LIVED EXPERIENCE CHANGE MAKER AWARD NOMINATION ENTRY

PART B TEMPLATE

CATEGORY: Carers/Family/Whanau

NAME OF NOMINEE: Mr Ravi Krishnamurthy

NOMINATOR: Details withheld for privacy

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Additional Information (up to 1 x A4 page)
Additional to the brief description given in Part A.

Building on his lived experience as a carer, Ravi Krishnamurthy has driven powerful, measurable system-level change across mental health, multicultural, and aged care sectors. His work uniquely bridges grassroots caregiving with high-impact policy reform, ensuring that the voices of carers - particularly from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities - are not only heard but embedded into service design, funding frameworks, and national conversations. As President of the Australian Multicultural Action Network (AMAN), Ravi has transformed community insight into structured action, delivering scalable programs and influencing decision-making at multiple levels of government and sector leadership.

His contributions demonstrate clear, measurable impact:

- **Leadership and Reach:** Designed and delivered community initiatives engaging **1,000+ participants annually**, improving mental health awareness, service access, and carer support within CALD communities
- **Policy Influence:** Authored and led multiple formal submissions to Parliamentary and government inquiries, contributing community and lived-experience perspectives to policy discussions and reform processes
- **Ministerial Recognition:** Received **acknowledgement and engagement from Ministerial offices**, validating his contributions to multicultural mental health and carer advocacy
- **National Framework Contributions:** Actively contributed to consultations with the **Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA)**, ensuring carer perspectives inform pricing, funding, and service delivery models
- **Sector Appreciation:** Formally recognised by **aged care centres and community organisations** for strengthening culturally safe practices and improving engagement with diverse carers
- **System Bridging:** Successfully connects **community-level lived experience with institutional reform**, translating real needs into actionable strategies adopted by stakeholders

Ravi's work is distinguished by its scale, credibility, and sustained outcomes. He not only advocates for carers but creates tangible pathways for systemic change - improving accessibility, cultural safety, and responsiveness across mental health and aged care systems. His leadership reflects a rare combination of compassion, evidence-based advocacy, and strategic influence, delivering lasting benefits for carers and the communities they support.

Criteria (up to 10 x A4 pages)
Judges allocate marks to each criterion:

1. Evidence of significant influence and impact that has led to change and making a difference within the mental health sector and/or broader community. This impact may be relative to individual opportunity and influence.
2. Evidence of innovation and creativity in approach and action.

Lived Experience Change Maker Award Nomination: Ravi Krishnamurthy

Candidate Profile: The Intersection of Lived Experience and Leadership

Ravi Krishnamurthy is not merely an advocate; he is a highly influential leader driving systemic inclusion. His leadership is forged at the high-stakes intersection of dual lived experiences: drawing on lived experience of disability and family caregiving. Rather than accepting the traditional bureaucratic silos that often marginalise these cohorts, Ravi has galvanised his personal journey into a transformative force for institutional reform across Australia. In a move that has consistently challenged the status quo, Ravi has transitioned from a silent participant in the social sector to a definitive "Leader in Inclusion." His motivation for systemic change is rooted in a refusal to let "invisible" communities - specifically those from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds - remain unheard. By weaving together his deep policy expertise with the raw insights of caregiving and disability, he has ensured that those who have been historically overlooked are now represented in government and policy discussions. This "unwavering strength and compassion," as noted by community members, has allowed him to dismantle barriers to linguistic accessibility and health equity with measurable impact.

Core Leadership Designations:

- **Founder, President, and CEO:** Australian Multicultural Action Network (AMAN)
- **Deputy Chair:** Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) – Representing 120+ member associations.
- **President:** Tamil Sangam of Canberra (TSoC)
- **I-Day Ambassador:** Advocacy for Inclusion (AFI) & National I-Day Representative
- **Founder and Principal Facilitator:** Canberra Sanskrit School
- **Justice of the Peace:** Australian Capital Territory (ACT)
- **Government-Accredited First Aid Officer:** Specialist in Agile Safety

Criterion 1: Significant Influence and Impact (The Systemic Change Maker)

