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**Reminder: Healthy Communities Christmas Party 2011**

You are invited to attend the Healthy Communities Christmas Party to be held upstairs at The Wickham Hotel on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00pm til 10.00pm.

The theme this year is Sci-Fi, so please come along dressed as your favourite Science Fiction character.

Some great entertainment has been lined up and Nibbles, Beer, Wine, Champagne and Soft Drink will be provided. However, if you wish to purchase spirits or cocktails you will need to pay bar prices.

**Please note:** You must RSVP to Jan at Healthy Communities as it is 'list only' entry. Email [jthwaites@qahc.org.au](mailto:jthwaites@qahc.org.au) or phone 3017 1779. RSVP by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.



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## LGBT Health News

### **NEW! LGBT Client Support Now Available at Healthy Communities**

This is a new project and a great new opportunity for Healthy Communities to extend its support that is currently available to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community to support the whole of the community including people of any diverse gender or sexuality, including women, lesbians, transgender people, bisexual people and gay men.

What type of Support is available?

- Information, Advice and Referral about LGBT mental health and wellbeing, including LGBT accessible services and support
- Individual Counselling and Case Management for LGBT people who have a mental health or wellbeing concern and need assistance accessing mental health support or

- a safe space to discuss their sexuality or gender identity.
- Social, Therapeutic and Educational Groups for LGBT people based on a range of mental health or wellbeing issue.

This is a state-wide program, so support can be provided to anyone in Queensland via phone, email, social networking or Skype.

### **Who is eligible for this support?**

Individuals/families, aged 15 years and above, in the LGBT community across Queensland who have a mental illness or mental health concern, or who have experienced psychological distress during and/or following the natural disasters in Queensland in 2010-11.

### **What else will this project do?**

This project will also be undertaking Workforce Development and providing information, education and support with the mental health non-government service providers who are meeting the needs of communities who have been severely impacted by the 2010-11 natural disasters about providing safe and appropriate support to LGBT people.

### **Like to know more?**

If you would like some more information about Client Support from Healthy Communities for LGBT people, please contact me on 3017 1740, or 3017 1777 or [smorris@qhac.org.au](mailto:smorris@qhac.org.au) or [www.facebook.com.au/sallymorrishhealthycommunities](http://www.facebook.com.au/sallymorrishhealthycommunities)

*Healthy Communities Client Support is made possible through funding provided under the Mental Health Disaster Recovery Package, which is a joint initiative of the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.*

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## **International Transgender Day Of Remembrance 2011 – Brisbane.**

Sunday 20th November was International Transgender Day of Remembrance.

TDOR was established to honour those who were killed due to transphobic hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to pay tribute to Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 inspired the “Remembering Our Dead” web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999.

TDOR has since taken off around the world, however a little closer to home Brisbane celebrated transgender lives and remembered those no longer with us at a BBQ Picnic in the Park at Orleigh Park, West End.

This community event was held by members of Healthy Communities Sex and Gender Diverse Health Action Group ‘Many Genders, One Voice’ and was open to anyone who wished to attend.

The day included cake, sausages, pigeons, street art and people travelled from the Sunshine Coast to attend. One attendee said ‘The event was one of the few safe places where I can talk with other like-minded people about Transgender friends who have been lost to suicide.’ If you or someone you know would like more information about support for Transgender people in Queensland visit [www.atsaq.com](http://www.atsaq.com).

If you would like more information about 'Many Genders, One Voice' or would like to know how you can help support the group contact [abroom@qahc.org.au](mailto:abroom@qahc.org.au).

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## Queensland Civil Partnerships Bill

### Civil Unions to become legal in Queensland: MP's vote 47 to 40 in support.

In a historic move, Qld Parliament has voted to allow Civil Unions. Qld will now join Tasmania, Victoria, NSW and the ACT who already have Civil Unions. Though not equal to marriage, Civil Unions will allow legal and social relationship recognition for both same sex and opposite sex couples, plus also further increase pressure on the Federal government to allow full marriage equality. Qld LNP Leader Campbell Newman denied all LNP MP's a conscience vote, meaning all LNP MP's voted against the Bill, as did all Independent MP's except one. ALP MP's were allowed a conscience vote, and with the exception of four, they all voted for the Bill.

