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Avenue Q
The smash-hit Broadway musical

QAHC PREMIERE
COMMUNITY EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW
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Friday 19 Feb 2010
Playhouse @ QPAC
7.30pm | \$63

NOT FOR KIDS

**"Comic brilliance!
Perverted puppets
provide lots of
laughs" The Age**

AVENUE Q and QAHC invite you to the Gala Premiere preview on **FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY** at 7:30pm.

Presented by **Avenue Q**

QAHC
Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc.

Book here
www.avenueqthemusical.com.au/qahc

All of Australia has been raving about the Tony Award winning musical AVENUE Q, and now QAHC supporters have the first chance to see it in Brisbane!

Performed by a wonderful mix of humans and puppets, Avenue Q features puppets in the buff and songs like "If You Were Gay", "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist" and "The Internet is for Porn". Cross "Sesame Street" with "The Muppet Show", give it an X-rating and you've got Avenue Q!

Welcome to the Qld Association for Healthy Communities Newsletter

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QAHC Brisbane Christmas Party 2009



Flares, mirror ball and flashing disco dance floor helped the 2009 QAHC Brisbane Christmas Party step back in time to the good old days of 70s and 80s disco.. A good time was had by the 100 or more supporters, members, volunteers and staff that attended the evening. It was great to see some people even dressed in theme for the evening. Entertainment was provided by QAHC's very own Ged Farmer and new to the scene drag queen Chinta Wu Alcock.

The evening was also an evening to celebrate QAHC's 25th Anniversary. Speeches were made by the QAHC President, Mark Morein and the fabulous Toye De Wilde kept the crowd captivated with her stories from the past.

Avenue Q- Brisbane Premiere to Benefit QAHC

The Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc (QAHC) will be the beneficiary of the Brisbane premiere performance of the hilarious, award-winning musical, Avenue Q.

Advertised as 'Not for Kids', and described as an X-rated mix of *The Muppet Show* and *Sesame Street*, Avenue Q opened on Broadway in 2003, beating blockbuster *Wicked* for Best Musical, Best Book and Best Score at the 2004 Tony Awards. It is still a hit on Broadway and is currently playing its 4th year on London's West End.

You can be among the first in Brisbane to see Avenue Q and enjoy musical numbers like "If You Were Gay", "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist" and "The Internet is for Porn". You'll also be able to enjoy the fact that you'll be supporting a worthy cause by simply having a fabulous night out! Proceeds from the benefit show will go towards furthering QAHC's LGBT health promotion work and community projects.

The premiere will be held at 7:30pm on Friday 19 February 2010 at the Playhouse Theatre, QPAC. Tickets for the premiere are specially priced at only \$63 (including \$3 booking fee) and are available at www.avenueqthemusical.com.au/qahc.

Coffee Lovers – Your daily brew can help QAHC

QAHC is happy to announce our association with Wicked Brew Coffee a fantastic new coffee company in Brisbane who are donating 10% of all orders over \$20 made by QAHC supporters through their website.

Those who enjoy good coffee simply need to enter the code **QAHC2311** when making their online order at www.wickedbrewcoffee.com.au.

The team behind Wicked Brew Coffee want you to enjoy a cup of their delicious specialty roasts and coffee blends, and at the same time, be satisfied in the knowledge that you're supporting a worthy LGBT community charity. All funds raised through this effort will go towards QAHC's LGBT health promotion and community work.



CALD LGBT Action Group

QAHC (Queensland Association for Healthy Communities) is planning to establish an Action Group looking at issues for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people from a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background. The Action Group would look at how QAHC can improve our services for CALD people and how CALD/ethnic minority organisations can improve their services for LGBT people as well as activities and projects for and by LGBT people from a CALD background.

Anyone with an interest in promoting the health and wellbeing of LGBT people from a CALD background can join the Action Group, including both individual members of the community, service providers and representatives of CALD LGBT groups.

