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FORWARD FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the 10th annual African Music and Cultural Festival (AMCF) – the largest African festival in Australia, attracting over 55,000 people and involving over 35 African communities in its planning and delivery!

AMCF is a **FREE**, inclusive, family friendly event showcasing vibrant music, diverse arts, cultural performances and authentic tastes and sounds that transport visitors to Africa.

After last year's highly successful launch of our 3-day format, we are back and ready to celebrate the joy and resilience of African culture. We are grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with each other and share our stories, traditions, and values.

AMCF is a firm fixture on the Melbourne events calendar. Due to overwhelming demand, this year's festival will showcase a three-day program. Expect a fantastic celebration of diversity and harmony that brings the sounds, rhythms, and flavours of Africa to life.

For families, there is kid's entertainment including free African drumming classes, Australian Football League (AFL) activities, face painting, jumping castles, Santa's grotto, mascots, African board games and more!

At the heart of AMCF is the promotion of "Celebrating Diversity and Harmony." We strive to foster cross-cultural awareness, mutual respect, education, understanding, and unity. Over **35 African Australian communities and organisations** actively contribute to the planning and delivery of the AMCF.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Victoria State Government on behalf of the entire African Communities for their generous commitment of \$400,000 over four years in support of our festival. This substantial funding empowers us to envision and execute even more spectacular events that celebrate the richness of diversity and promote harmony within our communities.

The achievements and spirit of the AMCF team is encapsulated in the following message extracts from the Prime Minister of Australia Anthony Albanese MP, Premier of Victoria Jacinta Allan MP and the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp AO.

Cultural events like this are so important. They remind us of our nation's strengths—our diversity, our community spirit and our multicultural success. They remind us of the vital contributions of our many migrant communities, and their generations of hard work, commitment and creativity – **The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia.**

"Victoria's proud African communities enrich our state so much, and the Festival is an opportunity to come together to celebrate and showcase the cultural heritage of all 54 African countries." – **Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria.**

"The City of Melbourne is proud to support the 10th anniversary of the African Music and Cultural Festival, and welcome you to this much-loved celebration of our vibrant and diverse African community" – **The Right Hon Sally Capp AO, Lord Mayor of Melbourne.**

AMCF is possible thanks to the generous support of the following sponsors and partners:

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Fred Alale AM

Chair, African Music and Cultural Festival

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Relax and immerse yourself in the sounds, rhythms, and tastes of Africa right in the heart of Melbourne.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The Governor-General has asked me to thank you for your email of 25 September 2023 inviting him to attend the 2023 African Music and Cultural Festival, on Saturday 18 November 2023.

The Governor-General regrets a full program of interstate commitments prevents him from accepting your invitation. However, His Excellency would be delighted to send a message in support of the event. If you would like to accept this offer, please contact the Governor-General's Director of Communications and Creativity at media@gg.gov.au

Yours sincerely, Tim Grainger Director of Strategic Engagement



His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd),

Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

Over the last ten years, the African Music and Cultural Festival has become a major event celebrating the diversity of Australia's African communities.

The festival marks what is great about who we are as a nation – our commitment to diversity, our community spirit and our desire to understand more about each other.

It also shows just what can be achieved when a community works together, turning a shared vision into reality. I would like to congratulate the organisers and volunteers, who have made an incredible effort to put the festival on year after year.

The African Music and Cultural Festival is a wonderful opportunity for all Australians to share in the richness and diversity of Africa's great heritage and traditions.



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Prime Minister of Australia

MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

For ten years, the African Music and Cultural Festival has brought excitement and joy to the Victorian community, becoming an important date in our State's events calendar. This year's program is a celebration of the rich diversity that exists within the many African communities that call Victoria home. Through music, art, poetry, cinema, and food, we are reminded of the important strengths offered by the richness of our multicultural community which benefits us all. On behalf of all Victorians, I congratulate all involved in organising the festival, and wish it every success.



Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC

Governor of Victoria

MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

I'd like to send my very best wishes to everyone taking part in the African Music and Cultural Festival. Victoria's proud African communities enrich our state so much, and the Festival is an opportunity to come together to celebrate and showcase the cultural heritage of all 54 African countries. Now in its tenth year, the African Music and Cultural Festival has a diverse and exciting program of live entertainment, cultural performances, and amazing food. Victoria is proud of our diversity and the events and festivals which foster cultural understanding and community connection. None of this would be possible without the hard-working community and cultural organisations who make the festival bigger and better, year after year. Our Government is proud to support the African Music and Cultural Festival, and thank you for all that you do.



Hon. Jacinta Allan MP

Premier of Victoria

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

It gives me great pleasure to send my best wishes to the organisers and participants of this year's African Music and Cultural Festival (AMCF) 2023. As the largest annual African festival in Victoria, the African Music and Cultural Festival showcases an amazing array of vibrant music, dancing, cultural performances and authentic African food. The festival is a highlight of Victoria's multicultural calendar and reminds us all of the rich cultural tapestry of our great State. Through this festival, we are joined together and united as Victorians to share a variety of food, listen to diverse music and witness beautiful dances. Through this festival all Victorians have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the journey, history, traditions and customs of the many African cultural groups that call Victoria home. I congratulate the African Music and Cultural Festival for organising this fantastic event and I wish all those attending the most enjoyable time.



John Pesutto MP

Leader of the Victorian Liberals, Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Member for Hawthorn

MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE

The City of Melbourne is proud to support the 10th anniversary of the African Music and Cultural Festival, and welcome you to this much-loved celebration of our vibrant and diverse African community.

I have attended this lively festival for years, soaking up the sights and sounds of some 35 African nations in the heart of the city – the delicious street food, toe-tapping traditional beats, workshops, fashion shows and more.

Whether you're one of more than 5000 passionate African–Australians who call the City of Melbourne home, or eager to learn more about the talents, traditions and contributions of your African neighbours, friends and colleagues – this festival is equal parts welcoming, fun and inclusive. Congratulations to Co-founder and Chair, Fred Alale AM, and the wonderful team of organisers and volunteers – not to mention the stall holders, artists and community organisations – for bringing us together and reinforcing our reputation as one of the most multicultural and exciting cities in the world.



Sally Capp AO
Lord Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

I am delighted to congratulate the African Music and Cultural Festival on the 10th anniversary of your much-loved festival. As the largest annual African festival in Australia, the return of this vibrant and cultural three-day program marks an important milestone. The festival showcases food, art and musical performance and attracts more than 50,000 people to Melbourne's CBD.

Victoria's diverse African communities continue to make significant contributions to the multicultural fabric of our state every day, preserving cross-cultural exchanges and creating opportunities to engage in culture and tradition for their communities and all Victorians.

As Minister for Multicultural Affairs, I am so proud to be part of a government that has committed \$400,000 to the African Music and Cultural Festival, ensuring that events like this continue to bring Victorians together. I would like to thank all those involved with the African Music and Cultural Festival for your dedication to serving and supporting Victoria's diverse African communities and I am pleased to support this incredible festival.



**The Hon.
Ingrid Stitt MLC**
Minister for
Multicultural Affairs

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE VICTORIAN GREENS

It is an honour and pleasure to celebrate 10 years of the Africa Music and Cultural Festival. The AMCF showcases the very best talents and skills of the African diaspora community and gives the Victorian community an opportunity to join the showcase of arts and culture. The AMCF has provided many opportunities over the years for artists and performers to share their work on big stages to growing audiences, while providing important opportunities for leadership development.

Our community is stronger and more resilient because of the work of teams like the AMCF and I look forward to supporting them in the years to come as they go from strength to strength.



Dr. Samantha Ratnam MLC

Member for Northern Metropolitan Region
Leader of the Victorian Greens

MESSAGE FROM VICTORIA POLICE COMMISSIONER

I'm thrilled to be a part of the African Music and Cultural Festival on its tenth birthday. Congratulations!

