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#### **New Leadership for Healthy Communities**

Healthy Communities has appointed John Mikelsons as its new Executive Director, to work with the reinvigorated Board of Directors to take the organisation forward, focusing on its mission of improving the health and wellbeing of LGBT Queenslanders.

John Mikelsons has worked in and with the government and the non-government sectors in Queensland and New South Wales for more than 17 years. His experience is broad, and includes roles in youth justice, workforce development, education and industrial relations. He has worked closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, and has extensive skills in human service delivery improvement, organisational development and workforce management. John also served in the Royal Australian Navy, including deployments to the Middle East, South East Asia and the South Pacific.

Most recently, John has worked as the Director, Youth Justice Capability and Learning at the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General. He also previously worked for several years at the Queensland Council of Social Service, including as its Deputy CEO.

"I am honoured to be given this opportunity to work with our communities to improve the health and wellbeing of LGBT Queenslanders" said John. "Paul Martin has done a fantastic job, and I know that filling his shoes will be virtually impossible. I also know that Healthy Communities has a committed and effective board, staff, volunteers and supporters who are up for the challenges that lie ahead. I am really looking forward to playing a part in the critical work that Healthy Communities has been doing for almost 30 years."

"I would like to pay tribute to our outgoing Executive Director, Paul Martin, for his massive contribution to the LGBT and HIV sectors both in Queensland and Nationally over the past 9 years. We all wish Paul all the very best for his future" said Healthy Communities President Joanne Leamy.

"The Board is very much looking forward to working with John Mikelsons who brings added experience and expertise that will help us achieve our vision and mission."

John takes up the new position on Monday 2nd September.



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## **LGBT Health News**

### **Closure of Biala Sexual Health Clinic**

Together Queensland created this video to highlight the dangerous impact that the erosion of

this service will have on the sexual health of Queenslanders.

Please watch and share this video! Spread the word - not the infections!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5kIPRnQhDw&feature=c4-overview&list=UUkGI7eVWcRHHzCk1OTZNWaw>

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### **Living Positive in Queensland (LPQ) Study**

Researchers from the University of Queensland and University of New South Wales, in partnership with Queensland Positive People, Spiritus Positive Directions, Queensland Association for Healthy Communities and Queensland Health are undertaking an exciting Queensland specific qualitative longitudinal research project to better understand people's experiences of living with HIV, aging and social isolation in diverse communities in regional, rural and outer urban Queensland. The findings of the study will inform planning for service delivery models people living with HIV in Queensland.

The study will involve face to face interviews once a year for up to three years. Interviews will elicit information on social networks, work and economic status, experiences of discrimination, relationships including sexuality and prevention issues, health behaviours and future plans, experience of aging and health/ other service providers and particular issues related to regional location.

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland.

For more information or to participate in this study, please contact the Principal Investigator:

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Lecturer, School of Population Health  
The University of Queensland  
288 Herston Rd  
HERSTON Qld 4006

F 07 3346 4749  
P 07 3366 55541  
E [l.fitzgerald@sph.uq.edu.au](mailto:l.fitzgerald@sph.uq.edu.au)

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### **Transgender Wellbeing Support Services in Queensland: A Strategy Paper - Stakeholders Forum**

You are invited to attend a forum of interested stakeholders to discuss the recommendations of this recent report. This will be held on Wednesday 21st August 2013 at 10.30am.

A community consultation was undertaken throughout late 2012 and early 2013 to ascertain the state of clinical and non clinical care and support available to trans people in Queensland.

This forum gives you an opportunity to provide input and feedback on the findings and recommendations and to play a part in creating some impetus for change in this ever dynamic environment.

Morning tea will be provided - No RSVP required

Regardless of whether you can attend this event, you are encouraged to give any feedback on email to [g.woolcock@wmb.org.au](mailto:g.woolcock@wmb.org.au)

Dr Geoff Woolcock and Michelle Hildebrand look forward to seeing you there

This report was undertaken by Wesley Mission Brisbane as a contribution to the sector and reflects the views of trans people and the health staff who support them

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## **Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome Support Group Australia (AISSGA) 2013 National Conference - Melbourne 24-25 August**

### **OPEN INVITATION**

The AISSGA is a peer-based, not-for-profit support group run solely on member contributions by volunteers who are either intersex or have someone who is intersex in our families. Our members receive much benefit from sharing their stories, time and experiences with others within a nurturing environment to create platforms for understanding.

Once a year our members meet in a different capital city to spend time, share experiences and talk about practical things like health, relationships and medicalisation. Attendees come from all walks of life, may be newly diagnosed, a parent and an intersex child, the partner of an intersex person.

This year's conference will be held in Melbourne on the weekend of 24-25 August 2013. The AISSGA would like to extend an open invitation to all intersex people and their family to become members of our group and attend this free conference.

The conference features guest presenters who are leaders in the field of medicine, advocacy or personal development. This mixture of information and emotional support does wonders for producing a sense of wellbeing in our members. Many people who attend our conference have never consciously met another intersex before. For people belonging to a marginalised, hidden and isolated group, the experience of being amongst others like them is simply transformational.

Registration is open to members only, so complete the AISSGA membership on the following page and return to us ASAP. There is a small travel bursary available to assist those of you who are financially disadvantaged in covering travel costs associated with attending. Please let us know if you would like to access this limited fund.

For membership enquiries please click here <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~aissg/>.

Please contact Bonnie Hart on mobile 0422 922 406 or email [aissgaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:aissgaustralia@gmail.com) for more information about the group or the conference.

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## Gay and Bisexual Men Hepatitis C Study

Researchers from the Centre for Social Research in Health at UNSW (formerly the National Centre in HIV Social Research) are conducting a study examining the social aspects of hepatitis C among gay and bisexual men.

We hope to learn more about the sexual practices, drug use and social-sexual networks of gay and bisexual men, with the aim of understanding how these dynamics affect vulnerability to hepatitis C infection.

We are seeking gay and bisexual men who are either HIV-positive, hep C-positive, or HIV and hep C-positive to complete an anonymous online survey. We are also seeking between 10 and 20 men to participate in an in-depth interview.

You can access the survey at <http://hepcsurvey.csrh.org/>

If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact Max at [m.hopwood@unsw.edu.au](mailto:m.hopwood@unsw.edu.au) to arrange a time and place for an interview. Interviews will last for about an hour and are anonymous and confidential.

If you require further information about this study, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Max Hopwood at [m.hopwood@unsw.edu.au](mailto:m.hopwood@unsw.edu.au) or Dr Toby Lea at [toby.lea@unsw.edu.au](mailto:toby.lea@unsw.edu.au).

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## First National Trans Mental Health Study

The Department of Sexology, Curtin University is seeking participants for a study about the mental health of transsexual and transgender (trans) people living in Australia. Please consider forwarding this email and the attached flyer to your colleagues, friends, and networks.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Previous studies in Australia and elsewhere in the world suggest that many trans people experience poorer health than the general population. Mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety appear to be common. Many trans people report that it is hard to find the health care that they need. The purpose of this study is to investigate why this happens.

### **WHO:**

Anyone living in Australia who is aged 18 years or older, and who is (or was) trans, can take part in the study. We recognise that the language that trans people use to describe themselves can be complicated and is sometimes controversial. We use the word trans in an inclusive way, and would like to hear from people who use words like transsexual, transgender, sistergirl, androgynous, or genderqueer to describe themselves. All trans people, including those who just describe themselves as men or women are encouraged to participate.

### **WHAT:**

The purpose of this research is to obtain a snapshot of the mental health of trans people living in Australia. The study is completely anonymous, and involves taking a questionnaire

online. The questionnaire should take about 30 minutes to complete.

