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*Please enjoy QAHC News.*

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**Celebrating 25 years**

### **Pride 2009 - Another Great Success!**



Pride has come and gone again, with another fun day of activities held at Musgrave Park. This year we focused on the great news; that there is actually a pretty diverse and exciting range of ways for LGBT people to get out, get involved, and meet new people. The campaign focused on increasing social contact and volunteering opportunities for LGBT people. We used a couple of different ways to get this information out in the community, including the creation of a new section of the QAHC website [www.qahc.org.au/being involved](http://www.qahc.org.au/being_involved) - check it out when you get a chance) and the creation of a new community magazine which lists some of the ways you can meet new people in Brisbane. It's called "Being Involved", and you can call QAHC reception to order a copy.

One of our major achievements this year was a new focus on what activities we did to be big, bright and beautiful in the Pride Rally and March. A number of groups were approached about marching with QAHC, and we were lucky enough to have a couple of groups take up our invitation. These were Prism (a great Toowoomba youth group) and the Brisbane Gay and Lesbian Choir. Additionally, we wanted to highlight all the great groups that exist inside of QAHC. To achieve this we gave a group sign to each QAHC affiliated group that marched with us on the day, to display as they marched. In the end we did great, as we had Out and About (our social group), the Ageing Group, the Lesbian Action Group, and the Board members group (your voice in QAHC) marching with us. The other big change for the March this year was the inclusion of our giant stilt puppets. Made with the assistance of volunteers and community members, they were a spectacular view towering over the March.

Once we arrived at Musgrave Park, even more fun began. We had our QAHC Community Stall, condoms and women's safe sex packs being distributed by volunteers and the models from our new Rip and Roll campaign, a chill-out space, show bag giveaways, fundraising competitions, a lesbian action group display, a history project display, and we were lucky enough to have a great show with Sunny Drake performing his gender focused performance piece which debuted at the US National Queer Arts Festival, AND we had Richard Jordan (of the Brisbane play, 25 Down, fame) and Brian Day who discussed the gay generations divide.

You can see the Richard Jordan and Brian Day discussion at the following YouTube links;  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7S1pcCOQsQ8>,  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vM\\_dBAaB14](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vM_dBAaB14). Can you believe we were so lucky as to be able to showcase all this great entertainment?

Other great Pride activities that we were involved with included heading along to the Pride Launch, presenting an Award at the Queens Ball Pride Community Awards and two great History Project events, a performance piece show and the history bus tour. Once again, it is only with the help of everyone out there that we can pull all this together. Thanks to all the community and social groups involved, all our volunteers, everyone who packed endless amounts of condoms for us, and all the performers who gave their time. Fingers crossed next year will be as great as we did this year.



### Out and About - New Schedule of Social Events

Out and About is a regular social group in Brisbane for all people in the LGBT communities. It is a great way to meet new friends and have fun in a relaxed environment. The new schedule of events has just been released. The upcoming events are;

- Saturday 25th July 2009 7pm - Wok on Inn Dinner
- Sunday 30th August 2009 10am - Three Monkeys Coffee and Tea house brunch
- Saturday 26th September 2009 3pm - Bubbles Café afternoon tea
- Saturday 24th October 2009 6pm - Sitar Indian Restaurant dinner
- Saturday 21st November 2009 10am - Spoon Deli Café brunch
- December 2009 - QAHC Christmas Party (details to be confirmed)
- Sunday 17th January 2010 11am - Southbank Lunch
- Thursday 25th February 2010 6.30pm - Sportsman Hotel dinner

To join the group's mailing list, and find out more about upcoming events, email Brett Stevens at [bstevens@qahc.org.au](mailto:bstevens@qahc.org.au) or call the QAHC office on 3017 1777

### Priscilla Gets Historical for Pride 2009



*Michael Carden and Gai Lemon – tour guides for QAHC's inaugural LGBT Heritage Tour – Pride 09*



*Gai Lemon under the rainbow umbrella outside St Mary's church - which has a stained glass window and plaque honouring Dr Lillian Cooper and her lifelong companion Josephine Bedford*



*Tour guides and planners Michael Carden and Gai Lemon with Carol Low, QAHC's LGBT History Project Officer*

Over 40 people celebrated, mourned and honoured our LGBT pasts in Brisbane on Saturday 27th June 2009 on Brisbane's inaugural Queer History Tour. "Priscilla gets Historical" was part of QAHC's LGBT History Project and its events for Pride 09. The tour was led by Michael Carden and Gai Lemon who regaled and inspired us with stories of our past – funny, inspiring, and tragic. We re-consecrated queer space where once the Hacienda entertained us for years (now Dooleys) and sprinkled glitter and blew bubbles where the Terminus once was (now Scores: Gentleman's Club!)