It's fantastic to see the return of this wonderful event in Melbourne, which comes alive with vibrant art and music, great entertainment and irresistible cuisine.

Victoria Police recognises the richness in community connections and the value of embracing and reflecting the diverse community we serve. We're committed to our longstanding partnerships with local African communities, founded on harmony, respect and mutual understanding.

This event epitomises the wonder of African culture and is a unique opportunity for everyone in Victoria - local or visiting - to immerse themselves in African cultural traditions and celebration.

The African Music and Cultural Festival is testament to our inclusivity and the rich tapestry that makes Victoria so proudly multicultural. Congratulations to the organisers for your unwavering decade-long commitment in bringing this event to life.

I wish all participants a safe and fun festival, filled with memorable cultural connections.



Shane Patton APM

Chief Commissioner
Victoria Police

MESSAGE FROM FIRE RESCUE VICTORIA

Fire Rescue Victoria is excited to attend and support this year's African Music and Cultural Festival. For ten years the African Music and Cultural Festival has been showcasing the very best of African music and culture in the heart of Melbourne and so exciting to again see the extended 3-day program.

FRV have no doubt that due to its popularity, this year's event will be bigger than ever and will celebrate everything from music and food to fashion and film across an exciting extended program.

We understand that more than 35 countries and community organisations are represented, which is a huge credit to the African Music and Cultural Festival organisers and really showcases our multicultural state.

Congratulations to the dedicated team or organisers that continue to go above and beyond to produce this vibrant festival that highlights the brilliance of African music and culture. FRV look forward to celebrating with you.



Gavin Freeman
AFSM

Commissioner
Fire Rescue Victoria

MESSAGE FROM MELBOURNE ARTS PRECINCT CORPORATION (MAP CO)

Melbourne is a wonderful, vibrant city, known for its celebration of cultural diversity and community. At the Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation (MAP Co) we are proud of Fed Square's status as the city's civic and cultural heart.

What really brings Fed Square alive, and demonstrates the value of having a public space open to all, are the community events it has the privilege of hosting. Since its opening in 2002, Fed Square has hosted cultural celebrations, community festivals, flag raisings and civic gatherings through our annual calendar of events.

MAP Co is proud to hold strong relationships with community organisations and fully embrace "Celebrating Diversity and Harmony".

The African Music and Cultural Festival (AMCF) has run at Fed Square since 2014. It is an incredible 3-day event that brings thousands of people together to celebrate African culture through art, performance, fashion, food and discussion. In 2023, MAP Co is also proudly a platinum sponsor of the event.

A warm congratulations to the AMCF and its partners as it commemorates its 10-year anniversary this year. We very much look forward to joining in the festivities.



Katrina Sedgwick
OAM

Director and CEO
Map CO

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AFRICAN DRUMMING

- Friday, 17 November – 12pm - 10pm
- Saturday, 18 November – 10am - 10pm
- Sunday, 19 November – 10am - 8pm



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Ike is a co-founder and board member of the African Music and Cultural Festival. Ike has more than 20 years' experience in personal injury law, acting for clients who have suffered a wide range of injuries. He is passionate about helping people who have been injured get fair compensation and support.

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2023 AMCF EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 17 NOV, 12PM-10PM (DAY 1)

