

VASAN SRINIVASAN

Curriculum Vitae

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2022 – Present – Chief Executive Officer of Mental Health Foundation Australia

2018 - 2022 - Chairperson of **Mental Health Foundation of Australia**. Before 2018, Vasan was the Vice-chairperson and since 1993 has been an active member of the Mental Health Foundation of Australia Fund Raising Committee and was actively involved in the organizing committee for the Golden Opportunity Ball every year.

Victorian Mental Health Month

Multicultural Ambassadors, Youth and Future leaders

National Mental Health Month Awareness Campaign

Nationwide Mental Health Wellbeing Walk

Community Engagement Partnership

Multicultural Media Partnership

Integrated Mental Health Wellness Hub

2015 - Present - Vasan Srinivasan is the first Indian origin to be appointed as member of the **Australian Multicultural Council (AMC)**. This council was assembled to advise the Federal Government on Multicultural Policy and Programs.

2013- Present Founder and Chairperson of **Australian Indian Community Charitable Trust:**

The Primary vision of AICCT is to act as a bridge between the Community and the Government to negotiate and deliver major infrastructure initiatives to benefit the Community at large.

The AICCT seeks to work towards creating major community infrastructure facilities for the fast-growing Australian Indian community in Victoria, that has seen double growth figures consistently over the last 2 decades.

Secured funding and partnership with MI Care to establish a first Ethno-specific Indian Aged care that takes care of the specific needs of Indian origin Australians in Noble Park Victoria.

Secured and established Nations first a full-fledged Community centre that can cater to the growing community needs in Victoria.

In process of setting up a retirement village project for community members seeking to down-size and enter into the retirement phase of life

In process of establishing an Indian specific educational institution that adds value to needs of the Australian Indian community seeking to give their children the best of both worlds

2014 – Present - Elected as the chair of Confederation of Indian Australian Association Inc (**CIAA**)

2014 – Present - Member of Victoria Police Multicultural Reference Council

2014 - Vasan established **Museum India** – Victoria's one of kind and only museum outside India, showcasing fascinating historical artwork, Indian culture, heritage and famous events from Indian mythologies was established in association with Dr. Dinesh Parekh along with the kind assistance from Victoria Government (OMAC) and Government of India.

2013 – Vasan Srinivasan was awarded the **MERETORIOUS SERVICE AWARD** for excellence in multicultural affairs by the Victorian Government

2013 - Vasan founded **The Federation of Indian Multifaith Organizations Victoria Incorporated (FIMO)** which is an umbrella organization of 45 various Indian, Sri Lankan and Fijian Religious and Spiritual groups in Victoria. He is the founder and active in policy making and direction setting

2012 - Vasan was instrumental in bringing 35 community groups together and establishing the **Manningham Multicultural Community Group for which he is currently the Vice Chairman**. Vasan is the Founder and Chairman of the **Manningham Multicultural Community Precinct Project** (Community Hub) established in 2010 and this unites 3 major community groups under one trust. The trust was involved to work for the planning, mediation and negotiation with various community groups to establish Australia's first multicultural community center in the near future.

2011 – 2014 - Vasan is the Former Member of the **Victorian Government Ministerial Advisory Ethnic Business Council** appointed by Hon. Louise Asher Minister for Small Business Victoria at the time

2010 - Vasan founded **The Federation of Indian Music & Dance Victoria Inc (FIMDV)** which is an umbrella organization of 26 various Indian, Sri Lankan and Fijian Music and Dance schools in Victoria. He is the trustee and is active in policy making and direction setting, media promotion and general board activities in support of multicultural musical and cultural pursuits

2010 – 2013 - Vasan Srinivasan was instrumental in forming The **Victorian International Education Industry Group (VIEIG)** for which he was the Vice Chairman until

2009 – 2014 - Vasan is the Past President of **Federation of Indian Association of Victoria (FIAV)**. Since FIAV's establishment in 1989 Vasan actively participated in its activities and is also a Former Chairman of the Advisory board to the FIAV

2009 – 2010 - Member of **Victoria Police Reference Group** for International Students.