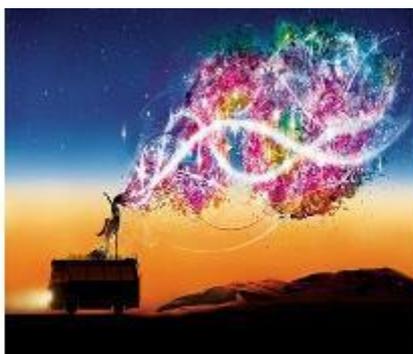
Even as Councillor David Hinchcliffe opened the event at the Judith Wright Centre we were already speaking of it as an annual event. Councillor Helen Abrahams joined us at Storey Bridge and left us shortly after we decorated Dyke Bridge over Dornoch Terrace in West End.

We left behind laughter, glitter, tears, and we renewed memories, pride and community as we went.

Thank you Michael and Gai for such a memorable time and for all your work and brilliance. Thank you to our photographers – Neal and Linda have captured some of the day on camera.



Re-enacting a Die-In outside the Forgan Smith building at UQ



Tribute to Dr Lillian Cooper on her gravestone which she shares with her lifelong companion Josephine Bedford – the Heritage Tour finished here and honoured the lives of these 2 extraordinary women

### Tropical Alternatives Film Festival Wrap Up



Queensland's third regional Tropical Alternatives Film Festival, presented by the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities (QAHC) in partnership with the Melbourne Queer Film Festival, was a great success with well over 1000 people attending across the state.

The 2009 film festival toured Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Hervey Bay, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast bringing queer-themed films to regional communities that don't normally have the privilege of seeing films with subjects that resonate with their lifestyle.

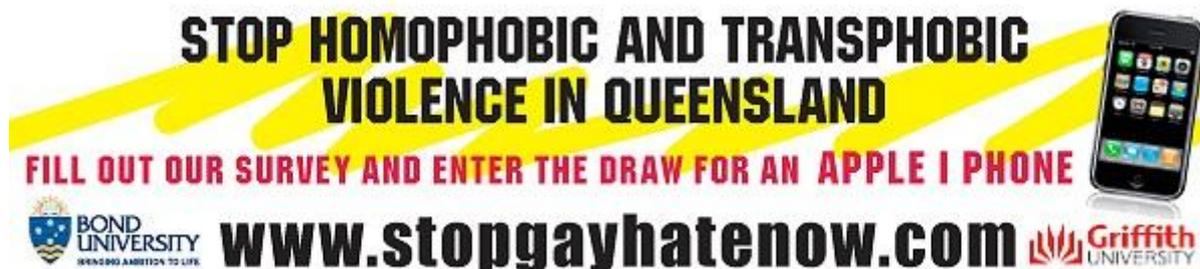
QAHC Health Promotion Officer and film festival organiser Amanda Dean said 'The best part of the film festival for me was hearing the audience roar with applause after each film.'

Without the support of generous sponsors, the film festival would not have been possible and QAHC would like to acknowledge Principal Partners Airlines PNG & Tufi Experience, Major Media Partners Queensland Pride/AXN/Cherrie, along with Queensland Positive People, Bent DVD, The Dolls House (Cairns) and the Hepatitis Council for making this year's festival possible.

QAHC would also like to thank everyone who attended the festival and the volunteers who donated their time to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Planning for the 2010 Tropical Alternatives Film Festival is already underway, so watch out again next year for this great regional event.

## Survey to Stop Gay Hate in Queensland



**STOP HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSPHOBIC VIOLENCE IN QUEENSLAND**

**FILL OUT OUR SURVEY AND ENTER THE DRAW FOR AN APPLE I PHONE**

 **www.stopgayhate.com** 

The banner features a yellow background with black and red text. On the right side, there is an image of an Apple iPhone. The text is bold and clear, with the website URL prominently displayed.

Researchers are looking for input from members of the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered and intersexed (GLBTI) communities in Queensland who have experienced violence and harassment.

Anonymous surveys, launched online today, will ask questions about Queenslanders' homophobic experiences in a bid to understand and provide better protection for the GLBTI communities. (**Survey website [www.stopgayhate.com](http://www.stopgayhate.com)**)

According to a study conducted by the Australia Research Institute in 2003-2004, Queensland was identified as one of the least progressive states when it comes to attitudes about homosexuality.