We are proposing that an initial activity of the Group be a submission to the Queensland Government multicultural strategy consultation (due at the end of March www.multicultural.qld.gov.au)

 **Meeting date: Tuesday 9th February – 3pm – 4:30pm**

Meeting will be held at the QAHC office in Newstead (Brisbane) or via teleconference for people outside Brisbane.

International Day Against Homophobia

Fondation Emergence announces that the 2010 Campaign for the International Day Against Homophobia is aimed at the sports world. The purpose of the campaign is to make athletes, those closely or loosely involved in this community, the media and the general population more aware of the need to combat homophobia linked to both amateur and professional sports



The Queensland Pride Short Film Competition



The Queensland Association for Healthy Communities is pleased to launch the Queensland Pride Short Film Competition as part of the Tropical Alternative Film Festival (TAFF). The Queensland Pride Short Film Competition is now open for submissions until February the 17th 2010. Winning entries will be screened in April and May of 2010 at the Tropical Alternative Film Festival (TAFF) in regional Queensland communities. The entry form can be downloaded from www.qahc.org.au/films.

The Queensland Pride Short Film Competition is part of TAFF's commitment to the growing LGBT cinema culture in Queensland. The film competition will give people the option of entering LGBT films into the only queer film competition in Queensland. Showing LGBT films also goes a long way in challenging homophobia and discrimination in regional Queensland and help build stronger LGBT communities.

After 3 years successfully screening the Tropical Alternatives Film Festival, the community's interest in making their own films and showing them to the public has grown. This year QAHC had a number of requests from Queensland film makers to submit their films into the festival and this year's TAFF audience of over 1000 people overwhelmingly demanded more locally made films.

So TAFF would like to invite film makers to submit films into the Queensland Pride Short Film Competition. We are looking for films that explore some of the realities and issues that confront the LGBT communities of today. The competition is open to innovative, entertaining, intelligent and celebratory short films. Fabulous films which uplift and inspire are especially welcome.

Now Calling for Submissions

Facing up to Homophobia

A whole host of famous and fabulous faces are helping make Australia a place where everyone belongs...

The result was *This Is Oz*, an online photo gallery which continues to provide a simple yet powerful opportunity for people to speak up for an inclusive Australia.

Since its launch in Sydney's Martin, in May, more than 650 people from all over Australia and even overseas have uploaded images of themselves with personal messages that challenge homophobia or celebrate diversity and social inclusion.

More than 50,000 people have visited the site with local, national and international media coverage taking the message to hundreds of thousands more.

As well as lots of everyday folk, *This Is Oz* has garnered the support of TV stars, sporting heroes, politicians, religious leaders, artists, musicians and lots of other high profile Australians. People like Olympic champion Matthew Mitcham, Greens Leader Sen. Bob Brown, MTV VJ Ruby Rose, Wallabies captain Sterling Mortlock, former High Court judge Michael Kirby, Federal Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek, NSW Deputy Premier Carmel Tebbutt, newsreader Anton Enus, players from the Penrith Panthers, Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore and actors Lynne McGranger, Jessica Tovey and Josh Quong Tart from *Home & Away*.

To play your part, visit www.thisisoz.com.au and put your best face forward.

Sexpo – Volunteers required



From Thursday, 4 – Sunday, 7 March Sexpo arrives in Brisbane, in all its glory with slings, clamps, fleshlights & butterflies through to chaps & teddy's on display...<http://www.sexpo.com.au/>

This year QAHC is teaming up with a number of related agencies such as QPP, QHealth, QuIHN, PD & ECCQ to create a One Stop Sexual Health Spot. Staged over 4 days, staffing the stall is of prime consideration as we distribute over 2000 bags, have punters spin the sex wheel for prizes & sauce it up with an array of sexual practice facts & figures.

If you are interested in putting down your name for a shift at Sexpo, are a trained volunteer (or enrolled in the new volunteer course) & would like to have a little bit of fun on the side, contact Reception on 3017 1777 or e: info@qahc.org.au (subject line: Sexpo) so a roster between participating agencies can be developed.

