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Welcome to this edition of QAHC News - Paul Martin

Welcome to QAHC News.

This edition demonstrates the broadening of QAHC from an HIV organisation to a wider LGBT health promotion organisation. You will see the Queensland launch of a national report into trans health issues - TranZnation, being held at QAHC this week. Next week sees a consultation on HACC (Home and Community Care) services for older and disabled LGBT people. LGBT awareness training for service providers continues, as well as recruiting and training up more facilitators from North Queensland.

The Tropical Alternative Film Festival kicks off April, brought to you by QAHC and the Melbourne Queer Film Festival. In the 'What's On...' listings at the bottom of the newsletter are a whole range of meetings, events, social groups and BBQs, either provided by QAHC, in partnership/with the support of QAHC or using QAHC facilities/resource centres.

As well as all the wider LGBT health and community development activity, we have not lost sight of HIV as a continuing issue for gay men. QAHC is running two workshops for gay/msm across the state: 'Art of Sex' and 'Cruising for Men'. We're also glad to promote services for people living with HIV, provided by QPP and ACON.

Our vision is to see HIV as an issue that is located within the broader context of people's lives. For some it's the most important issue, at least some of the time. For others it comes further down the list as social isolation, ageing, mental health or drugs and alcohol are more pressing issues.

Whoever you are and however you live your life, we hope that you will find QAHC of practical assistance.

Paul Martin
General Manager

Have your say on this topic - go to the QAHC Discussion Board - <http://www.qahc.org.au/forum/>

QAHC Training and Development Update

It has been a busy start to the year! The program completed its first in-service training workshop with Toowoomba sexual health in January and is now planning its involvement with FPQ and QuINH to present further training to service providers in Maryborough in early March

The first half of this year will focus upon delivering sexuality and gender identity training in Far North Queensland. The QAHC Facilitator's Network will be expanded to establish contacts with interested training facilitators in North Queensland to assist in the delivery of training in this region later in the year (see details below).

In early February a trans community consultation was conducted to provide the project with guidance in developing a Gender Identity Training Workshop for health service providers which will be piloted later this year.

All of QAHC's training resources, including power point presentations and facilitator's guides are now available on the QAHC website. To view go to <http://www.qahc.org.au/training>

Tranznation Launch in Brisbane

QAHC hosted the launch of the Tranznation report in Queensland on Thursday 6th March. Tranznation is a study into the health and wellbeing of Transgendered people in Australia and New Zealand, conducted by Gay & Lesbian Health Victoria and the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University.

This report compiles the findings from the 2007 online survey of 253 transgender people in Australia and New Zealand.

From the Executive Summary:

"This research has its beginnings in an act of transgender activism, arising as it did out of dissatisfaction with the capacity of the 2005 Private Lives project to capture the complexity of transgender lives. A central pivot in the concerns of the transgender communities about health services is that of recognition. Practices of medicine are implicated in many of the attempts by transgender people to achieve positive health and self- and social recognition for their preferred gender. Additionally, recognition on formal documentary records is, in many cases, dependent upon certified medical intervention."

Murray Couch, the main author of the study, will presented a summary of the findings. The presentation has been video recorded for further use in other areas of Queensland.

Click on the link below to view the report

http://www.glhv.org.au/files/Tranznation_Report.pdf

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LGBT HACC Services Consultation

You are invited to comment on the needs and experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender people when accessing HACC services.

QLD Aged & Disability Advocacy, COTA QLD and QLD Carers want to hear what you think about the provision of HACC (Home & Community Care) services that you either receive or need to live an enjoyable and rewarding life.

HACC services include Domestic Assistance, Respite, Social Support and Meals on Wheels and are intended to provide a basic level of care to the Frail Aged, Young Disabled & their Carers to enable them to remain living in their own home.

DATE: Wednesday 12 March 2008

TIME: 11.00am - 1pm

VENUE: Qld Assoc for Healthy Communities
30 Helen St Newstead - Lunch will be provided

RSVP: By Monday 11 March 2008 to QAHC on 3017 1777 (lunch is provided)

TRANSPORT: If transport is an issue we can help please let us know.