Griffith's Socio-Legal Adjunct Research Fellow Dr Alan Berman said his research aimed to develop legislative initiatives; increase awareness of crimes triggered by homophobic attitudes and improve victims' access to appropriate policing services.

"Next to surveys, we are also holding six focus groups throughout metropolitan and regional Queensland, to explore the personal experiences of GLBTI persons," Dr Berman said.

The research is in collaboration with Bond University and funded by Legal Practitioners Interest on Trust Accounts Fund.

Dr Berman said it was critical to investigate the real and the perceived barriers in accessing justice for victims of homophobic crimes.

"When we understand the barriers, we need to ensure shifts in attitudes as well as changes in legislation," Dr Berman said.

"Law alone does not change the rate of crime, there needs to be a change in legal enforcement agencies' culture and the general population's attitudes to prevent such devastating harassment, violence and crimes."



# Changing Lanes

**Do you feel you have little control over your life?**

**Are there times you wish you could think differently about something that worries you?**

**You can make changes!**

Changing Lanes is a 6 week series of workshops offered to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA<sup>1</sup>).

Changing Lanes will help you identify and challenge your thinking and provide you with the skills to make changes.

The program is particularly useful for people experiencing depression and/or anxiety; however the program will benefit anyone who wants to change their thinking.

With the help of a psychologist the group will learn a range of thinking (cognitive) and behavioral strategies (CBT) to assist them in changing the way they think and feel about situations.

Changing Lanes is scheduled to start at **Fortitude Valley PCYC** on **Wednesday, August 19, 2009, running every Wednesday from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.**

**The Program is free of charge  
Act ASAP as the program size is limited!!**

<sup>1</sup>Changing Lanes is the name Positive Directions has chosen to promote the Centre for Clinical Interventions CBT for Mood Management Programme.  
<sup>2</sup>Entry criteria applies.

## About

### Positive Directions

Spiritus Positive Directions is funded by Queensland Health to provide a state-wide care co-ordination, information and referral service for People Living With HIV / AIDS (PLWHA) in Queensland.

## Locations

### Brisbane

10/1a Watson Street  
Camp Hill QLD 4152  
PO Box 167  
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Ph 07 3900 8000  
Fax 07 3843 4962

### Gold Coast

1/8 West Street  
Burleigh Heads QLD 4220  
PO Box 590  
Burleigh Heads QLD 4220  
Ph 07 5576 8366  
Fax 07 5535 2166

### Sunshine Coast

Level 2, 15 Sydney Street  
Nambour QLD 4560  
PO Box 344 Nambour  
Qld 4560  
Ph 07 5441 1222  
Fax 07 5441 1566

### Townsville

Suite 11, 155-157 Denham Street  
Townsville QLD 4810  
PO Box 5186  
Townsville QLD 4810  
Ph 07 4721 1384  
Fax 07 4724 2491

### Cairns

31/151 Martyr Street  
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PO Box 2975  
Cairns QLD 4870  
Ph 07 4051 1028  
Fax 07 4051 0928

Email: [PDInfo@spiritus.org.au](mailto:PDInfo@spiritus.org.au)

Web: [www.positivedirections.org.au](http://www.positivedirections.org.au)

## Who do I contact?

To find out more or to register your interest in participating in this great program, please call your local Positive Directions office or phone Kim on

Ph: 3900 8000

## QAHC Lesbian Health Action Group Fundraiser 2009

QAHC's Lesbian Health Action Group (LHAG) would like to announce their major fundraising initiative for 2009, The 2010 Lesbian Breast Awareness Calendar.

LHAG does not receive any government funding and relies on volunteers, fundraising, donations and grants to deliver vital health promotion messages to the lesbian community. LHAG is supported by QAHC with lesbian health promotion being a high priority for QAHC.

LHAG are producing the Lesbian Breast Awareness Calendar for 2010, this calendar will depict beautiful lesbian breasts, some tastefully body painted and some not, along with a health message about breast health and awareness.

### WHY BREAST AWARENESS?

Lesbians usually don't have 3 of the major protective factors for breast cancer; being pregnant, breastfeeding or using contraception. They also are more likely to have several risk factors such as smoking, obesity and not accessing preventative screening due to the fear of homophobia and discrimination.

And with International Lesbian Day falling on October 8th which is breast cancer awareness month, it was the perfect opportunity to launch this health initiative.

So keep on the lookout for information about the calendar as we approach October, there will be a prelaunch teaser at Scarlet in September with the main launch being at International Lesbian Day.

