

# Media Release

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## VICTORIA'S MOSQUES OPEN THEIR DOORS TO COMBAT HATE

More than 30 mosques and Islamic centres across the state are opening their doors to combat hate and foster understanding as part of the 2026 Mosque Open Day with support from the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt is encouraging Victorians to visit their local participating mosque on Saturday, 7 February to learn more about our diverse Muslim communities and push back against harmful narratives.

Visitors can take part in a range of activities throughout the day including guided mosque tours, prayer observations, hijab tutorials and henna art.

At a time when our Muslim communities are facing distressing levels of Islamophobia, the annual day helps to build an understanding of the important role these centres play as places of connection and reflection.

A number of mosques are participating this year across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria including ICMG Brunswick Mosque, Horsham Mosque and the Islamic Society of Geelong.

The Labor Government has invested \$400,000 to support the Open Mosque Day through to 2027 in collaboration with the Islamic Council of Victoria.

This builds on the work by the Government to stand up against hate, discrimination and racism in all its forms including implementing the strongest hate speech laws in the nation, recognising the International Day to Combat Islamophobia and developing a guide to combat Islamophobia, with support for both victims and bystanders.

To see the full list of participating mosques and Islamic centres, visit [vic.gov.au/victorian-mosque-open-day](https://vic.gov.au/victorian-mosque-open-day).

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

*"Just weeks ago, an Imam was assaulted in a targeted act of anti-Muslim hatred – this week, mosques across Victoria will open their doors to all Victorians to combat hate and foster understanding."*

*"Victorian Mosque Open Day is a great opportunity for all Victorians to step inside their local mosque, meet the community and learn more about the Islamic faith in a welcoming space."*