News coverage: <http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/live-civil-unions-crunch-time-20111130-1o6rd.html>

More: <http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/gay-rights-activists-descend-on-parliament-house-in-brisbane/story-e6freon6-1226210558792>

By the time you are reading this, the full Hansard transcript from Parliament, including video of the Bill passing, should be available at <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/LAPCSESC/inquiries/past-inquiries/CivilPartnerships>

**Fact Sheet:** The differences between Civil Unions and Marriage  
<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/A-failed-experiment.pdf>

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## A round-up on the same-sex marriage debate

### ALP National Conference, Sydney 2-4 December.

The annual conference of the Labor Party in Sydney on 2-4 December 2011 will debate same sex marriage and decide whether to change the party platform. If the platform is changed, this will then mean all ALP MP's would likely be compelled vote for same sex marriage once a Bill is presented to Federal Parliament calling for the Marriage Act to be amended. Changing ALP platform does not guarantee same sex marriage will become legal, but it is the first step in this process.

According to the agenda, same sex marriage should be debated and voted on, on the morning of Saturday 3 December <http://www.alp.org.au/australian-labor/national-conference-2011/national-conference-agenda/>

A huge protest is planned for Saturday 3 December in Sydney with many thousands of

participants listening to speakers in Hyde Park before marching to the Convention Centre where the ALP national conference is being held

<https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=192196340827545>

### **Julia Gillard confirms she does not support allowing same sex marriage, but favours a "Conscience Vote" instead.**

The PM confirms via a newspaper article, that she does not support changing ALP policy to allow marriage equality, but favours a conscience vote instead

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/an-opportunity-for-sound-and-fury-signifying-something-20111114-1nfi3.html#ixzz1dgW9iCHu>

PM grants conscience vote, dooming gay marriage.

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/pm-grants-conscience-vote-dooming-gay-marriage-20111114-1nfm9.html>

MP's won't support gay marriage in conscience vote.

<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/mps-wont-support-gay-marriage-in-conscience-vote-turnbull/story-e6frku0-1226186858566>

Gillard's same sex marriage stance breaks hearts but strengthens resolve.

<http://ymlp.com/zFuoJ6>

Video: TV Interview - Alex Greenwich from Australian Marriage Equality explains a conscience vote [http://ten.com.au/the-circle-video.htm?movideo\\_p=40521&movideo\\_m=143266](http://ten.com.au/the-circle-video.htm?movideo_p=40521&movideo_m=143266)

Push for ALP policy change to continue at national conference (Dec 3-4) despite conscience vote.

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/11/08/push-for-policy-change-on-gay-marriage-to-continue-despite-conscience-vote/>

### **Advocates dine with Federal Independent MP's and discuss marriage equality.**

Marriage equality was on the menu when supporters discuss the benefits of marriage equality over dinner with Independents. The dinner was the prize of a charity auction with equality supporters placing the highest bid. Independent MP Bob Katter failed to attend. Agreement was made about the right of religious celebrants not to marry couples against their beliefs.

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/11/01/oakeshott-windsor-and-wilkie-dinner-photos-and-constituents-comments/>

VIDEO: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hx3C3VR0EQM&feature=youtu.be>

### **Advocates dinner with PM Gillard discussing marriage equality, delayed till 2012**

In June advocacy group GetUp and marriage equality supporters paid \$31,000 to win a charity fundraising prize of a dinner with Julia Gillard. Three same sex couples were nominated to attend the dinner. The dinner was meant to be held within a fortnight - however the PM has delayed until 2012.

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/11/24/prime-minister-disappoints-with-dinner-delay/>

Video: <http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2011/s3375775.htm>

Local and Territory governments calls on Federal government to introduce marriage equality.

Glasgow Council adds support to Scottish government consultation on same sex marriage  
<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2011/10/31/glasgow-council-adds-support-to-gay-marriage-consultation/>

City of Sydney Council unanimously calls on Federal government to allow same sex marriage, plus flies the rainbow flag for the duration of the ALP national conference December 2-4  
<http://www.starobserver.com.au/news/2011/11/07/sydney-calls-on-government-to-allow-same-sex-marriage/65312>

ACT Legislative assembly passes motion calling on Federal government to allow same sex marriages and affirms that churches will not be forced to marry same sex couples.  
<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/11/16/act-govt-backs-gay-marriage-motion-seeks-to-assure-concerned-christians/>

New poll shows 62% of all voters and 71% of ALP voters want marriage equality.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/voter-opinion-adds-weight-to-shift-in-marriage-policy-20111114-1nfkj.html>

<http://ymlp.com/zTjTVZ>

**Community action group GetUp launches a new marriage equality video, which goes viral.**

This amazing video is being praised internationally. Please share it

<https://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/marriage-equality/love-story/watch-the-video>

**Motion put forward in attempt to gain further support for same sex marriages.**

MP Andrew Wilkie seeks to reassure concerned Christian groups that if same-sex marriage is eventually legalised, religious celebrants will not be forced to perform them.

