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Greetings from the General Manager

The fight for LGBT rights and inclusion is a long, winding and continuing road. Last year saw a great achievement with the elimination of over 100 pieces of Federal legislation that actively discriminated against same sex couples. This will bring benefits to many people in the areas of superannuation, tax, aged care and immigration, among others.

But these changes will have an unexpected negative impact on those couples currently in receipt of Centrelink pensions, including the Disability Support Pension and Aged Pension. Couples will now be assessed as a couple, on their joint income, rather than as singles. Where one partner has private income or a job, this could negatively affect the income of the partner on the pension, including the possible loss of their concession card.

This is equality, and applies to opposite sex couples as well as same sex couples. However QAHC, and many other organisations, are concerned about the impact this will have, especially on older people who have not had sufficient time to plan their finances. These are people who have lived through the violence, harassment, illegality and social exclusion of homosexuals in Australian society. We think it's unfair that the first time their relationship gets recognised by the government, it results in a loss of income and at time of their lives when they can least afford it.

QAHC has joined other organisation across the country in a lobbying effort to introduce a 'grandfathering clause' which would mean those already in receipt of a pension (and over 55) would not be affected. This type of arrangement was put in place for all other changes to the pension system over the past few decades, but not for same sex couples. We are also holding forums in Brisbane and Cairns to explain the changes and what they will mean. More details can be found at <http://www.qahc.org.au/petitions>

In case you haven't noticed, we're in the middle of a state election. Unfortunately our political leaders have been silent on the needs of LGBT people. We encourage you to contact your local candidates and ask them what they will do for the LGBT community. QAHC has produced an election statement outlining what we see as the important health and wellbeing issues facing the LGBT community, and practical suggestions for action. We've asked the three main parties for a reply, but no response has been received to date. More details and updates can be found at <http://www.qahc.org.au/election09>

This month will also see the launch of the Human Rights Commission investigation into legal and other related issues for transgender Australians. QAHC will be looking through the report and recommendations with interest, and will be actively lobbying for improvements for trans Queenslanders. More details can be found at <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/genderdiversity/index.html>

Thank you to all those who have supported QAHC's recent fundraising efforts. Did you know that only our HIV prevention work with gay men receives ongoing government funding. All our other work, including human rights advocacy, is reliant on donations, sponsorships and one-off grants. We think the LGBT communities of Queensland deserve better and we will continue to lobby and work for the health, wellbeing and inclusion of

LGBT Queenslanders.

Yours

Paul Martin
General Manager

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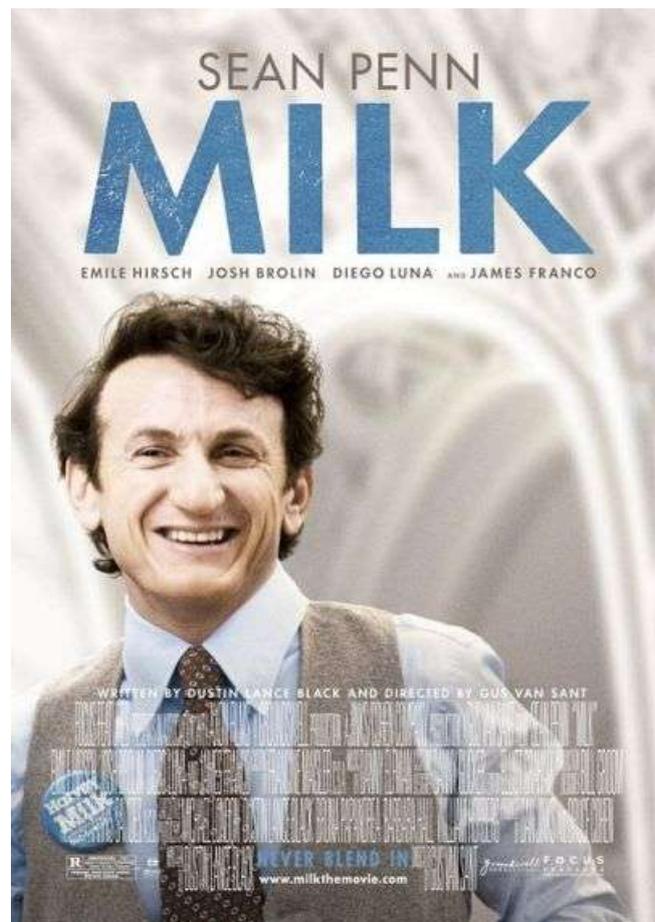
Milk Fundraising Premiere

On Sunday 18 January 2008, Q News, in conjunction with Universal Pictures Australia and Dendy Portside Cinemas hosted a fundraising premiere screening of the new Gus Van Sant film 'Milk' starring Sean Penn and James Franco to benefit the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities (QAHC).