Calendars will be available to purchase for family and friends at both events, at the Sunshine Coast Pride Fair Day on October 24, QAHC offices and at several outlets in Brisbane.

If you are interested in LHAG or would like more information, please contact QAHC on 3017 1777 or email [womenshealth@qahc.org.au](mailto:womenshealth@qahc.org.au)

## Rip and Roll



Rip & Roll is QAHC's latest condom reinforcement campaign. The campaign aims to reinforce condom use as a community norm amongst gay and bi men.

Rip & Roll materials use minimal wording and attractive but not stereotypical models to promote condom use. Two additional models of ATSI & CALD appearance will feature in future materials.

Rip & Roll was launched as part of Brisbane gay pride festival and will include gay & mainstream press advertising, billboards, banners and posters throughout Queensland over the next 6 months.

## Sunshine Coast Pride Fair



Planning for the 2009 Sunshine Coast Pride Fair is well underway.

The Sunshine Coast Pride Fair began just last year in 2008. It was hosted by the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities and driven by a working group consisting of local community members, business owners and QAHC staff and volunteers. The inaugural fair was held at the Millwell Road Community Centre in Maroochydore and attracted participation from 50 stallholders and 817 visitors.

The Pride Fair aims to bring the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, their friends and family together in a fun and supportive environment, to affirm and celebrate the community's diversity. It also provides an opportunity to raise awareness of local gay friendly health services, performers and businesses and to allow the LGBT community to gain access to information on health, sexuality and support services.

Due to the popularity of last year's Pride Fair, we are moving it to a larger and more modern venue, the Lake Kawana Community Centre on Saturday 24th October 2009. This year you'll see the addition of an after party, hosted by Pink Pineapple Productions as well as many more surprises in store! To find out more or to be involved as a volunteer, stallholder, entertainer or workshop facilitator please contact QAHC on (07) 5451 1118 or email [kbishop@qahc.org.au](mailto:kbishop@qahc.org.au)

For the latest updates please visit [www.gaysunshinecoast.com.au](http://www.gaysunshinecoast.com.au)

## Entertainment Books - Thousands of dollars worth of savings!

The 2009-2010 Entertainment Book has been selling well and if you don't have yours yet, now is the time to get one as the books are valid until 1 June 2010, so buy now to get maximum value.

You'll beat the economic crisis by using the hundreds of offers available for fine dining, casual/take-away dining, entertainment/venues, beauty treatments, car hire, holiday accommodation and much more.

The books are great value with the Brisbane, Sunshine Coast & Surrounds book selling for \$60 and the Gold Coast & Surrounds book only \$50 (plus \$8 to cover postage and handling for each book ordered). Save even more money and drop into our head office at 30 Helen Street, Newstead and pick up your copy today, or order online at [www.qahc.org.au/entbook](http://www.qahc.org.au/entbook).

All profit raised from the sale of the Entertainment Books will go to the Healthy Communities Fund which distributes small grants to help further the work of LGBT community groups.