Big Gay Day – 10 Big Gay Years



QAHC in conjunction with the Big Gay Day organisers are offering a limited number of free tickets to the party in return for your time!

From 11am, 15 March through till the early hours we are calling upon both trained volunteer (or enrolled in the new volunteer course) & untrained QAHC volunteers who have a few hours to spare who would like to have some fun interacting with party goers, handing out QAHC related info & party treats!

For more information on how you can play a part in this exciting event, contact Reception or e: info@qahc.org.au (subject line: Big Gay Day) so a roster can be developed.

Packing Party 8



Be sure to mark your diary for Thursday, 18 February from 6pm – 9pm as we slip downstairs to the Mineshaft at The Sportsman's Hotel with QAHC & QPP's Packing Party 9 taking over the space!

Get ready for some serious packing action as we replenish much needed stocks of Guys & Girls Safe Sex Packs & show bags for Sexpo. With events such as Big Gay Day & Aqualicious on the horizon, we certainly have some work cut out for us & this is where we are hoping to call upon your assistance!

Be prepared to expect the unexpected as this is no ordinary sweat shop with condoms, dams & other assorted paraphernalia forming the basis of games played in between packing moments, with some fabulous prizes on offer as your reward.

Come solo, bring some friends or get a team together & join in on the fun, with drinks & catering supplied to help spur you on.

To RSVP for the Packing Party or for any additional information contact Reception or e: info@qahc.org.au (subject line: Packing Party)

Aqualicious Pool Party



On Saturday 20 February from 5pm-10pm at Splash Centenary Pool, Spring Hill will come alive as the premier pool party event on the calendar features with DJ's, hot bodies & shows with fun, frivolity and just a little lycra.

A fully catered and licensed 18+ event the Pool Party is the major fundraiser for Team Aqualicious, with funds raised helping to get the team to the State Short Course Championships in Cairns. With some fun games and races plus great raffles and prizes on offer it's certainly going to be fun filled evening.

QAHC will be hosting a stall over the day & evening, so if you would like to play a party in the festivities & are a trained volunteer (or enrolled in the new volunteer course) contact Reception on 3017 1777 or e: info@qahc.org.au (subject line: Pool Party)

Tickets for the Pool Party are only \$10 and are available from various outlets.

Team Aqualicious (QAL) is Brisbane and Queensland's GLBTI Swim Team and now boasts over 60 active members. For further details check out <http://www.aqualicious.com.au/>

QAHC 'Food for Thought' Gatherings

Gay men's relationships; Sexual pleasures and the male sexual body, Cruising places to meet other men for social, sexual and romantic needs ...all these topics are food for thought.

QAHC is trying to tempt your appetite for stimulating conversation over a meal with like minded men.

Dave Wells, QAHC's Group Work Co-ordinator said that the opportunity for Gay men in many regional areas to meet and spend time socially can be scarce. " Food for thought provides the chance to share a meal and hear the experiences of other men who are sexually attracted to men. This opportunity for sharing thoughts can result in men discovering that their experiences aren't always that different to those of other men'.

Over a breakfast, lunch or dinner in specially selected safe and friendly spaces, Food for thought combines an exercise from QAHC's popular group programs followed by men having the chance to discuss the issues further from personal experiences. Wells said. 'Food for Thought Gatherings are planned to run in Brisbane and a number of regional towns in the near future. If your local gathering proves popular they could happen on a regular, say monthly basis."

Local 'Food for Thought Gatherings' will be promoted widely and men can register their interest by going to the 'Get involved' – 'Workshops' section on the QAHC Web site <http://www.qahc.org.au/workshops>, or by phoning QAHC reception on 1800 177 434 (07 3017 1777).

Sexual Health Awareness Week



LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX

Sexual Health Awareness Week
14th - 21st February

For a FREE sexual health check please phone Clinic 87 (07) 5470 5244

Mardi Gras Recovery Week



1st - 7th March 2010

Go to the link below to find out what's on in the Brisbane and Noosa areas during Mardi Gras Recovery Week <http://www.mardigrasrecoveryweek.com.au>

Writing Themselves In 3: Third Australian Survey of Young People who are Same Sex Attracted



Who pushes *your* buttons?