His motion, introduced in the House of Representatives, says:

“Should the Marriage Act be amended to allow same-sex marriages the amendments should ensure the Marriage Act imposes no obligation on a minister of religion to solemnise such marriages.”

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/national/move-to-protect-churches-on-gay-marriage/story-e6freooo-1226201842132>

VIDEO: Andrew Wilkie MP press conference explaining this motion.

[http://www.aapone.com.au/SearchPreviewVideo.aspx?media\\_item\\_id=20111121000361122333](http://www.aapone.com.au/SearchPreviewVideo.aspx?media_item_id=20111121000361122333)

**Mount Isa mans gay rights petition gets 32,000 signatures.**

MOUNT Isa gay rights activist James Newburrie has hit his target of 32,001 names on a petition to recognise gay marriage in Australia.

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/11/04/gay-rights-petition-gets-32000-supporters/>

Join the Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/EqualLoveCampaign?sk=info>

**Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) launches a new petition against same sex marriage.**

In the lead up to ALP national conference, ACL ramps up pressure not to amend ALP policy

to allow same sex marriage by launching a new petition against same sex marriage. Anti-marriage equality groups and churches are assisting to gather signatures. See the ACL video opposing marriage equality <http://vimeo.com/31071412>

Anti-marriage equality group releases new poll showing majority support for same sex marriage (Go figure!!).

The Ambrose Centre for Religious Liberty released a new poll showing similar findings to other polls - i.e. majority support for same sex marriage. However they claim amending the Marriage Act is not a high priority.

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/11/23/opponents-of-equality-release-pro-gay-marriage-polling/>

### **Former Tasmanian Premier criticises Australian government for banning Australians entering same sex marriages overseas.**

David Bartlett says Australia should issue Certificates of Non Impedance to gay Aussies, just the same as it does for straight Aussies, allowing them to marry overseas. The current ban has prevented his sister from marrying her same sex partner in Portugal where same sex marriage is legal.

<http://www.thepunch.com.au/articles/the-piece-of-paper-between-me-and-happiness/>

### **Penny Wong speaks out strongly supporting same sex marriage.**

Penny Wong compares the current prejudiced views forbidding marriage equality to the racial discrimination her mixed-race parents faced when they married.

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/politics/marriage-of-equality-is-a-core-value-for-all-to-hold-dear-20111118-1nn28.html>

### **TAKE ACTION: What you can do to support same sex marriage!!**

Please sign, and then share these petitions:

- <http://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/marriage-equality/petition/sign-and-share>
- <http://www.change.org/petitions/the-liberal-party-of-australia-and-its-leader-tony-abbott-please-support-a-conscience-vote-on-gay-marriage>
- <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/11/29/tell-the-labor-party-its-time-for-equality/>

Please e-mail your MP: (It takes less than one minute)

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/take-action/say-i-do-to-marriage-equality/>

Please e-mail Julia Gillard: <http://www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm>

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### **LGBT Counselling and Information Services now available at Healthy Communities**

Healthy Communities collaborates with businesses and agencies to provide a number of counselling and information services for LGBT individuals. Please ensure you call the number listed for the service to make appointments as you are unable to make appointments

through Healthy Communities.

Special rates apply as well as concession rates for people with a health card. Appointments are negotiable outside of the indicated times. Clients are provided with the choice of having their appointment at a Healthy Communities office or from the location of the service provider.

**QuiHN** - LGBT Drug, Alcohol and/or associated Mental Health Counselling: Counselling and support for people with drug, alcohol and/or associated Mental Health problems.

**Brisbane – Wednesdays 1pm – 5pm**  
**To book call 07 3620 8111.**

**Relationships Australia – Rainbow LGBT – Relationship Counselling Service** – Support for individuals and couples with their relationships.

