

# Volunteers Conference 2022

## Faith Leader Panelists

### Ayman Islam

Ayman was raised in the wilds of Northern Territory (Darwin) which helped foster his interests in community and outdoor activities. He is passionate about grassroots community engagement, mental health, social justice and the mighty Essendon Bombers.

Ayman's previous role was as the General Manager of the Islamic Council of Victoria, the peak Muslim body in Victoria which offers social welfare and advocacy services to a diverse growing community in Victoria and he has actively having been involved in the not for profit sector in a variety of other roles over the last 15 years.

Ayman jumped at the opportunity to help build and establish the Centre for Muslim Wellbeing recognizing the important need for culturally responsive wellbeing services for new and emerging communities.

### Geeta Devi

Born in India, Geeta Devi has lived overseas for the past 40 years and in Melbourne since 1989. After graduating from Deakin university, she worked extensively in the accounting field as a financial controller, internal auditor, and company secretary.

A creative community leader, mentor, and advocate, she holds various volunteer roles, serving on the boards of Hindu/Indian not for profit organizations, including as the current Victorian president of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. (World Hindu Council of Australia), Convenor of Hindu Organizations, Temples and Associations (HOTA) Forum Victoria and founding member of IndianCare Inc.

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### Hojun Futen

Hōjun is the Senior Chaplain for Prison and Healthcare, and the spiritual care coordinator at the Buddhist Council of Victoria. A Buddhist monk for 13 years and a chaplain for the last nine, Hōjun has experience across the three major traditions of Buddhism, working in 6 prisons and two hospitals.

### Vicki Walker

Vicki Walker is a proud Yorta Yorta woman hailing from Moama on the Victorian/NSW border.

Vicki has lived and worked on her beautiful Yorta Yorta Country all her life, has been a big part of her Local Aboriginal Organisation and Community since birth.

Most of Vicki's adult life has been working in the Tertiary Education Sector, an active member of the Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and volunteering in local community and spending valuable time with Family, Elders, Community and extended Family.

Late in 2016 Vicki made the decision to move from working in Education to the Aged Care Sector as one of four Regional Aboriginal Development Officers across the State of Victoria. The move to working to support Home & Community Care Programs for younger people and Commonwealth Home Support Program funded Agencies and Organisation's seemed a perfect transition for a women in her sixties passionate about love, care and deep respect for her Elders.