Are you attracted to people of the same sex? Aged between 14 and 21 years? Living in Australia? Interested in having a say about the issues affecting your life?

If you have sexual feelings for people of the same sex, whether or not you have ever acted on those feelings, we are interested in finding out about you, your family and friends, school, relationships, how people treat you, sexual health and the fun things about your life. The results of this research will be used to improve education and services and focus more attention on how to make Australia a more inclusive place regarding sexual diversity.

Or do you work with same-sex attracted kids aged 14-21 in Australia? Encourage them to write themselves in to Australian history by filling out the third national Australian survey on same-sex attracted youth at www.wti3.org.au !

This is the 3rd national Writing Themselves In questionnaire. It has been put together by a team of researchers from the Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society (La Trobe University), Melbourne, with the help of a number of young people and youth workers from a range of different organisations. It is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging and Vic Health. Go to [http://wti3.org.au/](http://wti3.org.au) to complete the survey

This is THE survey that makes a REAL difference to policies and services; support it! The survey is open now, and closes in April 2010



QAHC Cairns



The inaugural Little Gay Day Out NQ will be held on Sat 23rd January 2010 in the function room at the Mansfield hotel starting at 7pm and running till 3am. This function, for the whole LGBT community and friends, is being presented by a newly formed group called Girls Next Door who "believe there is a need for the entire community to get together and have more social and networking events within the North Queensland area". They have filled the night with live performances by Drag Queens and Kings, a solo guitarist to start the night, comedy routines, competitions with prize giveaways and varied music. There will also be a sausage sizzle fundraiser for the GLBTI Anti-Violence Committee (AVC) to assist them in continuing the work they do for the community. To book tickets, find out more about the event or about Girls Next Door, check out their website www.girlsnextdoor.com.au

Gay Men's Health Retreat

QAHC will be holding a health retreat for gay men on Magnetic Island in April. We've booked the whole of the Arcadia Beach Guesthouse to give us a private space to unwind, explore some of the health issues specific to gay men in a safe environment, enjoy good food and make friends with other gay men from the area. During the retreat we'll have time to explore some issues important to gay men; **Relationships, Cruising and Sexual Pleasure**. There will also be time to share our concerns and hopes with others, relax and take part in other group activities as well as enjoy the beautiful location.

The retreat will run from the late afternoon of Friday 16th April to the afternoon of Sunday 18th. Cost is \$100 per person (\$80 concession) and includes accommodation for the two nights and all food and activities. Participants will have to organise their own travel to and from the island. The guesthouse has a number of rooms with differing levels of comfort but the focus of this retreat is on developing new skills, knowledge and relationships so all participants pay the same amount, with beds allocated by lottery (couples will have priority for double beds) prior to arrival.

To express an interest in attending the retreat call Nick or Kevin at QAHC on 4041 5451 or drop me an email at nconnor@qahc.org.au. Places are limited so attendance is not guaranteed.

LGBT Training for Service Providers

The Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc (QAHC) has provided sexuality and gender identity awareness training to health and health related service providers in Queensland since 2005. Both half-day and whole-day workshops are delivered in either open- access or in-service formats. QAHC is committed to providing a high standard of interactive and challenging adult learning experiences. The continuing development and delivery of training tools and resources for service providers seeks to support the development of inclusive services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) clients.

QAHC is proud to announce another round of their very successful Open Access workshops, **Creating Inclusive Services – Working with the LGBT Client**, being presented in Townsville on March 11th. For more information on workshops in your area contact your local QAHC office or Ricki Menzies, QAHC Training Coordinator at rmenzies@qahc.org.au.

If the above dates are unsuitable for your organisation requests for in-service training around sexuality and gender identity and creating inclusive services are still being taken. So if training is what your organisation needs then please contact Ricki to book your session or for further information about all the different training QAHC offers.