2009 - 2010 – Member - Victorian Government International Education Board

2009 – 2010 – Vasan held numerous high-level State and Federal ministerial and advisory briefing and liaison roles relating to Indian student violence incidents and matters of importance to multicultural policy

2007 – 2015 - Vasan is the former **School Council Member of the Livingstone Primary School Council**: Vermont South, VIC. Living locally for the past 22 years, he has had a keen interest in early childhood development and Primary School education.

2006 - Vasan was appointed by the Government of India as **De Attaché** for the **2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games** – Indian Contingent. He played a major role in organizing venues for closing ceremony rehearsals for 45 days. He was also a part of the team in organizing 1100 breakfasts, lunches and dinners every day with the caterers for all the participants. A fleet of 110 buses with drivers for transporting performers from various suburbs in Melbourne and for Indian performers from Ballarat to Melbourne every day was a major task which was headed by Vasan. He was also involved in organizing the Games Village for the Indian athletes

2003 – 2013 - Vasan is a former Member of the **Lord Mayor's Charitable Grants Committee**. He was a Member of Family Panel from was actively involved in Grants & Funding preparation for the family panel.

Other Community Activities:

- Vasan has been involved in high level liaison and policy making with the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Victoria Police, Victorian Government and Federal Government
- Vasan has had numerous appearances in state, national and international media in support of the Victorian community – including authoring of press releases
- Prior to his arrival in Melbourne, he was very actively involved in India and Singapore with community groups including **Rotary International**. In 1987 upon his arrival in Melbourne, he became an active Rotarian with the **Mordialloc, Oakleigh and Forest Hill Rotary Clubs** till 2003. He took a leading role to raise funds for Polio Plus. He was also very active in delivering meals on wheels to the needy, organizing jumble sales and curry nights to name a few.
- Immediately after his arrival in 1987, he also became a life member of the **Hindu Society of Victoria** and served as the Vice President. During his tenure as the Vice President, he organized a number activities including concerts by talented and famous artists from India like M.L. Vasanthakumari, Dr K.J. Yesudas to name a few to raise funds for the temple construction. Other activities included Mother's Day and Father's Day lunches and dinners.
- Vasan took active role in organizing the temple construction of the Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple in Victoria from the inauguration of the temple and construction including dealing with artisans from India and arranging for their travel to Melbourne. Today the Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple is a landmark to all the visiting Indians and to the Indian Victorian community.
- Vasan is the Founder and Patron of **Australia India Tamil Sangam** Melbourne. This was established in 1991 and the association till date runs Sanskrit and Tamil language classes and runs competitions for children every year in May to develop their knowledge of Hinduism and to learn about Indian culture and tradition.
- In 1993, Vasan became one of the founder members and administrator of the **East West Foundation** which is affiliated to **Mental Health Foundation Australia**. He participated in organizing seminars and lectures in Melbourne for awareness campaigns on depression and other mental health issues and ways in dealing with them. He also organized awareness campaigns in Rural Victoria including Shepperton and Warnambool. Vasan was also the Member - **East – West Foundation India** (Uluru Regional Health Centre and Uluru Children's home in Pondicherry, India) till 2000. He assisted in establishing a rural clinic with two full time doctors, two staff nurses and two clinical assistants. In 2004, Vasan helped to establish the Uluru Children's home with 52 children (destitute and orphans); providing education, shelter, food and medical assistance.
- Vasan was active Member with the Volunteers Board of the Sacred Heart Mission St. Kilda & Feed the Needy project in Melbourne. He was involved in organizing the FEED THE NEEDY event every year on Boxing Day, feeding around 500 – 700 people.
- Vasan was a Former Member of the **Community Council of Ethnic Issues** (Eastern Region), being a Committee member of the council for 5 years and Vice President of the council for 2 years.
- **Vasan has been involved in the Global Dialogue Foundation** as the former Assistant Director - General, General Matters/Field Coordinator
- Vasan was also a Board Member of the **Aboriginal Artistic Development Board** in Victoria