**WHERE:**

You can take the questionnaire, or find out more about the project, at the study website:  
[www.transoz.org](http://www.transoz.org).

**WHEN:**

You can take part in the study from 1 August until 31 December 2013.

**BENEFITS AND RISKS:**

There are no direct medical benefits or significant risks for participating in this study, but your participation is likely to help us find out more about how to improve health services for trans people. The questionnaire explores mental health, which may be a sensitive topic for some people. You do not have to complete the questionnaire if you do not wish to do so.

**THE RESEARCH TEAM:**

This study is being funded by a grant from beyondblue, and is being conducted by a team of researchers from Curtin University. The Principal Investigator is Dr Zoë Hyde. If you have any questions about the study, you can email [zoe.hyde@curtin.edu.au](mailto:zoe.hyde@curtin.edu.au).

**CONFIDENTIALITY:**

This is an anonymous study. You do not need to give your name or any other identifying information to take part. It will not be possible for people to identify you in any publications that arise from the research. All information you provide will be stored securely and will remain confidential.

**ETHICS:**

This study has been approved by the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (approval number HR 63/2013). The Committee is comprised of members of the public, academics, lawyers, doctors and pastoral carers. If needed, verification of approval can be obtained either by writing to the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee, C/- Office of Research and Development, Curtin University, GPO Box U1987, Perth, WA 6845, or by telephoning (08) 9266 9223, or by e-mailing [hrec@curtin.edu.au](mailto:hrec@curtin.edu.au).

**TAKE PART:**

To take part in the study, or for further information, please visit the study website:  
[www.transoz.org](http://www.transoz.org).

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## Men's Health Survey

Chris Thomas is a PhD student at La Trobe University in Melbourne and is currently seeking male participants for research concerning men's health and related quality of life. Such quality of life can be influenced by a number of factors, some of which include: Body Image, Self-esteem, Sexual function and Urinary function.

To be eligible for this study you must be "male, 30 years of age or older and living in Australia".

Chris would like men living anywhere in Australia who are 30 years of age or older to complete the survey using the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MensHealthSurvey1>

The survey will take less than ten minutes to complete. Your responses which are anonymous will be automatically entered in a research website database (Survey Monkey).

The opening pages of the survey will give you more detail about the survey itself.

In order to have as many men as possible enter the study, could you forward this study to your social contacts on your e-mail address list and to your Facebook friends.

### **Why should I do this?**

By completing the survey you will be helping to fill the knowledge gap which currently exists in relation to the health related quality of life of Australian men. To complete the survey please click on the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MensHealthSurvey1>

This study has been approved by the La Trobe University Human Ethics Committee. Human Ethics Committee, Research Services, La Trobe University, Victoria, 3086  
Phone: (03) 9479 1443 e-mail [humanethics@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@latrobe.edu.au)  
[http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research-services/ethics/HEC\\_human.htm](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research-services/ethics/HEC_human.htm)

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## **Gay, Bi and Trans Prostate Cancer Support Queensland**

### **First Saturday of every month**

Cancer Council Queensland,  
553 Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley  
10am - 12.30pm  
Parking under the building

### **For further information please contact:**

David Wells  
Phone: 0411 081653  
Email: [holisticsexualtherapy@hotmail.com](mailto:holisticsexualtherapy@hotmail.com)

This confidential group is open to all gay bisexual and transgender men who have had a prostate cancer diagnosis.

All issues concerning prostate cancer will be open for discussion including:

- an overview of prostate cancer
- side effects of treatment
- the impact of a diagnosis
- communicating with your partner
- having an ongoing support group for gay men with prostate cancer.

Support Groups for gay and bisexual man have been established in collaboration with

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## Healthy Communities Projects

### Sexual Health

#### Testing Point Delivers HIV Results within 20 minutes

Testing Point a FREE after-hours peer based HIV/STI testing services to the LGBT community has been approved to deliver Rapid HIV Test Results in 20 minutes.

The Rapid HIV Test is done by qualified volunteer doctors and nurses and is a small finger prick sample. A follow up standard blood test is also taken at the same time to confirm Rapid HIV Test Results.

Testing Point is on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm at 30 Helen St Teneriffe and also provides peer support and health promotion to clients.

As this service is bulk-billed via Medicare, people will need to bring their Medicare card. The clinic welcomes walk-ins, or alternatively people can also make an appointment by calling 3017 1733.

Testing Point has already tested over 50 people.

**HIV testing.**  
**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.**

**Testing Point**  
Starting on 27th of November  
FREE after hours peer based HIV/ Syphilis testing  
Tuesday nights from 6-8pm at 30 Helen St Teneriffe  
Will need Medicare card  
Run by qualified volunteer nurses and volunteer private GPs  
Walk in or make an appointment

Men.org.au 1800 177 434 **MENMEN**

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## LGBT Health

### MindOUT

#### Standing Strong – Seminars & Workshops about Mental Health and Suicide in LGBT Communities



#### COMING UP IN BRISBANE!

##### From Dying to Thriving

Saturday 17th August 2013

10am to 3.30pm

#### Who should attend:

- LGBTI community leaders, volunteers
- LGBTI persons
- Recommended Donation: \$15 (gst inc.) Scholarships are available to attend this workshop, please contact [barry.taylor@lgbtihealth.org.au](mailto:barry.taylor@lgbtihealth.org.au) if cost is a barrier to your attendance.
- Workshop Length: 5 Hours

#### About this workshop:

The suicide of someone has a devastating impact on all those connected. It is known that for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people, suicide is far more common than in the broader population. While challenging there are things that we in the LGBTI community can do.

Designed specifically for LGBTI populations, this workshop addresses what can be done at the community and individual levels to prevent suicide in our communities.

By attending the workshop you will gain a greater understanding of the factors that lead to poor mental health and suicide for LGBTI people and learn skills that will help you to:

Be more comfortable in discussing suicide or being with someone who is experiencing suicidal thinking

Respond confidently to someone who is experiencing major psychological distress or suicidal thinking

Feel safe and more competent when supporting someone who is suicidal

Topics covered in the workshop include:

- Suicide in LGBTI people – What is it and how is it explained
- Stuffing up but not stuffing off: How we get through difficult times. The roles of compassion, forgiveness and problem solving for people in crisis
- Look: What to look for if you are concerned about someone
- Ask: How to bring up the topic of suicide in a safe way
- Act: What to do if you are concerned about someone's well-being or safety
- Care: Supporting those we care about who are suicidal
- Who do you call? Further support for those are in suicidal crisis

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL. To Book visit  
<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/E7217581623995>

Facilitated by Barry Taylor, Senior Project Officer for MindOUT!, National LGBTI Health Alliance. Contact [barry.taylor@lgbtihealth.org.au](mailto:barry.taylor@lgbtihealth.org.au) for more information

Find out more about MindOUT!, visit

[www.facebook.com/mindoutqueensland](http://www.facebook.com/mindoutqueensland)

[www.lgbtihealth.org.au/mindout](http://www.lgbtihealth.org.au/mindout)

[www.qahc.org.au/mindout](http://www.qahc.org.au/mindout)

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### **Rainbow Blues**

19th August 2013

6 to 9pm

Riverside Receptions, 50 Oxlade Drive, New Farm

Who should attend:

- LGBTI community leaders
- LGBTI persons
- Partners, friends and family of LGBTI persons living with depression
- Cost: Free
- Workshop Length: 2 Hours

About this workshop:

While depression and anxiety is generally becoming a more common experience in people's lives, for LGBTI people the rates of depression and anxiety are significantly higher.

Designed specifically for LGBTI populations, this workshop provides some insights into understanding depression and anxiety, why it seems to affect more LGBTI people; helpful hints on living with depression and how to support someone who is depressed or has an anxiety disorder.