1.1 Ministerial and National Appointments: High-Level Civic Representation

Ravi has been strategically appointed to a range of ministerial councils and national advisory bodies, where he serves as a trusted bridge between community lived experience and federal policy implementation. His influence has also been recognised through an invitation from the Office of the Governor-General in relation to the “Echoes from Delta” cultural

showcase, reflecting his standing as a key connector between community voices and national leadership.
His appointments and contributions include:

- **ACT Reconciliation Council** (Appointed by Hon. Minister Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA)
  Ministerial appointment serving as Community Ambassador for Reconciliation Day, supporting the design and delivery of initiatives that strengthen understanding and connection between First Nations peoples and the broader community
- **Parents and Carers Reference Group (PCRG)** (Appointed by Hon. Minister for Social Services Ms Amanda Rishworth MP)
  Contributes to national policy development by advocating for the rights, wellbeing, and lived experiences of carers and families within disability and health systems
- **Individuals Stewardship Group (ISG), Australian Taxation Office**
  Represents diverse community perspectives to inform national tax policy, ensuring equitable and inclusive approaches to financial and vulnerability frameworks
- **Aged Care Network (ACN), IHACPA**
  Contributes to shaping pricing and funding models for aged care services, including "Support at Home," ensuring sustainability and fairness for both providers and consumers
- **Disability Lived Experience Advisory Group, VolunteeringACT**
  Supports strategic initiatives to enhance inclusive volunteering pathways for individuals with lived experience of disability
- **Citizen Advisory Group, Deafness Forum Australia (DFA)**
  National role advancing hearing health priorities and addressing systemic barriers to inclusion for over 3.6 million Australians with hearing loss

Through these roles, Ravi consistently translates lived experience into meaningful policy influence, strengthening equity, inclusion, and responsiveness across multiple national systems.

1.2 Policy Advocacy and Legislative Reform: A Narrative of Systemic Disruption

At the core of all his work is his identity as a carer - shaping every initiative, advocacy effort, and system reform through lived caregiving experience.
Ravi's influence is demonstrated through a substantial body of evidence-based advocacy. Under his leadership, AMAN mobilised 13,140 cumulative volunteer hours during 2025. Ravi's role as a community stakeholder was further recognised when he was invited to appear as a community witness for the Select Committee on Estimates 2025–2026.
Thematic Impact Areas:

- **Mental Health and Suicide Prevention**
- **Submissions:** *Productivity Commission's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement Review*; Inquiry *into Men's Suicide Rates (ACT Legislative Assembly)* ; *NSW Mental Health and Well-being Strategy*.
- **Specific Impact:** Ravi challenged the "invisibility" of CALD men in suicide statistics. During his interview with ABC **News**, he highlighted how cultural pressures cause migrant men to feel "completely lost," highlighting the need for culturally responsive crisis models.
- **Disability and NDIS Reform**

- **Submissions:** *Review of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992*; NDIS *Support Rules (Section 10 "In and Out" lists)* ; *2025 Review of the Disability Standards for Education*.
- **Specific Impact:** Ravi advocated strongly to address linguistic exclusion within the NDIS, highlighting the specific equipment and translation needs of non-English-speaking participants.
- **Social Justice, Housing, and Integrity**
- **Submissions:** *Human Rights (Housing) Amendment Bill 2025*; *Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025*; *Inquiry into Combatting Crime as a Service (Senate)* ; *Operation of the 2024 ACT Election*.
- **Specific Impact:** Ravi advocated for recognition of housing as a fundamental human right in the ACT, arguing that policy must prioritise vulnerable residents over market interests.
- **Federal Migration and Refugee Advocacy**
- **Submissions:** *Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Human Rights in Australia*; *Multicultural Framework Review*.
- **Specific Impact:** Ravi served as a **"Community Connector" for the Department of Home Affairs** (via Polaron Connect), collecting over 2,000 surveys from recently arrived refugees to inform the "Refugee Experience in Australia" research study.

1.3 Healthcare Equity and "Expert by Experience" Validation

Ravi has contributed to healthcare leadership by helping ensure that clinical design is informed by lived experience.