CAN'T ATTEND BUT WANT TO BE INVOLVED: Please ring QAHC to request a questionnaire be sent to you.

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Regional Queer Film Festival

Following the success of the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc (QAHC) first regional Queer Film Festival in 2007 the second very Queer Film Festival is coming to regional Queensland in April and May this year.

An outline of the Festival's dates are below and for further information on ticket sales and films being shown call 1800 177 434.

April 13 - Townsville - Dance North - Australia School of Arts Building, Cnr of Stanley & Walker St

April 13 - Sunshine Coast - Cooran Hall, 14 King St Cooran

April 18, 19, 20th - Cairns - JUTE Theatre, 96 Abbott St

April 26 - Rockhampton - Walter Reid Cultural Centre, Cnr Derby and East Streets

May 3 - Gold Coast - Venue to be advised



TROPICAL ALTERNATIVES
a very Queer Film Festival

Townsville - April 13th
Dancenorth-Australia
School of Arts Building
Cnr of Stanley & Walker St

Rockhampton - 26th April
Walter Reid Cultural Centre,
corner Derby and East Streets

Cairns - 18,19,20th of April
JUTE Theatre
96 Abbott Street

Gold Coast - 3rd of May
-contact Ged Farmer on
3017-1731 for details

Sunshine Coast - April 13th
Cooran Hall (Memorial School of Arts)
14 King Street Cooran

Check Programs
available
in your area

For more information call 1800 177 434 www.qahc.org.au/films

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Qld Positive People Events

Please contact Queensland Positive People to RSVP for these events or find out further information. Phone: 07 3013 5555 or Email: jheywood@qpp.org.au

Brisbane and Gold Coast Newly Diagnosed Group: The first six-week program begins on Wednesday April 16th in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast from Wednesday May 28th.

Women's Group in South East QLD: The timetable for the Women's Group meetings for the year is currently being finalised and guest speakers sourced. Group members will be kept informed.

Creative writing workshop: QPP will run a day long creative writing workshop on Monday April 14th facilitated by Brisbane author Kris Olsson. The workshop will be created around the needs of the group, so if you are interested then please get in quick, as it is limited to 20 participants. There is no charge for this workshop.

Planet Positive Brisbane: Easter Planet Positive will be Thursday March 20th at The Pavilion in West End from 6pm. With a special Easter theme, expect to see plenty of eggs and perhaps a few bunnies.

CWC : The next CWC will be held on Saturday April 26th at the Holy Trinity Hall in Fortitude Valley. The previous event in December was fantastic with a much larger than expected turnout, so this one promises to be bigger and better. Thanks must go to the Sportsman's Hotel as the money raised from CWC goes to Social Support events - not into The HOPE Fund.

QPP Website - www.qpp.net.au is now the place to go for all things QPP. On there you can view and download articles and resources; subscribe to newsletters and QPP Alive as well as look up back issues; check out photos of recent events; see what's coming up; download a HOPE Fund application and contribute to discussion forums.

MARCH 20TH, EASTER THURSDAY, FROM 6PM UNTIL 11PM



PLANET POSITIVE

A fun night out for HIV+ people and their friends

**THE EMERALD ROOM AT THE PAVILION HOTEL,
123 BOUNDARY ROAD, WEST END.**

queensland **positive** people
More info? Directions? Call QPP on 1800-630-291 or jheywood@qpp.org.au

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What is "Queer Issues"?

Queer Issues is a new LGBT project group in Brisbane. A young man named James, with assistance from Open Doors and QAHC, is working to create a peer support project for our community. James recently won the 2007 ODYSI Award for service by a young person to our Queer community.

With a range of important issues facing young people, such as maintaining emotional and physical wellbeing, self harming issues and relationship challenges, James is looking for assistance with creating a workshop designed for young gay men. He would like to see a workshop created for our community that can help to provide young men with support, assistance, skills and an opportunity to talk and share stories.

If you are interested in being a part of this project you can come along to one of the Queer Issues meetings. The group usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month at QAHC, 30 Helen Street, Newstead. If you can't make the meetings but want to help out and have a particular interest or skill which you think will be useful, you can also help out in your own time and in your own way.