Increase your knowledge about depression and anxiety and how it impacts on a person's well-being and their ability to function.

Understand how our lived experience of being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex

depression and anxiety.

Be equipped with strategies on how to live with depression or anxiety.

Feel more confident and competent in supporting someone who is depressed

Topics covered in the workshop include:

- Sad, Miserable or Depressed: What's the Difference
- Angst or Anxious – What to do when anxiety becomes intrusive in our daily living
- Depressed but not defeated: Strategies for living with depression
- Being there: Supporting those we care about who live with depression

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## MindOUT Standing Strong – Seminars & Workshops about Mental Health and Suicide in LGBT Communities



### COMING UP IN IPSWICH!

#### Rainbow Blues

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 6pm to 9pm  
Building 1, Level 3, University of Qld, 11 Salisbury Road, Ipswich

Who should attend:

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**REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL.** To Book or for more information please email [smorris@qahc.org.au](mailto:smorris@qahc.org.au) or phone 3017 1777

Facilitated by Sally Morris, MindOUT! Queensland Coordinator, Queensland Association for Healthy Communities

Find out more about MindOUT!, visit

[www.facebook.com/mindoutqueensland](http://www.facebook.com/mindoutqueensland)

[www.qahc.org.au/mindout](http://www.qahc.org.au/mindout)

FACEBOOK EVENT <https://www.facebook.com/events/599804746707780/>

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### **'Love Is' - Improving Relationships for Lesbian and Trans Women.**

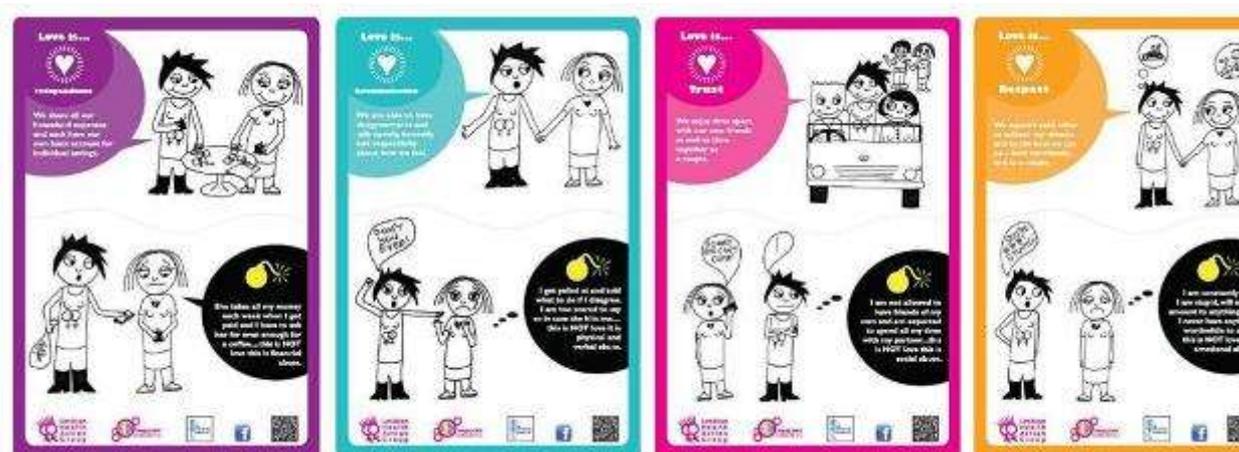
'Love Is' is a new Healthy Communities campaign that looks at existing and potential relationships between lovers, friends, and families for lesbian and trans\* identified women. This campaign will incorporate workshops, posters, facebook page and advertising from May to October 2013 so keep an eye out for it.

The 'Love Is' campaign uses cartoons to highlight the following qualities of healthy relationships:

Respect- We support each other to achieve our dreams and be the best we can be both individually and as a couple.

Referrals, links and information on healthy relationships can be found at by searching Love Is Health Lesbian.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Xtra-Queer/440606276009237?ref=ts&fref=ts#!/pages/Love-Is-Healthy-Lesbian-Relationship/378439882276089?fref=ts>



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## Out & About Social Group

The next Out and About is:

**WHEN:** SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September – 1pm till 3 pm

**WHERE:** New Farm Park, near the river (Look for the Rainbow Flag)

Join us for our monthly picnic, all you need is yourself, a plate of food to share, a drink for yourself, your stories and sun protection.

You'll find us positioned somewhere along the river side of the park between the ferry terminal and the Power House. Keep an eye out for the Out & About sign.

If you need to contact for further information and details please contact ph 30171777

<https://www.facebook.com/events/614596251886884/> or contact Group Co-ordinators:

Andrew Thompson 0409 470 751 and Rob Heard 0403 269 589



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### **LGBT Counselling and Information Services**

Please ensure you call the number listed for the service to make appointments as you are unable to make appointments through Healthy Communities.

Clients are provided with the choice of having their appointment at a Healthy Communities office or from the location of the service provider.

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

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

**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**

**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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## Grrlesque Cabaret Dinner

The Lesbian Health Action Group are celebrating Brisbane Pride Festival by hosting a cabaret dinner that will indulge and satisfy all of your senses. This is the only exclusively women's event in the Brisbane Pride month calendar and your host Lady Marlene assures us that there will be plenty of adult content so this one is 18+ event. You can expect a 3 hour entertainment extravaganza that includes a buffet of burlesque, cheeky circus, delicious drag, sultry sounds, and much more. Included is a professionally catered two course meal\* to pleasure you palate that includes entree and main, or consider a cheeky cocktail and the complimentary non-alcoholic drinks for designated drivers.

Join us for a sexy Sunday evening on the 29th of September in the stunning private function room at LOFT, 100 Boundary Street West End. Doors open at 5:30pm so you can enjoy the company of the meet and greet burlesque girls and mingle with other women who love to love the ladies before the cabaret begins. The show will finish by 10:30 at which point guests are welcome to move into the main bar or head home early to be ready for Monday morning.

We will be hosting a singles mingle table if you wish to come alone and there is an option to book for a group if you want to catch up with friends. There will be some IMPRESSIVE prizes as part of a fundraising raffle including, but not exclusive to, classes from Lady Marlene's School of the Arts and some relationship enhancement products from Pure Romance. All profits made from this event will go directly to the Lesbian Health Action Group to help us achieve our goals.

Tickets are limited and booking is required, your last chance to purchase these will be on Pride Fair Day at the Lesbian Health Action Group stall. There are a variety of ticketing packages available and rest assured that you can expect a classy night in an intimate space no matter what selection suits you. Full price tickets are \$60, Pride members, concessions, and early birds \$55, book a table for a group of 10 or more for a 10% discount which is incredible value for money.

For more information or to book tickets find the Lesbian Health Action Group on facebook or go to [www.qahc.org.au/grrlesque](http://www.qahc.org.au/grrlesque)

\*VEGETARIAN, VEGAN & COELIAC CATERED FOR, PLEASE INFORM US WHEN BOOKING YOUR TICKET.



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## Training and Development

### LGBT Inclusivity Consultancy

Healthy Communities is now offering a consultancy service to support organisations and businesses to become lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) inclusive for not only their clients and customers but also their employees.

The Healthy Communities Training and Development Program has been providing practical support to health and community services to help build open and inclusive rapport with (LGBT) clients in Queensland since 2005.

Over the past few years many large corporations become more LGBT inclusive: Telstra, IBM, Lend Lease, most of the major banks, some universities and many smaller organisations. The corporate closet is one of the final frontiers to be tackled; research shows that many people who may be out in other areas of their life are not out at work, due to either a perceived or lived experience of homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism in the workplace.