- **HCCA Management Board:** Elected as Director, he oversees health literacy and consumer participation in decision-making for the Health Care Consumers' Association.
- **ACT Ambulance Service (ACTAS) CAG:** Provides community representation to ensure emergency response protocols are culturally safe and accessible for those with hearing disabilities.
- **CHARM Judging Panel:** Ravi served as a judge for the Canberra *Health Annual Research Meeting*. As the only non-medical professional on a panel with eminent specialists like Dr Michael Chapman, his role provided essential "expert by experience" validation to clinical research.
- **Palliative Care and End-of-Life Advocacy:** A member of the National Palliative Standards Community of Practice, Ravi has reviewed clinical guidelines for Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) and secured a full scholarship to the **Oceania Palliative Care Conference 2025** in recognition of his contributions.

Criterion 2: Innovation and Creativity (The Creative Disruptor)

2.1 Social Awareness and Public Health: The Disruptive Model

Ravi employs "disruptive creativity" to infiltrate spaces where traditional health messaging fails.

- **Innovation: Gender-Agnostic Health Equity (Breast Cancer Awareness)**
- **Challenge:** Breast cancer is often perceived as a "female-only" issue, leading to low awareness among men regarding their own risks or their role as supportive carers.

- **Innovation:** Ravi launched a targeted awareness initiative within men's restrooms across high-traffic community hubs.
- **Impact:** This moved health dialogue into male-dominated spaces, successfully challenging gendered health silos and encouraging early detection.
- **Innovation: Infrastructure for Agile Safety**
- **Challenge:** Modern, flexible workplaces often lack cohesive emergency response systems.
- **Innovation:** Drawing on his status as a Govt**-accredited First Aid Officer** , Ravi architected a centralised First Aid system specifically for agile workplace environments.
- **Impact:** This helped strengthen physical safety and emergency preparedness for workers in agile workplace environments.

2.2 Educational and Linguistic Innovation: The Sanskrit School Model

Through the Canberra Sanskrit School, Ravi has pioneered a unique model for intergenerational preservation.

- **Sanskrit Storytime for Seniors:** Monthly storytelling and multilingual song sessions co-designed by youth and seniors in aged care homes across Belconnen and Gungahlin. This initiative reduces senior loneliness while providing youth with leadership opportunities.
- **Translation as Inclusion:** Ravi orchestrated the translation of critical COVID-19 safety materials, mental health brochures, and aged care pamphlets into Sanskrit and Hindi.
- **Snapshot of Public Reach - Media Advocacy:** Ravi's advocacy is amplified through media engagement, helping bring inclusion and community perspectives to wider audiences.
- **ABC Radio:** Inquiry into MyWay+ delivery; Healthcare challenges for seniors.
- **SBS Radio:** National Multicultural Framework Review.
- **Channel 7 & 9 TV:** Discussing the challenges of newly arrived migrants and community events like Floriade.
- **Radio Manpasand:** On "The Power of Vulnerability" and children's education.

2.3 Agile Community Mobilisation and Digital Inclusion

Ravi has mobilised over 200 **multicultural volunteers**, connecting them with 1,500 community members. His leadership is characterised by "Digital Equity Advocacy," where he has pushed for the accessibility of platforms like Fix **My Street** and the **MyWay+ system** , ensuring that digital government services do not exclude seniors or CALD residents. His status was further recognised when he was invited by the ACT Government to serve as Master **of Ceremonies** for the Citizenship Ceremony at the Hyatt Hotel.

Awards, Recognitions, and Sector Validation

Ravi's legacy as a social impact leader is validated by the following accolades:

- **ACT Chief Minister's Inclusion Award 2024 (Winner):** Honoured as the **"Leader in Inclusion" for** dismantling barriers for people with disabilities and CALD communities.

