## **Media Release**

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



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## JOIN THE VICTORIAN AFRICAN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

The Allan Labor Government is inviting passionate advocates and community leaders to join the Victorian African Communities Committee (VACC).

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt announced that applications are open for new members to join the advisory body, which provides critical advice to government on the priorities, needs and aspirations of Victoria's African communities.

The VACC comprises 13 members of African heritage who work to ensure that the voices and lived experiences of Victoria's diverse African communities are embedded in government programs, policies and initiatives.

Successful applicants will be offered appointments of up to two years and the opportunity to support a variety of initiatives through the Victorian Government's Victorian African Communities Action Plan 2018-28.

Since 2018, more than \$42 million has been invested into initiatives under the plan with the aim of strengthening inclusion, resilience and better outcomes for Victoria's African communities.

Victorians with grassroots knowledge and an in-depth understanding of the issues facing African communities in Victoria are encouraged to apply.

People with diverse experiences such as women, young people and members of the LGBTIQA+ community are particularly encouraged to apply. Applications close on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

For further information or to apply, visit <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-african-communities-committee">https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-african-communities-committee</a>

## **Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt**

"The Victorian African Communities Committee provides crucial advice to government on the priorities and needs of Victoria's African communities."

"If you are passionate about representing your community and have expertise in education, employment, health, and inclusion – I encourage you to apply."

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