

Media Release

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LGBTI EQUALITY ROADSHOW HITS THE HIGHWAYS

Over the coming months the LGBTI Equality Roadshow bus will visit 17 towns across Victoria to meet and hear views and ideas on how we improve the lives of LGBTI Victorians.

Minister for Equality, Martin Foley today joined Gender and Sexuality Commissioner, Ro Allen at the Chill Out Festival to commence the Roadshow.

The aim of the trip is to reduce discrimination, share information and promote the importance of inclusion of LGBTI Victorians in regional communities.

Work commenced last year and is continuing with three local communities when the Roadshow team visited Swan Hill, Shepparton and Mildura. In March, the Roadshow will visit Ballarat, Stawell and Horsham before moving on to Bairnsdale, Morwell, Wonthaggi and Geelong.

Between May and June, the Roadshow will visit Hume, Barwon South West and Loddon Mallee.

Commissioner Allen will lead the Roadshow which will engage with local LGBTI communities, community organisations, families and allies to identify issues and opportunities.

It will cover a range of issues such as family violence, health and wellbeing, promotion of regional and rural programs and awareness of the Government's inclusion and equality agenda.

When the Roadshow visits your town there will be a range of activities you can participate in. For more information or to register visit engage.vic.gov.au/lgbti.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Equality Martin Foley

"The Roadshow is about how we can create inclusive LGBTI communities – by listening to the concerns of those living in regional Victoria."

"We are working to create a Victoria that has a place for everyone – no matter your postcode or identity. I encourage you to get along to a Roadshow event near you."

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

"Daylesford is the home of rural LGBTI life. Every year it attracts hundreds of people from across the state and beyond."

"It's fantastic that this year we can launch the LGBTI Equality Roadshow in my electorate."

Quotes attributable to Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality Ro Allen

"I'm proud to be leading the roadshow and engaging with local LGBTI communities, support organisations and allies to progress LGBTI inclusion and equality in regional areas."

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