Work, Love, Play Survey

Work, Love, Play is a study of families parented by same-sex attracted parents (couples and sole-parents), the full title of which is "Work, Love, Play: Understanding Resilience in Same-Sex Parented Families".

The Work, Love, Play study is seeking more GLBTI parents to be part of the study. In the first survey, over 350 people stated they were happy for the researchers to invite them to be part of future studies. This was a fantastic response. However, some groups are currently under-represented in the study and the researchers would like to boost numbers in these areas if possible.

Not surprisingly, the majority of responses were from lesbians who live in inner-city areas. Victoria, QLD and NSW were also well represented. People the study would like to hear more from are:

- gay dads of all descriptions
- men and women who live in rural and regional areas
- men and women who live in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia or the ACT
- gay dads from Tasmania
- gay dads from New Zealand

If you know any same-sex parents (who are part of a couple or GLBTI single parents) and who fit any of the above categories please forward this message to them.

The questionnaire can be completed online at <http://www.thissurvey.com/work-love-play>

If people want more information they can contact Jennifer Power by email Jennifer.power@latrobe.edu.au or ph: (03) 9385 5100.

QAHC Library

A new addition to the many things that QAHC offers to the LGBT community is a community library. There have been libraries in both the Sunshine Coast and Cairns offices for a while now but Brisbane also has a library for the community to borrow books.

The library contains books such as: autobiographies, journals, novels and health related books . Most books are LGBT focused in some way, from having an LGBT theme to being an LGBT author.

The libraries are always happy to consider donations of good quality books and DVDs, so if you wish to donate please deliver to the QAHC office closest to you.

If you wish to borrow contact your local QAHC office during business hours to become a library member.

Brisbane	30171777
Cairns	40415451
Sunshine Coast	54511118

Ipswhat Launch / GLWA Fundraiser

A LACK of gay and lesbian support services in Ipswich has prompted the creation of a new gay advocacy group, which will officially be launched in February this year.

Named Ipswhat?, the group will promote gay and lesbian awareness in Ipswich and its surrounding rural towns, as well as fundraising for charities and services.

The official launch for Ipswhat? will take place at Murphy's Town Pub on February 6, from 4pm to midnight. Lesbian country star Kate Cook will perform.

Joining Ms Cook will be the Out West Drag performers, and guest DJs, with Dianna Tunne'l hosting.

To buy a \$30 ticket for the event, which covers entry and entertainment, telephone Chris Wilkins on 0417 744 116.

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Time: 4:00pm - 11:55pm
Location: Murphys Town Pub
Street: 5 Union Place
City/Town: Ipswich, Australia

Calling all QLD lesbian social and support groups

The QAHC Lesbian Health Action group (LHAG) would like to thank all the wonderful women in QLD who are supporting their local lesbian community by coordinating social and support groups.

We would like you to contact us so we can offer your group a token of our appreciation.

Please send the following contact details to rmenzies@qahc.org.au for your FREE gift

Name of Group:
Coordinator:
Contact details:
Short description of group:

QAHC Workshops



The advertisement features a red background with a sunburst pattern. At the top left is the QAHC logo, which consists of three interlocking circles and the text 'qahc'. Below the logo, the text reads 'Workshops on Relationships, Cruising and Sexual Pleasure'. To the right, it lists locations: 'Held in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Brisbane.' Below this, it states 'Limited to 12 participants and held when quota is met' and 'Free • Friendly • Informative • Fun'. The bottom half of the ad shows a photograph of a man in a green t-shirt lying back in a convertible car. At the bottom, there are two lines of text: 'Book on-line at: www.qahc.org.au/workshops' and 'Or by phone QAHC on 3017 1777 or 1800 177 434 (outside Brisbane)'. A small vertical photo credit 'Photo: J. Smith' is visible on the right edge of the image.

The **ART OF SEX Workshops**

QAHC will be running free, one day workshops targeting Gay and other Men who have Sex with Men - inclusive of Age, Sexual Identity, Culture and HIV Status.