The event was a great success with all 192 tickets selling out quickly. After the film guests enjoyed a glass of Four Sisters wine in the Dendy Portside foyer whilst debriefing with friends.

The event raised \$1,997.87 for QAHC's work against homophobia (\$145.25 of this amount being donations from guests).

QAHC would like to thank everyone who attended the film and acknowledge the wonderful support of Q News, Universal Pictures Australia, Dendy Portside and Four Sisters.



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Matthew Mitcham Raffle - Don't miss out on owning a piece of history!!!



Act fast, in its last days... Raffle drawn on the 17th of March.

You could win this stunning piece of sporting memorabilia - Matthew Mitcham was the 10m Platform Diving gold medal winner at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The piece consists of an autographed photo and a pair of Speedos which have also been autographed by Matthew (an out gay man and former Queenslander) and both have been professionally framed to create a great piece memorabilia. (Materials cost \$450)

Tickets are just \$5 each, or three for \$10! Be quick...Only 400 tickets available!

Funds raised go to QAHC's 'Healthy Communities Fund' which awards small grants to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community groups to help continue their efforts.

Visit www.qahc.org.au/raffle to purchase tickets now.

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Girlfest 2009



The QAHC Women's Health and Well-being Action Group made their debut health campaign at Girlfest 2009 at the Hyatt Coolom over the Australia long week-end (23-26 January). This campaign was developed utilizing information from survey data obtained at International Lesbian Day, research and the action group's ideas/skills.

Prior to the event a great rapport was built between the action group and the Girlfest general manager Nicci Madden and her partner Wendy Richardson. This enabled us access to the event and the participants, use of the facilities and use of a marquee which was set up as a health promotion stall. Without the support of Nicci and Wendy the action group would not have enjoyed the great success of the week-end and we acknowledge and warmly thank them for the opportunity!

We look forward to working with them in the future- as Girlfest will not be held again until 2011 which is a tentative starting date.

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

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Alphabet Soup wants you!



**Are you a lesbian, gay, bisexual, dyke, transgender person or queer?
Do you work in the community sector in Brisbane?
Do you want to meet others like you to get support?**

We want you for Alphabet Soup!

We are a support and networking group for workers in the community sector in Brisbane. We will be meeting informally bi-monthly to talk about what it's like to be LGBT in a workplace, and our first meeting will be held in May.

In Alphabet Soup you will be able to meet people in the same boat as you. You will be able to share your thoughts on the best ways to be LGBT in a workplace and learn tips from other people, as well as just have a chance to get your experience off your chest. There are also some great workplaces out there, and coming along to Alphabet Soup is a chance for you to learn which ones are the best for your community.

To put your name down for the first meeting or if you have any questions, contact Shaun Staunton on (07) 3017 1732 or sstaunton@qahc.org.au.

Be quick to put your name down for this exciting new project.

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Alphabet Soup fights stress in Brisbane!

Free stress workshop available for community workers

Alphabet Soup is a support and networking group for LGBT people working in the community sector in Brisbane, and the group meets informally bi-monthly to talk about what it is like to be LGBT in the workplace. After a very successful first meeting, the group decided the area's that they would like to focus on developing skills in, and so on Tuesday April 7th the group will be holding a free workshop on managing stress in your personal and professional life.

The workshop will be run by Narelle Stratford, a Psychologist from the "Live life 2 The Max Centre", who also has a number of other accreditations. Narelle has worked with a wide range of groups including Quality Organisations

in Australia, Iran, Nepal, India, New Zealand, The Gifted Children's Society, Mental Health staff and clients, Real Estate Agents and Principals, Networking and Business groups, Coaching groups and Professional Women's groups.

