



Victorian Multicultural Commission

Dear colleagues,

Re: Victorian Refugee Recognition Record

The VRRR is an initiative of the Victorian Multicultural Commission as a way for the State Government to officially recognise the remarkable contributions that refugees have made, both to their own ethnic communities as well as to the Victorian community as a whole. Last year, 25 Victorian refugees were presented with a certificate in recognition of their contributions.

In acknowledging the achievements and outstanding contributions made by refugees, the VMC hopes to encourage greater awareness and respect for our cultural diversity.

Victoria is notably Australia's most culturally diverse community with over 40 per cent of Victorians having been born overseas, or having at least one parent born overseas. This diversity is enriched by the presence of a significant refugee population.

The Victorian Government and the VMC are committed to fostering and celebrating our cultural diversity, while strongly supporting Australia's international obligations to asylum seekers and refugees.

I encourage you to consider putting forward a nomination for a person in your area or community and return the attached nomination form to the VMC by Monday 7 May 2007. If you require any further assistance please feel free to contact the VMC on (03) 9208 3185.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Lekakis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

GEORGE LEKAKIS
CHAIRPERSON

Victorian Refugee Recognition Record 2007 Nomination Form

The VRRR is open to individuals who were or are refugees in Australia. You may like to nominate a member of your community, a friend or a relative who you think has made a real difference to the Victorian community.

All nominations will be assessed by a Committee comprising of the Chairperson and two Commissioners from the VMC, a representative of the Refugee Council of Australia and a former VRRR recipient.

Guidelines for submission

The nominee must fulfil the following criteria:

1. They need to be a permanent resident/citizen of Australia;
2. They need to have been determined to be a refugee; and
3. They need to be recognised as having made an outstanding contribution to their own ethnic communities as well as to the Victorian Community as a whole.

Individuals may only be recognised once and self nominations will not be accepted. Nomination forms will also request the details of two referees to support the nomination.

Closing date for submitting nominations for the 2007 Victorian Refugee Recognition Record is MONDAY 7 MAY 2007

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SECTION A

Details of Person/Community Group or Organisation submitting the nomination:

Title: _____ Given Name: _____

Surname: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Position held: _____

Postal Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

SECTION B

Details of individual being nominated:

Has this individual at any stage been recognised as a refugee?

Yes No Unsure

Title: _____ Given Name: _____

Surname: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

1. Please provide a brief statement describing the nominee's activities and achievements and how these have contributed to the Victorian Community as a whole.

2. Can you describe the contribution that s/he has made to the community?

3. Why do you believe that this contribution deserves their addition to the Victorian Refugee Recognition Record?

SECTION C

Please list the names of two referees who are able to make direct comment in support of the nominee.

If your nominee is short listed the Commission will contact your referees to ask for more information in support of this nomination.

Referee 1:

Referee 2:

Title:		Title:	
Full Name:		Full Name:	
Position held:		Position held:	
Organisation:		Organisation:	
Telephone:		Telephone:	
Mobile:		Mobile:	
Fax:		Fax:	
Email:		Email:	

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Please submit form to the VMC via post, fax or email. For enquires contact: (03) 9208 3185.

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