

2022–23 Victorian State Budget

The Hon. Martin Foley Minister for Equality

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The Equality portfolio

Leading the way for LGBTIQ+ equality, to build a state where all Victorians feel safe, are healthy, have equal human rights and can live wholly and freely



Equal rights and freedoms

Strengthening existing legal protections

Creating laws with an equity lens



Equitable, inclusive and accessible services

Improving services to meet LGBTIQ+ needs

Delivering specialist LGBTIQ+ services



Visibility to inform decision making

Improving LGBTIQ+ data collection to build evidence



Safe, strong and sustainable communities

Addressing LGBTIQ+ stigma and discrimination

Celebrating diverse LGBTIQ+ communities

Key achievements over the last 12 months

Delivering on our 2018 election commitments

- › Launch of Victoria's first ever long-term LGBTIQ+ strategy **Pride in our future** in February 2022
- › Opening of the **Victorian Pride Centre** in July 2021, Australia's first purpose-built LGBTIQ+ community hub
- › Delivery of the first **Melbourne Pride** streety party in February 2022, marking the 40-year anniversary of Parliament decriminalising homosexuality in Victoria
- › Supporting **28 emerging LGBTIQ+ leaders** to graduate from the 2021 LGBTIQ+ Leadership Program



Priorities for the year ahead

The 2022-23 Victorian Budget invests almost \$14.7 million to deliver *Pride in our future: Victoria's LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2022-23*

- › Funding will support the continued delivery of **flagship Equality programs** and **specialised LGBTIQ+ services**

New funding builds on \$6.5 million invested in 2021-22 to kickstart delivery of the LGBTIQ+ strategy

- › **\$2 million** to deliver state-wide training and resources
- › **\$1.3 million** to support the health and wellbeing of people with an intersex variation
- › **\$2 million** to support the government's Trans and Gender Diverse Peer Support Program
- › **\$1.2 million** to roll out awareness raising campaigns



Implementing Victoria's LGBTIQ+ strategy

Building safe, strong and sustainable communities

- › \$6.8 million to Melbourne Pride to run an annual state-wide event
- › \$3.2 million to deliver a trial of safe spaces for LGBTIQ+ youth in Western Victoria
- › \$0.6 million to celebrate and support community-led events through the Pride Events and Festivals Fund

Creating equitable, inclusive and accessible services

- › \$1.5 million funding under the Health portfolio to continue the Trans and Gender Diverse in Community Health Program
- › \$1 million to build the capacity and skills of LGBTIQ+ leaders and organisations through the LGBTIQ+ Grants Program

Ensuring equal rights and freedoms

- › \$1.6 million under the Attorney-General's portfolio to deliver a specialised LGBTIQ+ legal service