FEDERATION SQUARE, MELBOURNE

START	FINISH	DURATION	DESCRIPTION	HERITAGE
12:00 pm	2:30 pm	2:30	Pre-event music by DJ Wise King	Nigeria
2:30 pm	3:00 pm	0:30	Interactive Drumming and Dancing	Ghana
3:00 pm	3:10 pm	0:10	Welcome and Introduction of MCs Poni Tongun & Stephen Tongun by AMCF Vice Chair Uche Njoku	South Sudan Nigeria
3:10 pm	3:25 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
3:25 pm	3:40 pm	0:15	Aboriginal Welcome to Country by Mark Thomson	Australia
3:40 pm	3:50 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
3:50 pm	4:05 pm	0:15	Youth Performance Africa Day Australia (ADA) Africa's Got Talent Winner - Wanwue Tarpeh	Liberia
4:05 pm	4:15 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
4:15 pm	4:30 pm	0:15	Various Short Videos	
4:30 pm	4:40 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
4:40 pm	4:55 pm	0:15	Poetry Misky Nur Abdullahi	Somalia Kenya
4:55 pm	5:10 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
5:10 pm	5:55 pm	0:45	Band Performance Afrovival and the Oil Can Project	Botswana
5:55 pm	6:15 pm	0:20	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
6:15 pm	6:45 pm	0:30	Authors & Podcasters & Creatives Fire Side Chat facilitated by Florence Mauwa (AMCF Treasurer) 1) Agile Product/Project Manager, Author of Mu Chalo, Women in Tech Advocate - Mayase Jere 2) President of Incubate Foundation, Creative Director of Safe Space Media, Host of the Can We Talk About It?! Podcast - Charmaine Hunzvi	Zambia Zimbabwe
6:45 pm	7:15 pm	0:30	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
7:15 pm	7:30 pm	0:15	Short Film Blackwood	Nigeria
7:30 pm	7:50 pm	0:20	DJ Wise King & Raffle Ticket Draw	
7:50 pm	8:35 pm	0:45	Band Performance Sam Manzanza & Afrobeat Band	Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
8:35 pm	8:45 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
8:45 pm	8:50 pm	0:05	Closing Remarks led by AMCF Production Director Amanda Green and Community Engagement Director Maureen Oluigbo	Zimbabwe Nigeria
8:50 pm	9:00 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
9:00 pm	10:00 pm	1:00	Closing Band Performance Yusupha Ngum and the Affia Band	Gambia

2023 AMCF EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 18 NOV, 10AM-10PM (DAY 2)

FEDERATION SQUARE, MELBOURNE

START	FINISH	DUR	DESCRIPTION	HERITAGE
9:45 am	10:10 am	0:25	Pre-event music by Resident DJ Wise King	Nigeria
10:10 am	10:20 am	0:10	Welcome and Introduction of MCs Poni Tongun & Stephen Tongun by AMCF Vice Chair Uche Njoku	South Sudan Nigeria
10:20 am	10:30 am	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:30 am	10:45 am	0:15	Aboriginal Welcome to Country by Mark Thomson	Australia
10:45 am	10:55 am	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:55 am	11:10 am	0:15	Traditional Performance Victoria - Rwanda Community Abroad	Rwanda
11:10 am	11:20 am	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:20 am	11:40 am	0:20	Traditional Dance Performance Dhaanto & Saylie	Somalia
11:40 am	11:50 am	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:50 am	12:00 pm	0:10	AMCF Steering Committee Certificate and Community Awards Presentations by: 1) Chair Victorian African Communities Committee - Pauline Richards MP 2) Deputy Secretary Department of Education - Andrea Del Monaco 3) Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner - Luke Cornelius APM 4) Chairperson Victoria Multicultural Commission - Vivienne Nguyen AM 5) City of Melbourne Councillor, Creative Melbourne Portfolio Lead - Cr Jamal Hakim 6) Ethiopian Airlines Regional Manager - Telila Deressa Gutema	
12:00 pm	12:05 pm	0:05	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
12:05 pm	12:30 pm	0:25	Band Performance Victoria Police Pipe Band	Australia
12:30 pm	12:40 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
12:40 pm	1:20 pm	0:40	Official Proceedings (Part 1): 1) Welcome remarks by AMCF Chair - Fred Alale AM and MapCo CEO and Director - Katrina Sedgwick 2) Prime Minister of Australia - The Hon Anthony Albanese MP represented by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Cabinet Secretary - The Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP 3) Premier of Victoria - The Hon Jacinta Allan MP represented by Minister for Multicultural Affairs - The Hon Ingrid Stitt MP 4) Lord Mayor of Melbourne - The Right Hon Sally Capp AO 5) Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party - David Southwick MP 6) Leader of the Victorian Greens - Dr Samantha Ratnam 7) Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs - The Hon Tim Watts MP 8) Leader of the Australian Greens and Federal Member for Melbourne - Adam Bandt MP	
1:20 pm	1:30 pm	0:10	Dance Performance Kouler Kreol	Seychellois
1:30 pm	1:40 pm	0:10	10th Anniversary Cake Cutting & Harmony Dance	