So whether you are already an existing member of Alphabet Soup, or you are an LGBT community sector worker who hasn't attended an Alphabet Soup Meeting yet, feel free to come along. This workshop is for you!

After the session there will be an opportunity for coffee/tea, snacks and a chance to chat. The workshop will be held at QAHC, 30 Helen Street, Newstead, and will begin at 7pm, with the night finishing at about 8.30pm. All people who attend the workshop will also receive a certificate stating that they took part in a workshop on professional stress management

To RSVP to the workshop or if you have any questions, please contact Shaun Staunton on (07) 3017 1732 or email to sstaunton@qahc.org.au.

To learn more about Narelle Stratford and the "Live life 2 The Max Centre", visit www.livelifetothemax.com.au

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Queensland's Tropical Alternatives Queer Film Festival 2009



Regional Queensland's dedicated queer film festival series returns in 2009 with a huge programme of high quality films.

Presented by QAHC, in partnership with Melbourne Queer Film Festival; the Tropical Alternatives Film Festival will screen LGBT themed films over three days in Cairns and a one day highlights screening showing three of the best in other centres.

Tropical Alternatives Film Festival is also proud to raise funds for QAHC's Healthy Communities Fund (HCF), with \$1 from every ticket sold after costs, donated to HCF to help them continue their important funding of local LGBT community initiatives.

We hope you are as excited about this year's programme as we are.

For more information on the films that will be showing and the venues please click the links below:

<http://www.qahc.org.au/films>
<http://www.qahc.org.au/node/327>

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LGBT History Project Update



Jackson (panel speaker) and Toye De Wilde (MC) enjoy the launch of the QAHC LGBT History Project

Our LGBT histories have been hidden for too long! Let's get our stories more in the public domain where they can be heard, and so that further history research can be done effectively.

Nearly 100 LGBT community members got a taste of what is to come with this exciting project at the launch in October 2008. Dr Clive Moore and Carol Low (the history project officer) also spoke on the night. The Brisbane Lesbian and Gay Choir sang a rousing anthem and a moving political lovesong to set the scene. The Welcome to Country was graciously done by Aunty Carol Currie.

Here are some pointers as to becoming an Activist Archivist :

- Send each issue of an LGBT publication you produce to the State Library of Queensland
- Check what gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender materials are held in their collections by going online and searching their databases - (finding the gaps will be helpful too)
- Access the State Library for your LGBT history research - go online - also check Picture Queensland which has thousands of images of Queensland places and people.

Donate your collections to the State Library - this can include:

- Minutes and other organisational records
- Photos, sound, video and dvd recordings
- Personal papers, letters, memoirs
- Some items such as crockery, cutlery, etc may be accepted (storage and conservation issues will be relevant here)
- Publications, posters, flyers, brochures, t-shirts
- Outfits - may be better conserved and collected at the Qld Museum - but talk to State Library about it for advice

First make a list of what you or your organisation has - then make an appointment with the State Library to discuss your donation. This will be done as a Deed of Gift - a formal procedure. You can specify some material remains private.

Learn to become an oral historian or a digital stories maker... the State Library will lend us equipment and we will develop some training with them and others.

Whether you are ready or not to donate your collection to the state archives, keep it in good condition by, e.g. Not laminating posters or photos, keeping posters flat not rolled, not writing on the back of photos or putting post-its on them, not using sticky-tape on items. Getting the right quality storage boxes, plastic sleeves, etc. - e.g from the State Library shop

Note: These pointers come from my notes taken at the seminar on 12th Nov 2008. With all thanks to the State Library of Queensland who are partners in the QAHC LGBT History Project. Please contact Carol Low, Project Officer, 0448 154 158 for further information.

The QAHC LGBT History Project has initial funding from Brisbane City Council. It is being done in partnership

with the State Library of Queensland and the Museum of Brisbane.

.....Some more snippets and more of news, requests and invitations for all:

- **Sporty LGBT people** - there is an initiative from Paul Yeo - wonderful man! - for those involved with various sporting groups and events over the decades to meet and share stories, and map histories - any queries to Paul on 3391 3533
- **CAMP Club** - Jude Mackay - wonderful woman! - has put her hand up to be a focal point for looking at the history of the CAMP Club - she is contactable on: judithmackay@bigpond.com
- **Campus activists** - we want to hear from you! This is a key part of our activist histories. Michael Carden is one of the key people interested in this area

There is a lot more bubbling up with LGBT community members coming forward to initiate actions (such as the above). Look forward next year to LGBT History Activities during Pride 09, training in digital stories and oral histories, growing the numbers of people and organisations donating their archives to the State Library collections, and more.

