



9. NOTICES OF MOTION

I, Councillor Katherine Copsey give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 August 2017:

That Council:-

1. Publicly and strongly supports marriage equality for all GLBTIQ residents and the wider community.
2. Notes that City of Port Phillip has a long-standing commitment to supporting its community and advocates for: inclusion and equity on all fronts; gender identity, gender, cultural and religious equity; those experiencing vulnerability.
3. Sends a letter from the Mayor, including Councillors' signatures, to relevant State and Federal Ministers, Shadow Ministers and local MPs:
 - 3.1. reiterating City of Port Phillip's support for marriage equality
 - 3.2. objecting to the unreasonable limitations in the Marriage Act 1961 that unfairly deny the right to marriage equality
 - 3.3. highlighting the potential negative impacts of marriage inequality on the high number of same sex cohabiting couples in our municipality, GLBTIQ persons and the cohesion and diversity of our community as a whole
 - 3.4. requesting immediate action to make marriage equality a reality as a basic human right for all as, despite City of Port Phillip's previous representations to this effect, there has been a distinct lack of progress towards legal recognition of marriage equality in Australia.
4. Requests the organisation to take actions to publicly communicate City of Port Phillip's support for marriage equality for all regardless of sex or gender identity, including (but not limited to) regular use of rainbow illumination at St Kilda Town Hall, using rainbow colours on Council's website, in buildings and public places, stating support for marriage rights in related speeches, banners on town halls and phone on-hold messages to be implemented by 31 August 2017.
5. Reaffirms Council resolutions of April 2015 and September 2015 which publicly supported marriage equality for all regardless of sex or gender identity, guided by Article 2 of the Universal Charter of Human Rights.