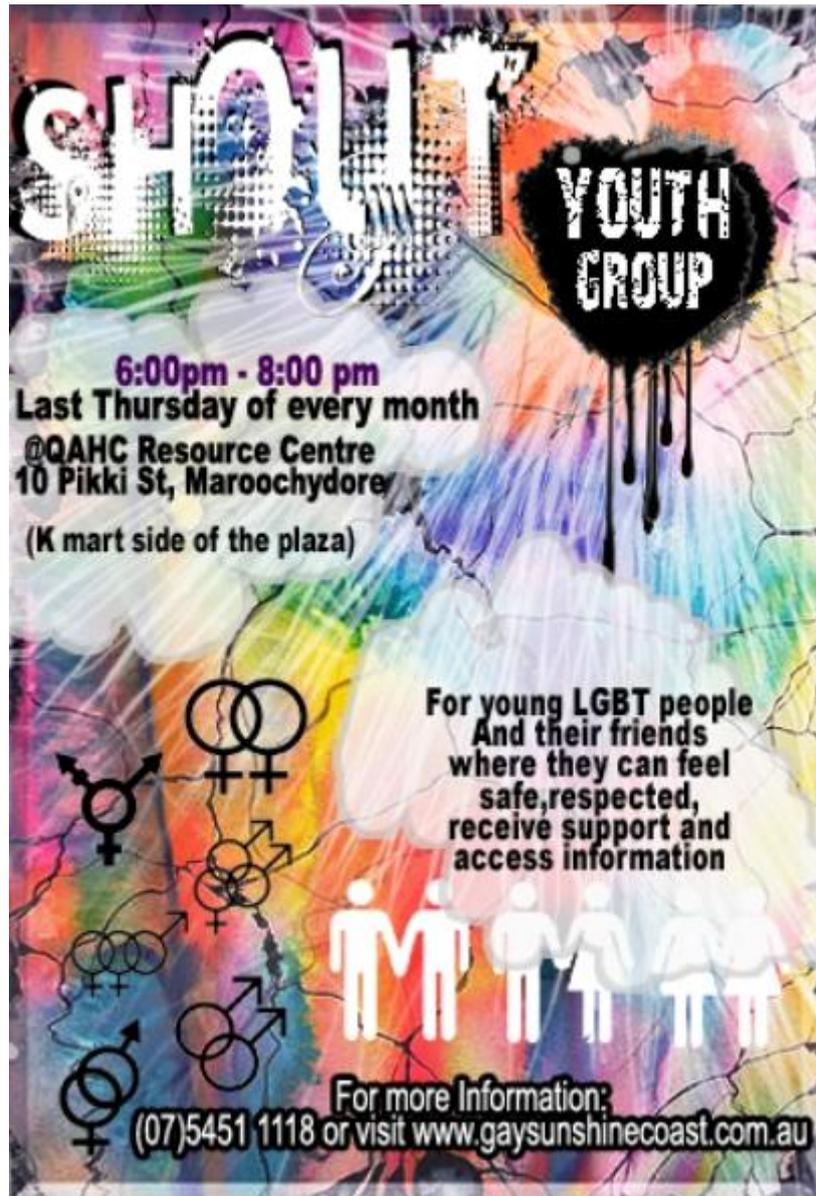
### Tropical Escape Raffle result



The draw took place on Friday 5 June and the lucky winner was Colin Cook with ticket number 676. QAHC would like to congratulate Colin on his win and thank everyone who supported this raffle. Colin and a friend will enjoy return flights to Tufi (PNG) courtesy of Airlines PNG and will stay three nights in a Deluxe Bungalow thanks to Tufi Experience.

### Cairns Tropical Pride

A vibrant poster for the Tropical Pride Festival 2009. The central image shows a muscular man in yellow patterned briefs and a woman in a black outfit with large blue butterfly wings. The text on the poster includes: Tropical Pride Float in Festival Cairns Parade (6.30pm Sat 22nd August), Pride Dance Party "Out! Proud!" (Blue Sky Brewery after parade), Pride Community Awards (Skinny Dips Resort, 6.30 - 9.30pm Sat 29th August), and Pride Fair Day (The Tanks, 11am - 6pm Sun 30th August). The main title is "Tropical Pride Festival 2009". Logos for qahc, Festival Cairns 2009, Tanks Arts Centre, and Tropical Pride Festival are at the bottom.



**LGBT Seniors Seminar: Planning for Retirement, Understanding Superannuation**

The next seminar in a series organised by the QAHC LGBT Ageing Action is group is looking at superannuation.

Topics covered:

- How superannuation works
- Who can contribute
- Accumulations and options within funds
- Access to superannuation

When: Tuesday 28th July, 6:30pm

Where: QAHC (30 Helen St, Newstead)

All welcome. Please RSVP to Jan on 3017 1779 by midday Monday 27th July 2009.



**Focussed Discussion Group for Men and Transgender People affected by Eating Issues/Disorders.**

You are invited to participate in a Focus Group to gather information and feedback from men, transgender people, workers and others, on:

“Experiences of Eating and Body Image Issues in the Gay/Queer Community”

**When:** Monday 27th July 2009

**4.00 - 5.00pm** - Focus Group Discussion with workers and others who support Men and Transgender people with experiences of Eating and Body Image Issues.

**5.30 - 7.00pm** - Focus Group Discussion for people with experiences of Eating and Body Image Issues- focusing on the experiences of Gay men, Bi men, Men who have sex with other men, and people who identify as Transgender or Intersex.

**Where:** Queensland Association for Healthy Communities (qahc)  
30 Helen Street, Newstead Qld 4006RSVP: Friday 24 July, 5pm (if you can or just turn up)

RSVP's to Amanda Dearden at Isis: [info@isis.org.au](mailto:info@isis.org.au) or 3844 6055

**Isis- The Eating Issues Centre Inc** has a ten-year history working with women. The Men's Project has been an opportunity to broaden our services (and those of the health community in general) to anyone who needs help with an eating issue.

