## StudyNSW Presentation

Embracing Diversity Through International Education in Regional Australia

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## My Story – Iraq to Armidale (NSW)









#### **Volunteer Work During my Studies**

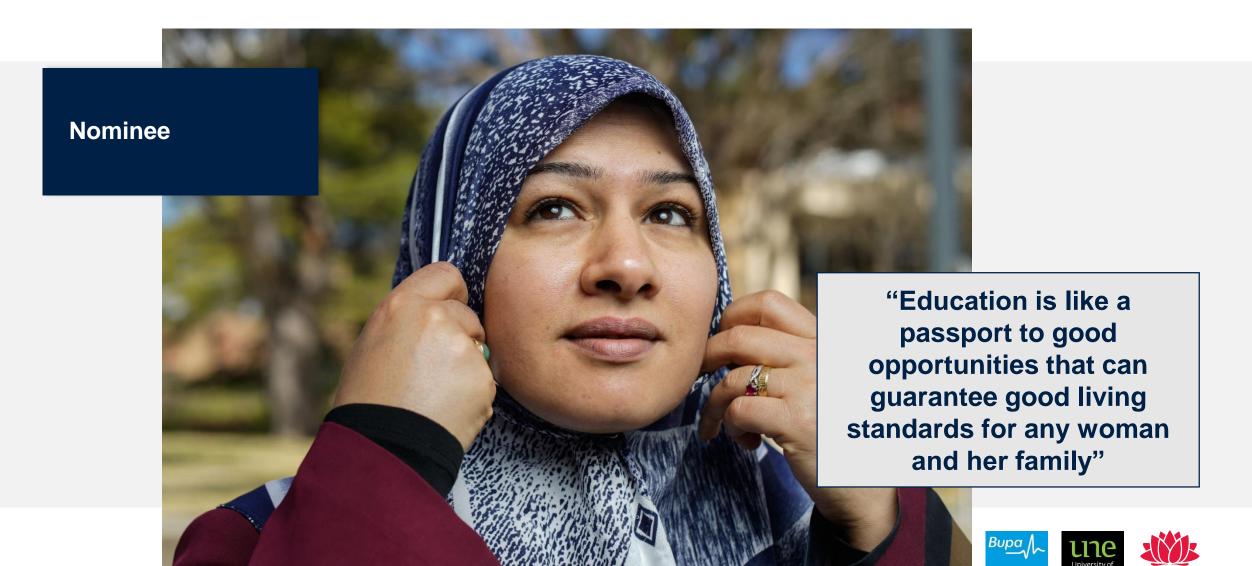
- Volunteer interpreter for women during medical appointments
- Helping newly arrived students to settle in Armidale
- Assisting Arabic speakers to become familiar with essay writing techniques
- Establishing the international women's group for students' spouses
- Helping parents to be able to understand the Australian school system through the 'Hippy' programme
- Working with Northern Settlement Services to help refugees







#### **International Student Award 2015**



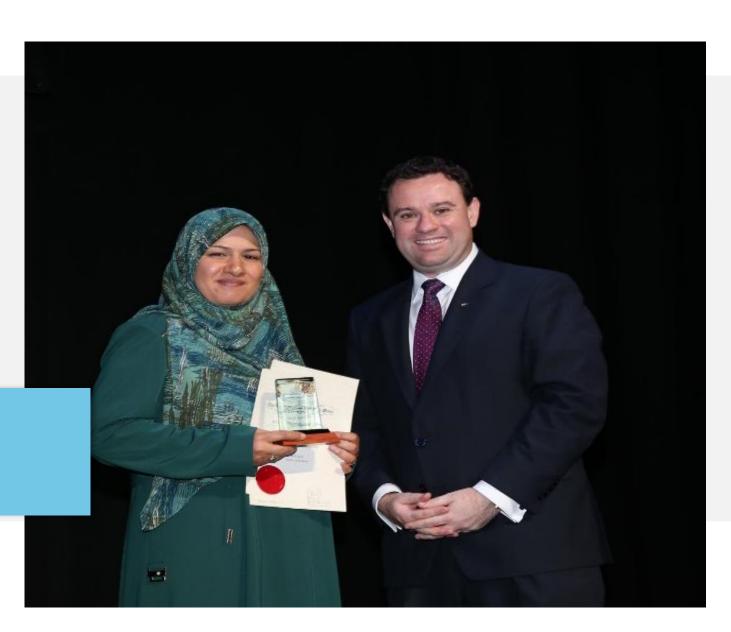
### **International Student Award 2015**







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Winner



### The Alruhaimi's and the Harbour Bridge









#### The International Hub







Proposal for 'The Hub'

The idea came from my experience as an International Student arriving to Armidale

Identification of a 'support gap'

The project focuses not only on the students but also their family members

Project Objectives

The Hub focused on the health and wellbeing of the international community in the region, incorporating existing community services and enhancing the experiences of students and their families

Application

**UNE applied for the StudyNSW grant in June, it was approved in August** 







### **The Hub Grand Opening**











# The Hub - Programs and Functions Three Free Driving Lessons









# The International Hub Programs Water Awareness Programs For Mums and Bubs











### **Learning to Swim**









# The International Hub National Day Events













# The International Hub International Ladies Group











# The International Hub Weekly English Lessons









## The International Hub Event program

- Tennis classes for kids and adults
- Positive parenting programs
- Closed fitness classes for the international ladies
- Closed belly dance classes
- Mixed aerobics classes for women and men
- Multicultural day activities in schools
- Mother's Day activity in preschools
- Excursions to Tamworth
- Armidale Carnival







# 2017 NSW International Student Awards The International Hub won the StudyNSW International Student Community Engagement for Business and Community Groups Award!









#### **The PlEoneer Awards 2017**



# Winner of International alumni of the year

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#### Thanks to Bupa, UNE and StudyNSW









