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Supporting our Multicultural Community

Heidi Victoria, Member for Bayswater is pleased to announce that multicultural community groups in the Bayswater electorate will share in the Victorian Coalition Government's Community Grants Program.

The Chinese Association of Victoria has received funding from the Festivals and Events Grants of \$2,500 toward their Mooncake Mid-Autumn Festival Family Dinner and 2012 Multicultural Food Fair and Cultural Show.

"I'm thrilled that The Chinese Association of Victoria received these grants. Both events are a wonderful display of Chinese culture in our community and provide the wider community with the opportunity to experience and celebrate Victoria's incredible diversity," said Mrs Victoria.

The Palesviaki Enosis Greek Club of Melbourne and Victoria have received \$4,000 under the Building & Facilities Grants to install a disabled ramp and \$5,000 under the Strengthening Multicultural Communities Grants to publish a book for seafarers and fishermen from Lesvos.

"This means that The Palesviaki Enosis Greek Club will be able to provide safe and accessible facilities that offer important social and recreational benefits to the community," Mrs Victoria said.

"I am absolutely delighted they will also be able to publish their book telling the story of seafarers and fishermen from the Island of Lesvos, and in particular, the journey of a Greek immigrant and his passion for success in his new country.

The 2011 Census confirmed the multicultural nature of Victoria, with more than 46 per cent of Victorians either born overseas or having at least one parent born overseas.

The Victorian Coalition Government acknowledges the crucial role our culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse communities continue to play in Victoria's development.