

3 February 2019

## **VICSES PROUD TO MARCH**

Volunteers and staff from the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) will once again proudly participate in the Midsumma Pride March.

2019 will mark VICSES' sixth march with the festival.

Last year, more than 60 VICSES members took to the streets in the heart of St Kilda, to celebrate gender equality and diversity across the community.

This year's Midsumma Pride March will highlight the different groups, personalities and experiences that make the community VICSES volunteers serve, so diverse.

VICSES' ongoing involvement and support sends a clear message: VICSES is a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

The 24th Midsumma Pride March will be held at the new time of 11am on Sunday 3 February 2019, on Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

## Quotes attributable to Stephen Griffin, VICSES CEO

"The march is a really fun day that well reflects our commitment to diversity of not only the communities we serve, but the diversity within our own organisation".

"As a male champion of change, I believe diversity is key to an organisation's success. Everyone deserves to be heard, to feel safe and to belong. I'm proud to lead a wonderful organisation that recognises this."

## Quotes attributable to David Baker, VICSES Deputy Chief Officer Capability

"We all come to VICSES from different colours of the rainbow, but once the overalls are on, we're all one colour – orange."

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