

Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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DELIVERING AUSTRALIA'S FIRST VIETNAMESE CULTURAL MUSEUM

In the more than 40 years since Vietnamese refugees first arrived in Australia, the proud contributions of these men and women have helped shape our state.

It's why, under a re-elected Andrews Labor Government, \$1.8 million in funding will go towards making Australia's first Vietnamese Cultural Centre and Museum a reality.

To help fast-track work on the project, the Andrews Labor Government will also deliver an immediate contribution of \$750,000, delivered as part of the 2018/19 Multicultural Community Infrastructure Program.

The Museum will serve as a dedicated space for Vietnamese Victorians, allowing them to collect, preserve, and share their culture and history, and celebrate their communities' profound contributions to our state.

Bringing the total contribution to \$2.55 million, Premier Daniel Andrews made today's announcement while attending the Children's Lantern Festival in Footscray.

Located in Footscray, the Museum's completion will be timed ahead of the 50th anniversary of the settlement of Vietnamese refugees in Australia in 2025.

The Museum has long been a goal for the Victorian chapter of the Vietnamese Community in Australia, and will be achieved thanks to the contributions and support from local community members, the City of Maribyrnong and a re-elected Labor Government.

Premier Andrews also announced an immediate funding boost of \$75,000 from the Labor Government for the Chapter's 2019 Tết Festival. The funds, delivered under the 2018/19 Multicultural Festivals and Events program, will help make the celebration bigger and better than ever.

As part of its *Victorian Budget 2018/19*, the Labor Government provided an extra \$1.4 million over two years towards the Multicultural Festivals and Events program. A further \$17.1 million was invested in the Multicultural Community Infrastructure Program, dedicated to improving facilities for local multicultural communities.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"With this investment, we'll help build a space dedicated to celebrating the culture and contributions of our proud Vietnamese communities."

"This Museum will be an Australian-first – and it's only fitting that we build it right here in the multicultural capital of our nation."

Quote attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Robin Scott

"Labor will stand with our multicultural communities, and Labor will make the investments that matter."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Marsha Thomson

"This is an investment in our Vietnamese communities, who in, every way, have made Victoria stronger and more successful."

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