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University of Sunshine Coast Student Orientation Celebrations



QAHC along with Clinic 87, QuIHN and FPQ held information stalls at the 2009 University of the Sunshine Coast Student Orientation. It was a fantastic day and approximately 3,000 people were in attendance. A wide range of information and resources were on display and staff were available to answer students questions.

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Sunshine Coast Spreads the Love



Love was in the air at the Pink Pineapple 'Beachball' Party which was held on February 14th at the Sands Tavern, Maroochydore.

The Queensland Association of Healthy Communities was there to remind everyone that February 14 was also

International Condom Day and their message was clear, 'Share the love, not an STI this Valentine's Day'.

Over 250 people partied the night away and were treated to a night to remember that included big name DJs Corey Czok and Les Smith, the QNews Mr Q Search for a Cover Boi, guess the number of condoms in the jar competition and an array of freebies including safe sex packs and love pops.

For more information on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) events on the Sunshine Coast please visit www.gaysunshinecoast.com.au

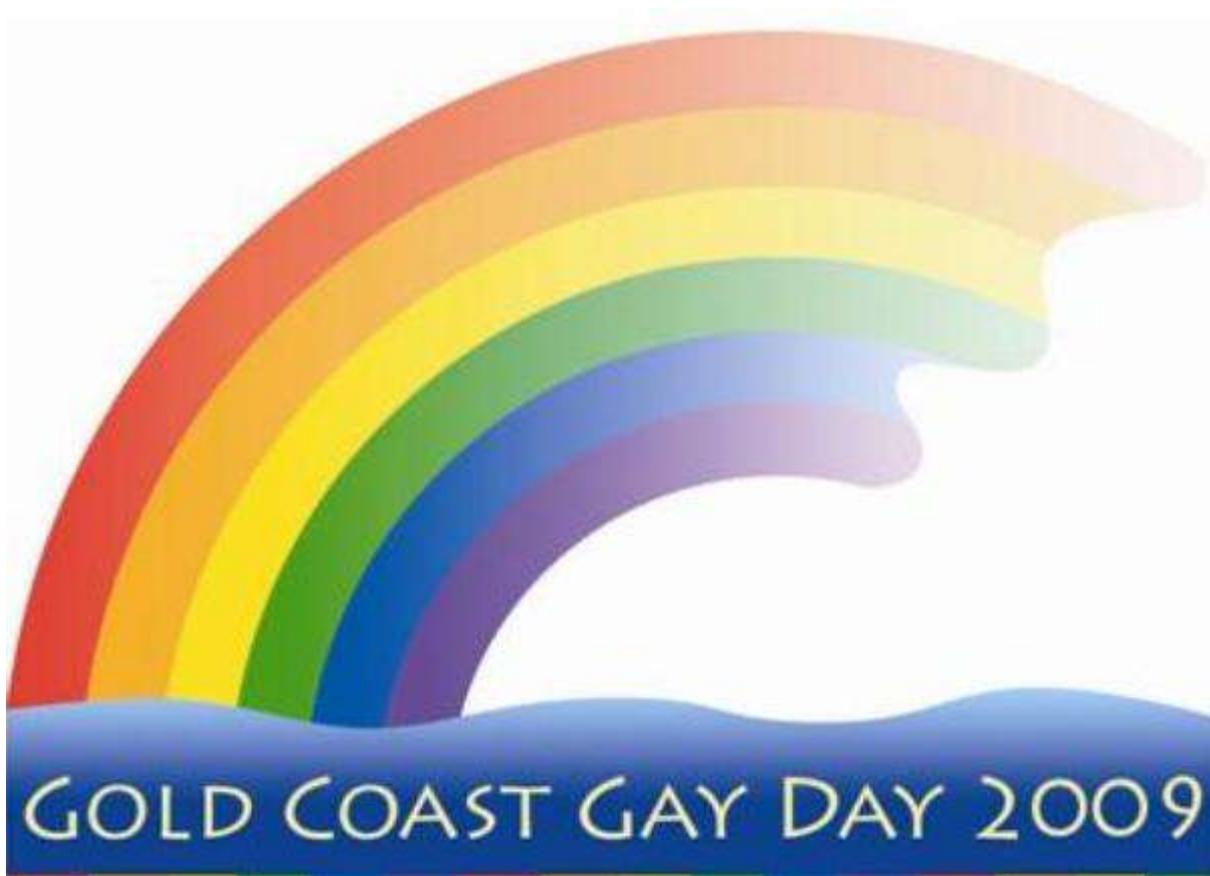


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Gold Coast Gay Day - May 2009



Don't forget to mark the next big date in your diary - Gold Coast Gay Day on the May Day long weekend.

This will be part of a three day event that we are calling 3 Days of Gay in May. The Tropical Alternatives Queer Film Festival will be on Saturday the 2nd of May, Gay Day on the 3rd of May and a Picnic in the Park on the 4th of May hosted by Happy Campers.

For more info on Gold Coast Gay Day and other events on the Gold Coast email Ged on gc@qahc.org.au or phone 07 3017 1731. Take a look at the website www.goldcoastgayday.com.au

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Sex on Premises Venues - Sexual Health Tips

