

# Media Release

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## RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING MULTICULTURAL VICTORIANS

Victorians are encouraged to honour the remarkable people and organisations that help make our state a multicultural success story.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence and Victorian Multicultural Commission Chairperson Viv Nguyen today announced that nominations are open for the Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence.

The annual awards, now in their 20<sup>th</sup> year, include 15 categories, covering issues such as community harmony, business, education and early childhood, local government, arts, health and emergency services.

The awards also include the community response and recovery category – introduced in 2020 to acknowledge the remarkable efforts of those who have assisted during the response to the pandemic.

Victorians can be nominated for either paid or voluntary work, and award recipients will be honoured in a ceremony hosted by the Victorian Multicultural Commission later in the year.

For more information about awards eligibility and how to nominate, visit [multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au/multicultural-awards-for-excellence](https://multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au/multicultural-awards-for-excellence)

Nominations close Sunday 5 September, and individuals can self-nominate.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence

*"Multiculturalism is at the heart of the Victorian way of life. We are recognising those who make our state such a welcoming and wonderful place to live."*

*"I encourage Victorians to get involved by nominating someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our rich and diverse community."*

### Quotes attributable to Victorian Multicultural Commission Chairperson Viv Nguyen AM

*"The Multicultural Awards for Excellence recognise the many ways Victorians are supporting one another, and provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge some of the truly inspiring people and organisations who champion diversity"*

*"Our diversity enriches our lives across all areas of society."*