The focus group aims to gather feedback and information to develop resources and increase access to clear, accurate and helpful information for men, trans and the community generally – that includes downloadable resources and/or printed publications. We also hope to identify barriers to support and address gaps in services supporting people with eating issues.

When we say 'eating issue' we mean: anorexia, controlled eating, bulimia, compulsive binge eating, body and muscle dysmorphia i.e. extreme concern about feeling too small/undeveloped, as well as extreme focus on thinness, muscularity or/and over-exercise.

Toowoomba Social Group

In association with QAHC, Tom and John, two local Toowoomba gay men have started a new social event that is held every Friday night at The Burke & Wills. They started the social group on the 6th of March and so far it has been a success.

“We have seen a lot of old and new faces which is fantastic and everyone seems to enjoy themselves in a comfortable and safe environment”.

The goal is to offer a safe environment for gay, lesbian and gay friendly people who can have drinks, socialize, meet new people and mainly chill out with other Toowoomba's local gay and lesbian community. Contact Amanda Dean for more information 30171733

## Rainbow Counselling Service

In August 2008, QAHC joined forces with Relationship Australia Queensland (RAQ) in Spring Hill to open The Rainbow Counselling Service at 30 Helen Street. One year on the service is going strong.

The Rainbow Service is a weekly Relationship Counselling Clinic held every Thursday, specifically for the LGBT Community. Operated by a qualified counsellor from the LGBT Community, the service offers affordable counselling for couples, individuals and rainbow families in one-hour sessions from 8.30am to 3.00pm.

The Rainbow Service is the first program in a suite of therapeutic services to be developed at QAHC and represents the cementing of a creative and supportive partnership between QAHC and RAQ.

RAQ Counsellor, Chris Pye, is delighted by the success of the service.

“As a counsellor and as a gay man I feel very proud of RAQ’s commitment to this work. The high numbers of clients accessing the Rainbow Service confirm for me that there is a need for accessible and affordable face-to-face counselling, professionally managed and tailored to the needs of our community. I feel we are truly meeting that need.”

Counselling Services at the Rainbow Service cost \$75 (waged) and \$35 (concession). For more information, or to book a session, phone Relationships Australia on 1300 364 277 and quote ‘Rainbow Service’.

## Changeling Aspects & the Law Reforms

Kathy Noble from Changeling Aspects recently spoke at a meeting with the Seahorse Society in Sydney around the issues being faced by the transgender community and the law reforms around Same Sex Entitlements. The following is a synopsis of what was spoken about and the written replies to Changeling Aspects from different Government departments. For more information about these replies please contact Kathy Noble at Changeling Aspects at <http://www.changelingaspects.com>

From Dept of Immigration & Citizenship comes this

The surgeon’s statement would contain information such as confirmation that the person has undergone a full gender re-assignment procedure. The psychiatrist’s statement would provide confirmation that the person is living as their chosen gender of identity, has undergone hormone treatment and shows no intention of reverting to their original gender

From Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade

They allow us to amend our Passport if we stay married after SRS, even tho we cannot amend our birth certificate. They have also sent me the complete requirements covering how all areas of Trans people can apply to have their passport amended, or other documents issued. They are also willing to have designated pages on their web site to help us know how to go about amending and applying for our passport. They will also accept an amended Citizenship Certificate as one of 2 cardinal documents for those born offshore when amending your passport. The other cardinal document is of course a birth certificate after being amended by either the Australian BDMs, or your birth country.

From the federal Attorney General's Office comes this

A transgender individual who remains married after surgery will not be deemed to be no longer married as a result of the reforms.

Gender re-assignment surgery has never, of itself, changed the status of a marriage which was valid at the time of solemnization. It has always been the case that a validly solemnized marriage would continue, irrespective of whether one of the parties subsequently underwent gender re-assignment surgery. The same-sex reforms due to come into force on 1 July 2009 do not change that position.

### From Centrelink comes this

From 1 July 2009, a couple who are legally married and not living separately and apart from one another on a permanent or indefinite basis, despite one of the members of the couple having undergone gender re-assignment surgery, can be assessed in the same way as any other legally married couple.

### Again from the Attorney General's Office comes this

"I can now inform you that this policy will change from 1 July 2009 when all couples will be treated the same in Commonwealth social security law (i.e. the gender of members of a couple will be irrelevant). For the sake of completion, if any person divorces their spouse, and has not formed a de facto relationship with their former spouse or another person or remarried, he or she would be treated as a single person for the purposes of social security law" Dr John Boersig PSM, Assistant Secretary, Human Rights Branch.

