

# Media Release

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## SUPPORTING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is continuing to invest across Northern Victoria, with funding for the infrastructure and facilities that communities need to celebrate their culture and traditions.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt today visited the Albanian Moslem Society in Shepparton to announce that nine local organisations across the Northern Victoria Region will receive a share of over \$9.7 million of funding, through the latest round of the Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund.

The Albanian Moslem Society Shepparton will receive just over \$250,000 in funding to construct an outdoor covered shelter, supporting the local Albanian Muslim community to host events and activities outdoors at their existing facility on Acacia Street.

Mildura Sikh Association will receive funding of \$400,000 to renovate their carpark, internal flooring, and supply and install a new septic tank at the Gurudwara Singh Sabha in Mildura.

In Wangaratta, the Da Vinci Social Club will receive just over \$45,000 to construct a soft floor playground, enabling families to have a safe space for their children to play in.

The successful organisations represent the diverse cultural landscape of Victoria with 89 ethnicities and 20 faith groups supported through the latest round of the Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund. More than 50 projects will receive funding in this round of grants.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has invested more than \$88 million to deliver over 560 multicultural community infrastructure projects which have benefitted thousands of Victorians.

Funding through the flagship Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund supports access to culturally appropriate spaces for Victorians to connect with community and have a sense of belonging.

More information about the grant and a list of successful recipients in the Northern Victoria region can be found at [vic.gov.au/multicultural-community-infrastructure-fund](https://vic.gov.au/multicultural-community-infrastructure-fund), with further recipients to be announced in due course.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

*"This latest round of funding will ensure multicultural Victorians can access the facilities that bring communities together, and to share and preserve their culture and traditions."*

*"We're proud to continue our work to support Victoria's multicultural and multifaith communities and ensure that all Victorians have spaces where they can feel proud and safe to express who they are."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

*"We have so many diverse communities right across the northern part of the state, it's great to see them receiving the support and funding that they need to create inclusive spaces where people can meet and celebrate their faiths and cultures."*

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