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NOMINATE YOUR NSW HARMONY CHAMPION

Outstanding work promoting social cohesion and unity during challenging times will be recognised during this year's peak multicultural awards program for NSW.

Minister for Multiculturalism Natalie Ward announced nominations are now open for the 2022 Premier's Multicultural Community Medals and the Multicultural Honour Roll.

This year's awards program will also pay tribute to renowned Italian-born Australian fashion designer Carla Zampatti, through the Carla Zampatti Arts and Culture Medal.

"This terrific awards program is our chance to acknowledge the everyday multicultural heroes in NSW who we rely on day in, day out, to support our communities," Mrs Ward said.

"2021 has been another incredibly challenging year and our community and religious leaders have played a crucial role in delivering vital health information to help keep us safe.

"Countless individuals and organisations have stepped up across all backgrounds to help vulnerable people experiencing extreme hardship and to keep us connected."

The Premier's Multicultural Community Medal winners and Premier's Multicultural Honour Roll inductees will be announced and presented in March 2022 at the Premier's Harmony Dinner.

Mrs Ward said medal categories honour the achievements of community members working in diverse fields including youth, business, arts and culture as well as regional communities.

Past winners have included a Muslim community leader who dedicated her life to supporting Muslim women and a Syrian Australian priest who leads programs and activities supporting the vulnerable and recently-arrived refugees.

"I urge everyone in our community to nominate their unsung heroes today," Mrs Ward said.

"We are really looking forward to thanking our community for their incredible efforts at the 2022 Premier's Harmony Dinner."

The NSW Premier will also posthumously recognise the legacy of people who have made lasting contributions to NSW through the Multicultural Honour Roll on the night.

For more details: <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/premiers-multicultural-community-medals/>.

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