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## **VICTORIA'S MULTICULTURAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED**

Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence 2014 were announced last night in a ceremony at Government House. Now in its 15th year, these respected Awards acknowledge outstanding achievements and services made by individuals and organisations that support cultural diversity in Victoria.

This year a total of 73 individuals and 17 organisations received awards in 10 categories, spanning various sectors of the community including education, local government, policing, business and media.

Victorian Multicultural Commission Chairperson, Mr Chin Tan said awards are presented to a range of individuals and community organisations who work tirelessly to achieve harmony within our culturally diverse community.

"The Excellence Awards celebrate the contribution that multiculturalism makes to the State – the social, economic and cultural contribution that gives us our wonderful diversity and strengthens our community.

"Victorians come from over 200 countries, follow more than 130 faiths and nearly half of the State's population were either born overseas or have at least one parent born overseas – multiculturalism is a way of life in Victoria and the Awards acknowledge this by applauding the people who work hard to make it so," said Mr Tan.

These annual Awards for Excellence demonstrate the Victorian Government's commitment to promoting Victoria as a multicultural place, with His Excellency, the Hon Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria and the Premier of Victoria, the Hon Denis Napthine MP presenting awards.

"The Awards recognise the hard work that is taking place across Victoria, by people and organisations that are committed to the success of multiculturalism.

"Over 24 multicultural communities from all over the State were represented in the dynamic pool of award recipients," said Mr Tan.

Mr J Murray Loblely was the recipient of the Premier's Award for Community Harmony for his longstanding work in the Gippsland region, with a focus on interfaith

work. Chinese Digital Media took out the Marketing Award for their innovative digital work and Footscray Community Arts Centre was awarded an Ambassador Award for their commitment to engaging and collaborating with culturally and linguistically diverse communities and empowering them through creative pursuits.

Awards were also presented by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship, the Hon Matthew Guy MLC; Minister for Local Government, the Hon Tim Bull MP; Minister for Education, the Hon Martin Dixon MP; and Chief Commissioner of Police, Mr Ken Lay.

“I congratulate all the award recipients and thank them for their important and positive contributions to multiculturalism in Victoria, which is the cornerstone of a dynamic, vibrant and harmonious State,” said Mr Tan.

A complete list of award recipients is included overleaf – this list and previous recipients can be found on the Commission’s website: [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au)

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## INDIVIDUALS

<b>Title</b>	<b>Firstname</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Award Received</b>
Mr	Diego	Luppino	Aberfieldie	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Halina	Wood	Alfredton	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	James	Cusack	Ascot Vale	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	John	Chau	Ascot Vale	PACMAC Media Award
Mr	Frank	Patti	Avondale Heights	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Graham	Goulding	Balaclava	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Meeta	Narsi	Ballarat	Meritorious Service to the Community
Fr	Simeon	Kichakov	Bell Post Hill	Service Delivery - Community Service
Mr	Sanjay	Unadkat	Blackburn South	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Eric	Chen	Bulleen	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Margaret	Wehl	Canterbury	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Belinda Selen	Ozgun	Carnegie	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Siri Krishan	Auplish	Clayton	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Ngatuaine	Hosking	Clayton	Ambassador - Individual
Mr	Guillaume	Nyakaboyi	Clayton	Honour Roll
Ms	Sanja	Drljaca	Dandenong	Meritorious Service to the Community
PSO	Harminder	Singh	Docklands	PACMAC Protective Service Officer Multicultural Award
Ms	Terezia	Kral	Doncaster	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Olga	Shonina	Doncaster	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Pino	Narduzzo	East Brighton	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Uma	Ganapathireddy	Endeavour Hills	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Nina Lan Jun	Huang	Endeavour Hills	Meritorious Service to the Community
Brother & Sister	Mr Patrick Francis &	Ms Lesley Francis	Essendon	Service Delivery - Arts
Mr	Yadata	Saba	Flemington	Meritorious Service to the Community

