



# TRANSGENDER VICTORIA



GENERAL INFORMATION

# ABOUT TRANSGENDER VICTORIA (TGV)

Transgender Victoria (TGV) was founded in the late 1990s to achieve justice, equity and quality health and community service provision for transgender people, their partners, families and friends. TGV educates organisations and workplaces on how to provide better services for trans\* people, and seeks ways to provide direct services to the trans\* community, whether in partnership with others or independently.

TGV also works with and for the trans\* community to create positive change in human rights and policy development. We represent the trans\* community in challenging discrimination and assist in the empowerment of trans\* people so that they may lead full and meaningful lives.

TGV recognises the right of each and every member of the trans\* community to equality in all areas of life including housing, education, work, health services and legal representation. Since we began, TGV have been pivotal in raising awareness of issues that affect trans\* people; TGV remains dedicated to facilitating social and legislative change with and on behalf of the trans\* community.

*Please contact TGV if you  
would like to be involved  
and assist our work.  
Details on reverse.*

## TRANSGENDER VICTORIA GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS DONATIONS

*(All donations to TGV are tax  
deductible and can be made  
via our website)*



# HOW TGV SUPPORTS THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

**Advice:** TGV consults with the trans\* community to understand the issues that matter and impact their lives. TGV uses this information to inform our work with researchers, organisations and government committees to achieve best practice when it comes to service provision and accessibility for trans\* communities. TGV makes submissions to policy reviews on behalf of the trans\* community on local, State and Federal matters.

**Education:** TGV provides education on trans\* issues in a range of settings, including workplaces and service providers, across government, community and private sectors.

**Partnership:** TGV supports the work of service providers who want to ensure they are transgender aware, while seeking ways to provide direct services to the trans\* community in partnership with other organisations and groups. We also support trans\*-run initiatives where possible so that they may reach their potential. We welcome contact from prospective partners to discuss ways we could work together.

**Awareness:** TGV promotes an understanding of trans\* issues in the broader community through relationships with GLBTI, independent and mainstream media outlets. TGV liaises regularly with media to communicate the trans\* community's perspective

**Referral:** TGV refers individuals seeking support on a range of issues (health, law, housing, finance, workplace etc) to relevant services.

# DISCRIMINATION

Transgender people deserve the right to pursue full and rich community participation and to be free from discrimination. TGV recognises that trans\* people can experience discrimination in a range of areas and at different times in their lives. Discrimination can occur during transition, using the health and Medicare system, accessing toilets and other gendered facilities, participating in sports, attending school/work or seeking employment, looking for housing or organising legal documentation. TGV is experienced in tackling these problems and can provide support, information and referrals for trans\* people to assist in navigating difficulties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
**[transgendervictoria.com](http://transgendervictoria.com)**



## WHO DOES TRANSGENDER VICTORIA REFER TO WHEN REFERRING TO TRANS\*/TRANSGENDER PEOPLE?

TGV uses the word trans\* or transgender as an umbrella term to describe people whose gender identity or expression is different from that which was assigned at birth, or that which is expected of them by society. All people have a right to express the gender with which they identify. Transgender people however, often experience discrimination due to ignorance around gender diversity, and/or an expression of gender that varies from society's expectations.

TGV also acknowledges that each person does, and has the right to, express their gender in a way that represents their sense of self. This may be male, female or somewhere in between.

Some people may make a permanent physical transition through medical processes such as surgeries and hormones, while other forms of gender expression may be achieved by a legal change of name, or by changing their choice of clothing. There is no one 'correct' or 'complete' way for transgender people to express themselves. Choices may be made dependent upon a range of factors including health, finances or personal preference

Trans\* people include (but are not limited to) those who describe themselves as transgender, transsexual, FTM (female to male), MTF (male to female), genderqueer, transman, transwoman, boi, crossdresser, androgynous, third gendered, two spirited, Sistagirl / Brotherboy.



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*Transgender Victoria acknowledges the unique rights and  
status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as  
the first owners and ongoing custodians of this land.*