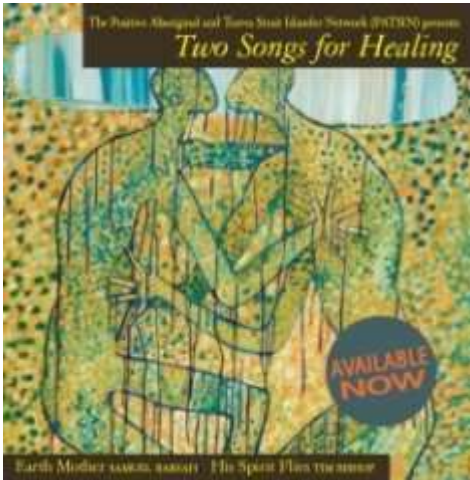
Do discuss how you can help, or for more information, please contact James on queer.james@hotmail.com

Have your say on any of these topics - go to the QAHC Discussion Board - <http://www.qahc.org.au/forum>

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Two Songs for Healing - PATSIN



The Positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network (PATSIN) presents:

TWO SONGS FOR HEALING - Earth Mother **SAMUEL BARSAAH** - His Spirit Flies **TIM BISHOP**

PATSIN is the Positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network. It is a network comprising HIV positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The network has existed as long as the epidemic in Australia.

PATSIN was formalised in 2003 in an arrangement with the National Association of People Living With HIV/AIDS (NAPWA) defined and lead by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV positive men and women committed to supporting each other and our communities in a collaborative response to the HIV epidemic in Australia.

NAPWA is the peak advocacy group for people living with HIV/AIDS in Australia and has always supported the Network in ensuring our voices are heard across all facets of the HIV sector.

We are very proud to present Two Songs for Healing, our first fundraising project of awareness, dedicated to all those who have lived, loved and lost loved ones to HIV/AIDS - you are not alone...

**Purchase your copy today - Available Now From QAHC
ONLY A\$16.50 (includes GST)**

Your purchase of this CD directly supports PATSIN

An independent Australian recording. Produced by Tania Bowra.

This project has been made possible with the support of Oz Showbiz Cares/Equity Fights AIDS (OSCEFA) and all the deadly artists who have contributed to this project. Thank you.

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Cruising for Men Workshop



'Finding Mr Right - Cruising skills for men'

People look for friendship, sex and relationships in all sorts of places. For some meeting guys comes easy, for others it can be a long and unrewarding experience.

Men who are sexually attracted to men can use avenues similar to the broader community to meet guys, but there are other alternatives just for men in search of other men.

The 'Cruising Men Workshop' takes an interactive approach aimed at developing a greater understanding of Gay Venues and Events, Beats, On-line Cruising Sites, Sex Venues and Personal Advertisements and how to determine which avenue/s best meet your needs.

Those who come along to the workshop will share and develop the knowledge and skills needed to cruise successfully, including: understanding of 'Safety', 'Non-verbal Language', 'Self-esteem', 'Self-awareness', 'Etiquette' and 'Personal Values'.

Throughout April and May, QAHC will be holding 'Cruising Men Workshops' in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Gold Coast and Brisbane at no cost.

If this interests you and you would like to attend, then contact QAHC (Queensland Association for Healthy Communities) on 07 3017 1777 or www.qahc.org.au/workshops to register or for more information!

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QAHC presents "The Art of Sex" Workshops

The
ART OF SEX
Workshops

To familiarise Men who have Sex with Men with a full range of Sexual Pleasures, an understanding of the bodily functions and how they can inhibit and enable Stimulation and Safe Play.

[Click here for more details](#)

QAHC will be running free, one (1) day workshops in Rockhampton (6th April), Mackay (5th April), and Townsville (29th March), targeting Gay and other Men who have Sex with men inclusive of age, sexual identity, culture and HIV status.

'The Art of Sex' workshop has been compiled from two (2) very successfully run workshops called the 'Arse Class' and the 'Sex Course' which were originally developed by GMFA (Gay Men Fighting AIDS) in England.