I now wonder just what will become of my enquiry concerning how we are treated by the States and Territories when they Force us to divorce in order to amend documentation. If my feelings are proved to be correct, then the States and Territories have taken it upon themselves to go outside the law in order to force us to divorce. For us to stand up in Court and quote 'Irretrievable breakdown" would be paramount to performing an act of perjury!

We are not suffering from this problem, because we are required to divorce in order to amend our birth certificate. This to me, flies in the face of section 109 of the constitution Which states **109**. When a law of a State is inconsistent with a law of the Commonwealth, the latter shall prevail, and the former shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be invalid.

### This from an eminent legal person who is a family law specialist

This is not my area of specialty but I have conferred with a family law specialist and he provided the following information.

There is no law to force people to get divorced. The removal of discrimination on 15 March 2009 (to take effect in respect of Centrelink on 1 July) means that the old "marriage like relationship" is now redundant. That phrase excluded same sex couples, so that they could obtain Centrelink benefits or greater Centrelink benefits that they would have been entitled to if they were married or heterosexual de facto relationship. Couples who had been excluded, now are being included, but with adverse impacts on their finances.

Those who are legally married will be considered by Centrelink as being legally married, therefore affecting their benefits.

I can only speak for Queensland. The answer is "no". People can only divorce in Australia if there has been an irretrievable breakdown of marriage, which is defined as separation for 12 months.

**What's On.....**

**Brisbane**

#### **Lesbian Women's Writers Group**

Announcing the formation of a new community of lesbian women writers meeting once a month, from 2pm to approx 4pm every third Sunday at QAHC, 30 Helen Street Newstead.

We're interested in finding ways and means to support lesbian women writers/ing in Brisbane and surrounds (ie within a 40k radius from the GPO in Edward St City). Although we are open to applications by long distance members.

Some of the ideas we have so far are: monthly meetings to workshop work in the short term, but eventually, we would like to hold regular public readings, produce an annual anthology of our work, raise funds to pay for a

weekend retreat and perhaps even invite agents or publishers from the industry to address the group.

This group is NOT only for published lesbian women writers but also for those lesbian women interested in stoking the fires of their creative writing imaginings.

On a final note if you have any questions re the definition of lesbian women please contact Sian at [doccarooni@gmail.com](mailto:doccarooni@gmail.com). In fact, for further queries about the group please contact Sian or Anne on 0424 285236.

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### **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](mailto:sunboys@netspace.net.au) or check out their website [www.brisbanesunboys.com](http://www.brisbanesunboys.com) Sunboys is not a sex club, but a group of guys who enjoy socializing in a nudist environment

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### **2 QT 2 B STR8**

Social support group in Logan for LGBT young people 16-25  
P: 32088199 E: [2QT2BSTR8@yfs.org.au](mailto:2QT2BSTR8@yfs.org.au) M: 0403587708

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### **Brisbane Lesbian and Gay Pride Choir**

Provides an opportunity for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people to sing together.

The Choir is an a cappella, SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) group. We sing well known popular music including ABBA, Madonna, Queen, Dolly Parton, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Blue House and Cole Porter, as well as spirituals, early music, folk songs and original songs.

#### **Rehearsals**

Rehearsals are at St Mary's Church, Cnr Merivale St and Peel St, South Brisbane, each Tuesday beginning at 7pm. Auditions are not necessary to join, everyone in the GLBTI community is welcome.

We are available for public and private performances and aim to entertain audiences not only within the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, but also general audiences from the wider Brisbane Community.

For more information please email [blgpc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:blgpc@optusnet.com.au) or call 3397-2123.

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### **BrisBears**

BrisBears is a Club for men who identify as Bear, who enjoy facial and body hair and admirers of men who have facial and body hair. We meet on the 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month at:

The Sportsman Hotel 130  
Leichhardt Street  
Spring Hill, Qld 4000

For more information please visit our website [www.brisbears.org.au](http://www.brisbears.org.au) or email [info@brisbears.org.com](mailto:info@brisbears.org.com)

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## Dykes on Bikes

For lesbians who love motorbikes. New look chapter. New contacts, new rides, great fun.  
For more information call Vicki on 0403-798-131

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## Open Doors

Counselling and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people 12-18yo and their families.  
Drop in every Wed between 12-5pm. For more information phone 3257-7660 or email  
[opendoors@opendoors.net.au](mailto:opendoors@opendoors.net.au) or visit <http://www.opendoors.net.au>

## ACCEPTANCE BRISBANE

Support group for GLBT Catholics. Meet every 2nd Friday monthly for mass and discussion. PO BOX 817,  
FORTITUDE VALLEY 4006, Ph: 3846-1714, 3846-1714

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## Brisbane Gay & Lesbian Business Network (GLBN)

The Gay and Lesbian Business Network (GLBN) is the portal for gay and "gay friendly" individuals and businesses wishing to be involved in business, social and support networks within the gay and lesbian community.