**Brisbane – Thursdays, 8.30am – 4pm**  
**Sunshine Coast – by appointment**  
**Cairns – by appointment**  
**To book call 1300 364 277**

**Focus Hypnotherapy** – Working towards the development of personal growth.

**Brisbane - Mondays, 12.30pm – 4.30pm**  
**To book call 07 3168 1779**

**Resolve Matters** – Provides support to members of the LGBTI community wanting to resolve life's issues. In counselling Sam assists clients to explore issues relating to sexuality, relationships, children, parenting and relationship breakdowns. Through meditation, Sam can assist clients to develop agreements regarding donors, parenting, cohabitation and property division.

**Brisbane - Tuesdays, 10.00am – 2.00pm**  
**To book call 0438 361 135**

**LGBTI Legal Service Inc** – Free legal advice and information

**Brisbane – Wednesday evenings – 30 Helen Street, Teneriffe – 6pm – 7.30pm, drop in service**  
**Statewide – Phone advice for regional clients**  
**All enquiries call 0401 936 232**

**John Bal Counselling** – Sexuality Counselling (John Bal Counselling Cairns; Emotional Balance Brisbane) - Emotional Balance and John Bal Counselling provide a friendly confidential and non-judgemental service for people with questions or issues arising out of their sexuality.

**Brisbane – Tuesdays**  
**To book call 07 3805 6993**

**Cairns – Thursdays, negotiable times**  
**To book 0409 426 585**

**LGBT Domestic Violence Counselling and Information** - The BDVAS provides free and confidential support services to people of the Brisbane metropolitan area who are or who have been impacted by domestic and family violence. Services include information and

referral, case management, counselling and advocacy.

The BDVAS-QAHC Outreach Program seeks to provide LGBT people who have or are currently experiencing domestic and family violence, an option to be seen for confidential support within a service environment they are more familiar with.

If you wish to make an appointment to attend sessions at Healthy Communities you must phone BDVAS direct on 3217 2544. LGBT people can also contact BDVAS for an appointment at another location.

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## QAHC Projects

### Sexual Health

#### Before Your HIV Test

If you have asked or been advised to have a blood test for HIV. You must give informed consent for this test to be done. This means you need to understand the following information.

#### **What does a positive test mean?**

A positive test result means that you have been infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). It does not mean that you have AIDS. Drugs are now available to treat HIV and delay the progression to AIDS for many years. You should think about what a positive test would mean for you before you consent to testing – all aspects of your life may be affected, including your relationships, your work and your eligibility for some new insurance policies.

#### **What does a negative test mean?**

An HIV test does not become positive for 6-12 weeks after you have been infected. A negative test means that you did not acquire HIV prior to the last 3 months. If you have become infected within the last 3 months, the test may still be negative. A negative test does not mean that you can't be infected in future if you engage in risk-taking behaviour such as unsafe sex or sharing needles.

#### **HIV is a notifiable disease**

Under the Public Health Act 2005, HIV is a notifiable disease. This means that a positive test result is automatically forwarded to Queensland Health by the laboratory so that steps can be taken to prevent further spread of the infection. If you wish, you may ask your doctor to use the recommended code rather than your name on the laboratory request form. This is quite legal and protects your privacy – only your doctor can link the test result with you, although she or he may be required to reveal your details to Queensland Health in exceptional circumstances. Queensland Health has a legal responsibility to prevent the spread of diseases in the community.

#### **Protecting other people – contact tracing**

If your test result is positive, you will be asked to provide details of your sexual partners and any persons with whom you have shared injecting equipment. This is so that they can be informed of the risk and can be tested too. This is always done without mentioning your name or identifying you in any way. Your doctor may ask you about contacts or ask a specialist nurse from a sexual health service to help with the contact tracing. The nurses are very experienced, and any information received by them is kept in a secure place which is not accessible to other departments within Queensland Health or to the police. It is against the law for you to put at risk other people who do not know that you are infected.

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## World AIDS Day – Cairns Sun Feature

A four-page World AIDS Day (WAD) advertising feature appeared in the November 23rd 2011 edition of the Cairns Sun. Upcoming WAD activities, plus information on testing, treatments and prevention were promoted to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS.

The ad was a combined effort of Healthy Communities, Cairns Sexual Health/Queensland Health, Positive Directions, Queensland Positive People, the Australian Labor Party, Queensland Injectors Health Network, Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland, and Queensland Positive Speakers Bureau.