Sex on Premises Venues are privately owned businesses that provide a place for men to go to have sex with other men. One of the most striking features of sex venue culture is that most communication is non verbal. Guys can cruise each other, negotiate and have sex without saying a word, which can present some unique considerations in negotiating safer sex.

Safer sex for the prevention of HIV (not necessarily STI's) is any sexual activity that does not allow cum, blood or vaginal fluid to pass from one person into the bloodstream of another. These activities include kissing, fingering, rimming, & wanking; through to water sports and insertive sex with condoms and water based lubricants.

Condoms and lube are freely available in most sex venues in Australia and are usually located around the sex areas and in the cubicles, with lubricant dispensers on the wall. Some backrooms will give out condoms and sachets of lube at the counter before you enter. If you run out you can go back to the counter and get some more.

The Queensland Association for Healthy Communities (QAHC) enjoys a great working relationship with each of the venues who are also interested in your safety & wellbeing.

- Staff at venues are friendly and approachable, they are more than willing to assist with any questions
- Slip a couple of condoms in your pocket on entry, ask for tighter fit or maxi supplies
- Go for a cruise and familiarise yourself with the venues layout, as well as additional safe sex supplies
- Wash & dry your hands with warm water & soap or shower if available after each sexual encounter. This help prevent easily transmissible infections such as gonorrhoea and Hep A
- Get a regular 6 monthly check up for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI's) from your GP or local sexual health clinic.

For any additional info contact your local QAHC office or ring Men's Sexual Health Line 1800 155 141

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QPP Update



CWC ANZAC CABARET

Holy Trinity Hall
Church Street
FORTITUDE VALLEY
(Opposite the Valley Pool)
\$8.00 Entry • Doors open from 6.00pm

Featuring: **LUCY LOCKJAW, MARION D'VORCE,**
and a cavalcade of performers for your entertainment

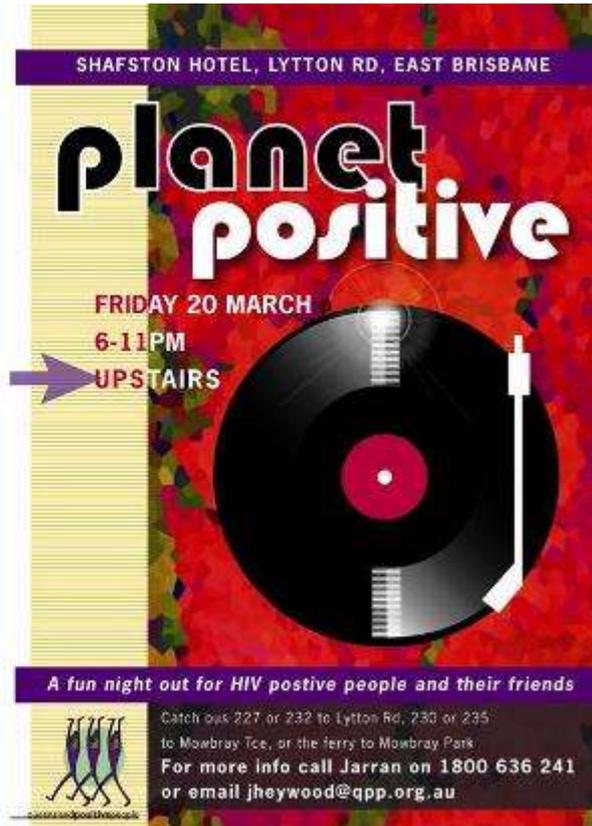
Full bar facilities and hot food available on the night
Raffles and Lucky Door prizes to be won