1:40 pm	2:20 pm	0:40	Official Proceedings (Part 2): 9) Victoria Police Commissioner - Shane Patton APM 10) Fire Rescue Victoria Commissioner - Gavin Freeman AFSM presented by Acting Deputy Commissioner Eddie Lacko 11) Former Premier of Victoria - The Hon Ted Baillieu AO 12) Slater & Gordon CEO - John Somerville 13) Deputy Secretary, Department of Education - Andrea Del Monaco 14) Ethiopian Airlines Regional Manager - Telila Deressa Gutema 15) Youth Activating Youth Executive Director and Young Australian of the Year - Ahmed Hassan	
2:20 pm	2:30 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
2:30 pm	2:45 pm	0:15	Traditional Performance Urumuri Drumming Group	Burundi
2:45 pm	2:55 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	Kenya
2:55 pm	3:15 pm	0:20	Jollof Rice Wars Competition hosted by AMCF Steering Committee Member Esther Kwali Judges: 1) Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs - The Hon Tim Watts MP 2) Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner - Luke Cornelius APM 3) Manze Modern Mauritian Restaurant, North Melbourne - Nagesh Seethiah Neda 4) Owner of Bombay Spices - Melbourne based and Australian hand crafted Indian spices (The Spice Queen) - Neda Khan	
3:15 pm	3:25 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
3:25 pm	3:40 pm	0:15	Fashion Show Savannah Fashions	Zimbabwe
3:40 pm	3:50 pm	0:10	DJ Zuzu & Social Media Prize Draw	
3:50 pm	4:15 pm	0:25	Traditional Performance Kenya Community Victoria	Kenya
4:15 pm	4:25 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
4:25 pm	4:45 pm	0:20	Dance Performance Kwabo Events & Friends	Togo Benin France
4:30 pm	4:40 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
4:40 pm	5:05 pm	0:25	Music Performance D.Matthews	Nigeria
5:05 pm	5:15 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
5:15 pm	5:45 pm	0:30	Egyptian Belly Dance Performance Desert Rose	Egypt
5:45 pm	6:00 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
6:00 pm	6:45 pm	0:45	Band Performance Chikchika	Ethiopia
6:45 pm	7:00 pm	0:15	DJ Wise King & Raffle Ticket Draw	
7:00 pm	7:45 pm	0:45	Band Performance King Bell & Soukous Ba Congo	Democratic Republic of Congo Mozambique Australia
7:45 pm	8:00 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
8:00 pm	9:00 pm	1:00	Closing Band Performance Appiah & Asanti Beats	Ghana
9:00 pm	9:15 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
9:15 pm	9:25 pm	0:10	Closing Remarks led by AMCF Production Director Amanda Green and Treasurer Florence Mauwa	Zimbabwe
9:25 pm	10:00 pm	0:35	Closing DJ Performance Special Guest - International Artist DJ Neptune	Nigeria



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SUNDAY 19 NOV, 10AM-8PM (DAY 3)