Workshops available in: **Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, Mackay and Rockhampton.**



The aim of the 'The Art of Sex' Workshop is 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.

Friendly, Informative and Fun!

Register to participate on-line at:
www.qahc.org.au/workshops
Or by phone QAHC on 3017 1777
or 1800 177 434 (outside Brisbane)



Trans Sunshine Coast

Trans Sunshine Coast

A social and peer support group for Transgender people

F2M • M2F • Gender Queer

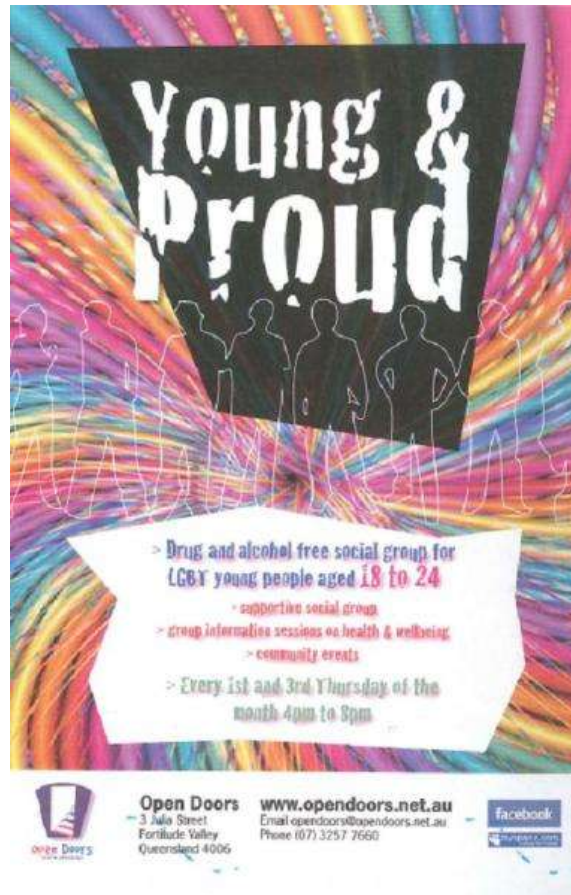
friends and family welcome • one on one peer support available

**Second Thursday of the month
5:30pm – 7:30pm**



Contact Carly: kallan1@optusnet.com.au or the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities (07) 5451 1118

Open Doors – Young & Proud



Young & Proud

- > Drug and alcohol free social group for **LGBT young people aged 18 to 24**
 - supportive social group
 - group information sessions on health & wellbeing
 - community events
- > Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 4pm to 8pm

Open Doors
3 Julia Street
Fortitude Valley
Queensland 4006

www.opendoors.net.au
Email: opendoors@opendoors.net.au
Phone: (07) 3257 7660

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Brisbane Northside Social Group

Fortnightly get-togethers for people on the northside

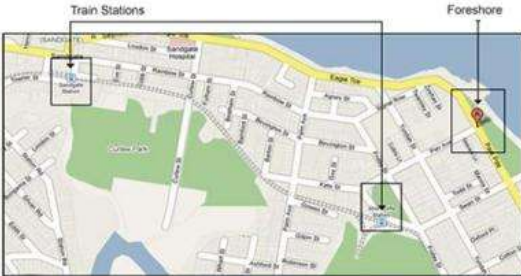
BRISBANE NORTH SOCIAL GROUP

NOW
twice a month!!

for people living with HIV and their friends

WHEN: 2nd Sunday of the Month
WHERE: Cherside Bowling Centre, next to cinemas
REFIDEX: Map 120 A13

WHEN: 4th Tuesday of the month
WHERE: Moora Park, SANDGATE foreshore
REFIDEX: Map 111 E6 (see map below)



Getting there by BUS:
310 & 330 from the city stop at Sandgate train station
695 & 697 from Redcliffe stop at Sandgate train station
Shorncliffe train station is 400m south-west of the foreshore

For more information, directions or to RSVP, please call either

Jarran @ QPP 1800 636 241 Searna @ PD 3900 8000 Amanda @ GAHC 0417 404 467

queensland positive people Spiritus qahc

Inspirations Bundaberg



Hats Off Brisvegas returns!!

