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## Multicultural Awards for Excellence nominations now open

Nominations for *Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence 2015* were officially opened today by the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC).

The awards recognise the outstanding contributions made by individuals and organisations who promote and support cultural diversity in Victoria.

VMC Acting Chairperson, Ross Alatsas, says the awards provide an opportunity to formally honour many inspiring Victorians.

*"Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence* celebrate people and organisations who demonstrate true passion and commitment to serving our multicultural community."

"These Victorians not only embrace diversity, they set a wonderful example for others to follow and demonstrate how multiculturalism is a way of life in our state," he said.

Now in their 14<sup>th</sup> year, the awards are granted across 10 categories to recognise the breadth of achievements across Victoria.

### **Award categories:**

- Victorian Multicultural Honour Roll
- Award for Meritorious Service to the Community
- Award for Service Delivery to Multicultural Victoria
- Premier's Award for Community Harmony
- Victorian Multicultural Business Awards:
  - Corporate Innovation Award
  - Victorian Multicultural Marketing Award
- Ambassador Award
- Education and Early Childhood Award
- Local Government Award
- Media Award
- Victoria Police Multicultural Awards:
  - Police Annual Multicultural Award
  - Police Multicultural Media Award
  - Protective Service Officer Multicultural Award
  - Police Community Exemplary Award

Nominations can be completed online, by email or mail, and will be accepted until 14 September 2015. Please visit [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au) to access the online nomination form or to download a copy.

Nominees must meet the eligibility requirements and selection criteria as outlined in *Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence Guidelines and Nomination* booklet which is available at [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au)

Recipients of the awards will be announced at a special ceremony at Government House later in the year.

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