

We envision a healthy future for our sex, sexuality and gender diverse communities, a future without HIV, where all people live with dignity and wellbeing. As a community controlled organisation, we are governed by our members and work for people living with HIV as well as our sex, sexuality and gender diverse communities.



YES, I would like to renew/become a member of VAC/GMHC!

### personal details

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### type of membership

Ordinary - \$33.00     Concession - \$16.50     People Living With HIV – No Charge

Membership prices include GST.

Our members play an important role in ensuring the communities we serve have their say in guiding the direction of Thorne Harbour Health. You can get involved by becoming a member of the two organisations we're comprised of – the Victorian AIDS Council (VAC) and the Gay Men's Health Centre (GMHC). The reason for separate associations is historic, but we recommend new members join both organisations to ensure you can fully participate as a member.

On being accepted as a member of the **Victorian AIDS Council Inc**, you will automatically become a member of the **Gay Men's Health Centre Inc**. If you don't wish to become a member of **GMHC**, please indicate below.

I **do not** wish to become a member of the **Gay Men's Health Centre**

Declaration – As part of my application for membership / renewal, I accept the objects and by-laws of VAC/GMHC and agree that my membership be bound by them. The objects, as they appear in the Constitution of VAC/GMHC can be viewed at [www.thorneharbour.org](http://www.thorneharbour.org)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Providing your email address means you give permission to VAC/GMHC to email you about matters that may be of interest to members and to help reduce paper wastage. VAC/GMHC will keep your email address secure and will not provide it to external parties. If you would like to obtain a copy of our constitution, please contact the office via [membership@thorneharbour.org](mailto:membership@thorneharbour.org) or 9865 6700.

### payment method

Please circle your method of payment:

Cheque (please make payable to VAC or The Victorian AIDS Council)  
MasterCard    Visa

Card number \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Expiry \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Authorising signature \_\_\_\_\_

### When completed, please send this to

Thorne Harbour Health  
Reply Paid 91720  
P O Box 7322  
MELBOURNE VIC 3004

Note: Only current financial members are able to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Memberships fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> of July each year.

VAC ABN 52907644835    GMHC ABN 87652472253

## **OBJECTS OF THE VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL INC & GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE INC**

The Victorian AIDS Council was established as a community controlled health organisation, initiated by, based in, governed by and serving the gay community. It was established by mandate and resolution at a meeting on 12 July 1983 and was constituted as the gay community's sole representative in response to the epidemics of HIV infection and AIDS. The Gay Men's Health Centre was established at a meeting on 29 May 1986, following an initiative of the Victorian AIDS Council as part of its fulfilment of its objectives.

### **Objects**

The objects for which the Victorian AIDS Council Incorporated/Gay Men's Health Centre Incorporated is established are:

1. To promote the prevention or control of HIV as its main activity, including by:
  - a) Designing and delivering programs and health services for all persons living with, affected by, or at risk of HIV, including affected communities such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and other sexuality, sex and gender diverse people (collectively, **LGBTI**), people who inject drugs, sex workers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders;
  - b) Providing information, education and training to health professionals, service providers, businesses, the LGBTI community, the general public and persons living with, affected by, or at risk of HIV;
  - c) Undertaking, participating in, or commissioning research; and
  - d) Undertaking advocacy work on behalf of key affected populations in all matters relating to the prevention and transmission of HIV and related health matters.
2. To collaborate with other organisations and the public to support, develop and deliver innovative programs and initiatives to promote community awareness of HIV/AIDS and to support the health and wellbeing of persons living with, affected by, or at risk of HIV in a manner consistent with the principles and practices of self-empowerment and community development;
3. To promote the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV and to design and deliver programs in a manner that encourages and welcomes active participation of such persons in the work of the organisation;
4. To promote the health and wellbeing of LGBTI persons and to design and deliver programs in a manner that encourages and welcomes active participation of such persons in the work of the organisation;
5. To promote, defend, preserve and extend the rights and liberties of the LGBTI community and persons living with, or affected by HIV in the context of social and political issues impacting on the health and well-being of community members; and
6. To do such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects.