

2023
**VICTORIAN
PRIDE
AWARDS** { 10 YEARS
OF CELEBRATING
OUR COMMUNITY }



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— AWARDS —



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GLOBE Victoria welcomes you to the 2023 Victorian Pride Awards

The Victorian Pride Awards, in partnership with the Victorian Government, celebrate achievement in Victoria's LGBTIQ+ communities. The awards highlight the work of a diverse range of organisations that benefit or unite LGBTIQ+ communities and showcase the outstanding work and contribution of individuals.

With the 2023 Victorian Pride Awards, GLOBE Victoria proudly celebrates 10 years of delivering Victoria's premier LGBTIQ+ community awards program. First presented in 2014, these awards have become an integral part of the Victorian LGBTIQ+ community, recognising the inspiring people and organisations who work to benefit LGBTIQ+ people throughout the state. To date, 113 Victorian individuals and organisations have been awarded through GLOBE Victoria's awards program.

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Friday 15 March 2024

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While attending the Victorian Pride Awards you may be photographed or filmed by Awards accredited media and staff. These images may be published and used to promote the Awards or GLOBE Victoria. If you do not wish your image to be captured, please inform the media personnel at the time.



A message from the Premier of Victoria

In Victoria, equality is not negotiable.

Instead, we're proud to be a place where everyone can be who they truly are.

That hasn't happened by accident. It's because LGBTQIA+ organisations and individuals have fought long and hard.

As a Government, we're very proud to stand with you – not just talking the talk on equality, but walking the walk.

That includes building the Australian-first Victorian Pride Centre. Delivering adoption equality. Ensuring trans and gender diverse Victorians have a birth certificate that reflects their true identity. And putting an end to harmful so-called conversion practices.

And we are proud to back the organisations that support and celebrate equality.

For more than 10 years, the GLOBE Victorian Pride Awards have recognised the achievements of LGBTQIA+ communities.

They have ensured LGBTQIA+ individuals are not only visible but celebrated.

I want to congratulate all the nominees and winners – and to say an enormous thank you.

Thank you for helping to make our state a safer, kinder and more inclusive place.

It's something we can all be proud of.

Hon Jacinta Allan MP (she/her)

Premier of Victoria



A message from the Victorian Minister for Equality

The Victorian Government is proud to support the 2023 GLOBE Victorian Pride Awards through the Celebrating LGBTIQ+ Communities Fund – our flagship program supporting organizations to connect and celebrate Victorian LGBTIQ+ communities.

In February 2022, the Victorian Government launched our first LGBTIQ+ strategy, 'Pride In Our Future'. It's a 10-year plan to ensure that all LGBTIQ+ Victorians feel safe, are healthy, have equal human rights, and can live wholly and freely.

Achieving this vision will take sustained work, passion and advocacy and will require all of us to work collaboratively and inclusively.

Central to this work will be the contribution and guidance of our LGBTIQ+ leaders, groups and organisations, from metropolitan Melbourne to our rural and regional communities, and everywhere in between.

Together we are achieving remarkable things, and together this work will continue.

Advocating for and working toward LGBTIQ+ recognition and inclusion can be challenging, deeply personal, and for some, isolating. I thank GLOBE Victoria for creating the Victorian Pride Awards which allow us to come together to connect with our friends, colleagues and communities to celebrate and recognise all that we are, and all that we do.

The progress we've made towards creating a safer, more inclusive Victoria has, in large part, come about through the efforts of each and every person in attendance at the Victorian Pride Awards, and many who are not able to be here – and for that, I thank you.

Awards just like this make and keep us visible, and they highlight our strength and our achievements.

My warmest congratulations to all nominees and winners – your work continues to drive our world-leading approach to equality, and the pride that we all deserve.