- **Mentally Healthy Community Winner Award 2024:** Awarded by the Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT for preventative mental health strategies that provide significant cost savings to the public system.
- **Excellence in Community Service Award 2025 (NATA):** Awarded by the Navya Andhra Telugu Association for transformative leadership in policy reform and women's empowerment.
- **Young Canberra Citizen of the Year 2025 (High Commendation):** Awarded to the **Cultural Crescendo AMAN (Youth Group)** under Ravi's mentorship, for championing youth leadership and cultural expression.
- **Federation of Indian Associations in the ACT (FINACT) Award 2025:** Awarded for outstanding dedication to inclusion and mentally healthy communities.
- **APOC Community Impact Award 2025 (Finalist):** Recognised for exceptional multicultural leadership and community advocacy.
- **IABCA Community Services Excellence Award 2025 (Finalist):** Nominated for strengthening community spirit and people-to-people diplomacy between Australia and India.

Testimonials and Endorsements: Voices of the Community

"Ravi leads a wonderful group and should be so proud of the energy and insight you bring." - **Health Care Worker** "Ravi empowers individuals with disabilities to experience a sense of worth and accomplishment." - **Community Member** "Thank you, Ravi, for your ongoing professionalism and dedication to the disability sector. The strong impact of your work, though very silent, addresses the daily challenges faced by individuals with disabilities like me." - **Senior Community Representative** "Being a carer is undoubtedly challenging, but with the right support, it becomes a journey filled with love, resilience, and dignity. You exemplify this, Ravi, with every step you take. Your commitment is a testament to your unwavering strength and compassion." - **Support Worker**

A Legacy of Lived Experience

Ravi Krishnamurthy represents the pinnacle of lived-experience-informed leadership. He has moved beyond simple advocacy to become an active contributor to positive change across Australian social and healthcare systems. By refusing to remain a "silent" participant in the sectors that affect him most, Ravi has ensured that policy is not made *for* the community, but *with* the community. His leadership ensures that the voices of the carer, the person with disability, and the migrant are no longer "invisible," but are instead the very foundation of a more compassionate and equitable Australia. Ravi's legacy is defined by his own words: **"Inclusive leadership is not about leading from the front - it's about ensuring everyone has a place at the table."** Ravi Krishnamurthy exemplifies the values of a Lived Experience Change Maker.

<u>Extended Evidence of Impact:</u>

Building on his lived experience as a carer, Ravi Krishnamurthy has emerged as a rare and compelling leader whose work seamlessly integrates personal compassion with systemic influence across mental health, multicultural, and aged care sectors. His journey as a carer is not abstract - it is deeply lived, sustained, and evolving. For over a decade, Ravi has provided sustained support to ageing family members, navigating complex care and service systems with dignity and cultural sensitivity. This lived reality has shaped not only his

empathy, but his unwavering commitment to ensuring that no carer - particularly those from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds - feels isolated, unheard, or unsupported.

What distinguishes Ravi is his ability to transform personal caregiving challenges into structured, measurable, and large-scale impact. As President of the Australian Multicultural Action Network (AMAN), he has designed and delivered inclusive programs that reach over 1,000 participants annually. These initiatives are not generic - they are intentionally co-designed with communities, ensuring cultural safety, language accessibility, and emotional relevance. Through storytelling circles, mental health awareness sessions, senior engagement programs, and cross-cultural dialogues, Ravi has created safe spaces where carers can share experiences, access support, and build resilience.

His impact is clearly demonstrated through:

- **Leadership of AMAN initiatives** engaging over 1,000 participants annually, directly improving awareness, service access, and peer support for CALD carers
- **Over 10 years of continuous personal caregiving**, demonstrating sustained commitment, emotional resilience, and cultural responsibility
- **Direct support to individuals and families**, often acting as an informal navigator for those struggling with language barriers, stigma, and complex service systems
- **Development of culturally safe engagement** approaches designed around community needs

Beyond community work, Ravi has significantly influenced policy and systems. Drawing from his lived experience, he has authored multiple submissions to government inquiries across mental health, aged care, disability, and multicultural affairs. These submissions are not theoretical - they are grounded in real stories, real barriers, and real solutions. Importantly, several of his submissions have been formally accepted and published as part of government and parliamentary consultation processes.

