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Hawaiian supports Auspire to provide a successful free community forum

Hawaiian-owned Newpark Shopping Centre has supported Auspire - Australia Day Council of Western Australia to deliver a free community leadership forum to support migrants from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds living within the Girrawheen community.

The newly established program at Newpark Shopping Centre was held on Saturday 5 October and provided a well-received event with over 20 registered participants including guest speakers Australia Day Ambassador and Youth Advocate Steph Jackson and the 2019 WA Young Australian of the Year Noelle Martin.

The forum aimed to help build confidence and provide knowledge about how to be an active citizen and get involved in the local community, as well as provide an understanding of Australian values such as everyone getting a fair go and mateship.

Auspire aims to promote, support and build capacity for the social and cultural inclusion of individuals facing diversity in Australia through a number of workshops and forums.

Auspire's Civics and Citizenship Program Manager Kirsten Larkin said the programs provide real benefits to the local community.

"We know when people come to Australia, they come for a different, better life but often as new Australians, especially those in middle-age, they face huge challenges," said Ms Larkin.

"These challenges are things such as English being a second language, lack of recognition of overseas qualifications and lack of work experience but, on top of all this, simply feeling a connection to a new community can be the hardest."

Hawaiian General Manager of Marketing Kristi Ullrich said Hawaiian was proud to support Auspire to deliver a necessary clinic and forum to the community.

"Hawaiian focuses on supporting local community initiatives in our catchments and this forum will be beneficial for this community," said Ms Ullrich.

"It is great to be able to play a part in supporting those in the community with this cultural program."

For more information on other Auspire workshops and forums visit www.auspire.org.au.

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