Hon Harriet Shing MP (she/her)

Minister for Equality



Foreword by GLOBE Victoria

On behalf of GLOBE Victoria, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Victorian Pride Awards, where we come together to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Victoria's wonderful and diverse LGBTIQ+ communities. It is an extra special celebration as we mark a decade of our Awards program, a sign of the longevity of our commitment to honouring and recognising our communities.

2023 has brought with it challenges; as we work to maintain those rights that we have won in recent years, we seek to embrace intersectionality within our communities, all the while navigating the impacts of increases in the cost of living.

Even in these challenging times, the courage and selflessness of our communities shine through. We have witnessed so many individuals and organisations stepping up and making a difference to their communities as well as to our broader society. This is so clearly reflected in the strength and breadth of the award nominations we received this year. It is our duty and commitment, and our honour and privilege, to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful work undertaken by so many Victorian LGBTIQ+ individuals and organisations around us.

The Victorian Pride Awards are all about celebrating these successes, and they also act as an opportunity for us to connect with one another, bringing us all together as individuals and as a collective of diverse communities within the one bigger community that unites us all. When we talk about inclusiveness, we aim to ensure that everyone is represented, seen and valued, within and outside of our LGBTIQ+ communities. We are continually striving to make these awards more inclusive, from nominations and judges to entertainers and suppliers from all our communities in all of Victoria.

I am so proud of our LGBTIQ+ communities and I am moved when I see, read, hear or learn about the vital work being done that contributes to supporting, enabling and empowering all members within our wider community across Victoria.

I would like to congratulate all of our awards finalists this evening and wish them all the best of luck, and say thank you for your service to Victoria.

Andrew Shepherd

President, GLOBE Victoria

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ORDER OF EVENTS

6.15 pm	Pre-dinner drinks and canapes Entertainment by pianist Hayden Dun
7.00 pm	Welcome and Entertainment Entrée Presentation of Awards Improving Health and Wellbeing Preventing Social Isolation Outstanding Contribution to Sport Outstanding Advocacy Entertainment
8.25 pm	Main Course Presentation of Awards Outstanding Contribution to Media Community Contribution Award Excellence in Small Business Workplace Inclusion State of our Communities Address Entertainment
9.35 pm	Dessert and Coffee Presentation of Awards Volunteer of the Year Outstanding Contribution to the Arts Community Inspiration Award Person of the Year Award Entertainment
10.30 pm	Dancefloor – DJ MzRizk
11.30 pm	Drinks service ends
12.00 am	Close

AWARDS HOST



Brihony Dawson

Brihony (they/them) is a rare entertainment force and has proven themselves a sought-after MC and presenter in the queer, corporate and sporting spheres as well as social and television. Brihony was part of the hosting team for the ABC's World Pride coverage in 2023, was the first non-binary tv host on a major network in Australia and has done the rounds as a vocalist at Mardi Gras, Midsumma, Life Ball, Vienna Pride, and other major pride events across the globe.



ENTERTAINMENT



Hayden Dun

Hayden is a classically trained pianist who performs within a wide variety of styles including classical, contemporary, rock, pop, theatre, folk and jazz.

Hayden's experience includes performing at weddings, retirement villages, bars, on radio stations including North West FM and 103.5FM, as well as in musicals such as Sri Lankan Fireteam - The Power Of Song. He has also worked as a pianist for The Australian Ballet classes, and is a long-standing member of Impromptunes, an improvised musical comedy troupe.



MzRizk

Pioneering Lebanese Australian DJ, radio presenter, live performer and percussionist, MzRizk is a self-taught creative chameleon. She has travelled the world with her music, playing Glastonbury twice alongside festivals in Beirut, New York, Tilburg and Croatia, and has opened for numerous internationally acclaimed artists.

Closer to home she has DJ'd City of Melbourne's NYE celebrations for five consecutive years, as well as numerous other major events including NGV Friday Nights, MIFF, the Australian Open, WOMAdelaide, Biennale of Sydney, and more.