Healthy Communities LGBT Inclusivity Consultancy can provide: advice around inclusive policies, procedures, processes, marketing and environment, support to establish an LGBT and Allies network, professional development for staff and assistance in initiating community participation.

To discuss your inclusivity needs in further detail contact the Training and Development

Coordinator at [training@qahc.org.au](mailto:training@qahc.org.au).

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## Other

### Training Rooms for Hire at Healthy Communities

Need somewhere to do some training or supervision with staff???

We are in a great position to be able to hire out our Training Rooms at very reasonable rates to funded organisations and businesses. We have 3 rooms available for hire and you are more than welcome to visit the building and inspect the rooms at anytime. Room specifications are below:

#### Brisbane Resource Centre – 30 Helen Street, Teneriffe

##### **Training Room (up to 30 people) \$200 full day - \$100 ½ day**

Located on ground floor through car park.

Tables and chairs to accommodate up to 30 people (dependant on configuration required)

TV, Video/DVD, Stereo, Overhead Projector, Data Projector, Electronic White Board, Pull Down Screen are available. Kitchen facilities and fridge.

Toilet upstairs on 2nd level or at Reception area (Wheelchair accessible).

Tables and chairs can be moved to a configuration of your choice. Air conditioned.

Outside area for break-out groups.

##### **Meeting Room 1 (6 – 8 people) \$100 full day - \$50 ½ day**

Located on Mezzanine Level

Table and chairs to accommodate up to 8 people

Kitchenette facilities at bottom of stairs

White board

Free Wifi

Attached bathroom facilities

Opening windows

Air conditioned

##### **Meeting Room 2 (up to 6 people) \$70 full day - \$35 ½ day**

Located on Mezzanine Level.

Very informal meeting room.

Coffee Table and seating to accommodate up to 8 people.

Kitchenette facilities at bottom of stairs.

Toilet is also located downstairs, however if Meeting Room 1 is not being used, toilet facilities are attached to Meeting Room 1.

Portable air conditioner provided.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Jan Thwaites on 3017 1779 to discuss your requirements. Please spread the word and help us to continue our work in the LGBT Community.

## Cairns Resource Centre – 290 Draper Street, Cairns

### **Training Room (up to 20 people) \$150 full day - \$75 ½ day**

Located on ground level.

Tables and chairs to accommodate up to 20 people (dependant on configuration required)

Kitchen facilities and fridge.

Accessible Toilet on ground level.

Free Wifi. White Board.

Tables and chairs can be moved to a configuration of your choice. Air conditioned.

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## Fundraising/Marketing and Volunteering Opportunities

### **Pride Walk to Support Healthy Communities**

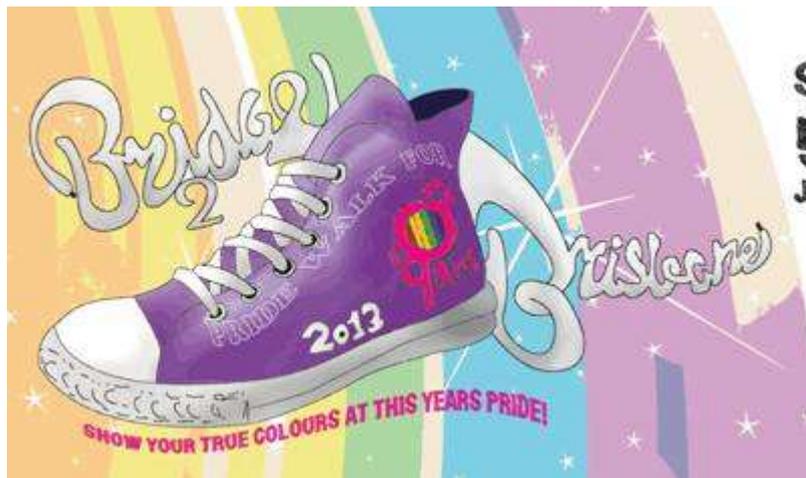
Kick off Pride Month on 1 September in the colourful Pride Walk team which will be participating in the Bridge to Brisbane and supporting Healthy Communities.

The Pride Walk team will be walking the 5km stretch, but some are choosing to run the 10km too. Either way, you can register for either the 5km or 10km and support Healthy Communities. The event will also be tied into Pride month and will be a colourful way to start September's calendar of events with the Pride Walk team reflecting this year's Pride theme and showing their 'True Colours' by dressing up colourfully.

So invite your friends, family, get sponsored and get moving!

To register:

1. Go to <http://www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au/>
2. Click on ENTER NOW
3. Click on TEAM
4. Enter the team number that corresponds to how far you want to walk/run
5. For 5km, the team number is 13637
6. For 10 km, the team number is 70584
7. Choose HEALTHY COMMUNITIES as your charity to raise money for
8. set up your personal fundraising page
9. Share your personal fundraising page with all of your contacts and ask them to sponsor you!



**SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**  
**5KM 'PRIDE WALK'**  
**JOIN US TO RAISE FUNDS FOR QAHC**

**REGISTER NOW!**

Go to <http://www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au/>

\* Click on ENTER NOW

\* You can enter as part of the team, as an individual or as a family. To enter as part of a TEAM: For 5km 'Pride Walk', the team number is 13637 (for 10km the team number is 70584)

\* Create a sponsorship page for yourself! (this allows people to sponsor you online - you can post this page to your fb account, send to friend etc so they can start sponsoring you.

\* Click on JOIN A TEAM on the right hand page - our team name is 'QAHC Funding Page'

\* As you raise money on your own sponsorship page, there will be a running total of how much we have raised as a team

\* Start FUNDRAISING!

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### Framed? - Healthy Communities to Benefit

Framed? is a collaborative Photography & Fine Art Exhibition and charity fundraiser. The event will raise money for local and Australian charities including Beyond Blue, Mater Miracles, the Make a Wish Foundation, and Healthy Communities, a community-based non-profit organisation promoting and supporting the health and wellbeing of the Queensland LGBT community.

The event is being staged by emerging artists from Brisbane's CATC Design School, including one of our own LGBT scene photographers Brendan Burke, who has chosen Brisbane's colourful 'Drag Queens' as the subject for his photographic narrative.

"I wanted to acknowledge the huge amount of work they put in both on stage and behind the scenes, and to pay tribute to the passion and commitment of these amazing entertainers. Hopefully my approach will captivate the viewer, and instill in those not familiar with this fascinating profession a curiosity to see and learn more."

Donations towards the exhibition can be made from the events 'GoFundMe' site:  
<http://www.gofundme.com/3k09hk>

To find out more about 'Framed?' visit the official Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Framed.questionmark>

All proceeds from the event will be being donated to charity.

**Event:** Framed? : A Photographic and Fine Art Exhibition, and Fundraiser

**Opening night:** 6-9pm, Friday 30 August 2013

**Running dates:** 30 August - 05 September 2013

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### Art of Pride Exhibition Supporting Healthy Communities

## **'The Art Of Pride. Love, Equality and Diversity.'** **Art Exhibition**

In association with The Brisbane Pride Festival, 'The Art of Pride'. Love, Equality and Diversity Art Exhibition is all about celebrating our diverse community through our art.

It opens on Friday 6 September from 6pm with a grand opening night including art and music in our gallery, Art & Design Precinct in West End.

Our gallery will be full of art, two dimensional, three dimensional and performance art by artists from and of our community, both locally and further afield.

Tickets to opening night are \$10 per person and include art, live music, nibbles and a complimentary drink on arrival. Further drinks are available to purchase on the night with proceeds of the bar going to Queensland Association of Healthy Communities to aid them in their work.

The exhibition continues until the 20 September and is free during this time.