The aim of the 'The Art of Sex' Workshop is to familiarise Gay and other Men who have Sex with Men with a full range of Sexual Pleasures and an understanding of the bodily functions and how they can inhibit and enable stimulation and stay safe.

The issues that inhibit Gay Men's sexual pleasure can be of physical, psychological or a combination of both in nature. Statistics continue to display a common reluctance of men to access medical assistance and advice. This reluctance can be further increased when the topic is sexual or when the exposure of an individual's sexuality is at stake, especially in isolated and regional areas. Although the 'Art of Sex' workshops aren't a medical or counselling substitute and do not offer these services, they have been developed to adopt a very sex positive and affirming stance and aim at promoting insight and techniques to assist Gay men obtain better fulfilment in the sexual lives.

The workshop's goal is that men will be better informed and have greater knowledge about the biology of HIV transmission through their increased knowledge about the function, uses and maintenance of the mouth, anus & penis. There are no rules for men to follow, the program offers practical and useful information that can be understood and practically applied in sexual situations.

Further information about the up-coming workshops can be obtained by contacting Dave Wells at QAHC on (07) 3017 1727. To book to be a participant in the Workshops please call Jan on (07) 3017 1777 or 1800 177 434 (free call).

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Cairns Train the Trainer Workshop

Interested in facilitating workshops on sexuality and gender identity issues for service providers and gay men? The Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc (QAHC) is holding a Train the Trainer workshop in Cairns to expand its facilitators network.

When: Saturday 15th March 2008, 10am - 4pm

Where: Cairns QAHC Resource Centre
290 Draper St, Cairns

Cost: Free with catering provided (please state any dietary requirements)

RSVP: Ms Hilary Knack, QAHC Training and Development Coordinator, State wide

Email: hknack@qahc.org.au Phone: 07)3017 1793

Please send a copy of your resume outlining previous facilitation experience

The QAHC facilitator's network is a team of qualified training and workshop facilitators hired periodically to deliver LGBT awareness training to service providers and workshops to gay and bisexual men throughout Queensland. Train the Trainer Workshop will address:

- Issues and solutions: facilitating sexuality and gender identity education
- Working with member of the LGBT community when you identify as LGBT
- Overview of QAHC's LGBT awareness training
- Overview of QAHC's guidelines for external facilitators

To become a part of the network we require facilitators to complete the QAHC Train the Trainer workshop on facilitating LGBT awareness workshops. If you have previous experience in facilitating training or large groups, and a good knowledge of sexuality and gender identity issues we are interested in hearing from you! The first half of 2008 will present opportunities to work with QAHC in the delivery of training and workshops in Far North Queensland.

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LGBT Spirituality Group at QAHC Resource Centre in Cairns

Rev Dr Jason Gregg is a member of the Far North Queensland Parish of St Margaret of Antioch (Catholic Church) and hosts LGBT Spirituality Group at 3.30pm every Tuesday at the QAHC Resource Centre, 290 Draper Street. Tea and Coffee available.

If you would like to talk about spiritual issues in a safe and supportive environment, free from prejudice then come along! Please call Amanda on 4041 5451.

Rev Dr Jason Gregg affirms the belief that an individual has a right to complete freedom of thought interpretation, conscience and inquiry in all matters of our faith and belief.

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Sunshine Coast LGBT BBQ in the Park



Sunshine Coast LGBT BBQ in the park was a huge success!

The sun was shining for a very successful LGBT BBQ held at Cotton Tree Park on February 3rd. Over 20 new comers and regulars from all over the Sunshine Coast and surrounding areas attended the event which provided a relaxed, friendly environment for the community to social, network and gather resources. We look forward to seeing more people at the next LGBT BBQ which will be held at the QAHC Community Resource Centre, 10 Pikki Street Maroochydore on Sunday 2nd March at 5:00pm. For more information on Sunshine Coast events please contact Katie on (07) 5443 4365 or kbishop@qahc.org.au

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What's Happening on the Gold Coast!

Coming up in May the Gold Coast will be hosting movies from the Melbourne Queer Film Festival on the 3rd of May at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. Tickets are very reasonable at \$10 per session comprising of shorts and feature films. Details of films, tickets and location can be found on the QAHC website at www.qahc.org.au

Every month there are many things that happen on the Gold Coast for the LGBT community and their friends and families.

