

Media Release

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LANGUAGELOOP SEEKING NEW BOARD CHAIR

The Victorian Interpreting and Translating Service (VITS) LanguageLoop is recruiting a new Board Chair to help ensure Victorians have access to high-quality language services and information, with support from the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt today announced applications are open for the role, with current Chairperson, Professor Kathy Laster AM set to complete her tenure at the end of this year.

The Board Chair is responsible for governing the organisation, enhancing engagement and providing strategic advice and financial direction. The role is open to candidates with significant experience and demonstrated interest in language services, educational programs and commercial service provision in diverse cultural settings.

Professor Laster was appointed in 2020 and has been an instrumental leader, championing key initiatives and fostering a strong culture of innovation and collaboration.

The next Board Chair will continue Professor Laster's strong record of driving growth, expanding community outreach and advancing the organisation's mission to serve diverse communities through comprehensive interpreting services.

VITS LanguageLoop has more than 3,600 professional interpreters who provide important translating services in over 190 languages, including Aboriginal languages. All nine Board members speak a language other than English.

In 2022/23 VITS LanguageLoop assisted more than 430,000 people across Victoria through their work interpreting on-site, by telephone or via video conference, as well as translating nearly five million words.

For more information visit shk.com.au/job/chair-of-the-board-vits-languageloop.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

"Professor Laster's leadership has been invaluable to the organisation, and I want to acknowledge the significant ways her work has benefitted our culturally and linguistically diverse communities, including through the pandemic and other emergencies."

"We are now looking for an outstanding candidate to continue this important work of governance, engagement and advocacy so that we can provide better language services to Victoria's diverse communities."