(We are taking submissions from all artists up to the 23 August and if you are also wishing to get involved please feel free to contact us.)

For further details, check out our website: [www.artdesignprecinct.wordpress.com](http://www.artdesignprecinct.wordpress.com) or facebook event page: [www.facebook.com/events/455411201222060/](https://www.facebook.com/events/455411201222060/) or via phone 07 3844 3223 or email [artdesignprecinct@gmail.com](mailto:artdesignprecinct@gmail.com)

### **Contact Details:**

Gallery Directors  
Grant Hiscock and Michelle Bowden  
Art & Design Precinct  
10 Bailey Street  
West End Qld 4101

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"LOVE, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY"



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## Healthy Communities Wins Major Grant For LGBTI Ageing Work

We're thrilled to announce that Healthy Communities has won a major grant from the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) to further our important work to improve aged care services for LGBTI seniors in Queensland.

The new project will see an expansion of our efforts to bring together community and aged care services through the formation of LGBT Ageing Action Groups in regional areas across Queensland. These will build on the successes we have had forming LGBT Ageing Action Groups in Cairns and Brisbane and will help to raise awareness on the issues facing older LGBTI people when accessing seniors' services. We will also provide awareness training and consultancy advice to aged care services to help make them more inclusive and provide better care for LGBTI seniors.

The two-year project will see a full-time worker employed in Brisbane and a half-time worker employed from our Cairns office to work across the State.

We are very grateful that our efforts have been recognised by DoHA and we are thankful for their support.

Look out for more news in the near future about this exciting new development.

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## Bingo Raises Much-Needed Funds for Healthy Communities

Every Friday night at The Sportsman Hotel you will find a lounge bar full of people having fun and playing for the chance to win cash and other prizes in Healthy Communities' fundraiser Balls OUT Bingo!

In the 2012-2013 financial year, Balls OUT Bingo! awarded \$12,656 in cash to our players plus thousands of dollars worth of other prizes donated by our generous sponsors. This weekly fundraiser also raised \$7827 to support Healthy Communities' LGBT health and wellbeing work in Queensland.

Hostess Monica Fusion always entertains with her twist on traditional bingo calls and she has a lovely barrel turner to help her with her balls each week (and watch out when '77 Sunset Strip' gets called!).

You can join the fun every Friday night at The Sportsman Hotel (Spring Hill). Bingo books are on sale in the lounge bar from 7:30pm and bingo starts at 8pm. Arrive a little earlier for a tasty, well-priced meal from the new Sporties kitchen.

Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors The Sportsman Hotel, Manhunt, Scarlet, Love Goes Beyond Type, Spunk'd, Number 29 and our newest sponsor Li'Rann Natural Health.



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## Free Postage on Entertainment Books – Offer Extended

You can save thousands of dollars on dining, accommodation, car hire, beauty, attractions and more and at the same time help Healthy Communities fundraise by purchasing an Entertainment Book! Save even more with free postage until the end of August!

To get your copy and support us go to:

[www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22637x9](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22637x9)

Entertainment Books are filled with hundreds of heavily discounted offers, there's really something for everyone. This year there are over 140 new Brisbane offers for restaurants and businesses, including The Coffee Club, Palace Cinemas, Iceworks, Wheel & Barrow, Bacchus, The Euro, Full Moon Hotel, Arrivederci Pizzeria, Ginga Japanese Restaurants, and many, many more! Check out some of the great deals available online <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/search-the-book>.

Profits from every book sold will go toward promoting the health and wellbeing of LGBT Queenslanders. Order yours now and take advantage of the savings straight away [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22637x9](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22637x9).



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### **Brisbane LGBTI Meditation Group Supporting Healthy Communities**

A new LGBT meditation group has formed in Brisbane. The group's purpose is to create a safe space for the LGBTI (etc) community who enjoy meditation and spirituality to connect in Brisbane. Individuals are free to partake in an accepting, safe, welcoming space - providing inner reflection and also spreading love throughout the Universe (of course!).

The LGBT Meditation Group will be held at Azaya Natural Health Clinic 3/75 Hardgrave Rd, West End on two Thursdays a month (the first was held 4 July). Please arrive by 6:15pm for a 6:30 start.

The cost is a donation (whatever you can afford). The LGBT Meditation Group is fundraising for Healthy Communities with half the profits going towards sustaining our LGBT health and wellbeing work and the other half going to another worthy cause, Partners for Pets.

Connecting the LGBTIQ (etc) community in a safe, spiritually minded environment through guided meditation.

For more information email [ozc820@gmail.com](mailto:ozc820@gmail.com) or search for the Facebook group 'Brisbane LGBT Meditation' [www.facebook.com/groups/543678489012884/?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/groups/543678489012884/?fref=ts)

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### **November Art Fundraiser**

Community member Andrew Costi has volunteered to curate a fundraising exhibition for Healthy Communities which will be held from 15-17 November at the Discount Art Warehouse gallery in Fortitude Valley.

We are seeking donated artworks to sell at the exhibition to fundraise for our LGBT health and wellbeing work. If you would like to get involved, please contact Andrew via email [adcx@yahoo.com](mailto:adcx@yahoo.com) or Facebook [www.facebook.com/andrewARTSPACE?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/andrewARTSPACE?fref=ts)



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### You Can Make a Regular Donation to Healthy Communities

Did you know that Healthy Communities is a registered health promotion charity with deductible gift recipient status? This means that all donations \$2 and above are tax deductible.

If you're a regular supporter, or have thought about giving a regular donation, you can now save time and effort by setting up a regular donation through the Give Now website. You could choose to make a general donation [www.givenow.org.au/qahc](http://www.givenow.org.au/qahc) or you might want to help keep our Cairns Resource Centre accessible to the community [www.givenow.com.au/basecampcairns](http://www.givenow.com.au/basecampcairns) or you might want to support our Brisbane Resource Centre <http://www.givenow.com.au/qahchelenstreet>.

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### Brisbane Leather Pride Festival Fundraising for Healthy Communities

Brisbane Leather Pride is a grass roots community group, consisting of volunteers from within the Brisbane BDSM and Fetish scene who put the festival together for you to enjoy.

The festival now runs in the warmer months of late August to early September and covers a broad range of events, social meetings, fun nights and workshops.

Brisbane Leather Pride and Frankie Vandellous are running a series of shows featuring local BDSM and burlesque performers at the private space at Number 29 during the festival. They'll be selling raffle tickets and donating money raised to Healthy Communities to assist our LGBT health and wellbeing work in Queensland.

For more information go to <http://www.brisbaneleatherpride.com>.



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## Community Activities

### Brisbane Leather Pride Festival 2013 Event Guide Released

Fetish lovers rejoice! Brisbane Leather Pride 2013 is proud to announce the details of this years festival packed with events across all spectrums.

This year saw the Brisbane Leather Pride Festival step into being organised by a collective of volunteers from the arts and BDSM community who worked hard to put together a list of great events. With events for men, women, straight or gay, and featuring a wide range of events and workshops, there is something for everyone!

Anthony Smith, one of the volunteers from the collective, says that it's important the festival is all inclusive."Because the BDSM community is so diverse, it's important that we cover as many bases as possible and encourage local groups to run their own events as well.

"I believe that as modern life becomes less private and more socially conservative, it has meant the loss of some of our culture and liberty to be 'who we are', without shame or persecution. I believe this is why the kink and fetish scene has had such a recent explosion in interest. We all have a kink locked into our psyche that gets us going sexually, regardless of race or social status, and celebrating this is liberating, regardless of sexuality or gender.

"We welcome our fetish brothers and sisters to come and celebrate with us!"

A full event guide can be downloaded from the new Brisbane Leather Pride Festival website at [www.brisbaneleatherpride.com](http://www.brisbaneleatherpride.com).