FEDERATION SQUARE, MELBOURNE

START	FINISH	DUR	DESCRIPTION	HERITAGE
9:45 am	10:00 am	0:15	Pre-event music by Resident DJ Wise King	Nigeria
10:00 am	10:10 am	0:10	Welcome and Introduction of MCs Poni Tongun & Stephen Tongun by AMCF Executive and Award Winning Public Liability Lawyer Ike Nwokolo	South Sudan Nigeria
10:10 am	10:15 am	0:05	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:15 am	10:30 am	0:15	Aboriginal Welcome to Country by Mark Thomson	Australia
10:30 am	10:35 am	0:05	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:35 am	10:55 am	0:20	Youth Performance Mzuri Dance Young People	South Sudan, Sudan Namibia Botswana Mozambique Australia Somalia
10:55 am	11:05 am	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:05 am	11:35 am	0:30	Performance KG + Passion & Purpose Dancers	South Africa Congo Sierra Leone Kenya Ghana
11:35 am	11:42 am	0:07	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:42 am	11:45 am	0:03	Remarks by Leader of the Opposition and Victorian Liberal Leader, John Pesutto MP	
11:45 am	12:25 pm	0:40	Sports and Community Fire Side Chat facilitated by Florence Mauwa (AMCF Treasurer) 1) Leader of the Opposition and Victorian Liberal Leader, John Pesutto MP 2) Western Bulldogs Inspiration Player - Buku Khamis 3) Public Figure, Youth Advocate, Poet & Author of RESET - Misky Nur Abdullahi 4) CEO & Founder Afri-Aus Care Inc. Grassroots Community Ambassador, Mental Health Clinician - Selba-Gondoza Luka	
12:25 pm	12:35 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
12:35 pm	12:45 pm	0:10	Dance Performance Melbourne Afro Dance - MAD Crew	Congo
12:45 pm	12:55 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	Kenya
12:55 pm	1:15 pm	0:20	Dance Performance Rumba By Githinji	Kenya
1:15 pm	1:25 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
1:25 pm	1:40 pm	0:15	Music Performance Jelly Brown	Burundi
1:40 pm	1:50 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
1:50 pm	2:05 pm	0:15	Fashion Show African Accessories Runway By Chaya Accessories	Angola
2:05 pm	2:15 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	

2:15 pm	2:35 pm	0:20	Music Performance Teyo Turner	Kenya
2:35 pm	2:50 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
2:50 pm	3:35 pm	0:45	Band Performance The Culture Keepers	Senegal Gambia
3:35 pm	3:50 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
3:50 pm	4:05 pm	0:15	Fashion Show Kwacha Fashions	Malawi
4:05 pm	4:15 pm	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
4:15 pm	4:40 pm	0:25	Music Performance Mazbou Q	Nigeria
4:40 pm	4:55 pm	0:15	DJ Wise King & Raffle Ticket Draw	
4:55 pm	5:40 pm	0:45	Band Performance Sonikwaves	Mauritius
5:40 pm	5:55 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
5:55 pm	6:40 pm	0:45	Band Performance The Seben Brothers	Congo
6:40 pm	6:55 pm	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
6:55 pm	7:00 pm	0:05	Closing Remarks by AMCF Production Director Amanda Green & Operations Director Moustapha Barry	Zimbabwe Senegal
7:00 pm	8:00 pm	1:00	Closing Band Performance Ras Jahknow	Cape Verde



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8. Leader of the Victorian Greens, **Dr Samantha Ratnam**
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18. Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner, **Luke Cornelius APM**
19. Chairperson Victoria Multicultural Commission, **Vivienne Nguyen AM**
20. City of Melbourne Councillor, Creative Melbourne Portfolio Lead, **Cr Jamal Hakim**
21. Ethiopian Airlines Regional Manager, **Telila Deressa Gutema**
22. Ethiopian Airlines Representative, **Lazar Lazar**
23. Youth Activating Youth Executive Director and Young Australian of the Year, **Ahmed Hassan**
24. Consul-General of Philippines, **Maria Lourdes Salcedo**
25. Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) Chair, **Eddie Micallef**
26. Australian Intercultural Society (AIS) Executive Director, **Ahmet Keskin**
27. Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) Acting CEO, **Soo-Lin Quek**
28. Foot Solutions CEO, **Bruce Wong**
29. President, Community Response Australia, **Sunny Duggal**
30. Chairperson, Refugee Communities Association of Australia, **Parsu Sharma**
31. City of Melbourne Partnerships Account Manager, **Aimee Corp**
32. Former Africa Day Australia President, **Shillar Sibanda OAM**
33. AMCF Steering Committee Member and Volunteer Manager, **Gary Lee OAM**
34. AMCF Steering Committee Member, **Yasseen Musa OAM**
35. Former President Nelson Mandela Australia and Africa Day Australia, **Dr Stephen Rametse**
36. Academic, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, **Dr Nthathi Rametse**
37. Multicultural Consulting CEO, **Sisay Dinku**
38. Incubate Foundation President, **Charmain Hunzwi**
39. Somali Community Inc. President, **Farah Warsame**
40. Federation of African Communities Council in Australia (FACCA) President, **Edward Solo**
41. African Community Leaders, representatives from Government and non-governmental organisations
42. Ladies and Gentlemen
43. All protocols duly observed.