Project lead and Cairns Sexual Health HIV and Viral Hepatitis Coordinator Carla Gorton said “Last night I was thinking about all the effort for WAD and why we do it - 30 years on! It's not the same struggle and community mobilisation that it was in the late 80s and early 90s but the narratives of what it is like to have HIV today, what the treatments are like, how health services have been shaped by this epidemic and what the future holds - are all important stories we need to keep telling and reflecting on.”

Those involved have received positive feedback on the feature. With a circulation of 54,000 the ad was a very effective way to raise interest and awareness about WAD in Cairns. It also had the benefit of increasing awareness of LGBT and HIV/STI services in the region.

The feature can be read at

[www.qahc.org.au/files/shared/banners/WorldAIDSDayfeatureCairns.pdf](http://www.qahc.org.au/files/shared/banners/WorldAIDSDayfeatureCairns.pdf)

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## Out & About! **Brisbane**

Out & About is a social group run by Healthy Communities for the LGBT community who want to get away from the scene and be involved in something different. Out & About events include picnics, movie afternoons, visits to the beach etc. For more information on the next event please contact Tim Klazema on 3017 1777 or [tklazema@qahc.org.au](mailto:tklazema@qahc.org.au)



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## LGBT Health

### Lesbian Healthy Action Group

#### Come along to our LHAG Summer Social Activities

- Sun 11th Dec, Coffee @ Cafe Marmalade, 1pm – contact Deb on 0422 087 143
- Sun 12th Feb, Brunch @ Moray Cafe, 10am – Contact Renee 0419731 460

#### Register your interest for LHAG Oz Tag!

- Starting 20th May 2012
- Contact Una on 0448933285

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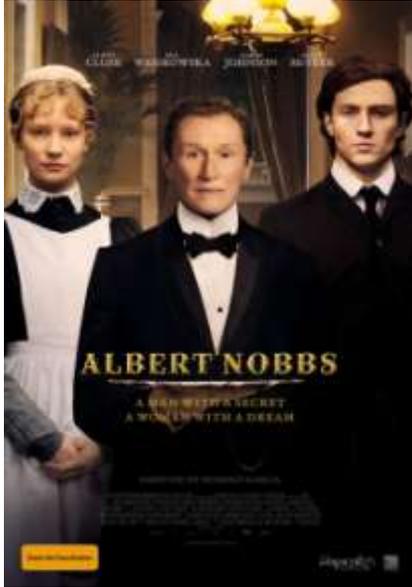
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## Other

### Healthy Communities AGM

Healthy Communities' Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 15 November at The Urban Hotel in Spring Hill. 33 people were in attendance with three more teleconferencing in from the Cairns Base Camp Resource Centre.

Keynote speakers included MPs Karen Struthers and Grace Grace, and star of the controversial Rip and Roll ads, Michael O'Brien. Minister Struthers spoke to the audience about the progress made for the LGBT community by Anna Bligh's Labor Government, particularly in the areas of the introduction of the Civil Unions Bill and the Department of Communities LGBT Roundtable which discusses the issues facing the LGBT Queenslanders and ways to address them. Grace Grace spoke of the efforts to end the Non-Violent



Homosexual Advance Defence. Poster boy Michael O'Brien talked about his involvement in the controversial Rip and Roll campaign and how being involved in the condom reinforcement campaign has changed his life.

The makeup of the Board changed a little at the meeting with fresh additions to the Board Alissa Vickers in the position of Southern Region Board Member and the new Staff Representative to the Board Ashleigh Broome. President Mark Morein, Treasurer Ross Wilson, Central Region Board Member Paul Ferguson, and General Member Robert Laidlaw were returned to their positions.

Other business arising at the AGM included the presentation of Annual Report which was accepted by members and former President Rod Goodbun was awarded Honorary Life Membership for all of his work with the organisation when we were known as the Queensland AIDS Council.

Become a member of Healthy Communities now and have your say on how the organisation is run or stand for election at the next AGM. Visit [www.healthycommunities.org.au/member](http://www.healthycommunities.org.au/member)

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## Fundraising/Marketing and Volunteering Opportunities

### Fundraising Preview Screening of Albert Nobbs

Healthy Communities is presenting a preview of the highly anticipated Glenn Close film Albert Nobbs. This fundraising event will benefit the Sex & Gender Diverse Action Group's work to promote the health & wellbeing of transgender/sex & gender diverse Queenslanders.