Raffle prize: Tangalooma 2 night "Wild Dolphin"
package valued at \$800

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED FOR QUEENSLAND POSITIVE PEOPLE

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH 2009

www.cwcbrisbane.com



SHAFSTON HOTEL, LYTTON RD, EAST BRISBANE

Planet positive

FRIDAY 20 MARCH
6-11PM
UPSTAIRS

A fun night out for HIV positive people and their friends

Catch bus 227 or 232 to Lytton Rd, 230 or 235
to Mowbray Tce, or the ferry to Mowbray Park
For more info call Jarran on 1800 636 241
or email jheywood@qpp.org.au

Planet Positive

The first Planet Positive in Brisbane for 2009 will be on Friday 20 March from 6pm. It is upstairs at the Shafston Hotel, on Lytton Rd in EAST BRISBANE. There is plenty of parking on site or there are several bus routes stopping next to or nearby the venue (227, 232, 230, 235) or a ferry stop at Mowbray Park.

If you like dates for the rest of the year, they are Friday 26 June, Friday 25 September and Friday 18 December.

CWC

The next CWC Cabaret will be on Saturday 18 April from 6pm at Trinity Hall, Fortitude Valley. Look out for advertising soon revealing the lineup. These events have been a terrific success over the past year and a half as many of the items in this email are supported by the fundraising at CWC, so please get along and support it.

Newly Diagnosed Workshops

Newly Diagnosed groups will commence after the refit of the State Resource Centre, with the first four week program starting from Wednesday 6 May at 6pm. Workshops in Townsville, Cairns and the Gold Coast will be scheduled later in the year.

Have You Been Diagnosed With HIV in the Past 2 Years?

QPP will be running three Peer Support and Information groups throughout 2009, starting at 6pm on **Wednesday 6 May**, **Wednesday 5 August** and **Wednesday 4 November**.

Topics to be covered include:

- ▷ Living with HIV
- ▷ Nutrition
- ▷ Treatments
- ▷ Disclosure
- ▷ Relationships
- ▷ Community Services

For more information, please call Jerran on 1800-636-241. Places are limited so please RSVP.

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CHIN WAG

This forum returns to Queensland, with this event hosted by Vanessa Wagner and Nurse Nancy, this is a fun and engaging Q&A health interactive event. CHIN WAG will be held on the Sunshine Coast on Thursday 30 April from 6:30pm at a venue to be announced shortly, but Sunshine Coast regional PLHIV, friends, partners, carers and health service providers are all invited. This is an RSVP event only. You may register your interest early by phoning QPP on 07 3013 5555 or 1800 636 241 or via info@qpp.org.au.

Sunshine Coast Massage

Ongoing low-cost massages are available to HIV-positive people living on the Sunshine Coast on Wednesdays in Landsborough. Please contact the QPP State Resource Centre for an appointment on 1800 636 241.

Women's Group

The first women's gathering for 2009 will be on Saturday May 9 from 12pm at the QPP State Resource Centre. This year, run in conjunction with the AMU

Brisbane Social Group

The Brisbane social group continues to meet on the first Saturday of the month at Mowbray Park from 12pm. Upcoming dates are April 4. From May, the group will move the State Resource Centre in Manilla St, EAST BRISBANE

Hervey Bay Social Group

The next gathering of the social group in Hervey Bay will be Sunday 19 April from 11am. It's the same location as last year, Coffee'n'Cream, Pialba Place Shopping Centre.

Toowoomba Social Group

The new Toowoomba social group continues to meet on the third Friday of every month for lunch. Upcoming dates are March 20, April 17 and May 15.