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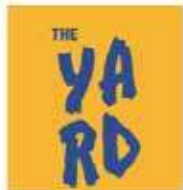
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Zuya African BBQ



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Hot Churros



Unique African
Intercontinental



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Alex Ice Cream



Wesh



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Lemonades



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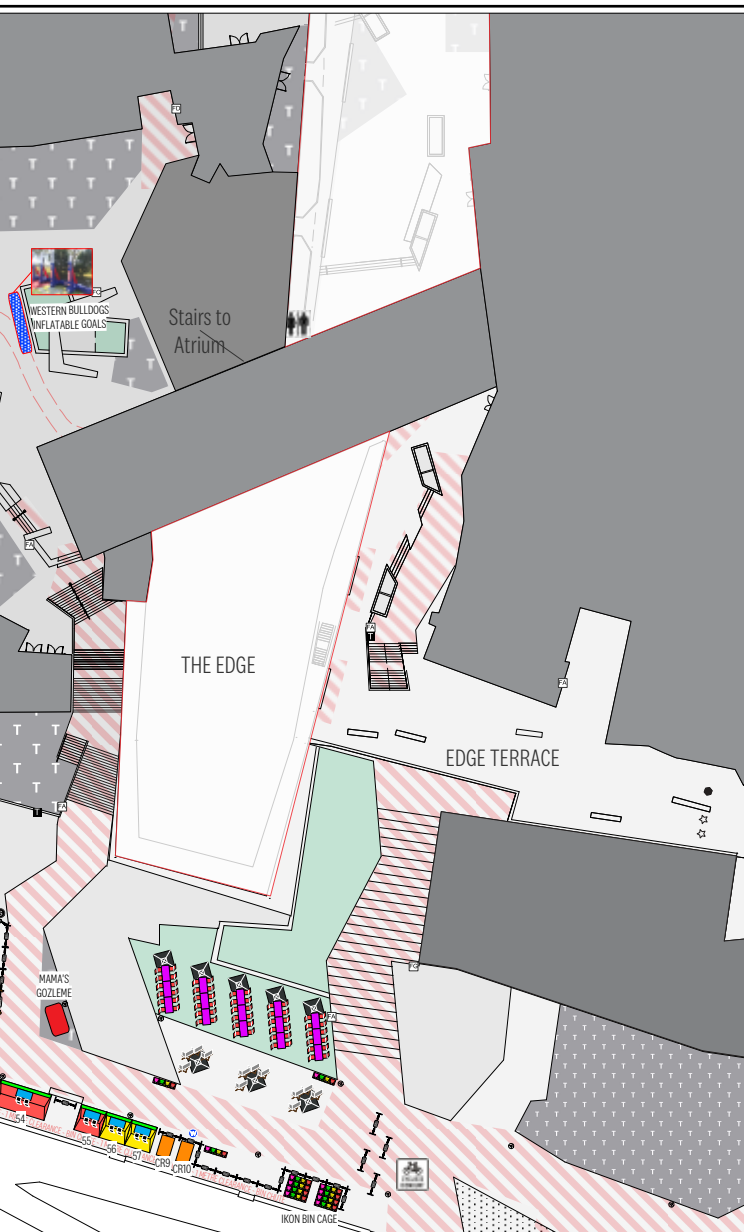
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FF	PUBLIC TOILETS	PRO FLOOR
FT	MAINS WATER TAP	ASTRO TURF
FW	DRINKING FOUNTAIN	SEWAGE POINT