The festival is celebrating its third year in existence. Originally starting out as a gay and lesbian event run by the men's leather and kink group, The Boot Company Brisbane, it has since opened up to cover all spectrums of gender and sexuality.

or more information, high-res images or interviews please contact Anthony Smith at the details below.

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### **BootCo - CORIUM 2013 is here! [Brisbane \(External\)](#)**

BootCo. Brisbane is very excited to announce this year's men's only party event extravaganza - Corium. Get your fetish and leather gear ready because this is going to be a party to remember with a great DJ line up, a series of sexy shows, the BootCo. dungeon space and Mr Queensland Leather all in a tea-dance warehouse party.

Starting at 4pm on Saturday, September 14 and running as a tea-dance, the dance floor will be grinding as DJs DougMC, NeddEbear and Ensel play till late. There will be sexy shows happening on the dance floor throughout the night to keep you entertained and aroused; expect the dance floor to be packed with sexy men in their gear getting all hot and sweaty.

Corium is of course the flagship for the Mr Queensland Leather competition which will be taking place at 7pm on the night. Those wishing to enter can download the entry form from the BootCo. website and return it before September 8. BootCo. is also excited to announce the Mr Leather Boy/Pup competition as well as the new Mr Leather Daddy, both of which can be entered on the night and are always fun events.

The BootCo. Dungeon will be making the move to the venue for the night, so if you are looking for something kinky it's the place to be.

Proudly sponsored by Spunk'd adult store, there will be a shop on site so you can purchase some essentials or gear to use in the dungeon space. BootCo. is also happy to announce sponsorship by Lucrezia & De Sade and Manhunt for the night and thanks all its sponsors for their generosity.

Tickets are available at Spunk'd for a discounted rate of \$25 for everyone. Otherwise tickets are available on the door or through the BootCo. website at \$25 Members/ \$30 Casual.

BootCo. Corium runs September 14 at SYC Studios, 37 Manilla St, East Brisbane. Doors open 4pm until midnight. Tickets are \$25 members, \$30 Casual and are available at the door, Spunk'd or the BootCo. website. The Mr Queensland Leather competition starts 7pm.



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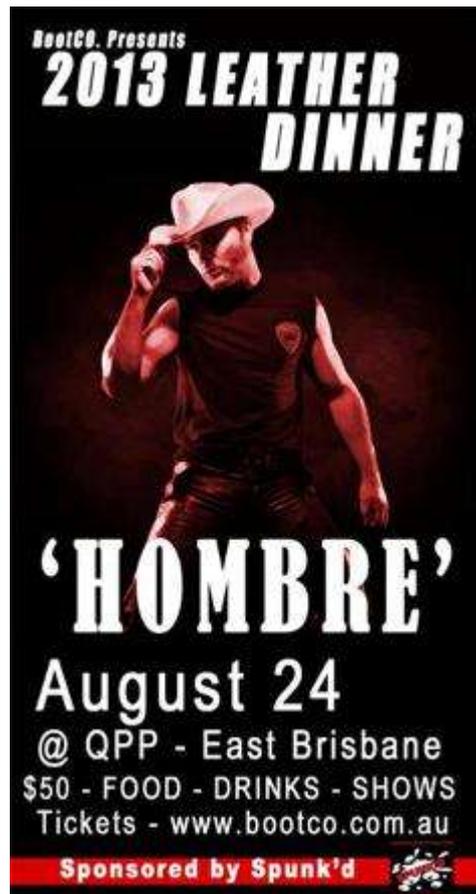
### **BootCo - 2013 Leather Dinner 'Hombre' [Brisbane \(External\)](#)**

This years BootCo. Leather Dinner is shaping up to be a deliciously naughty affair. Held at Queensland Positive People (QPP) in East Brisbane the men's only dinner has the theme 'Hombre'. Expect surprises south of the border and drinks, food and fun of the devious kind. So grab your horse and get ready to ride on in a wild night.

Those who have attended previous BootCo. Leather Dinners will tell you how much fun they have had at previous years. With shows and special events, make sure you don't miss out as seats are strictly limited and sell fast. It's a great way to meet people from BootCo. in a relaxed atmosphere.

This year the dinner is sponsored by the generous Spunk'd men's adult store. Tickets are available online at [www.bootco.com.au](http://www.bootco.com.au) or from Spunk'd. Tickets purchased from Spunk'd are a flat rate of \$45 - so get in and save yourself some money!

BootCo. Hombre Leather Dinner - Aug 24, 6pm @ QPP, East Brisbane. \$45 Members, \$50 Casual.



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### 15th Anniversary Concert - Brisbane Gay & Lesbian Pride Choir

After forming 15 years ago, we have performed at every Brisbane Pride Fair Day since 1998.

To celebrate our birthday and Brisbane Pride Fair Day, we will present a special 15th Anniversary Concert featuring the Choir and its friends.

Buy your tickets today and join us for this exciting show.

Please note time change from 7pm to 7.30pm.

**When:** 20 Sep 2013

**Starts:** 7.30pm

**Cost:** \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession

To purchase tickets please visit the webpage <http://www.blgpc.org.au/>



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## Marriage Equality Round up – Phil Browne

With a federal election on 14 September 2013, marriage equality is a key election issue.

Subscribe to Australian Marriage Equality to be kept informed of updates and opportunities to take action for marriage equality

Click here - <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/subscribe-to-our-supporter-database>

(share this link with your friends and family)

NEW: State-based branches of Australian Marriage Equality have been formed!

Please join the branch in your state - and encourage others to do the same:

(branches coming in other states - including Queensland and WA!!)

South Australia: <http://goo.gl/xspKo>

Victoria: <http://goo.gl/h9bKG>

NSW: <http://goo.gl/aj80Z>

ACT: <http://goo.gl/jP6B7>

Tasmania: <http://goo.gl/SltkH>

**Tell the federal Coalition you want a conscience vote on marriage equality**

(it takes 30 seconds!!) <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/federal-coalition-mp-contact-form/>

## AUSTRALIA

Australian Marriage Equality launches new logo and new website, ahead of election campaign <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/04/media-release-ame-launches-new-logo-and-new-website-ahead-of-election-campaign/>

Excellent up to date summary of the campaign for marriage equality in Australia

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/07/rodneys-report-friday-7th-june-2013/>

Largest same sex parenting study so far, reveals kids are doing well

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/07/study-children-of-same-sex-parents-are-healthier-than-peers/>

New Greens TV ad "2 out of 3 Australians support marriage equality"

<http://greens.org.au/content/2-out-3-australians-support-marriage-equality>

"Congratulations, you're having a lesbian" marriage equality billboard ad in Brisbane  
<http://gaynewsnetwork.com.au/news/northern-territory/11150-marriage-campaign.html>

"What R U having?" new campaign - Any child can be born gay <http://whatruhaving.org/>

MPs to vote on Greens bill to recognise overseas same sex marriages

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/07/mps-to-vote-on-recognising-marriage-equality/>

Alex Greenwich MP writes "I'm married - but that's not recognised here"

<http://www.samesame.com.au/features/9897/im-married-but-thats-not-recognised-here.htm>

Liberal Senator again links marriage equality with bestiality and polygamy

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/18/sarah-hanson-young-wants-cory-bernardi-disendorsed-over-bestiality-comments/>

South Australia Upper House passes motion congratulating New Zealand on marriage equality <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/19/media-release-advocates-welcome-s-a-upper-house-vote-for-marriage-equality/>

Advocates campaign hard for SA to be first with same sex marriage

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/20/media-release-advocates-to-campaign-hard-for-s-a-to-lead-the-way-on-marriage-equality/>

