## **Media Release**

The Hon Ros Spence MP Minister for Multicultural Affairs Minister for Community Sport Minister for Youth



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## RECOGNISING LEADERS IN MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring outstanding community members and organisations who have made significant contributions to multiculturalism in Victoria receive the honour and recognition they deserve.

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

The Victorian Multicultural Honour Roll will recognise the efforts of individuals, community and not-for-profit groups who have made an exceptional and lasting contribution to multiculturalism in Victoria.

It will focus on the vital role of local champions from diverse backgrounds in keeping our communities safe and connected.

The new honour roll will also spotlight those who promote multicultural civic participation and the social, cultural and economic benefits of diversity.

Victorian Multicultural Honour Roll inductees will be announced as part of Cultural Diversity Week celebrations in 2022. Cultural Diversity Week coincides with the United Nations International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination and Harmony day on 21 March.

Nominations are open until 16 January 2022. For more information or to nominate, visit multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au/victorian-multicultural-honour-roll.

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

"Victoria's multicultural diversity is a part of what makes our state such a welcoming and wonderful place."

"I encourage Victorians to nominate someone deserving of recognition for their outstanding contribution."

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

"Our diversity makes us stronger as a state and as one community."

"Every day I am honoured to meet community members and organisations working tirelessly to keep our multicultural communities safe and connected – their efforts should not go unnoticed."

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