

Media Release

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MULTICULTURAL AWARDS TO RECOGNISE VICTORIAN CHAMPIONS

The Andrews Labor Government is highlighting remarkable Victorians who have shaped our state's multicultural success story, calling for nominations for the 2022 Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence.

Now in their 21st year, the annual awards honour outstanding individuals and organisations who build cross-cultural understanding and support those with migrant, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Victorians can be nominated for paid or voluntary work and each of the 14 categories can have multiple winners and may recognise highly commended nominations.

All recipients will be honoured at a ceremony at Government House in October.

This year's categories are Arts, Business, Community Innovation, Education, Emergency Services, Health, Justice, Local Government, Media, Police, Refugee Advocacy, Sport, Youth Leadership and the Premier's Award for Community Harmony.

The Victorian Multicultural Commission is pleased to collaborate with Department of Education and Training, Emergency Management Victoria and Victoria Police in 2022 and thank its sponsors - Commonwealth Bank and Jobs Victoria.

Victorians are encouraged to submit nominations by Sunday 7 August.

Nominations are welcome for large and small organisations and people of all cultures, faiths, ages, genders and abilities. In most cases, individuals and organisations can self-nominate.

For more information about eligibility and how to nominate, visit www.multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au/multicultural-awards-for-excellence.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence

"Our success as a state is indebted to the extraordinary contributions of our diverse communities. These awards pay tribute to those who make our state such a vibrant and welcoming place to live."

"I encourage Victorians to nominate someone who deserves to be recognised for their outstanding contributions to Victoria."

Quotes attributable to Victorian Multicultural Commission Chairperson Vivienne Nguyen

"Our multicultural communities remain connected and inspired thanks to these champions. This is an important opportunity for us to recognise and thank the people and organisations whose contributions create significant impacts on the broader society and for multiculturalism."

"The people in our multicultural communities are not always recognised for the impact they make on our lives. This year, I encourage everyone to nominate a person or organisation to ensure that their efforts are noted and celebrated."

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