South Australia Parliament vote expected 25 July on whether to press ahead with same sex marriage bill <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/24/sa-parliament-expected-to-vote-tomorrow-on-whether-to-press-ahead-with-same-sex-marriage-bill/>

Advocates present 14,000 signature petition for recognition of overseas same sex marriages

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/19/media-release-advocates-present-14000-signature-petition-for-recognition-of-overseas-same-sex-marriages/>

Senate votes down Bill to recognise overseas same sex marriages

<http://www.qnews.com.au/article/aust-senate-votes-down-same-sex-marriage-recognition>

Liberal Senator crosses the floor to vote for recognition of overseas marriages

[http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/20/media-realease-boyces-historic-vote-breaks-the-seal-on-coalition-opposition-to-marriage-equality/?utm\\_source=Australian+Marriage+Equality&utm\\_campaign=8d27b20dff-Weekly\\_Newsletter\\_2013\\_06\\_21&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_401f97f215-8d27b20dff-99329901](http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/20/media-realease-boyces-historic-vote-breaks-the-seal-on-coalition-opposition-to-marriage-equality/?utm_source=Australian+Marriage+Equality&utm_campaign=8d27b20dff-Weekly_Newsletter_2013_06_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_401f97f215-8d27b20dff-99329901)

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Tourism New Zealand looking for Aussie couple to be the first Aussies to marry in New Zealand <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/24/tourism-nz-looking-for-same-sex-couple-for-australian-first/>

Rudd's election as PM opens new chapter in marriage equality

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/26/media-release-rudds-election-as-p-m-opens-up-new-chapter-in-marriage-equality-debate/>

NSW Youth Parliament shows overwhelming support for marriage equality

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/05/media-release-youth-parliament-support-for-nsw-marriage-equality-act-shows-strong-support-for-reform-among-young-voters/>

Reverend Dr Peter Catt: Christian voters will reward Australia PM Rudd for supporting marriage equality

<http://www.http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/06/peter-catt-christian-voters-will-reward-rudd-for-gay-marriage-stand/>

Marriage equality Facebook page ranked Number One Political page in Australia

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/08/media-release-marriage-equality-facebook-page-ranked-no-1-political-page-in-australia/>

Prominent Catholic Priest changes heart on marriage equality

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/10/media-release-advocates-welcome-catholic-clerics-change-of-heart-on-marriage-equality/>

New poll shows Rudd's support of marriage equality is an election winner

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/14/media-release-new-polls->

### [shows-rudd-support-for-marriage-equality-an-election-winner/](#)

Dear Politicians: Submit your photo or video to this new campaign by Australian Marriage Equality <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/dearpoliticians/>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

ENGLAND and WALES: BECOME THE 15TH AND 16TH COUNTRIES TO LEGALISE MARRIAGE EQUALITY

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/16/victory-marriage-equality-passes-final-vote-for-england-and-wales/>

US: Supreme Court kills DOMA and Prop 8, allowing marriage equality in California and Federal recognition of marriage equality in 13 states

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/27/victory-for-equal-rights/>

Canada: Celebrates 10 years of marriage equality

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151438333282617&l=bcec7a299f>

New York: Celebrates two years of same sex marriage

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151502639787617&set=a.404232882616.173449.53862112616&type=1&theater>

Scotland: Marriage equality legislation announced

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2013/06/27/bill-published-to-make-same-sex-marriage-legal-in-scotland/>

Scotland: Campaign for marriage equality ramps up (Aussies please click & e-mail Scottish pollies - Plus share with Scottish family/friends) <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e1421f3eef3bf42a5d79026e3&id=2a69e1b2da&e=e872c80356>

Ireland: Marriage equality referendum to be held in 2014

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2013/06/24/ireland-to-hold-referendum-on-equal-marriage-in-2014/>

Northern Ireland: Moves to recognise marriage equality blocked

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2013/06/26/another-defeat-for-equal-marriage-in-northern-ireland-by-the-stormont-assembly/>

Colombia: First same sex couple to marry on 24 July

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/16/colombias-first-same-sex-marriage-to-take-place-24-july/>

Vietnam: National Assembly to begin debating marriage equality

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/06/24/vietnam-to-begin-debate-on-marriage-equality/>

US: Citing DOMA Judge gives Michigan's marriage equality ban a trial

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/02/citing-doma-judge-gives-michigans-marriage-equality-ban-a-trial/>

US: Poll shows record high of 55% support for marriage equality after Supreme Court rulings

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2013/07/02/poll-us-support-for-equal-marriage-at-record-high-in-wake-of-supreme-court-rulings>

US: Lawsuit filed to challenge Pennsylvania state ban on marriage equality

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2013/07/09/us-lawsuit-filed-to-challenge-pennsylvania-state-ban-on-equal-marriage/>

US: Indiana passes law that could jail gay couples attempting to marry

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2013/07/10/us-state-of-indiana-will-jail-gay-couples-who-attempt-to-marry-from-next-year/>

US: Illinois launches \$2 M campaign to win marriage equality

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2013/07/17/us-2-million-campaign-launched-to-support-equal-marriage-efforts-in-illinois/>

US: Pennsylvania same sex couple begin marrying as Clerks defy ban

<http://thenewcivilrightsmovement.com/breaking-same-sex-couples-begin-marrying-in-pennsylvania-as-clerks-defy-ban/politics/2013/07/24/71676>

New Zealand: First same sex marriage to take place on Air NZ flight

[http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/17/first-same-sex-marriage-in-new-zealand-due-to-take-place-on-an-air-new-zealand-flight/?utm\\_source=Australian+Marriage+Equality&utm\\_campaign=0210c6a099-Weekly\\_Newsletter\\_2013\\_06\\_21&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_401f97f215-0210c6a099-99332505](http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/17/first-same-sex-marriage-in-new-zealand-due-to-take-place-on-an-air-new-zealand-flight/?utm_source=Australian+Marriage+Equality&utm_campaign=0210c6a099-Weekly_Newsletter_2013_06_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_401f97f215-0210c6a099-99332505)

World Union of Progressive Judaism passes resolution supporting marriage equality  
<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2013/07/04/world-union-of-progressive-judaism-passes-resolution-in-support-of-marriage-equality/>

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## Dragology **Gold Coast (External)**

Dragology Free Style Finale - August 17th Surfers RSL, 9 Beach Street, Surfers Paradise.

August brings us to the Finale show in this series of Dragology.

Join us as the girls put on one last show for you, with a night of laughs and comedy - Hosted by Carmen Taykett

Special Guest this month is Lidia Box

Performances by

Anita Box

Tina Bikki

May Belline

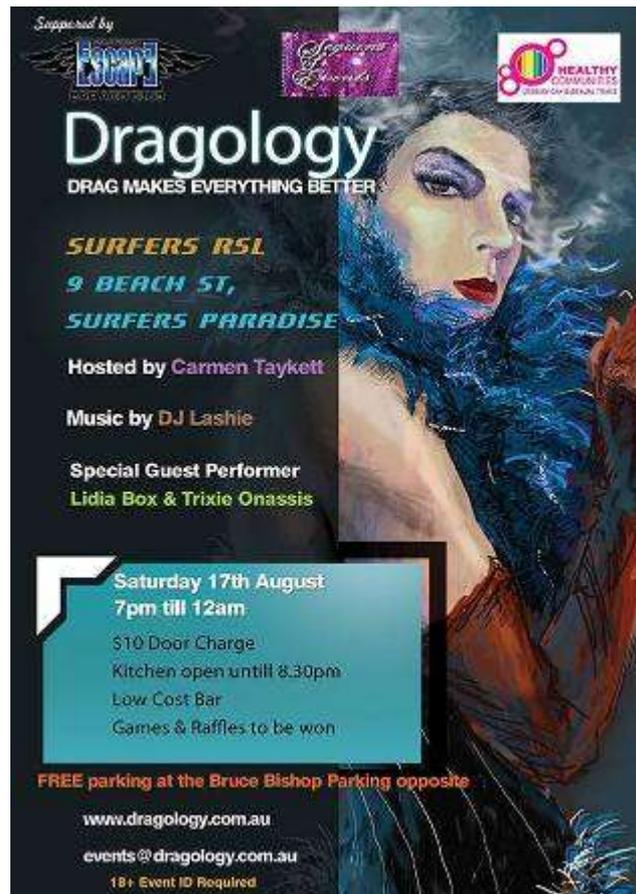
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more info check out our website <http://www.dragology.com.au>

**Please note this is an 18+ event. ID required.**

Includes finger food. Low cost bar, games and raffles to be won.

