

LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee City of Port Phillip

5 June 2023

City of Port Phillip LGBTIQA+ Action Plan 2023-2026

ENDORSEMENT OF THE LGBTIQA+ ACTION PLAN (2023-2026) LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee 5 June 2023

On behalf of the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee, I am pleased to endorse this document.

The LGBTIQA+ Action Plan is another step in the City of Port Phillip's rich history of supporting and celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Gender Diverse, Intersex, Queer and Asexual members of its proud and vibrant communities.

Since we were appointed to the first LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee on 1 December 2021, we have guided the development and drafting of the LGBTIQA+ Action Plan through our lived experience, expertise, and knowledge.

We have sought representation from organisations, businesses, other Advisory Committees, and community to inform this document. The LGBTIQA+ Action Plan has also been a collaborative effort with Council's staff. I thank the Council's Employee Pride Network for participating in the consultation process.

Importantly, I would like to acknowledge the support, dedication and leadership provided by the City of Port Phillip's Community Building and Inclusion Division. The LGBTIQA+ Action Plan has been a labour of love and their support has been pivotal in its development.

This document represents a critical opportunity for the Council to foster and stand by its commitment to ensuring that LGBTIQA+ communities are safe. It is an opportunity to ensure that the City's diverse identities and experiences are connected, and to champion a local community in which diversity, intersectionality, and inclusion are celebrated.

I commend the LGBTIQA+ Action Plan and look forward to working with you to implement its strategies and actions.

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Liam McAuliffe (he/him) *Chair,* LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee 5 June 2023