



MULTILINGUAL AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES TO CHAMPION LANGUAGE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN COMMUNITIES

MIRRABOOKA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Multilingual Australia officially launched on International Multilingual Day, promoting language diversity and inclusivity in communities across the country. The organisation, formerly known as Bilingual Families Perth, has rebranded to reflect its broader mission of advocating for language-friendly communities.

"We are inviting you to walk with us on a journey to become a language-friendly Australia. We all have a part to play," said Henrietta Podgorska, Chair of Multilingual Australia.

The launch event featured a presentation and introduction from the committee, discussing the benefits of promoting language diversity in communities and how Multilingual Australia can help achieve these goals. Attendees also shared their own journeys with language maintenance, systemic barriers, and issues, lack of representation, loss of motivation and connection, and finding new ways to connect with their heritage languages.

"Our organisation recognises the benefits of being multilingual and aims to support and encourage language diversity in Australia," said Podgorska. "The launch of Multilingual Australia marks an important milestone in our journey to create more inclusive and welcoming communities for everyone."

Multilingual Australia is committed to promoting language diversity and inclusivity through advocacy, education, and community engagement. The organisation offers a range of services and resources for individuals, families, and communities to support language maintenance and development.

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For more information about Multilingual Australia and its mission, please visit the organisation's website at www.multilinguaustralia.org.