The film is a humorous period drama that centres on the life of Albert Nobbs, a woman that dresses as a man to survive in 19th century Ireland. Nobbs works in one of Dublin's most luxurious hotels as a butler, but is a man that keeps to himself and keeps his secret for 30 years.

Sexuality & gender are pivotal aspects of the film and five-time Oscar nominated Close is a firm favourite for the award next year.

Tickets are available online at [www.healthycommunities.org.au/nobbs](http://www.healthycommunities.org.au/nobbs) & refreshments are included in the price.

Be among the first in Australia to see this amazing film and assist Healthy Communities' efforts to support Queensland's sex & gender diverse population.

### Details

**When:** Monday 12 December 2011

**Time:** 6:00pm arrival for a 6:45pm showing

**Cost:** \$25 each including refreshments  
**Where:** Palace Centro, 39 James St, Fortitude Valley  
**Tickets:** [www.healthycommunities.org.au/nobbs](http://www.healthycommunities.org.au/nobbs)

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### Healthy Communities Fund Appeal – Please Donate To Help Keep the Fund Going

Over the last four years the Healthy Communities Fund has awarded almost \$160,000 to 60 LGBT groups and projects in Queensland, but it is running very low with around enough money for only one more round. If we don't get significant contributions to the Fund, it will close. This would be a major step backwards for Queensland's LGBT community.

By funding LGBT groups/projects, Healthy Communities has been able to directly address some of the issues that affect our communities'. We've been able to reduce social isolation by connecting people with each other in meaningful ways and facilitate friendships. We've linked people to services to improve the health and wellbeing of our community and help fight HIV infection. By promoting the visibility of the LGBT community, we've also helped to address homophobia. In different ways all these efforts improve our health and wellbeing and counter some of the issues that exacerbate our communities' mental health issues and suicide rates.

You can read a brief outline of all of the grant recipients at [www.healthycommunities.org.au/files/shared/Funding\\_list.pdf](http://www.healthycommunities.org.au/files/shared/Funding_list.pdf) to see some of the great work that has been achieved with so little.

Please remember your gay family this giving season by donating at [www.healthycommunities.org.au/donation](http://www.healthycommunities.org.au/donation) or by calling 1800 177 434. All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

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### Balls OUT Bingo! – An Out and Out Success!

Gay bingo has returned to Brisbane with Balls OUT Bingo! a weekly fundraiser for Healthy Communities.

Bingo is proving to be a great success with Sporties lounge bar filling each week with punters dabbing away at their bingo cards in the hope of winning cash prizes while also supporting a very worthy cause.

The evening is hosted by Miss Monica Fusion who calls out some unique bingo sayings to encourage some fun audience interaction.

Balls OUT Bingo! is on in the lounge bar of The Sportsman Hotel, (130 Leichhardt St, Spring Hill) from 7:30pm every Friday night (with balls dropping at 8:00pm sharp). It's a fun, relaxed night out and a chance to meet new people. Arrive a little early to secure your table and grab a meal from the bistro.

Healthy Communities would like to thank The Sportsman Hotel for their wonderful support.



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### **Save the Date – Pussy Palooza’s Boudoir Bazaar – A Queer Cabaret**

Get ready for a night of queer cabaret on Saturday 10 December with Pussy Palooza’s Boudoir Bazaar!

This night of queer cabaret is being organised by community members as a fundraiser with 50% of profits coming to Healthy Communities to support our unfunded LGBT community work, and 50% going to Tumaini Home of Hope for Children with HIV (Mombasa).

There will be a whole range of performances including live music, comedy, burlesque, dance, circus acts and drag! Acts on the night include Flawless & Julia Rose, Lena Marlene, Scoundrels, Chinta Woo-Allcock, ACPA dancers, Vulcana, Mr & Mrs Wolf and Shiv Zimmerman. All performers are generously donating their time to support this fantastic event and raise money for two very worthy causes.

Doors open at 7:00pm and entry is only \$15 for a night of great entertainment. The evening will be licensed and alcohol will be available. The address is SYC Studios, 37 Manilla Street, East Brisbane. Get your tickets online now at [www.facebook.com/boudoirbazaar2011](http://www.facebook.com/boudoirbazaar2011)



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### Looking For a Cheeky Christmas Gift?