Partners of HIV-positive people

A get together on Saturday May 16 from 12pm is coming up for partners of HIV-positive people. If you are HIV-negative and have a HIV-positive partner and would like to meet others in a similar situation, please come along. For more information, call the State Resource Centre on 1800 636 241.

QPP and



Relax to the Max

massage for #V positive people

New Location → 457 Mt Mellum Rd, LANDSBOROUGH
URD Map 105 C6
Own/Shared Transport Required.

On Wednesdays, on these dates for the 1st half of 2009:
11 Feb, 25 Feb, 18 Mar, 8 Apr, 29 Apr, 13 May, 27 May, 17 Jun, 1 July

Payment by donation

Please book well in advance by calling QPP on 1800 636 241.

If needing to cancel, please phone ASAP as a courtesy to fellow clients and to the service.



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Queensland Positive People's

Saturday BBQs

for Brisbane PLWHA



First Saturday of each Month from midday

Catch bus 838 or the ferry to Mowbray Park
Too easy!



From May, this event will move to the QPP State Resource Centre, 21 Manila St, EAST BRISBANE

For more information phone Jarran on 1800 636 241 or email jheywood@gpp.org.au

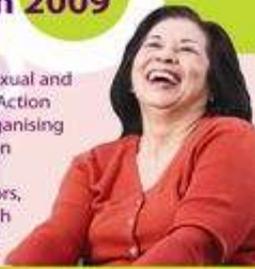


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LGBT Seniors Seminars & Events in 2009

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Ageing Action Group at QAHC is organising a range of information seminars and social events for LGBT seniors, friends and those with an interest in ageing.



March
Seminar: Global Economy – Impact on Investments
Speaker: Financial Information Service (Centrelink)
Tuesday 24th March, 6:30pm-8pm
Light refreshments provided
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September
Seminar: Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation
Speakers: Seniors Legal & Support Services, Elder Abuse Prevention Unit
Tuesday 29th September, 6:30pm to 8pm
Light refreshments provided
QAHC Brisbane

May
Seminar: Getting Ready for Retirement – Age Pension and Your Choices
Financial Information Service (Centrelink)
Tuesday 26th May, 6:30pm – 8pm
Light refreshments provided
QAHC Brisbane

November
Seminar: Wills, Advance Health Directives and Enduring Powers of Attorney
Speakers: Office of the Adult Guardian
Thursday 26th November, 6:30pm – 8pm
Light refreshments provided
QAHC Brisbane

June
Event: LGBT History Project – Pride Festival Activities
Date & venue to be advised.

December
Event: LGBT Seniors Christmas BBQ
Sunday 6th December, 12:30pm - 3pm
Free BBQ, drinks and entertainment
QAHC Brisbane

July
Seminar: Planning for Retirement – Understanding Superannuation
Financial Information Service (Centrelink)
Tuesday 28th July, 6:30pm – 8pm
Light refreshments provided
QAHC Brisbane

August
Event: Senior's Week Celebration
15 August to 23 August
Details to be announced.



For more information on the Ageing Action Group and for updates on events, visit www.qahc.org.au/seniors

QAHC Brisbane
30 Helen Street, Newstead 4006
199 bus to Teneriffe Ferry
On & off street parking.



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Brisbane's Big Gay Day 2009
Summer Street Party, Sunday 15th March
 The Wickham Hotel, 308 Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley
 More info go to www.biggayday.com.au

Chicago
From 19th March 2009 (Tue - Sat 7.30pm, Wed & Sat 1.30pm, Sun 3.00pm)
 Lyric Theatre, QPAC, Cnr Grey & Melbourne Streets, South Bank.
 Tickets: \$69.90 - \$99.90. Bookings: Qtix 136 246 or qtix.com.au

Tina Arena in Concert
 Brisbane Convention Centre
 13th March 2009, 8pm.
 Tickets: www.ticketek.com.au or 132 849

Best of British - Qld Pops Orchestra

Saturday 14th March 2009. 2pm & 8pm
Concert Hall, QPAC. Tickets \$49 - \$79.
Bookings: Qtix 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au
Go to www.popsorchestra.com.au

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

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

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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.

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 or call 3397-2123.

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

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. PO BOX 817, FORTITUDE VALLEY 4006, Ph: 3846-1714, 3846-1714

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>

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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](mailto:rickenate@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 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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