Adam Noviello & Friends

Adam (they/them) is a genderqueer singer-songwriter based in Naarm. Described by Mama Alto as “The long lost love child of Troye Sivan and Lady Gaga”, Adam has made quite the splash on the music scene since their debut in early 2022.

Adam's debut single, HERETIC, wowed audiences and hit #1 on the Australian iTunes Dance Chart in January 2022 and #5 on the Australian Independent Record Labels Association singles chart.

Tonight's performance features several talented local performers, choreographed by Christopher Politis.



Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus

The Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus (MGLC) is an award-winning choir with a commitment to camaraderie through music. Celebrating 34 years of advocacy for equality, they are Australia's longest running LGBTIQ+ choir, whose members have challenged stereotypes and stood as proud role models in the community since 1990. Led by Musical Director, Stephanie Teh, MGLC is a wholly inclusive choir that's proud to champion diversity and foster acceptance in the LGBTIQ+ community.



Zoë Badwi

Zoë burst on to the scene in 2008 with the club smash 'Release Me', which spent 7 consecutive weeks at #1 in the Australian ARIA Club Chart and scored ARIA and APRA nominations.

In 2010 her hit 'Freefallin' stormed to the top 10 ARIA singles chart, becoming the #6 most played track in the country.

Zoë created 'Torches' to become the Official Anthem of the 2014 Sydney Mardi Gras, and has continued to perform, write, feature on, and release numerous dance anthems.



Sheldon Riley

Known for his entrancing vocals and avant-garde style, Sheldon Riley has firmly established himself as a name to remember.

He made a powerful impact at the 2022 Eurovision Song Contest as a Grand Finalist and has received international acclaim for his unique sound and electrifying performances on “The Masked Singer” and most recently “America's Got Talent - All Stars”, where he stunned audiences around the world.

Sheldon is currently focused on his eagerly awaited debut album and upcoming European and US shows.

AWARDS JUDGES

GLOBE Victoria extends our sincere thanks to each of our 2023 Awards judges – Anastasia Le, Jess Hume, Margherita Coppolino (2022 Victorian Pride Awards Person of the Year), and Vikas Raheja (GLOBE Victoria Strategic Programmes Director) – who all generously volunteered their time to participate in the 2023 Victorian Pride Awards judging panel. We received a record number of nomination submissions for 2023, plus the standard of nominations received was higher than ever – all of which made the task of our judges that much tougher this year!

A message from our judges

It has been the panel's privilege and honour to judge the 2023 Victorian Pride awards. Whilst some of the judges are new to the Awards, a few are privileged to have been a judge for the Victorian Pride awards over the past three years. It's sheer joy to see how much our communities have grown to be more inclusive, to provide platforms and uplift voices that have not been heard previously. The judging panel continuously learns from the pool of nominations each year deliberating. We keep on adjusting our processes to better embed equity and representation.

This year has been a rewardingly tough year to score. Alongside community giants whose impacts generate colossal effects on the path to visibility, equity, equality and access in Victoria, we got to see intersectional voices be recognised, acknowledged and appreciated. Your nominations give us hope and faith, that we are in it together, and further affirm our unification as a resilient community.

Our utmost gratitude is expressed to those nominated for Workplace Inclusion, Advocacy, Improving Health and Wellbeing, Preventing Social Isolation, and Contribution to Media. One can only imagine the energies and resources invested into tremendous work achieved while navigating systemic, structural and social hurdles, considering some personal sacrifices you have made along the way.

Those nominated for Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Contribution to the Arts and Sport, and Excellence in Small Business, you have our utmost admiration and appreciation for the passion, the drive you have, the dedication and commitment to ensure inclusion in services, to raise further awareness of our rainbow communities. Your authenticity provides the momentum much needed, to discover, challenge and mending gaps within our society.

Regardless of who the award goes to, everyone is a winner. Congratulations to all the finalists in every category, you should be really proud of your achievements. Congratulations to every nomination submitted, regardless of the category, your work and contribution is paramount to the success of us all. Please keep making it tougher every year for the judging panel, please keep championing, pioneering as your wholesome selves and keep on representing the communities you identify within.

