

# Media Release

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## MO'JU TO HEADLINE VICTORIA'S PRIDE STREET PARTY

The Allan Labor Government is bringing back Victoria's Pride Street Party for another year – taking over Fitzroy and Collingwood this February with a lineup headlined by neo-soul artist Mo'Ju.

Minister for Equality Vicki Ward today announced Mo'Ju will lead the annual celebration of Victoria's LGBTIQA+ communities – a free, one-day event featuring music, comedy, circus, drag and art installations that transforms Melbourne's inner north into a vibrant festival of pride.

Mo'Ju is a First Nations Wiradyuri and Filipinx artist whose work reflects themes of identity, belonging and community.

Joining Mo'Ju are Thandi Phoenix, returning from the UK for the event, alongside Umbra Moon, Kevin Silvester, Armana Khan, Cle Morgan and Samuel Gaskin.

Victoria's Pride Street Party is the finale of months of regional pride events delivered in partnership with Midsumma, Australia's leading LGBTIQA+ arts and cultural organisation – made possible by the Labor Government's focus on building a fairer Victoria, where everyone is free to live wholly and freely.

Pride Street Party is one of Australia's biggest celebrations of equality, bringing thousands together to enjoy the strength, diversity and creativity of Victoria's LGBTIQA+ communities.

That's why we invested \$6.8 million to support Victoria's Pride events – because we don't just talk about equality, we deliver it.

Victoria's Pride Street Party takes over Gertrude and Smith Street on Sunday, 8 February.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Equality Vicki Ward

*"Victoria's Pride Street Party is about people coming together to celebrate who they are and share a day of pride and fun in the heart of Melbourne."*

*"With Mo'Ju headlining, this year's Pride will transform Melbourne's streets into a celebration of music, creativity and community – a powerful reminder that equality matters and that we'll always stand with LGBTIQA+ Victorians."*

*"Equality isn't just a slogan for us – the statewide pride program and street party are only possible because of our continued investment."*

### Quote attributable to Midsumma CEO Karen Bryant

*"The Victoria's Pride Street Party has become a vibrant cornerstone of Victoria's summer, a powerful place of visibility, joy and collective belonging. Mo'Ju's headline performance will elevate that spirit even further."*