HATS OFF BrizVegas - the gala fund raising concert with a difference, will return to Brisbane in 2010.

HATS OFF BrizVegas 2010 will have a special performance on Monday 23 August 2010 at 6.30pm at the Playhouse, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, South Bank.

The major sponsor for concert will be the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

The concert will feature the cast of the smash-hit musical MAMMA MIA along with the cream of Brisbane's arts & entertainment community.

More details will be announced shortly – Tickets go on sale at the end of January 2010.

What's happening in your area

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. In fact, for further queries about the group please contact Sian or Anne on 0424 285236.

The Church of United Spiritualism of Australia

Service starts at 7pm on the Third Monday of the month. Contact Reverend Peter Newlands 0423 040 328. All welcome. QAHC Training Room, 30 Helen Street, Newstead.

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

2 QT 2 B STR8

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

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.

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 visit the website
<http://www.myspace.com/brisbanelesbianandgaypridechoir>

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 or email info@brisbears.org.com

Changeling Aspects

Our aim is to help where we can, with information and advice to enable the reader, whether they be Transsexual or just wanting to understand someone they know who is Transsexual, to make the next step along the way. This can be to make a move towards becoming the new gender or returning possibly to a previous position. Please visit <http://www.changelingaspects.com/index.htm>

ATSAQ – Australian Transgender Support Association of Queensland Inc

The Australian Transgender Support Association of QLD (ATSAQ) was formed in 1990, to help, advise and assist the transgender community in Queensland. It is run by transgenders for transgenders and provides emotional/moral support for people with Gender identity Disorder (formally known as Gender Dysphoria) their families and friends. Visit <http://www.atsaq.com/>

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

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 or visit <http://www.opendoors.net.au>

ACCEPTANCE BRISBANE

Support group for GLBT Catholics. Meet every 2nd Friday monthly for mass and discussion.

E: acceptance_brisbane@yahoo.com

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@brisbaneglbn.org or visit <http://www.brisbaneglbn.org>

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 (Cairns, Townsville)

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

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

Cairns Sunboys

Nude social group in Cairns sunboys@rainbownet.info Cairns: sunboys@gmail.com.

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 with your details.

Connecting Rainbows

Servicing from Mossman and north: LGBT Social gatherings and support group for all ages. Contact Billi on 4098 2005. E: bili1@live.com.au

Tank Girls Downunder

Women's motorbike club. E: seej01@hotmail.com

Barista Sista

Coffee, tea etc. Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 6am – 4pm at Rusty's Market, Sheridan Street, Cairns

Cairns Rainbow Families

Social group for same sex parents/caregivers. Contact Rhonda: 4041 5451 or rhonda1@live.com.au

Fruitloops

Cairns LGBT Business Networking Group. 1st Friday every month at Blue Sky Brewery, Lake Street, Cairns. 5pm – 8pm. Gigi 0400 767 367. www.fruitloops.net.au

OUT!

Cairns only monthly LGBT dance party night. An LGBT community organised event. 1st Saturday each month at Blue Sky Brewery. Facebook profile outincairns@hotmail.com or visit www.outincairns.org.au.

OUT Loud

Cairns LGBT Choir. Practice

The Sovereign Hotel – Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Grrlzone

Is an independent women's and lesbian's collective providing safe, fun and diverse women's entertainment events in Townsville and Thuringowa. They run the GrrlSpot women's dance on the first Friday of the month and Molley Malones (Flinders Street East, Townsville). Contact them at info@grrlzone.org.au or visit www.grrlzone.org.au

ROSA's

Is a recreational, outdoors, social activities group for gay women in Townsville and surrounding districts. Contact them via email at madhouse33@hotmail.com or visit www.rosatownsville.com.

Transbridge - Townsville

A support group for transgenders in the Townsville area.

We have connections with sexual health, mental health, AISA counselling and others by association.