We're counting on you to forge a better future for us all and we're always here on the sidelines as your biggest cheerleaders – championing your contribution to the community.

With love and respect,

2023 Victorian Pride Awards judges

AWARD CATEGORIES



IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This award recognises organisations or individuals who run health and wellbeing initiatives or programs that improve the health of Victorian LGBTIQ+ communities.

FINALISTS

LGBTIQ+ Women's Health Conference presented by Thorne Harbour Health focuses on health and wellbeing needs of Australian LGBTIQ+ women. The only one of its kind in Australia, it aims to create safer spaces to strengthen the health and wellbeing of all LGBTIQ+ women, including Aboriginal women and Sistergirls, women of colour, women with disabilities, trans, gender diverse and intersex women.

Michelle Thompson (she/her) is CEO at Family Access Network, which is the first homelessness service in Victoria to receive Rainbow Tick accreditation, demonstrating their ability to understand the needs and provide culturally appropriate support to LGBTIQ+ young people experiencing homelessness. Supporting young LGBTIQ+ homeless people since 2006, they're the first organisation in Victoria to have a LGBTIQ+ youth homelessness response.

WayOut Sunbury (Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health) promotes the rights, mental health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ young people. WayOut delivers social support groups, intergenerational community events and education to build capacity of local organisations, businesses and community groups to provide opportunities for meaningful social connection for LGBTIQ+ young people in Sunbury as a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

PREVENTING SOCIAL ISOLATION

This award recognises organisations – including corporates, community and social groups – who run programs or initiatives that reduce social isolation and build connections within Victorian LGBTQIA+ communities.

FINALISTS

Birds of a Feather is an initiative of the country LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Program, a program of Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health. It provides opportunities for LGBTQIA+ adults to expand their social networks and build a sense of belonging. It's a place to connect and be inspired through hearing shared LGBTQIA+ stories via keynote talks, panel discussions and musical performances.

Minus 18 is Australia's largest charity for LGBTQIA+ youth. For 25 years, Minus18 has created life-affirming events, delivered free education and driven inclusion campaigns across Australia. Minus18's Queer Youth Connect Program has reached more than 74,000 LGBTQIA+ young people across Australia since 2011 and is a beacon for social inclusion.

Queer Social by Laneway Learning is an ongoing event that combines social connection, learning and creativity, for queers by queers. Since 2021, thousands of attendees have been mingling while learning together about pottery, money management, sex, car mechanics, macrame, sewing and more. Proven benefits of community learning include improved mental health, life satisfaction and decreased social isolation.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT

This award recognises Victorian LGBTQIA+ individuals, groups or organisations that have excelled in their sporting pursuits both in and beyond the sporting arena, or who have driven LGBTQIA+ inclusion in sport and physical activity.

FINALISTS

Kade Matthews (he/him) is Proud 2 Play's Community Engagement Officer, leading initiatives to promote LGBTQI+ inclusion in sports, creating inclusive environments and advocating for diversity. His work has significantly increased participation and improved the wellbeing of LGBTQI+ individuals in sports communities, making a lasting impact on promoting equality and fostering a sense of belonging among diverse athletes and participants.

Mount Alexander Falcons is a country sporting club built by and for women and gender diverse people, reimagining how people who have experienced marginalisation can access not only sport but belonging and connection. They continue to push boundaries and visibility of women and gender diverse people in sport, through means such as the international feature length documentary film 'Equal the Contest'.

Queer Sporting Alliance (QSA) delivers community sport to the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies. Over eight years QSA has grown from six friends playing basketball in Coburg to the world's premier LGBTQIA+ community sporting club. Supported by major sponsor Champion, QSA created Q League to build spaces for transgender and gender diverse people to enjoy sport alongside their ally mates.



OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY

This award recognises organisations that run advocacy or social change campaigns - using systems, processes or programs - that shift attitudes, beliefs and behaviours for the benefit of Victorian LGBTQIA+ communities.

FINALISTS

Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc. is a grassroots community-led charitable association by and for LGBTQIA+ Gippslanders. From local intimate accessible events to resource development, research and training, the Gippsland Pride Initiative Inc. is responsible for the benchmark 2023 Rainbow Brick Road Report, an annual pride gala event, and delivering more than 30 events across six shires and 40,000 kms each year.

Keolis Downer Yarra Trams is the proud operator of Yarra Trams, where they strive to create a safe and welcoming network for all Victorians. In 2021, Yarra Trams delivered their first #AllAboard campaign, featuring the Rainbow Tram, a giant moving message of equality and inclusion on a Melbourne icon. This campaign has since evolved to feature artwork from LGBTQIA+ artists.

Tiny Pride and Winters Consulting created the Policing and the Rainbow Community Forum in October 2023. Funded by the Empowering Communities Grant (Department of Justice and Community Safety and City of Ballarat), the forum was the culmination of the vision of several Ballarat LGBTQIA+ community members and allies, within and outside of Victoria Police, to form a more constructive relationship.



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MEDIA

This award recognises individuals or organisations who have delivered an exceptional piece of reporting, podcasts or other media activity that celebrates Victorian LGBTQIA+ communities, or that sheds light on current LGBTQIA+ issues.

FINALISTS

Archer Magazine is a print and digital publication that platforms voices, artwork and experiences from the intersections of LGBTQIA+ communities, with each magazine issue being based on a different theme. Supported by Drummond Street Services, and celebrating its 10th birthday in 2023, Archer Magazine has been sold in 11 countries worldwide, received many awards, and amassed 3 million website views.

Carolyn Cage (she/her) is a documentary filmmaker known for contributions to LGBTQIA+ storytelling, including ABC's landmark series 'Queerstralia' and We Are Pride's first original production 'My First Time'. She uses her work as a vehicle to promote acceptance and understanding, amplify diverse voices, and as a driving force for cultural change where queer stories aren't just acknowledged but celebrated.

Well Well Well is JOY 94.9's weekly radio show and podcast exploring the health and wellbeing of our LGBTQIA+ communities and people living with HIV. Presented by the team from Thorne Harbour Health including Cal Hawk, Jacinta Hennekam, Michael Whelan, Rachel Cook and Jack Crnjanin, Well Well Well has broadcast more than 900 episodes over 18 years.

EXCELLENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS

This award recognises outstanding achievement in business by LGBTQIA-owned small businesses (with fewer than 100 employees) operating in Victoria. The aim of this category is to highlight the contribution that is made by LGBTQIA-owned small businesses to their community.

FINALISTS

Amor Sensory is a small trans and disabled owned business founded by Andy Amor. In 2021 they launched Australia's first chest binder range, claiming the world's first sensory-friendly and size-inclusive chest binders, demonstrating their dedication, innovation and unwavering support for the trans and gender-diverse community. Their work has empowered countless individuals to find joy, comfort and confidence in their bodies.

The Laird Hotel is powered by publicans Brett Lasham and Mark Carney. Their roles in running The Laird cover everything from the usual 'pub' type things, to creating events with community organisations, sporting groups and bear, leather and rubber communities.

Your Key Advocacy is a property buyers advocate helping people navigate the Melbourne property market. They have introduced a 'queer property night' for first home buyers who are nervous or need help, and deliver a wonderful experience for all clients by creating a trusted queer cocoon that helps rainbow clients navigate this often hetero-normative and alpha industry.

**WORKPLACE
INCLUSION
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BY LIBERTY
FINANCIAL**

**This award recognises
Victorian businesses that
champion equity and
inclusion for all LGBTIQ+
people in their workplace.**

FINALISTS

Aussie Broadband is the fourth largest provider of NBN services across Australia. They are big believers that staff should be able to bring their whole, authentic selves to work, and that what this looks like is different from person-to-person. They have many staff-led working groups including Inclusion & Diversity and The Pride Network.