His policy influence includes:

- **Multiple accepted submissions to Parliamentary and Government inquiries**, shaping discussions on accessibility, inclusion, and carer support
- **Active engagement with the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA)**, ensuring that funding frameworks reflect the lived realities of carers, particularly those from CALD communities
- **Advocacy on mental health system reforms**, with a focus on culturally responsive and community-led solutions

Ravi's work has not gone unnoticed. His contributions have been formally recognised and appreciated by Ministerial offices, advisory councils, and sector leaders. These acknowledgements reflect not just participation, but influence - his ability to shift thinking, inform decisions, and elevate the voice of carers at the highest levels.

He has received:

- **Ministerial recognition and appreciation** for strengthening inclusive, culturally responsive service design
- **Formal acknowledgements from aged care centres and service providers**, recognising his advocacy, community leadership, and practical support initiatives
- **Inclusion in advisory and consultative processes**, reflecting trust in his lived expertise and policy insight

What makes Ravi's contribution particularly powerful is his dual identity - as both a carer and a system influencer. He does not speak *about* carers; he speaks *as one of them*. He understands the emotional fatigue, the silent sacrifices, the navigation of fragmented systems, and the cultural nuances that often go unrecognised. This authenticity gives his work credibility and depth that cannot be manufactured.

At the same time, he brings a rare strategic capability - translating lived experience into structured advocacy, scalable programs, and policy reform. He bridges gaps that often remain disconnected: between community and government, between lived experience and formal systems, and between cultural identity and service delivery.

Ravi's work has led to tangible outcomes:

- Improved **access to mental health and aged care services** for CALD carers
- Increased **awareness and early engagement**, reducing crisis-driven interventions
- Strengthened **trust between communities and service providers**
- Enhanced **policy attention to multicultural and carer-specific needs**

In every dimension - personal, community, and systemic - Ravi exemplifies what the Carer Award represents. His contribution is not episodic; it is sustained. It is not symbolic; it is measurable. And most importantly, it is deeply human.

Ravi Krishnamurthy stands as a powerful example of how lived experience, when combined with leadership and purpose, can transform not only individual lives but entire systems. His work continues to create lasting change - ensuring that carers, regardless of background, are seen, supported, and valued.

Conclusion (up to 1/2 x A4 page)

Ravi Krishnamurthy represents the very essence of the MHS Carer Award - where lived experience, sustained commitment, and measurable impact converge to create lasting change. His journey is not defined by a single act of care, but by years of unwavering dedication to both his family and the broader community. He has transformed the often-invisible role of caregiving into a visible, influential force that shapes programs, policies, and systems.

What sets Ravi apart is his ability to elevate personal experience into national relevance. He has not only supported those in his immediate circle but has amplified the voices of thousands of carers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds - ensuring their challenges inform real policy and service reform. His recognised contributions to government inquiries, IHACPA consultations, and community-led initiatives demonstrate credibility, trust, and tangible outcomes.

Ravi's work delivers clear value: improved access, stronger inclusion, and culturally safe systems for carers. Awarding him is not only recognition - it is an endorsement of a model that bridges care, community, and policy.

Recognising Ravi is not only honouring one individual - it is affirming the value, dignity, and visibility of every carer who continues to serve silently.

Appendix of Support Material (up to 8 x A4 pages)

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR THE MHS CARER AWARD

Ravi Krishnamurthy – A Life of Compassion, Courage, and Transformational Impact

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A Carer Beyond Boundaries: The Essence of Ravi

Ravi Krishnamurthy is not just a carer - he is a force of compassion whose life's work embodies dignity, sacrifice, and unwavering humanity. His caregiving journey is deeply personal, shaped by many years of supporting family members with patience, empathy and cultural sensitivity. Yet what makes Ravi extraordinary is that he did not stop at his own family.

He extended his heart outward - towards strangers, towards communities, towards those who feel invisible.

Across Canberra and beyond, Ravi has become a trusted community advocate - someone who listens when systems fail, who steps in when others step back, and who ensures no individual or carer feels alone in their struggle.

From Lived Experience to System Transformation

Ravi's caregiving is not confined to individual acts of kindness - it has evolved into **systemic transformation**.

He has taken the deeply human experience of caring and translated it into policy, reform, and measurable impact across mental health, disability, and aged care systems.

