

Media Release

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SAFELY CONNECTING MULTICULTURAL SENIORS DURING CORONAVIRUS

The Victorian Government's CALD Communities Taskforce is supporting Victoria's multicultural seniors to stay connected during the coronavirus pandemic.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence announced today that \$2.1 million will be made available to multicultural seniors groups through the *Coronavirus Support for Multicultural Seniors program*.

Funding of up to \$2,000 is available to purchase IT equipment, run programs to support multicultural seniors and provide the timely distribution of coronavirus information.

All seniors groups that receive funding will also automatically receive public liability insurance and personal accident cover for 2021, saving organisations up to \$5,000 each.

Almost 900 organisations will automatically receive a direct offer of funding as previous recipients of a Victorian Government multicultural seniors grant, such as Western Karen Elder Group in Werribee, the Taiwan Ladies Association in Oakleigh, Bendigo's German Friendship Society and the Geelong Dutch Fifty Plus Club.

The Taskforce is inviting newly formed multicultural seniors' groups to submit an online application by Thursday, 19 November 2020.

For more information or to apply, visit vic.gov.au/coronavirus-support-for-multicultural-seniors-2020-21

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence

"We are fortunate to be home to so many multicultural seniors groups dedicated to supporting their communities and we want to help them deliver immediate assistance to their members."

"Older generations have made an immense contribution to our multiculturalism – Victoria has become such a multicultural success story and this is our way of giving back."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ageing Luke Donnellan

"We value all older Victorians and the contribution they have made and continue to make to our lives – it's our job to look after them."

"I encourage all newly formed multicultural seniors groups to apply – the application process is simple and support is available to help guide you through the process."