Keolis Downer Yarra Trams is the proud operator of Yarra Trams, an icon of Melbourne. They are committed to creating safe and inclusive workplaces that advance equality and where employees are empowered to be their authentic selves. Through improved policies, education, network building and empowerment, and celebration, they have created a workforce where LGBTIQ+ employees can thrive.

Your Community Health has been helping people in Melbourne's north reach their health and wellbeing goals for 50 years, delivering services such as medical, dental, allied health, social support programs and COVID-19 response. Since 2020 they've increased employment of LGBTIQ+ staff from 8% to 28%, and 88% of staff say they can be themselves and feel culturally safe at work.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY AUSSIE BROADBAND

This award recognises the work of a Victorian LGBTQIA+ individual who has shown outstanding commitment through volunteer work in our communities.

FINALISTS

Alison Black (she/her) has volunteered with Your Community Health for over 3 years, participating in several committees and project groups. A proud Aboriginal Sister-girl, Allison is Co-Chair of YCH's Kaydo Kertheba Working Group, which has been making important changes and taking great steps to better the lives of the Darebin indigenous community, while doing their part to reconcile Australia.

Bettina Handley (she/her) has been with Melbourne Frontrunners (MFR) since their humble beginnings 20 years ago. As a volunteer she's worked tirelessly to ensure MFR provides accessibility and inclusion for everyone in our community. An Athletics Victoria accredited coach, Bettina has been an MFR club coach for 6 years, recently holding the position of Head Coach for their 300+ members.

Cheryl Szöllősi (she/her) is an active volunteer in the Ballarat LGBTQIA community, running Uncoordinated Queers and weekly Rainbow Ballarat Coffee meetups for people of all ages who might otherwise be isolated, to create opportunities for people to come together and make new friends. Cheryl also volunteers with LaNCETV as a video camera operator, filming their weekly show for Ch31 and Facebook.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS

This award recognises Victorian LGBTIQA individuals or groups who celebrate LGBTIQA+ communities through their artistic pursuits.

FINALISTS

Drew Pettifer (he/him) is a queer artist, educator and volunteer who creates radical, immersive encounters with hidden queer histories through art. His recent artworks in *Queer* and *Melbourne Now* (both NGV) shared under-represented queer narratives with over one million visitors. Drew also regularly delivers free workshops with queer and minority artists working with critical histories in their creative practices.

Gender Euphoria is a trans cabaret phenomenon co-created by Mama Alto and Maude Davey. A celebration of queer voices that features the largest all-trans and gender-diverse ensemble to perform in an Australian main stage context, *Gender Euphoria* platforms a rich mosaic of joy, beauty, love, power, and euphoria trans cabaret.

Kitty Obsidian is a proud Wiradjuri/Gamilaroi, trans nonbinary person who is autistic and chronically ill. An independent artist and activist, Kitty is a teacher and mentor at Bottoms up dance school and works with the People of Cabaret mentoring young BIPOC artists and producers. Kitty's performance art breaks down barriers of intersectionality of marginalised people, challenging stereotypes and perspectives.





COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

This year the judging panel wanted to present a special recognition award to a member of our Victorian LGBTIQ+ community who sadly passed away before tonight's awards celebration.

This award is being presented posthumously to a person who made a significant contribution through volunteering with numerous community organisations during their life. Tonight, we recognise and celebrate their achievements and their legacy of contribution to our community.

COMMUNITY INSPIRATION AWARD PRESENTED BY GLOBE VICTORIA

Chosen from among this year's finalists, the Community Inspiration Award recognises a Victorian LGBTIQ+ individual or organisation for the inspirational work they are doing to uplift and promote our Victorian LGBTIQ+ communities.

