

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON MULTICULTURAL VICTORIA

Victorians are encouraged to attend one of 15 community consultations across the state, to have their say on multicultural issues.

Hosted by the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC), the consultations give people an opportunity to provide feedback on how government services can be improved for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

VMC Chairperson Chin Tan said everyone is welcome to share their experiences and ideas for multicultural affairs in Victoria.

“Victoria is one of the most multicultural places in the world, and we want to make life here better for everyone,” Mr Tan said.

“Our five million residents come from more than 200 countries, speak 260 languages and dialects and follow one of 135 faiths, so it’s important that everyone has an opportunity to put forward their different needs and viewpoints.

“The feedback and information we get from people can be used by the VMC to ensure that government departments and agencies’ services and outcomes are improved for everyone,” he said.

Mr Tan said staff from the VMC and other government agencies would also be in attendance to answer questions and provide advice on some matters.

“A popular part of the consultations is always the grants workshops we hold, where VMC staff provide advice and support on how people can access some of the \$5.6 million in grants funding we provide multicultural community groups,” he said.

“Other questions about government services and support can be answered on the spot, or referred to the appropriate authority for follow-up.

“We look forward to hearing from everyone and working with all Victorians to continue making this a great place to live.”

For more information, or to register your place at a consultation, please visit [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/community-consultations](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/community-consultations)

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Consultation dates and locations on following two pages.

## Victorian Multicultural Commission 2013 Community Consultations

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Audience</b>
07/10/2013 Monday	Multicultural Hub – Red and Orange Room 506 Elizabeth Street <b>MELBOURNE</b>	10am – 12.30pm	Women Only
07/10/2013 Monday	Multicultural Hub – Red and Orange Room 506 Elizabeth Street <b>MELBOURNE</b>	1pm – 3.15pm	Peak Bodies & Service Providers Interested persons
10/10/2013 Thursday	Meeting Rooms 1, 2, and 3 Richmond Town Hall 333 Bridge Road <b>RICHMOND</b>	5pm – 7.15pm	Youth (up to 30)
17/10/2013 Thursday	Conference Centre Mid City Motel 525 Raglan Parade <b>WARRNAMBOOL</b>	10am – 12noon	Everyone
17/10/2013 Thursday	Diversitat Northern Community Hub 25-41 Arunga Ave <b>NORLANE</b>	6pm – 8pm	Everyone
21/10/2013 Monday	Conference Centre Victoria University Seminar Rooms 1, 2 and 3 460 Ballarat Rd <b>SUNSHINE</b>	5:30pm – 7:30pm	Everyone
22/10/2013 Tuesday	Iramoo Community Centre 84 Honour Avenue <b>WYNDHAM VALE</b>	6pm – 8pm	Everyone
24/10/2013 Thursday	Monash Seminar and Training Centre 1a Atherton Road <b>OAKLEIGH</b>	2pm – 4pm	Everyone
28/10/2013 Monday	Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council 102 English Street, Golden Point <b>BALLARAT</b>	6pm – 8pm	Everyone
31/10/2013 Thursday	Paul Streefkerk Rehearsal Room Drum Theatre Cnr Lonsdale and Walker Streets <b>DANDENONG</b>	6pm – 8pm	Everyone
06/11/2013 Wednesday	Auditorium Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE 152 - 200 Fryers Street, <b>SHEPPARTON</b>	2pm – 4pm	Everyone
08/11/2013 Friday	Conference Room Gipps TAFE Academy 49-63 Princes Street <b>TRARALGON</b>	2pm – 4pm	Everyone

12/11/2013 Tuesday	Council Chambers Frankston Civic Centre Davey Street <b>FRANKSTON</b>	2pm – 4pm	Everyone
14/11/2013 Thursday	Performing Arts Centre, Memorial Hall A, Cnr Ford & Ovens Streets, <b>WANGARATTA</b>	2pm – 4pm	Everyone
20/11/2013 Wednesday	Bendigo Visual Arts Centre La Trobe University Auditorium 121 View Street <b>BENDIGO</b>	2pm – 4pm	Everyone
21/11/2013 Thursday	Hume Global Learning 1093 Pascoe Vale Rd, <b>BROADMEADOWS</b>	6pm – 8pm	Everyone