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We work in collaboration with Councils and a number of organisations to deliver Settlement services in the Wimmera Southern-Mallee region, without whom much of our work would not be possible.



Welcome to the Wimmera

Support for New Arrivals & Migrants



“ We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic.

Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.

JIMMY CARTER



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WDA Settlement Services in The Wimmera Southern-Mallee

The Wimmera Development Association (WDA) is the Wimmera Southern-Mallee region's peak economic development organisation.

Supporting migrants and new arrivals to settle in the area is an important part of the work we do.

Our vision for the region is to support a vibrant multi-cultural community which benefits everyone.

Our aim is to support clients to be happy in their new home, by becoming independent, self-reliant and able to participate in Australian society as soon as possible.

Our Settlement Services support social inclusion, personal and economic well-being and community connectedness.



"It was challenging because there were not a lot of migrants in the region. It was just my cousin and I who were from an African background"

EDDIE NSANZIMANA

Mr Nsanzimana migrated from Burundi to Adelaide then moved to Horsham when he was 14-years old.

With the support of The Wimmera Development Association and the Centre for Multicultural Youth, he started a multi-cultural youth group 'Young G' where young people from different backgrounds could socialise.

WDA work with a range of partners to continue Eddie's legacy and provide support, training and activities for multicultural young people aged 12-25 through 'Young G'.

"It give them a sense of belonging and a voice in a rural region."

Jodie Mathews, Young G Coordinator

Who Is Eligible?

WDA Settlement Services are available to eligible migrants in Horsham, with outreach services to Hindmarsh, Northern Grampians, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack municipalities.

Eligible Migrants are humanitarian entrants and other vulnerable migrants, during their first five years of settlement in Australia.

We provide FREE and CONFIDENTIAL settlement assistance including individual advice and casework, referrals to agencies and services, information sessions, support groups and training. We also provide assistance with Centrelink & Vic Roads appointments.

We collaborate with local migrant community groups and organisations to deliver special events and festivals to celebrate the diversity of our region.

Get Involved We have a number of volunteer opportunities at WDA Settlement Services. Contact the WDA Settlement Officer to get involved. Phone: 0418 964 050 Email: info@wda.org.au



Anubha Jalla Das was born and raised in India, but choose to migrate to Horsham four years ago with her family.

While originally nervous about the move, she remembered that Australia was "the land of opportunity."

"I danced back in India, but I never had that much opportunity than what I do now in Horsham," she said.

Since moving to Horsham, Mrs Jalla Das has become the organiser of Oasis's 'Taste of the World' events, dance group instructor and the coordinator for Jellybeans Playgroup.

"Settlement Services have helped me feel very connected to Horsham. Jellybeans was established by the Wimmera Development Association to support migrant families to socialise, share their values, traditions and connect with communities and the local area. It is my pleasure to be the coordinator. I know first hand how hard it can be for new mums settling into a new area and I want them to feel comfortable, supported and happy."

Playgroups, Clubs & Classes

HORSHAM

JELLYBEANS PLAYGROUP Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm
Horsham Neighbourhood House 13-15 Robin Street | School term

WALKING GROUP Wednesday 3:30-5:30am
Centre for Participation | 39 Urquart Street | School term

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES
Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm (Beginner & Intermediate)
Thursday 1:00-2:30pm (Conversational)
Thursday 1pm-2.30pm (Beginner class for Karen Students)
Centre For Participation. | 39 Urquart St. | School term

HARMONY SEWING GROUP | Friday 9:30-11:30am
Horsham Neighbourhood House 13-15 Robin Street | School term

YOUNG G | Wednesday 4:00-6:00pm (fortnightly)
The Station | 16 Pynsent Street | School term

WDA DRIVER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | THE WIMMERA
Support with International license conversion and obtaining your Learner or full Australian driving license.

NHILL

MOTHER TONGUE PLAYGROUP | Tuesday 10am-12pm
The Patch | 9 Clarence Street | School term

HOMEWORK CLUB | Tuesday 3:30-5pm
The Patch | 9 Clarence Street | School term

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES
Beginners: Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm
General: Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm

PAW PO PRODUCTS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE | Sewing
Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm
Nhill Learning Centre | 80 MacPherson St | School term

STAWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH | Sunday 2:00-3:00pm | School Term
The Powerhouse | 42 Sloane Street | School Term

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