- Leadership contributing to more than 13,000 cumulative volunteer hours across AMAN activities in a single year
- Leadership of initiatives reaching **1,000+ individuals annually**, particularly from CALD communities
- Active participation in **national policy reform, advisory councils, and parliamentary processes**
- Recognised as a **trusted voice bridging lived experience with government decision-making**

Ravi does not simply advocate - he ensures that **real stories shape real systems**.

Championing Invisible Carers and Communities

Carers, especially from culturally diverse backgrounds, often remain unseen, burdened by stigma, silence, and systemic barriers.

Ravi has made it his mission to change this.

Through his leadership of the Australian Multicultural Action Network (AMAN), he has:

- Created **safe, inclusive platforms** for carers to share their experiences
- Supported individuals navigating **mental health challenges, disability systems, and aged care pathways**
- Advocated for **language access, cultural safety, and equitable service delivery**
- Amplified voices that are often unheard in mainstream policy spaces

His work has ensured that carers are no longer “invisible” - but recognised, respected, and represented.

Recognised, Trusted, and Valued at the Highest Levels

Ravi’s work has not gone unnoticed. It has earned **deep respect, trust, and formal recognition across sectors**.

- Acknowledged by **Ministerial offices and appointed to key advisory councils**, reflecting trust in his leadership
- Contributions to **IHACPA consultations**, ensuring carers influence national pricing and funding models
- **Formal appreciation from aged care centres and community organisations** for improving culturally safe practices
- Recognition through major community awards and mental health leadership honours

These are not symbolic acknowledgements - they are **evidence of real impact and credibility**.

A Voice in National Reform: Changing Systems That Affect Millions

Ravi’s advocacy extends to some of the most critical national conversations:

- Mental health reform and suicide prevention
- Aged care accessibility and funding
- Disability inclusion and NDIS improvements
- Multicultural equity in healthcare systems

His submissions to government inquiries and national bodies have:

- Contributed to policy design and implementation discussions
- Highlighted **systemic inequities affecting carers**
- Advocated for stronger inclusive, person-centred approaches

He has ensured that carers are not an afterthought - but **a central pillar in system design**.

Moments That Define Character: Compassion in Action

Beyond policy and leadership, Ravi's true character is revealed in moments of humanity.

He has:

- Raised awareness on **asbestos risks to protect elderly residents**
- Supported individuals facing **mental health crises quietly and consistently**
- Created **community initiatives that foster connection, dignity, and wellbeing**

These are not obligations.
These are choices - made again and again, driven by empathy.

Empowering Future Generations and Communities

Ravi's impact is not limited to today - it is shaping tomorrow.

He is building pathways for:

- **Young people** to step into leadership and community service
- **CALD communities** to feel confident, included, and empowered
- **Carers** to be recognised as essential contributors to society

Through education, mentoring, and inclusive initiatives, he is creating a **legacy of compassion and leadership**.

A Rare Combination: Heart, Evidence, and Impact

What sets Ravi apart is the rare combination of:

- **Lived experience as a carer**
- **Emotional intelligence and deep empathy**

- **Evidence-based advocacy and policy influence**
- **Sustained, measurable, and large-scale impact**

He does not work in isolation - he builds bridges.
He does not seek recognition - he creates change.

Why Ravi Must Be Recognised

To overlook Ravi's contribution would mean overlooking:

- The **thousands of lives improved through his work**
- The **carers who now feel seen and supported**
- The **systems that are more inclusive because of his advocacy**

Recognition through the MHS Award will:

- Validate the **critical role of carers in our society**
- Inspire **future leaders and young carers**
- Strengthen the visibility of **CALD communities in mental health spaces**

Most importantly, it ensures that **a lifetime of selfless service does not remain invisible**.

Final Reflection

Ravi Krishnamurthy represents the very essence of what it means to care - not as an act, but as a way of life.

His journey is one of quiet strength, relentless service, and profound humanity.

He has carried others when they could not stand.
He has spoken when others could not be heard.
He has built systems where none existed.

And he has done all this not for recognition - but because it was needed.

It is now time that his contribution is recognised.