All of this year's finalists are considered and eligible to win this award, which celebrates someone who is making a significant impact to Victoria's LGBTIQ+ communities.

PERSON OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

This award recognises a Victorian LGBTIQ+ individual who has led the way in driving inclusion and building capacity and connection between LGBTIQ+ and broader communities.

FINALISTS



Allison Winters (they/them) is a queer, non-binary, neurodiverse parent and the Executive Officer of LINE Wangaratta, a community-led charity focusing on social inclusion and celebration of LGBTIQ+ people in north-east Victoria. In 2023 Allison coordinated 88 free pride events in north-east Victoria, coordinated the Policing and the Rainbow Community project in Ballarat, and co-facilitated the Victorian LGBTIQ+ Leadership Program.



Dean Arcuri (he/him) wears many hats and juggles many roles: radio host on JOY94.9's Breakfast, entertainer in and out of drag as Frock Hudson, photographer, journalist, advocate. A self-described Community Darling and Busy Homosexual, no matter what he's doing Dean's focus is always on shining a spotlight on our LGBTIQ+ communities and celebrating them for all their worth.



Michelle Sheppard (she/her), also known as 'Mama Mish', is a Diversity & Inclusion Senior Advisor at the Victorian Department of Transport. Michelle is an advocate, storyteller, and advisor who is involved in advocating and supporting the LGBTIQ+ communities through various initiatives and collaborations by actively seeking to grow partnerships and align strategies between mainstream and LGBTIQ+ organisations and their communities.

SUPPORT GLOBE VICTORIA'S COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

GLOBE Victoria has a long and proud history of providing financial support to Victorian LGBTIQ+ communities with the GLOBE Victoria Community Grants, which more recently have also included Scholarship and Small Business Grants. Over the last 32 years, GLOBE Victoria has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to many deserving individuals, groups and organisations in our community.

All surplus funds raised this evening will go towards the 2024 GLOBE Victoria Community Grants Program. And we're pleased to announce that this year we're also offering guests the opportunity to donate directly to GLOBE Victoria's Grants Program fund. 100% of your donation will go directly to this program, which supports community organisations, small businesses and students in our Victorian LGBTIQ+ communities.

Please consider helping to support your Victorian LGBTIQ+ community by donating to this year's Community Grants Program via the QR code provided.



JOIN GLOBE VICTORIA SUPPORT OUR LGBTIQA+ COMMUNITY

Celebrating 32 years in 2024, GLOBE Victoria is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run community organisation that unites Victorian LGBTIQA+ professionals and small businesses through social, professional networking, training and development-focused events.

Corporate partnership opportunities

GLOBE Victoria offers a range of sponsorship packages to suit corporate partners of all sizes across most sectors. In addition to being a great way to help support Victorian's LGBTIQA+ communities, partnering with GLOBE Victoria also delivers unique and valuable benefits to corporate sponsors.

A GLOBE Victoria sponsorship package can help you demonstrate your commitment to Victorian LGBTIQA+ communities, strengthen your brand perception, improve engagement among LGBTIQA+ employees and enhance your inclusion and diversity program.

For more information contact Partnerships and Corporate Membership Director, Peter Callanan, at peter.callanan@globevictoria.com.au.

Become a member

Not yet a member? Sign up today to get involved, support your community and have a great time doing it.

Three different levels of membership are available: individuals, small businesses and corporates. Students and community groups or organisations are eligible to access discounted membership. Members receive free entry to GLOBE Victoria's monthly networking and popular Focus On events, in addition to a range of other benefits. Small business and corporate members also receive additional benefits.

GLOBE Victoria networking events are a great way to meet and connect with likeminded professionals, providing you opportunities to form long-lasting and meaningful business connections. Join GLOBE Victoria to meet new people and expand your professional network in a friendly and welcoming environment, while supporting the LGBTIQA+ community.

For more details or to sign up, visit the website or email any questions to globe@globevictoria.com.au.



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