

# Media Release

**The Hon Robin Scott MP**  
Minister for Finance  
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## LABOR BACKS THE CARLTON ITALIAN FESTA

The Carlton Italian Festa will be bigger and better than ever before, under a re-elected Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Robin Scott, today attending the festival, announced that 2019's event will be backed with an extra \$70,000 from a re-elected Labor Government.

Now in its seventh year, the Carlton Italian Festa is a celebration of all things Italian including music, dance, language, cars and, of course, Italian food.

Carlton has a long and proud history as the place where many Italian-speaking people first settled when they arrived in Melbourne.

This festival celebrates this heritage and the many contributions of Italian Victorians.

Our state is home to a strong and proud Italian community, with the 2016 Census showing that 112,272 Victorians speak Italian at home.

The announcement builds on the Andrews Labor Government's \$80,000 provided as part of the 2018/19 Multicultural Festivals and Events program.

Only Labor will stand with our state's proud multifaith and multicultural communities, and only Labor is willing to make the investments that really matter.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Robin Scott

*"In every way, and every day, our Italian communities make Victoria stronger and more successful."*

*"With this investment, Labor will help make sure those contributions are celebrated, making the Carlton Italian Festa bigger and better than ever before".*