

Media Release

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Jewish Care marches with Pride

Jewish Care Victoria is proud to have walked in the 24th Annual Midsumma Pride March on Sunday 3 February.

Together with eight other Jewish community organisations, Jewish Care staff, volunteers, leaders and Board members, including Jewish Care CEO Bill Appleby and President Mike Debinski, marched under the 'Jews of Pride' banner.

Other groups and organisations marching under the same banner included Aleph, Jewish Lesbian Group of Victoria, Keshet, Hashomer Hatzair Australia, Habonim Dror Melbourne, Skif, Leo Baeck Centre and Temple Beth Israel.

The Midsumma Pride March is part of the Midsumma Festival, a 22-day annual celebration of LGBTI+ arts, culture, and the diverse communities that exist within the larger LGBTI+ community.

Speaking of the importance of Jewish Care walking in the Midsumma Pride March, Jewish Care employee Doron Abramovici said, "Marching under the umbrella of 'Jews of Pride' showed a unity like I've never seen before in our community. Having the CEO and President of Victoria's largest Jewish services provider march sends a powerful message to community members who identify as LGBTI+ and should not be understated."

"As Jewish Care's Pride banner said, there is strength in diversity," said Jewish Care CEO, Bill Appleby. "We know that we, as a community, are at our strongest when we celebrate our differences and stand with each other."

"Jewish Care values inclusion for all members of our community," added Jewish Care President Mike Debinski. "Marching alongside LGBTI+ members of both the Jewish and wider communities, as well as other communal organisations, is one way we can outwardly express our commitment to supporting LGBTI+ people."

Jewish Care Victoria is committed to developing and implementing inclusive practices for all members of the Victorian Jewish community. In addition, to participating in the Midsumma Pride March, Jewish Care continues to work towards achieving Rainbow Tick Accreditation in 2019.

To find out more about Jewish Care's commitment to inclusive practice, contact rainbow@jewishcare.org.au.

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*Jewish Care marches with other 'Jews of Pride' at the Midsumma Pride March.
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Jewish Care Victoria staff with the organisation's Pride banner

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