## Media Release

Ingrid Stitt MP Minister for Mental Health Minister for Ageing Minister for Multicultural Affairs



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## **BACKING THE VOICES THAT SHARE VICTORIA'S DIVERSE STORIES**

Multicultural media outlets play a significant role in keeping Victoria's culturally diverse communities informed in language – sharing news, and making sure their stories and voices are heard.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt today announced the successful recipients of the 2024–25 Multicultural Media Grants Program, which is supporting 24 multicultural media outlets to continue their vital work.

Grants of up to \$25,000 will support the outlets across print, radio, broadcasting and digital, to increase the production and publication of content, the purchase of equipment and the training or development of journalists.

The program aims to help these organisations foster a greater sense of belonging and connection throughout multicultural communities, so Victorians from all backgrounds are connected and supported, by:

- enhancing the quality of services, coverage or capacity to extend audience reach to multicultural communities
- equipping multicultural staff, volunteers, and young adults in the community with the skills and experience needed to thrive in media careers by offering tailored training opportunities, growth and employability in the industry.

This year, Wyndham Community Radio will use its grant to deliver media training programs and foster employment opportunities, while II Globo, will create dedicated workstations for the next generation of journalists.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has invested more than \$4.9 million through the Multicultural Media Grants program, supporting over 100 multicultural media outlets across Victoria.

For more details and the full list of successful recipients, visit: vic.gov.au/multicultural-media-grants-program

## Quote attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

"We will always back Victoria's multicultural media organisations who play an incredibly important role – amplifying the voices, stories, and experiences of multicultural Victorians, so everyone is heard, no matter their background."

## Quote attributable to Il Globo Managing Director Julius Larobina

"This funding will strengthen our commitment to serving the Italian community, establishing workstations for additional multimedia content production and expanding our news reach in the digital era."