The Vision of the GLBN is the establishment of a business network, which is renowned for the development, and provision of informative business and support systems, which focus on current and developing business issues.  
For more information email [secretary@brisbaneglb.org](mailto:secretary@brisbaneglb.org) or visit <http://www.brisbaneglb.org>

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## Brisbane North Social Group

A new social group for people across Brisbane's northern suburbs is now held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 12pm at Moora Park, SANDGATE. Details are attached but upcoming dates are **June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27 and November 24**. Trips to Mt. Cootha and Maleny are scheduled for July and October and will require an rsvp.

## North Queensland

### Queer Youth Action Group

Join the Queer Youth Action Group to increase support for LGBT young people in Far North QLD. For more information contact QAHC: 4041 5451

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:boyzout@people.net.au)

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## 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](http://www.glbtfqnq.info)

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## WOW - Women on Women

Movie Night. "Girls Night". Last Sunday of every month. 6:30pm @ QAHC, 290 Draper Street, Cairns. BYO snacks and a beanbag.

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## G.R.A.C.E. - (Girls-rent-a-crowd-events)

We are a group of fun loving gay women who meet up once every three months (or so) for dinners, camping, picnics etc. If you are interested in becoming a member (which is free) then contact me on MOB: 0427 657 350 or QAHC 4041 5451 (Wed 9am - 1pm) or send us an email to [bindy123@bigpond.com](mailto:bindy123@bigpond.com) with your details.

## Central Coast (including Sunshine 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](mailto:clubrok@hotmail.com)

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### 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](http://www.frasergays.com)  
Re-occurring event 3rd Saturday of every month.

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### 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](mailto:rosiejnevillek@bigpond.com)

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### Rock'in Rocky Females - Rockhampton Bi Club

Contact: 'The Girls' [rockinrockybigroup@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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### **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](mailto:rainbowbrigayde@hotmail.com)  
or 07 4939 9212 (youth volunteer)

This is a 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.

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### **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

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### **Lemon Lounge**

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

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### **Lesbian Mother's Support Group**

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

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### **Sunshine Coast Queer Collective**

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

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### **Gympie Women's Coffee Morning**

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

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### **Gay Dads**

Contact: Terry Rubes, 0410 772 872 or [tezza1108@hotmail.com](mailto: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

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### **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](mailto:rickicate@msn.com)

## 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](mailto:goldcoastcastaways@hotmail.com) or call 07 3017 1777 or 0425 778 994.

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### 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](http://www.happycampers.com.au)

## Toowoomba

### GLBTF Toowoomba

A group for anyone from Toowoomba who is Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, transgender and their friends. Meeting every Friday night from 8pm til late. Burke & Wills Cocktail Bar, Ruthven Street, Toowoomba. For more details see <http://www.facebook.com/reqs.php#/group.php?gid=38970570172>

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### Prism

LGBT Youth, family and friend group meets every 3rd Sunday for Barbecue and Guitar Hero.

Prism, in association with QAHC, Open Doors and Young Women's Place, holds regular events for the LGBT community and their supporters, with a particular aim of including families, young people and others who may not feel welcome at all LGBT events. Contact Amanda 3017 1733 for more info.

<http://www.facebook.com/groups.php?id=541933313#/group.php?gid=178627720522>

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### Alliance

The Alliance is a group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, transgender, straight and label-free staff and students of the University of Southern Queensland. It is run by students with the support of the USQ Student Guild. The Alliance aims to create an environment where students, staff and local community members can feel free to be who they are without the threat of discrimination and harrassment. Email [usqalliance@gmail.com](mailto:usqalliance@gmail.com). Website <http://usqalliance.webs.com>

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### Toowoomba Lesbian Club

We are trying to set up a space for Lesbians to go to on probably a Thursday night to talk, relax and enjoy each others company. Courtesy bus, free pool, possible theme nights, a space for local talents to case their work and any other creative innovations people desire. We would not discriminate if other local gays or transgenders would want to participate. It is just an evolving concept in production. Toowoomba is ready for a Lesbian Club!

<http://www.facebook.com/reqs.php#/group.php?gid=99538786385>

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