group

“We are very pleased to be able to hold this event to honor and recognise our wonderful volunteers,” Dr. Siddiqui commented.

“The success of our events is heavily indebted to the team of volunteers and it rightly coincides with the International Women’s Day the theme of which this year is Inspiring Change.” She further added, “what is more important for us is that a number of members from Federal Parliament, WA Parliament and Councilors will be attending the event showing their unconditional support to ECCWA volunteers who are truly our harmony champions.”

ECCWA being the peak body representing ethnic communities plays a key role in the advocacy and policies regarding issues affecting refugees and migrants in Western Australia and has programs for the capacity development of the ethnic organisations.

The Harmony Champions Program was launched in December last year by Citizenship and Multicultural Interests Minister Mike Nahan to provide associations and organisations that represent or provide services to Western Australia’s culturally diverse communities with the opportunity to acknowledge their volunteers.

A State Government recognition event will also be held during Harmony Week and the names of the Harmony Champions will be displayed in an honor roll on the Office of Multicultural Interests website.

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