Each month Happy Campers hold a BBQ on the border of NSW and Qld at Tweed Heads on the last Saturday of the month. A light BBQ is put on by the guys and a gold coin donation is appreciated. The day attracts anywhere from 50 to 80 people from the community. Happy Campers welcomes everyone. If you are new to the area or just looking to connect with some great new friends you will find Happy Campers a truly friendly and welcoming environment. For more

info and dates check out www.happycampers.com.au

MP's nightclub keeps getting better and better and each month a themed dance party takes place on the last Saturday of the month. For March the theme is Nana-rama-licious! It's rumored that there could be a mistress of the dark craft there on the night and she could have her whips with her!! For pics of past events and what's coming up check out the website on www.mpnightclub.com.au

There are many more events that take place such as a weekly luncheon for PLWHA and the LGBT community held by Castaways. For more info on Castaways contact our office on 30171777

The Gold Coast Health Promotion officer is on the Gold Coast every Monday and Friday with other days in between as necessary so for more info call 3017 1731 or email gc@qahc.org.au

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Share your story!

Do you have an HIV disclosure story to share? A situation when you've told someone your status or someone has told you theirs.

Then we want to hear from you! Stories from HIV positive, negative and untested men welcome.

QAHC and QPP are currently developing a campaign based around themes of disclosure of HIV status and condom use in casual encounters. Part of this campaign is a website exploring the themes touched on in the print material through spoken and written stories.

We would like to recruit people who may be interested in sharing a story about when people have disclosed successfully or unsuccessfully; have had to deal with misunderstandings; have chosen not to disclose in a casual encounter; or had to deal with rejection. We want to hear from HIV positive, negative and untested guys, in the Brisbane area.

These stories will be anonymous and available as downloadable from the campaign website. Concerned about people recognising your voice? We can record your story, transcribe it and have someone else tell it on your behalf.

If you, or anybody you know is interested please forward them onto Craig at QAHC on 3017 1777 or Jarran at QPP on 3013 5555.

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Gay Men living with HIV Retreat

ACON Northern Rivers 2008 Gay Men living with HIV Retreat

☆☆ The Fabulous Northern Rivers Retreat is on again ☆☆

Thursday 24 April - Sunday 27 April (ANZAC Day Weekend)

At the fabulous venue we have used near Uki

Registrations will commence in late January!

- ☆☆ Step out of the humdrum of the daily grind!
- ☆☆ Chill out in a healthy, natural, safe, secure environment with other gay guys living with HIV!
- ☆☆ Make new friendships & hook up with old friends from the Northern Rivers!
- ☆☆ Discuss issues that impact on our lived experience of HIV.
- ☆☆ Enjoy tasty and interesting food provided by our experienced chefs. We're planning an improved nutritious menu for Poz men
- ☆☆ Sleep peacefully in either your own camp gear or comfortable bungalow accommodation.

We are planning Workshops on nutrition and managing HIV treatments side effects, managing stress & depression and exercise for HIV poz gay men.

We will be providing free massages (including from experienced poz male masseurs) and information sessions on managing blood sugar, lipids etc. There will be a whole day free to walk in the beautiful bush adjoining the Nightcap NP, canoe on our private serene dam, or just hang out in the green, leafy camping grounds.

Further information, including a full Program, details of activities, cost, location and everything else you need to know, will be available in late January when our planning has been finalised. **Make your Early bird booking NOW! Contact:**

Neil McKellar-Stewart, HIV Health Maintenance team

P: (02) 6622 1555 OR 1800 633 637 (freecall)

E: northernrivers@acon.org.au

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What's On.....

Central Coast

Clubrok

Rocky's Tavern

Cnr. Alma & Derby Street,

Rockhampton

Re-occurring fortnightly Saturday event from 1st September.