Our Queer Fridge Magnets are a lot of fun and very affordable at only \$3 for the sheet and make a perfect stocking stuffer! They're a great talking point in any kitchen and your friends will have hours of fun dressing them up, or dressing them down. The magnets are gender diverse, so the male/female top/bottom halves are interchangeable.

Similar magnets retail for around \$30, but we're selling ours for just \$3 (plus P&H)! At this price, why not buy a few? All profits raised go towards supporting Healthy Communities unfunded LGBT community work. Get your magnets now from our Cairns, Maroochydore or Brisbane offices, or online at [www.healthycommunities.org.au/queerfridgemagnets](http://www.healthycommunities.org.au/queerfridgemagnets).



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## Community Activities

### MCC Youth Group - Dance Night for everyone [Brisbane \(External\)](#)

**Who:** You, your friends and anyone else you wish to bring 14 to 25 years of AGE

**When:** Every Friday Night - 7pm to 9pm

**Where:** MCC Brisbane  
37 Cordelia Street  
South Brisbane

**Why:** To give you that little extra something to do on a Friday Night that's FREE

**How:** How to get there.  
Any bus to the Cultural Centre Busway and a 3 min walk up  
Melbourne Street or Train to South Brisbane Station

More Information contact

Leigh Neighbours on (07) 38911388 or email [pastor@mccbris.asn.au](mailto:pastor@mccbris.asn.au)

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## Darling Divas Christmas Comedy Show

**Date:** December 4, 2011

**Where:** The Anzac Room, Cnr Ruthven & Herries street , Toowoomba, Australia

**Doors open:** 7pm

Shows: 8.30, 9.30 10.30pm

**Hosted by:** The brilliance of CARMEN TAYKETT (ADULT COMEDY)

**Performers include:**

- Emma Hardjett
- Penny Clifford
- Candy Cumalot
- Tonya Titty's

**SPECIAL GUEST FROM THE JOLLY OLD FELLOW IN THE RED SUIT.HOHOHO**

**DJ YOUNG BLOOD** spinning the tunes that we know and love

**Menu:**

Mains: Pork rib cutlet with mash potato & vegies with apple sauce.

Dessert: cheesecake and icecream.

**Price:**

\$25 dollars for dinner and show (pre paid)

closing date for prepaid tickets is 27/11/2011

\$10 at door for shows only.

Eftpos is available @ door entry

Raffles and lucky door prizes on the night.

For any more further details for bookings or anything else please contact john on [johnturley@darlingdivas.com.au](mailto:johnturley@darlingdivas.com.au) or mobile: 0417759134.

Come along join the fun & look forward to seeing you all there.

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**Brisbane North Social Group now twice a month** **Brisbane (External – QPP)**

Now twice a month, the Brisbane North Social Group continues to provide social support opportunities for HIV+ people and their friends in Brisbane northern and outer suburbs. The second Sunday of the month is a revolving lunchtime outing that will be at a different location each time. This is to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to attend. We ask that you call the QPP State Resource Centre on 1800 636 241 to find out the location of the next Sunday outing. On the fourth Tuesday of the month, the group will continue to gather on the boardwalk at Moora Park, Sandgate from 12 noon for a bbq lunch with salads and drinks. New members are always welcome.

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**Out West** **Ipswich (External)**

Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Inter-sex and Friends  
Dance Party and Social Group

OutWest was started in October 2008 so that Ipswich and Rural Qld's GLBT population had a safe place to go and mix with like minded people.

Cost \$10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at Ipswich CWA  
Please call Amanda on 3017 1733 or email [adean@qahc.org.au](mailto:adean@qahc.org.au)

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### Rainbow Allsorts [Toowoomba](#)

Coffee Group @ 5.30pm  
Fortnightly on a Thursday @ Jilly's Cafe

Please contact Amanda on 3017 1733 for dates and more information. Facebook page [rainbowallsorts@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/rainbowallsorts@groups.facebook.com)

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**Human Rights Day – “Having a Voice” performance by Brisbane Playback Theatre**



*Our Community, Our Stories*

**Date Claimer**  
**Human Rights Day**  
**10 December**  
**“Having a Voice”**

Share and meet others through our stories

**Performer’s for Peace  
&  
Brisbane Playback Theatre**

Venue: Merthyr Uniting Church  
52 Merthyr Rd New Farm  
6.15 for 7.00 pm start

**Gold Coin Donation**

**Phone: 0405 110 955 or 07 38487360**  
Hosted by Brisbane Playback Theatre  
[www.BrisbanePlayback.com.au](http://www.BrisbanePlayback.com.au)

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**Links to Community Resources**

**Brisbane**

<http://qahc.org.au>

**Qld Association for Healthy Communities Inc**

<http://qgroups.com.au/>

**Qnews Community Group Listings**

<http://www.changelingaspects.com/index.htm>

**Changeling Aspects**

<http://www.atsaq.com/>

**ATSAQ – Australian Transgender Support Association of Queensland Inc**

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

**Open Doors**

<http://www.brisbaneglbn.org>

**Brisbane Gay & Lesbian Business Network (GLBN)**

<http://qpp.net.au>

**Queensland Positive People**

<http://www.blgpc.org.au/index.htm>

**The Brisbane Lesbian and Gay Pride Choir brings together people who identify as and are proud to be gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex.**

<http://www.owlsbrisbane.com.au/>

**OWLS is committed to supporting all women coming out into our lesbian community.**

**We are a social group for lesbians situated in Brisbane, Australia.**

**We offer a wide range of events and activities over the year.**

**These include a monthly get together for breakfast where we enjoy a meal and a chat.**

**We also enjoy regular dances and outings.**

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### **Central Coast (including Sunshine Coast)**

[www.gaysunshinecoast.com.au](http://www.gaysunshinecoast.com.au)

**You will find information for the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender community in the Sunshine Coast. Covers event, social and support groups, health information, health services and more.**

[www.gayrocky.com](http://www.gayrocky.com)

**You will find information for the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender community in the Rockhampton area. Covers event, social and support groups, health information, health services and more.**

[www.frasergays.com](http://www.frasergays.com)

**This website supports the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender people in the**

Fraser Coast area. Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Fraser Island, Gympie, Bundaberg.

[www.gaycountry.com.au](http://www.gaycountry.com.au)

Gay Country is a website that attempts to improve the quality of life for gays in regional Australia by creating a fun interactive community, thus removing the sense of isolation that many gay people live with.

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## Gold Coast & Logan

<http://www.gayonthegoldcoast.com>

Gay on the Gold Coast is a new website that will keep you up to date with LGBT activities, groups and services on the Gold Coast. Gay on the Gold Coast is a QAHC initiative to give the LGBT community a website to enhance social opportunities and information.

<http://www.goldcoastgayday.com>

Gold Coast Gay Day is a festival for the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender community, their family and friends. Please check back for regular updates on Gold Coast Gay Day 2011.

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Logan-Rainbow/100000742765606>

LGBT Social Group for Logan and surrounding areas.

<http://www.qspace.net.au>

Qspace for LGBTIQ youth on the Gold Coast have moved to Wednesdays at 4pm. Qspace is for under 18yr olds. For more information on Qspace and support for young LGBTIQ people contact Anna on Telephone: (07) 5569 1827, mobile: 0437 013 710.

Rainbow Alliance have been holding regular “get togethers”, most recently Yum Cha, Ice Skating with plenty happening for the rest of the year. For information email or text Rainbow Alliance at [gcrainbow@live.com](mailto:gcrainbow@live.com) or SMS you name to 0466 882 527

## The Harvesters Club

The Harvesters Club is a Gentlemens only dinner club. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, at different restaurants on the Gold Coast, which we book out and are closed to the public.

For further information please contact Noel at

PO Box 5885

Gold Coast MC QLD 9726

Phone: 07 5570 1571

Email: [harvesters69@optusnet.com.au](mailto:harvesters69@optusnet.com.au)



**Volunteers**

**07 3017 1777**

**Donations and Bequests**

**07 3017 1728**

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

**Postal & Street Address: 107 Maud Street, Maroochydore Qld 4558**

**Phone: 07 5458 9300**

**Qld Association for Healthy Communities Inc – Cairns**

**Postal Address: PO Box 12112, Cairns Qld 4870**

**Street Address: 290 Draper Street, Cairns Qld 4870**

**Phone: 07 4041 5451 Freecall: 1800 884 401**

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