

Media Release

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VICTORIA'S MULTICULTURAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS GO DIGITAL

The Victorian Government is helping multicultural and multifaith communities continue cultural celebrations in a COVID-safe way.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence today announced more than \$800,000 to support 148 community organisations across Victoria to deliver multicultural festivals and events in a digital format.

The modified round of the Government's *Multicultural Festivals and Events program* has encouraged multicultural community groups and organisations to get creative, build their long-term digital capacity and move their events online.

Events include the Vietnamese Community in Australia – Victoria Chapter's Tet Lunar New Year Festival, the Wyndham Diwali and both the SalamFest Digital Edition and the African Music and Cultural Virtual Festival, which are expected to each attract 10,000 people.

Expect to see many of Victoria's favourite events go digital in the coming months as our multicultural and multifaith communities celebrate, commemorate and connect online.

For the full list of successful recipients, visit: vic.gov.au/multicultural-festivals-and-events-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence

"We'll be there for our multicultural and multifaith communities during this pandemic and into the future – with dozens of events and festivals getting underway over the coming months through the support of this program."

"The Multicultural Festival and Events program aims to embrace, preserve and celebrate one of Victoria's greatest assets, its multiculturalism."

"We are all the stronger for backing Victorians to embrace their traditions and culture – it's why Victoria is such a strong, diverse and welcoming state."