STALL # FOOD STALLS

1	Hot Churros
2	Mr Whippy Ice Cream
3	Twista Bros
4	Ohahu Lemonades
35	Wesh (Algerian)
36	Konjo Mama
37	Juicello
38	AMCF Bar
42	Wash Tent
43	Saccha Sugarcane
44	Zuya African BBQ
45	Amas Delight
46	Nagnool - Somali Crepes
47	Tastes Of Senegal
48	Vola Foods
49	Unique African Intercontinental
50	Alro Pearls Victoria Pty Ltd
51	The Yard
52	Braz Oz Brazilian BBQ
53	Dishes by Oyinda
54	Colombian Tojos
55	Glowing Fairy Floss
56	Twista Chocolate & Strawberry
57	OZ Waffle
CR1	Cool room: Konjo Mama BYO
CR10	Cool room: Colombian Tojos & Dishes By Oyinda
CR2	Cool room: Zuya & Juicello
CR3	Cool room: AMCF Bar
CR4	Cool room: AMCF Bar
CR5	Cool room: Saccha Sugarcane BYO
CR6	Cool room: Amas Delight
CR7	Cool room: Tastes of Senegal
CR8	Cool room: The Yard & Unique African
CR9	Cool room: Alro Pearls & Brazilian BBQ

STALL # GENERAL STALLS

5	MAPT
6	Slater & Gordon
7	Magic Toys
8	Ethiopian Airlines
9	Savannah Fashions
10	Zahara Designz
11	Bo Children's Hospital Foundation
12	Henna Art By Savita
13	Afri-Aus Care
14	Vic Health & Avame
15	Western Bulldogs
16	Colmed First Aid
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18	Department of Education
19	Beyond Blue
20	AMES Australia
21	Fire Rescue Victoria
22	Victoria Police
23	Victoria Police Car
24	Afrocrafts
25	African Australian Welfare Bureau
26	The Perfume Workshop
27	Scrunchies N Headwraps & Werke Jewellery
28	Rhythm Unites
29	Chaya Accessories
30	Jayru Home Bespoke
31	TIS National
32	AMCF Info Volunteers HQ
33	AV Front of House FOH
34	Green Room/Side of Stage
39	DJ
40	Facepainting
41	Games Room Santa's Grotto

- OUTDOOR COFFEE TABLE
- DECK CHAIR
- EVENT CHAIR
- QEH CHAIR
- QEH TRESTLE TABLE W/ NO TABLECLOTH
- FED SQ TRESTLE TABLE W/ TABLECLOTH
- FED SQ TRESTLE TABLE NO TABLECLOTH
- MARKET UMBRELLA
- HURRICANE UMBRELLA

- COOKERS OIL WASTE
- SECURITY GUARD
- SECURITY SUPERVISOR
- CRUSH BARRIER
- FENCE: TENSA BARRIER
- FENCE: FED SQUARE
- FENCE: CROWD CONTROL BARRIER
- FENCE: WHITE PICKET
- FENCE: TEMPORARY 2M
- FENCE: TEMPORARY 2M WITH SCRIM

- WATER TRAILER
- COOL ROOM
- FOOD TRUCK
- FOOD VAN
- FOOD TRAILER
- CAR
- SHIPPING CONTAINER
- AV STAGING RISER

- GENERAL BINS
- ORGANIC
- CARDBOARD
- RECYCLE
- GREEN MY PLATE
- SIGN: TENSA A3 PORTRAIT
- SIGN: Z-FRAME A3 LANDSCAPE
- HIRED MARQUEE (GREEN = OPEN WALL)
- BYO MARQUEE (GREEN = OPEN WALL)

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