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APPLY NOW TO REPRESENT YOUR MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

The Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals across Victoria to become members of its eight Regional Advisory Councils (RACs).

“The Regional Advisory Councils are a vital part of the work undertaken at the VMC – spread over eight regions, they provide us with important community insight across the State,” said Mr Chin Tan, Chairperson, VMC.

“By providing advice on settlement, multicultural affairs, service delivery and citizenship issues, the Regional Advisory Councils are a way for the VMC to best advocate and improve services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Recruitment is open to all community members who are local residents in each Regional Advisory Council area.”

Expressions of Interest relate to vacancies in the RACs for the period 1 March 2015 to 28 February 2017. All members participate in a volunteer capacity.

Three RACs are based in Metropolitan Melbourne – Eastern, Southern and North West, and five are based in rural and regional Victoria – Barwon South West, Hume, Loddon Mallee, Gippsland and Grampians.

RACs undertake the following important work:

- provide advice to the VMC on settlement, multicultural affairs, service delivery and citizenship issues;
- advocate on behalf of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities; and
- promote the benefits of cultural and religious diversity at the local level.

Applications are being sought from a range of community members who are committed to multiculturalism and can offer value to the RAC process. The VMC is seeking applications from:

- local residents;
- representatives of local service providers who have a focus on provision of services to multicultural communities;
- representatives of local business organisations; and
- representatives of local councils.

“The Regional Advisory Councils are a valuable way to strengthen our communities and to build on the successes we have achieved in multiculturalism in Victoria.

“People who are committed to the future of their regions, and who can demonstrate leadership, vision and the ability to champion regional interests are encouraged to apply,” said Mr Tan.

Information on how to apply for a position and Expression of Interest forms are available from www.multicultural.vic.gov.au, by calling (03) 9651 0651 or by email at rac@vmc.vic.gov.au.

Applications close midnight Friday 12 December 2014.

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