Achievement / Contribution	Reference Source	Significance / Evidence of Impact
Received ACT Chief Minister's Inclusion Award - Leader in Inclusion (2024) for disability advocacy and inclusive community leadership.	https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2024/november/inclusion-awards-recipients-announced https://amanact.org/about/	Official ACT Government recognition for sustained leadership and advocacy in disability inclusion.
Awarded Mentally Healthy Community Award (Individual) by the Mental Health Community Coalition ACT.	https://mhcv.org.au/mental-health-carers-voice-october-2024-update/	Recognises Ravi's impact in promoting multicultural mental health awareness and community wellbeing.
AMAN (under Ravi's leadership) received ACT Multicultural Award – Diversity and Inclusion Category (2024).	https://www.act.gov.au/open/multicultural-awards-winners	Demonstrates recognised leadership in strengthening multicultural inclusion and community engagement in the ACT.
Honoured with NATA Community Excellence Award 2025 for outstanding community service and multicultural advocacy.	https://desiaustralia.com/entertaiment/events-festivals/a-grand-celebration-of-culture-and-community-vishwavasu-ugadi-2025-lights-up-canberra/	Independent recognition by community organisations of Ravi's sustained leadership and multicultural impact.
Selected as Finalist – IABCA Community Services Excellence Award (Individuals).	https://www.iabca.com.au/2025finalists	National recognition of Ravi's contributions to community development and social inclusion.
Canberra Sanskrit School (led by Ravi) received Order of Australia Association ACT Branch Group Award for Citizenship, Leadership and Achievement (2025).	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17B4JrYNWv/	Acknowledges long-term leadership in language education, youth development and community engagement.
Awarded recognition by Federation of Indian Associations ACT for dedication to inclusion and mental health advocacy (2025).	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DpASzmEgH/	Demonstrates strong multicultural leadership and commitment to mental health awareness.

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Appointed to the ATO Individuals Stewardship Group, a national advisory body.	https://www.ato.gov.au/about-ato/consultation/consultation-groups/stewardship-groups/individuals-stewardship-group	Confirms national policy recognition and trust in Ravi's expertise representing community perspectives.
Appointed to the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) Aged Care Network (2025–2026).	https://www.ihacpa.gov.au	Demonstrates involvement in national health and aged care policy consultation processes.
Appointed to the ACT Reconciliation Council by the ACT Government.	https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/act_government_media_releases/rachel-stephen-smith-mla-media-releases/2024/act-reconciliation-council-welcomes-new-members	Reflects government recognition of Ravi's role in advancing reconciliation and multicultural engagement.
Appointed to the Parents and Carers Reference Group (PCRG), Department of Social Services (Australian Government).	https://www.dss.gov.au	Confirms his role contributing to national policy discussions impacting carers and families.
Participated in ACT Legislative Assembly inquiries and parliamentary hearings representing multicultural communities.	https://www.hansard.act.gov.au/hansard/11th-assembly/2024/PDF/P241203.pdf	Parliamentary record confirms Ravi's contributions to policy debate and legislative processes.
Invited to provide evidence to the ACT Legislative Assembly Estimates Committee Hearing.	https://www.parliament.act.gov.au	Demonstrates government recognition of AMAN and Ravi as trusted community representatives.
Contributed to the Productivity Commission Review of the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement.	https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/mental-health-review/submissions	Shows Ravi's involvement in national mental health policy reform discussions.
Submission to Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2026-27 (IHACPA) advocating for culturally responsive healthcare.	https://engage.ihacpa.gov.au/pfaphs/pricing-framework-for-hospitals-26-27	Demonstrates influence on national health funding policy and equity in healthcare services.

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Submission to Senate Inquiry into Governance at Australian Higher Education Providers.	https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Education_and_Employment/UniversityGovernance48/Submissions	Confirms engagement in national higher-education governance policy processes.
Featured in ABC News coverage of ACT inquiry into men's suicide, highlighting multicultural perspectives.	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-11-29/men-suicide-rates-in-the-spotlight-in-canberra/106079256	National media recognition of Ravi's advocacy on culturally informed suicide prevention.

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