

# Bản Tin – Newsletter

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Welcome to our continued edition of the Vietnamese Museum Australia (VMA) newsletter. Our goal is to honour the journey of freedom and contributions that the Vietnamese community have made to the fabric of Australia since 1975.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we've received over \$809,000 in donations.

In late October 2022, the Victorian Government announced an additional \$2.3 million dollars going towards the construction of the VMA in Footscray, Victoria.

The VMA and its operations are operated and supported by a team of enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate volunteers. Our team has been able to continually grow since our inception and we are now growing even further into other States and Territories across Australia. The team at the VMA have worked very hard throughout the year to organise fundraising, social and community events. We'll wrap up this year with many highlights and look forward to your continued support in our National project.

Please email [info.vma@vietnamesemuseum.com.au](mailto:info.vma@vietnamesemuseum.com.au) if you have any questions and follow us on Facebook (@VietMuseumAus) for the latest updates!

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# The Latest News

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## Victorian Government announces additional \$2.3M funding

On Friday 28 October 2022, the Victorian Government announced additional funding for the construction of the Vietnamese Museum Australia in Footscray. The Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon. Ros Spence MP announced that a further \$2.3 million of funding was secured. In addition to the \$4.45 million already committed by the Victorian Government, this brings the total invested into the VMA of up to \$6.75 million. The VMA Board members



and volunteers were joined by Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Natalie Suleyman MP, Katie Hall MP, Dr Tien Kieu MP, Luke Donnellan, Lauren O'Dwyer along with other guests as well as members of the community.

*"We are proud to support the construction of the VMA to ensure people develop a deeper understanding of the Vietnamese community, their experiences and their significant contributions to Australia" - Katie Hall, Member for Footscray*

The VMA has welcomed bipartisan support from the Federal Government with the Liberal government committing \$5M - including funding for the land settlement with a Funding Agreement signed. The current Labor government has committed \$4.7M towards the VMA project.



## VMA National Online Raffle Goes Live

The VMA Gala Raffle will form part of our major fundraising milestones. All proceeds from the raffle sale will go directly towards the construction and operating costs of the VMA.

Tickets are priced at \$25 each, 2 tickets for \$50, 3 tickets for \$75, 4 tickets for \$100, 6 tickets for \$150, 8 tickets for \$200.

Tickets can be purchased online via: <https://rafflelink.com.au/vmagala> and are for sale in NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA. For the list of prizes, terms and conditions and privacy policy please refer to the VMA gala Rafflelink site.

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## VMA Gala: February 2023 – Lunar New Year – Year of the Cat

On Friday 17 February 2023, the VMA team are pleased to welcome your company at our Black Tie Gala at Melbourne Town Hall.

The event will take place at 06:00pm till 11:00pm at 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne. The ticketed event will be open to members of the public with single tickets selling at \$250 and premium tables (10 seats) available at \$500 each.

The Gala will feature a local drinks package for the evening as well as a three course meal, entertainment, guest speakers, silent auction and raffles!

This is a special night to celebrate the Year of the Cat and to raise funds for the Vietnamese Museum Australia.

All funds raised from the events proceedings will go towards building the VMA. For event information please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/vma-gala-dinner>

**Vietnamese Museum Australia presents Our Inaugural Black Tie Gala Dinner**

Hosted by Diana Nguyen featuring keynote speakers Danny Tran & Dinh Nguyen

A special night to celebrate the Year of the Cat and to raise funds for the Vietnamese Museum Australia, guests will enjoy a 3-course dinner, drinks, Vietnamese entertainment and a silent auction

Melbourne Town Hall  
90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne  
Friday 17th February 2023  
6-11pm

Tickets starting from \$250 and are now available online at [www.events.humanitix.com/vma-gala-dinner](http://www.events.humanitix.com/vma-gala-dinner)

Contact Loc Lam 0425 806 006 and Tammy Nguyen 0403 256 430 for more info.

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### VMA project - Next Stage

Following VMA being awarded the planning approval, the VMA project has progressed to its next stage - Tender & Award. Tender documents were released to 3 short listed tenderers for RFT (Request for Tender). Subsequent to the tender submissions on 15 December 2022, the Tender Evaluation Panel, led by Deloitte PDS, will commence. VMA as the client is not involved in the evaluation process. The outcomes of the assessment and recommendation from the panel will be submitted to the VMA Board for consideration and approval.

### **Dr Daniel Mulino MP – VMA Fundraising Dinner September 2022**



In late September 2022, the VMA hosted a fundraising dinner as part of a campaign to raise money and share updates on the VMA project at L'Amour Reception. The VMA was joined by members of the local Vietnamese and Australian community along with Dr Tien Kieu MP, Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Natalie Suleyman MP and Viv Nguyen - Victorian Multicultural Commissioner.

The fundraising event was able to raise a total of \$33,820, with all proceeding going directly into building the VMA.

*"The project in part is to commemorate the remarkable journey of over 100,000 people after 1975... [this] is a story we need to tell the next generation in the Vietnamese community... more broadly in the Australian community.*

*It is a story of bravery, it is a story of people leading persecution. It is a story of people with nothing, creating something in a new country" - Dr Daniel Mulino MP*

A special thank you to Andy (Vodafone, St Albans) and Lan (Selina Hot Bread, Sunshine) for their tireless efforts to coordinate the event on behalf of the VMA. A big thank you to our generous community, sponsors, donor and volunteers in supporting us and making the fundraiser a success.

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## VMA & Community Engagement Activities

The Vietnamese Museum Australia (VMA) is a community project dedicated to preserving the stories of the Vietnamese refugee diaspora, their experiences, trauma and journey in search of freedom. Through the VMA, we are able to honour and celebrate the Vietnamese heritage, culture and traditions. We will be able to recount how the community settled, progressed and contributed to Australia's multicultural society, their second home which gave them hope and a brighter future.

To better engage with others in our community, the VMA have formed a dedicated team to conduct outreach events in our communities to regularly brief and update them on our project's progress as well as listening and addressing any queries and concerns they may have. Recently, this team visited several senior associations such as



the Community Social Carer Support group, VASA – Vietnamese Australian Senior Association, Indochinese Elderly in Eastern Suburb. The community groups have been warm in their response to us and have shown and expressed interest in our national project as it reflects a part of their lives which they're still very much attached to; a homeland back in the far East with so many memories and legacies they wish to pass onto future generations.

The team will continue to work closely with our community to ensure that we bring together our whole community in building a National Museum for the Vietnamese Community in Australia.

### Kevin Vo – Brand Guardian & Designer

I was born in Vietnam and came to Australia in 1985 as a refugee with my father and older brother. As far back as I can remember, I have always liked to draw, and even though I followed the path of design, art has been a constant in my life.

When I discovered there would be a Vietnamese museum dedicated to our history, art and culture, I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of. Sharing my experience and skills with this project is my way of giving back to our community.

I am volunteering my time to help bring Vietnamese Museum Australia's brand to life as well as designing the marketing materials.



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With warm appreciation of your continued support in our project of building the VMA, from our team of volunteers, we wish you a

**HAPPY LUNAR  
NEW YEAR**

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