Dr	Che-Sam	Lo	Footscray	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Vinh Dinh	Tran	Footscray West	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Eszter	Linka	Forest Hill	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Bianca	Cervini	Frankston	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Vasilias	Tsousis	Frankston South	Meritorious Service to the Community
Dr	Nisha	Bhatnagar	Glen Iris	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Preeti	Jabbal	Glen Waverley	Media - Individual
Dr	Iamir	Maloka	Greenvale	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Joseph Zuwu	Sumo	Hamly Heights Geelong	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Tatiana	Zemlinsky	Hampton	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Mladen	Krsman	Hampton Park	Ambassador - Young Person
Ms	Kumari	Middleton	Hawthorn	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Karna	Rana	Hoppers Crossing	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Lily	Silic	Hoppers Crossing	Service Delivery - Community Service
Mrs	Lily	Wu	Kew	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Molina	Asthana	KEW EAST	Service Delivery - Community Service
Mr	Bright	Chinganya	Kilsyth	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	John	Chrisomallis	Lalor	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Antonina	Kichakova	Lovely Banks	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Emily Lee	D'Cruz	Melbourne	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Nosrat	Dehghan	Mill Park	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	J Murray	Lobley	Moe	Premier's Award For Community Harmony
Mr	Bhattachary	Mudumba	Mount Waverley	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Antonio	Mautone	Myrtleford	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Sugu	Maran	Narre Warren	Meritorious Service to the Community

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Mrs	Amparo	Miller	Newborou gh	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Marama	Kufi	Noble Park	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Cat-Tuong	Vu	North Balwyn	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Irene	Papaioan nou	Northcote	Meritorious Service to the Community
Dr	Muhammad	Khalissi	Oakleigh East	Service Delivery - Community Service
Mrs	Malgorzata	Zuchows ka	Oakleigh South	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Hanh	Le	Preston	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Hassan	Yusuf	Preston	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Shan E	Shen	Richmond	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Heping	Zhou	Richmond	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Mukhles	Yousif	Roxburgh Park	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Van-Hung	Phan	South Yarra	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Steve	Kovacic	Springvale	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mrs	Sophia	Boroboka s	St Kilda East	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Alister	MacLeod	Surrey Hills	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Yasseen	Musa	Sydneham	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Anil	Sharma	Tarneit	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Massoud	Majidi	Templesto we	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Gaetana (Nina)	Nicoletti	Templesto we	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Luba	Baksheev	Vermont South	Meritorious Service to the Community
Mr	Ranjan	Vaidya	Wantirna	Meritorious Service to the Community
Ms	Sahida (Ee'da)	Ibrahim	West Footscray	Service Delivery - Arts
Mr	Peter	Cichello	West Melbourne	Meritorious Service to the Community

## ORGANISATIONS

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION</b>	<b>SUBURB</b>	<b>P/C</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Chin News Channel	Croydon	3136	Service Delivery - Media
Chinese Digital Media	Camberwell East	3126	Business Marketing Award
Dandenong High School	Wheelers Hill	3150	Education – Secondary School
Federation Of Indian Associations Of Victoria (FIAV)	Dandenong	3175	Service Delivery - Community Service
Footscray Community Arts Centre	Footscray	3011	Ambassador - Organisation
Greater Shepparton City Council	Shepparton	3630	Local Government
Greek Orthodox Community Of Gippsland	Traralgon	3840	Meritorious Service To The Community
Healthy Tourism Senior Citizens Club "Vigor", Ensemble Nostalgia	Caulfield North	3161	Meritorious Service To The Community
Kalyana Care	Delahey	3037	Service Delivery - Aged Care
Maurice Blackburn Lawyers	Melbourne	3001	Business Award - Corporate Innovation
National Council Of Jewish Women (Victoria) Community Services Inc - Caring Mums	Caulfield	3161	Service Delivery - Community Service
Polish Community Council Of Victoria Inc	Keilor Park	3042	Meritorious Service To The Community
Russian Ethnic Representative Council Of Victoria Inc	Greensborough	3088	Service Delivery - Community Service
SBS Radio	Melbourne	3000	Media - Organisation
Temple Society Bentleigh German School	East Bentleigh	3165	Service Delivery - Language Education
Victoria Police Academy Community Encounters Program	Glen Waverley	3150	PACMAC Police Exemplary Award
Wilmot Road Primary School	Shepparton	3630	Education – Primary School