

# Media Release

Hon Jacinta Allan MP  
Premier



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## STATE FUNERAL FOR THE HON. NORMAN HENRY LACY

A State Funeral to celebrate the life of The Hon. Norman Henry Lacy will be held at 11am on Tuesday, 19 May at St Mark's Anglican Church in Camberwell.

A dedicated family man and public servant, Norman lived an accomplished life dedicated to improving lives through public service, education and the arts.

Born and raised in Richmond, he began his career in the family plumbing business in Richmond, before studying Theology at Ridley College and being ordained as an Anglican priest.

He served at parishes in Caulfield, Richmond and the joint parish of Healesville, Yarra Glen and Christmas Hill.

Elected to the Victorian Parliament in 1973, Norman proudly representing both Ringwood and Warrandyte, and was Secretary of the Parliamentary Liberal Party from 1976 to 1979.

In Parliament, Norman played a key role in the debates that led to the permanent abolition of the death penalty in Victoria. He was also a strong advocate for disability services and community programs.

As Minister for the Arts, he left a mark on Victoria through the construction of the Victorian Arts Centre and its iconic spire, the establishment of Film Victoria (now VicScreen), Heide Museum of Modern Art and the award-winning Australian Children's Television Foundation.

He also championed reforms in education, including compulsory physical education, paternity leave for teachers and greater support for children with learning difficulties.

After leaving Parliament in 1982, Norman built a successful career in management education and consulting.

Norman's contributions to the arts, education and industry have left a legacy across Victoria.

The funeral will be open to the public and livestreamed online.

More information, including how to attend or view the livestream is available at [vic.gov.au/Norman-Henry-Lacy](https://vic.gov.au/Norman-Henry-Lacy).

### Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

*"Norman made a significant contribution to Victoria's arts and cultural life. From the Victorian Arts Centre to the Australian Children's Television Foundation, his vision helped shape the creative identity of our state."*

*"He leaves behind a legacy of service, compassion and leadership."*