Shire of Exmouth MEDIA RELEASE



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SUMMARY

- Four conferees from the Philippines and Brazil received their citizenship from Shire President Darlene Allston.
- These new Australians bring their unique stories, traditions, and perspectives, enriching our community and adding depth to our collective identity.

EXMOUTH Community welcomes four new Australians

In a heartwarming ceremony held at the Ningaloo Centre, Shire President Darlene Allston officiated the event, granting citizenship to four community members on 21 September 2023.

The atmosphere was brimming with joy and pride as the conferees from tahe Philippines and Brazil took their oath, marking the beginning of their journey as Australian Citizens.

The ceremony also served as a poignant reminder of the opportunities and privileges that come with Australian citizenship. As these individuals embark on this new chapter of their lives, they have access to a wide range of benefits, including voting rights, social welfare support, and the ability to travel on an Australian passport. But beyond the bureaucratic advantages, the true essence of becoming an Australian citizen lies in the connections formed, the sense of belonging fostered within the community and the warm embrace that Exmouth offers to its newcomers.

COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE SHIRE – SHIRE PRESIDENT DARLENE ALLSTON

"As we continue to grow, it's important that we embrace the diverse backgrounds and experiences our community members bring to the table. These four new Australians bring their unique stories, traditions, and perspectives, enriching our community and adding depth to our collective identity."

COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO ANTHONETTE, ANTHONY AND MIO GADON (CONFEREES)

"Our Australian Citizenship means so much for the whole family because Australia significantly improved our way of living and making our dream a reality."

"Our opportunity in Australia gave us the chance to share our blessings with our families and friends in the Philippines."

"Our citizenship is such a priceless gift for us to permanently live here and serve Australia in return. It is a nice feeling to forever be with someone you adore."

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