Contact Rod **0439 494 331** or clubrok@hotmail.com

CRUSH

Sands Tavern, Plaza Parade, Maroochydore

8.00PM - 3.00AM

www.crushevents.com

Contact: Jason **0408 061 402** or email Jason@crushevents.com

Reoccurring event 2nd Saturday of every month

Diversity Party

Fraser Coast GaysClub Wharf (Criterion Hotel)Wharf Street, Maryborough6pm - 10pm (then club opens to General Public until late)

More info log onto www.frasergays.com

Re-occurring event 3rd Saturday of every month.

Sunshine Coast LGBT BBQ

QAHC Sunshine Coast

10 Pikki Street, Maroochydore

4PM onwards
Free snags, salad AND soft drink
Contact: Katie Bishop (07) 5451 1118 or kbishop@qahc.org.au
Reoccurring 1st Sunday of every month - All Welcome!!

PFlag Rockhampton

Meets 1st Tuesday of every month
Community Health Centre, Room 2, Cnr Bolsover & Cambridge Street, Rockhampton
Contact: Neville or Rosemary **07 4928 7275** or rosiejnevillek@bigpond.com

Rock'in Rocky Females - Rockhampton Bi Club

Contact: 'The Girls' rockinrockybigroup@hotmail.com
The group is for mid 20's to late 30's females ONLY. We enjoy regular outings together. Some of us have children and husbands, some of us have kids but not the hassle of the man and some of us are single females.

Rainbow Brigayde - LGBT Youth Group

Every second Tuesday from 12th February. Location: Verbyl, 40 James Street, Yeppoon.
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Contact Cameron Vella (Rainbow Brigayde Manager) rainbowbrigayde@hotmail.com or 07 4939 9212 (youth volunteer)

This is a new youth based support system and group get together for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons of the Capricorn Coast. Rainbow Brigayde is based in Yeppoon but anyone who feels the need to talk can call or email anytime.

Lesbian Social Dinners

First Thursday of each month. Location: Rocky's Tavern, Cnr Alma & Derby Street, Rockhampton.
Time: 6.30pm onwards. Contact Sandy & Denise 07 4928 4520

Lemon Lounge

Second Wednesday of the month. Time: 7.00pm. Location: Varies
Contact: Ricki 0408 843 221

Lesbian Mother's Support Group

First Saturday of the month. Location: Varies. Contact: Donna 0412 072 021

Sunshine Coast Queer Collective

Every Second Wednesday (starting March 2008) Time: 12.20pm
Location: Lawn area at the back of the student guild.

Gympie Women's Coffee Morning

Second Tuesday of the month. Time: 10.00am
Location: Whispers, Gympie
Contact: Rhonda 0438 163 325

Gay Dads

Contact: Terry Rubes, 0410 772 872 or tezza1108@hotmail.com.
There are men living in various situations. Some raise their children on their own while others are not able to see theirs. We hope to be there for all men who want support and or friendship. If you are a gay dad or grand-dad and want to simply chat or want advice on resources or you are a friend of a gay dad feel free to contact us.

Woman 2 Woman

Support group for lesbian and bi women on the Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Coasts.
Contact: For support and info on what's on phone Ricki 0408 843 221 or rickicate@msn.com

North Queensland

Queer Youth Action Group: Join the Queer Youth Action Group to increase support for LGBT young people in Far North QLD. Next meeting is on the 5th of March at QAHC resource Centre, 290 Draper St, Cairns. For more information contact Amanda Dean at QAHC: 4041 54 51

Post Mari Gras Passport: 3 - 8 March will be a week filled with events for visitors and locals to enjoy after Mardi Gras. A Passport developed by QAHC and paid for by local LGBT businesses advertising all the events is available from the

LGBT resource centre in Cairns Ph: 4041 5451

Spirituality Group: A spirituality group for LGBT people is now happening in Cairns. The group is facilitated by Rev Dr Jason Gregg, a member of the FNQ Parish of St Margaret of Antioch (Catholic Church). The group meets each Tuesday afternoon at the QAHC Cairns LGBT Resource Centre at 290 Draper St, Cairns. Ph: 4041 5451 for details.

Body Positive: A Cairns based group for people living with HIV. Monthly social events, fundraising activities. Contact Jarran at Queensland Positive People (QPP) Ph: 1800 636 241 or Kevin at QAHC Ph 4041 54 51.