374 Fulham Road, Heatley, Townsville QLD 4814

If we can help you at any time we have a mobile phone for 24 hour support at:

Mob Ph 0412 168 299
Ph (07) 4779 9229
Fax (07) 4779 9229

Central Coast (including Sunshine Coast)

Coffee catch-up & ClubRok

Join us at the Coffee Star @ 2pm, the third Saturday of each month. The Coffee Star is in Bolsover St near the 'new' bridge. **Coffee Catch Up is at 2pm from now on!** This gives us all a chance to chat, meet some new people and talk about other ideas for social activities, all without the need to yell over loud music. I would love to see you, and feel free to bring other people along with you, the more the better! If you are shy, we are happy to arrange a pre-meet before hand so you know a friendly face. Transport could be available from Rocky and Yeppoon if you require a lift, let me know.

Clubrok

ClubRok has moved to the Anchor Hotel in North Rockhampton. Come and check out ClubRoks new home - larger, better and now serving cocktails. A line up of drag shows will help to keep everyone entertained and a good night of fun is almost a guarantee! The next show for Clubrok will be at the new location, the Anchor Hotel just over the bridge next door to Drummonds Golf Shop

Diversity Party

Fraser Coast GaysClub Wharf (Criterion Hotel) Wharf Street, Maryborough 6pm - 10pm (then club opens to General Public until late)

More info log onto www.frasergays.com

Re-occurring event 3rd Saturday of every month.

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 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

Sunshine Coast Queer Collective

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

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

Trans Sunshine Coast

A social and peer support group for Transgender people. F2M, M2F, Gender Queer. Friends and family are welcome. One on one peer support available. Second Thursday of the month 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Contact Carly: kallan1@optusnet.com.au or QAHC on 07 5451 1118.

ShOUT

LGBT young people and their friends drop in night. 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Last Thursday of the month. QAHC, 10 Pikki Street, Maroochydore. Ph: 07 5451 1118.

Gold Coast (including Logan)

Castaways

Every first Monday of the month, 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.

Project Asia

Project Asia is a free & confidential group for Asian guys & their friends who are gay, bi/curious.

Project Asia is a social group that will also include Education Forums and a way to help make it easier to form friendships, social opportunities, gain access to health and community services and to provide safe space.

The groups will be held one evening per month with a view to extending this into other social opportunities on the Gold Coast.

This will also provide an opportunity to give feedback for resources for Asian men.

For further info about Project Asia email projectasia@hotmail.com or call/text 0419 759 686.

Gold Coast Alliance

GC Alliance (GCA) is a new Gold Coast based LGBT social group.

GC Alliance is open to gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, intersexed people, their family and friends.

For a roster of monthly events email Grant gcalliance@live.com.

Logan Central Social Group

Meets monthly and is something new and social for the Logan area. Come along and meet some locals and help us plan for our region. If you are interested call or email Ged on 0419 759 686 or 07 3017 1777 (Tues & Thurs). Email: logan@qahc.org.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>

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>

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 harrasment. Email usqalliance@gmail.com. Website <http://usqalliance.webs.com>

Qld Association of Healthy Communities Inc - Brisbane

Ph: **07 3017 1777** email: info@qahc.org.au
Fax: 07 3852 5200 web: www.qahc.org.au

Postal Address: PO 1372, Eagle Farm BC Qld 4009
Street address: 30 Helen St, Newstead Qld 4006

Sexual Health information & referral	1800 155 141
Indigenous Gay Men & Sista Girl	07 3017 1722
Members	07 3017 1779
Volunteers	07 3017 1777
Donations and Bequests	07 3017 1728

Qld Association for Healthy Communities Inc – Sunshine Coast (including Central Coast)

Postal Address: PO Box 2077, Sunshine Plaza Qld 4558
Street Address: 10 Pikki Street, Maroochydore Qld 4558
Phone: 07 5451 1118

Qld Association for Healthy Communities Inc – Cairns

Postal Address: PO Box 12112, Cairns Qld 4870
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