For more information please email [events@dragology.com.au](mailto:events@dragology.com.au) or go the website [www.dragology.com.au](http://www.dragology.com.au).



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### **Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Trans\* Choir – [Sunshine Coast \(External\)](#)**

Join the new community choir on the Sunshine Coast. It's for anyone who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer.

Meetings are held at the QCWA Hall, 18 Dixon Road, Buderim.

For more information please contact [sunnyLGBTchoir@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyLGBTchoir@gmail.com) or check out the facebook page <http://facebook.com/SunshineCoastLGBTChoir>

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### **Queer Film program at West End Library [Brisbane \(External\)](#)**

A community member, Jordan Bastian, has been working with Brisbane Libraries to create a Queer Film program to be screened at the West End library.

The screenings are a free, monthly event that has been designed to be a little bit of an alternative social event. They will be alcohol free, and only restrictive based on film classification.

A facebook page has been produced by Jordan, which will be the main point of communication, and we encourage film suggestions as well!

For more and what films are showing please go to  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Queer-Films-at-the-West-End-Library/154351928022162>

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### **Queer Comic Club** [Brisbane \(External\)](#)

Have you read an interesting or inspiring comic book lately that you think might be of interest to others? Or perhaps a character that you are very fond of in the Marvel or DC comic universe? Or perhaps you've seen a comic made into film or read a review that you find interesting? Why not join other comic book readers/fans in discussion over a cup of tea or coffee?

This is just an idea still in its infancy; but I'd like to invite others to join me in discussion about starting up an LGBT comic reader's interest group. The group would be a spinoff of Brisbane's own, Queer Readers and similarly would meet monthly.

I welcome interested parties who share a love or enjoyment in comics. Feel free to bring your ideas on the night for the group and any aims and/or objectives that you might like to see incorporated.

**Name of Group: LGBT Comics Readers**

**Contact:** Curt on [phoenixmen28@msn.com](mailto:phoenixmen28@msn.com)

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### **Keshet** [Toowoomba \(External\)](#)

LGBT social choir  
Every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 9.00pm.  
Bell Street, Shop 26, Toowoomba

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### **Tab Oo** [Ipswich \(External\)](#)

3rd Saturday of the month  
North Ipswich Bowls Club  
6.30pm  
[www.tabooshow.com.au](http://www.tabooshow.com.au)

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**MCC Youth Group** **Brisbane (External)**

**Where:** Metropolitan Community Church  
37 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane

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**Feathers Women's Social Club** **Gold Coast (External)**

**Card Game:**

A great opportunity to chat, meet new friends and catch up with old friends  
Relax, chill out with a fun game of cards!  
Please phone Jan, as she would welcome your call  
Phone: 5522 4838 or 04790 95975  
The Venue changes each Tuesday...

**A social gathering of women who welcome the opportunity to meet like minded women, here on the Gold Coast...**

**Cycle Sisters:** Still going strong and new cyclists welcome on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (weather permitting) For info please Contact Sandra 04492 79640

**Next Events**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Dance Theme – Medieval Night  
Featuring DJ LX

8pm – 1am Club 69  
Nerang RSL Club  
69 Nerang Street, Nerang QLD 4211



**Saturday 21st September**

Feathers Charity Dance  
Special Guest Appearance by MARIE WILSON  
[www.mariewilson.com](http://www.mariewilson.com)

Featuring DJ JAN  
This event is created for women – Let's together have a fun nite  
Raising Funds for Charity

8pm – 1am  
Club 69  
Nerang RSL Club  
69 Nerang Street, Nerang QLD 4211



Feathers Nominated Charity – AWLQ  
Animal Welfare League Queensland  
All profits going directly to AWLQ

All Girls are welcome!

We'd love to see you at Club 69, Nerang RSL Club. Don't forget to bring along photo identification checking into reception prior to entering the private function room.

Events are created for Lesbians, Straight Women, Transgender - Let's together have a fun nite - raising funds for Charity

For more information go to <http://www.feathersgc.com> or email [info@feathersgc.com](mailto:info@feathersgc.com)

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## Links to Community Resources

### Brisbane

<http://qahc.org.au>

Qld Association for Healthy Communities Inc

<http://www.glwa.org.au/>

Gay & Lesbian Welfare Association (Telephone Counselling)

<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.pflagbrisbane.org.au/>

PFLAG Brisbane

<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.

### **LGBTI AA Group**

LGBTI AA Group meets every Saturday at 7.00pm at Healthy Communities, 30 Helen Street, Teneriffe.

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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.fraser gays.com](http://www.fraser gays.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.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.

### **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: [harvesters69club@gmail.com](mailto:harvesters69club@gmail.com)

<http://www.feathersgc.com>

Feathers Women's Social Club Incorporated is the longest running Gay Women's Social Club on the Gold Coast. We are simply a group of women who volunteer their time striving to enrich the lives of lesbians. Feathers is a non-profit organisation in operation for over 21 years hosting social recreational events to cater for all women age groups.

\* Feathers offer a safe welcoming environment for lesbians, hosting social functions, excursions and sporting events capturing a varied age group for the young and the young at heart...

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## Redlands Region

[http://www.facebook.com/amandaextrem?v=wall&story\\_fbid=133520703353770#!/group.php?gid=123166191055457&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/amandaextrem?v=wall&story_fbid=133520703353770#!/group.php?gid=123166191055457&ref=ts)

This group is for LGBT and allied people, groups and businesses who live / work / play in the Redlands area.

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## Toowoomba & Ipswich

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=104328909605210&ref=ts>

Toowoomba Lesbian Group – Come along and meet new people. Everyone welcome!

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## Cairns

### Cairns Rainbow Kids

Cairns Rainbow Kids meet in Cairns each week on Friday mornings from 9.30 until 12, at a variety of places so please email or message us to find out where we will be this week.

The group provides a fun weekly activity for children while also providing an opportunity to meet other LGBT parents for socializing.

We are on Facebook – Search for Cairns Rainbow Kids or email us on [cairns.rainbow.kids@gmail.com](mailto:cairns.rainbow.kids@gmail.com)

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## QAHC Contact Details

**Qld Association of Healthy Communities Inc - Brisbane**

Ph: 07 3017 1777      email: [info@qahc.org.au](mailto:info@qahc.org.au)

Fax: 07 3852 5200      web: [www.qahc.org.au](http://www.qahc.org.au)

Postal Address: PO 1372, Eagle Farm BC Qld 4009

**Street address: 30 Helen St, Newstead Qld 4006**

<b>Sexual Health information &amp; referral</b>	<b>1800 155 141</b>
<b>2Spirits Indigenous Project</b>	<b>07 3017 1736</b>
<b>Members</b>	<b>07 3017 1779</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>07 3017 1777</b>
<b>Donations and Bequests</b>	<b>07 3017 1728</b>

**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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