

OFFICERS' REPORT**WORLD AIDS DAY RECOGNITION**

Submitting Councillor: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Shows its support for people living with HIV in the community and seeks to commemorate people who have died of AIDS related conditions or other conditions associated with HIV;*
- 2. Notes the 302 newly diagnosed cases of HIV across Victoria in 2017¹;*
- 3. Lights up Council offices and the Euneva carpark in red on the 1st of December 2018 and on the 1st of December in each subsequent year to mark World AIDS Day.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This is delivered within Council's existing budget through existing officer time. Any additional budget implications as a result of this motion will be managed through existing operating budgets.

A commitment to making the City of Monash a council dedicated to optimal health and wellbeing is an ongoing focus within the Community Strengthening team. This includes supporting healthy environments and a sense of belonging, through reaching out to those residents that are isolated or stigmatised.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

Lighting of the Civic Centre will be facilitated within existing operational resources. Consistent with the previous years, the Civic Centre and Euneva Car Park will be lit up orange for sixteen days of activism from 25 November to 10 December. The acknowledgement of World AIDS Day can be accommodated by programming the lights to turn red on 1 December and then revert back to orange until 10 December.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

This motion strongly aligns with Council's 'A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017 - 2021'. With a commitment to the prevention from harm, City of Monash has a focus on 'improving the health and resilience of individuals and communities through proactive services and programs which improves one's health and life.'

By demonstrating City of Monash's support of World AIDS day by lighting up Council owned buildings, the 'Engaged, Confident & Connected' priority of the Health Plan is supported:

¹ Department of Health and Human Services, HIV Quarterly Report 2018 Q2

- Creating strong and cohesive communities promote the inclusion and participation of everyone.
- Implementing a community development approach that brings local communities together to foster and strengthen leadership, spirit and social connections.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Monash City Council has previously supported health and wellbeing campaigns by lighting up the Council Office and the Euneva carpark. This is shown to be an effective way to promote established social marketing campaigns and events by providing something visible in our community.