BoyZout: A social Group for gay men of all ages based in Cairns meets once a month. Contact Graham & David Ph: 4093 9492 or email: boyzout@people.net.au .

Tablelands Social Network: A social group for LGBT people living on or visiting the Atherton Tablelands. For details on upcoming events contact Louise through www.glbtfqnq.info

Brisbane

Big Gay Day 2008

Summer Street Party, Charity Fundraiser for GLWA and Pflag.
With Anthony Callea, Bjorn Again, Kate Miller-Heidke, Melissa Tzkautz, Martha Walsh + 18 DJs
Sunday 9 March, 12noon - 12 midnight
The Wickham Hotel, 308 Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley
Tickets: \$28. Phone: (07) 3852 1301
www.biggayday.com.au OR www.thewickham.com.au

Holding The Man

Tommy Murphy's award winning adaptation of Timothy Conigrave's iconic gay memoir, Holding The Man, finally comes to Brisbane.
Wednesday 5 - Sunday 9 March
Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse,
119 Lamington Street, New Farm.
Tickets: \$34 - \$44. Bookings: (07) 3358 8600
www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

I Am My Own Wife

The Tony Award winning one-man play about a transvestite who helped save German gays from persecution during WWII. Starring Jean-Marc Russ.
10 March - 5 April
QTC Bille Brown Studio, 78 Montague Road, South Brisbane.
Tickets: \$27 - \$55. Bookings: qtix 136 246
www.qldtheatreco.com.au

Planet Positive

A fun night out for HIV+ people and their friends
Friday 20 March, 6pm - 11pm
The Emerald Room at the Pavillion Hotel
123 Boundary Street, West End

More Info: Call QPP on 1800 636241 or email: jheywood@qpp.org.au

BrizMen Party

The next BrizMen party is a camping weekend on March 22nd (Easter) arrival will be on the Saturday early afternoon and set up your tents (if staying overnight) and enjoy the BBQ then have a dip in the pool. Party will start at the usual time of 8pm. For further details send an email to brismen@bigpond.net.au

Uneven Ground: Mapping the Terrain for LGBT Young People

Invites you to the official launch of a new Brisbane mapping report on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) young people and the service providers who work with them. This will be a catered event.

Monday 31 March, 12.30pm

QAHC, 30 Helen Street, Newstead

RSVP - Shaun Staunton on sstaunton@qahc.org.au or (07) 3017 1732

Mr Sportsman Hotel 2008

A quest to find the hunkiest man in Brisbane. Hosted by Wanda D'Parke. Entry forms available from the bar

Easter Sunday 23 March

Sportsman Hotel, 130 Leichardt Street, Spring Hill

www.sportsmanhotel.com.au

CWC Anzac Day Cabaret

Great entertainment, full bar facilities and hot food available, raffles and lucky door prizes to be won.

Saturday 25 April. Cost \$7.00. Entry from 6.00pm.

Holy Trinity Hall, Church Street, Fortitude Valley (opp. Valley Pool)

All proceeds raised for Queensland Positive People

Sunboys of Brisbane

Nudist social group for men. Meet on the third Saturday of each month for a BBQ & swim. Email them at sunboys@netspace.net.au or check out their website www.brisbanesunboys.com Sunboys is not a sex club, but a group of guys who enjoy socializing in a nudist environment

Gold Coast

Castaways

Each Monday the Castaways group holds a luncheon. This is a lively occasion for People Living with HIV/AIDS, their partners, family and friends as well as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. A lunch is provided and a donation of \$4.00 is appreciated by those attending. For more information email: goldcoastcastaways@hotmail.com or call 07 3017 1777 or 0425 778 994.

Happy Campers

Another great event is held monthly by Happy Campers. The guys from Happy Campers host a monthly BBQ at Chris Cunningham Park, Tweed Heads (behind Centro Tweed) on the last Saturday of every month. There is always a large gathering of people from the community and all new members are welcomed by the organisers. It's a great opportunity to meet local people and connect with a friendly network of people on the Gold Coast and Tweed Heads region. For more info go to www.happycampers.com.au

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