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Sunshine Coast Pride Fair – A Great Success!!



Now that the 2009 Sunshine Coast Pride Fair is over, we would like to report on its great success! The October weekend consisted of a Twisted Trivia Night, Pride Fair Day and Nocturnal After Party and the three events combined had attendance of over 1000 people! In total, \$3066 was raised which will go towards sustaining future Sunshine Coast Pride Festivals.

Colourful Fair Day Mistress of Ceremonies, Vanessa Wagner kept the crowd entertained along with a host of other talented performers. There were also a great variety of stalls and workshops on the day to keep everyone occupied.

With the fantastic success of this year's events, it means that we will have to set the bar higher next year and we hope that with community support, the festival will continue to grow and prosper.

QAHC would like to acknowledge the fantastic contribution of everyone involved, especially our dedicated team of hard-working volunteers who ensured all of the events ran smoothly. We would also like to thank the fabulous performers, stallholders, workshop convenors, and of course, the community who turned out in droves to support festival.



Last, but by no means least, we would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the sponsors who, without their support, the weekend would not have been possible. A big thank you to Q News, Amore on Buderim, Horizons at Peregrin, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Queensland Positive People, Positive Directions, Schultz Toomey O'Brien Lawyers, Sacred Sense, and HowToLiveTheSecret.com.

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International Lesbian Day Boobalicious Calendar Launch



City Lickers generously made QAHC's Lesbian Health Action Group (LHAG) the beneficiary of the International Lesbian Day Expo held at Davies Park on Sunday 4 October. The day had a great turn out and door proceeds of \$1205 were donated to LHAG so that this great group of volunteers can continue their health promotion work to raise awareness on health issues affecting lesbians in Queensland.

Australia's First Lady of Rock and QAHC Patron, Carol Lloyd was in attendance to officially launch the 2010 Boobalicious Calendar which was designed to highlight breast cancer awareness in the lesbian community and act as a fundraising tool for LHAG. In her entertaining and informative speech Carol said "I can't think of anyone with a greater appreciation of the female form than myself... I've spent many years, studying this subject very closely so when I was given the opportunity by the Lesbian Health Action Group to officially launch the 2010 Boobalicious Breast Awareness Calendar - well, I immediately grabbed it with both hands."



The calendar featuring beautifully body-painted breasts is available to purchase from QAHC's Cairns, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane offices or is available to purchase online at www.qahc.org.au/lesbian. Otherwise the website also has a list of outlets around Queensland who are supporting LHAG by selling the calendar on our behalf. With Christmas just around the corner, why not buy a calendar for all of the women you care about and be satisfied in the knowledge that you are doing a good deed by supporting LHAG.

Great thanks go to City Lickers as well as everyone who donated to LHAG and purchased a calendar on the day. QAHC would also like to acknowledge all of the calendar sponsors including pinksofa.com, Dykes on Mikes, Blue Tongue Building Approvals, Sunny Coast Surf Lessons, City Lickers, Pink Flamingo Resort, Choice Home Loans, Wild Pepper Pizzeria, Brisbane Pride Festival, Scarlet, The Women's Centre and Cherrie. Please support these lesbian owned/friendly businesses and organisations as they have shown great support for LHAG and in turn, the lesbian community by sponsoring the calendar.

Lesbian health promotion currently receives no funding in Queensland and our dedicated group of LHAG volunteers also deserve special recognition for all of their time and energy devoted to improving the health of Queensland's lesbian population.

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QAHC Ebay Auction

While it was with regret that we had to cancel the 25th Anniversary Garden Party, we continued our fundraising efforts by placing all of the fabulous donated goods on Ebay. Among the donated pieces we had items like: an autographed/framed Pink poster (and merchandise pack), a Telstra mobile phone, signed Kylie Minogue CDs, as well as a CD and postcard signed by her sister Dannii, a great pack of autographed Pet Shop Boys items, a signed French & Saunders DVD, an autographed Kath & Kim DVD collection, signed beach volleyballs from Natalie Cook, aromatherapy products, autographed DVDs and a CD from Darren Hayes, as well as items signed by Sneaky Sound System, Cyndi Lauper, the Pet Shop Boys, art and much more.

The auction raised a total of \$2119 with all proceeds going to the Healthy Communities Fund so that QAHC can continue to award small grants for LGBT projects in Queensland.

A big thank you to everyone who bid on items and our sincere gratitude goes out to all of the companies who generously donated to our auction including: Bent DVD, Terry Blamey Management, Whack Recordings/Sneaky Sound System, Profile Talent Management, Michael Coppel Presents, RDWM, Libertine Parfumerie, Fun Art, Darren Hayes/Powdered Sugar Productions, Pet Shop Boys, Riley Turner Productions, Plant Essentials, Telstra, Natalie Cook/Sandstorm, Ministry of Sound/EMI, Cyndi Lauper/True Colors Foundation, and New Farm Framing.

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William Yang Raffle Results

Renowned Australian photographer William Yang donated a beautiful limited-edition photographic print for QAHC in celebration of our 25th anniversary which we raffled to raise money for the Healthy Communities Fund. A total of \$580 was raised and the winning ticket number was 3.

Congratulations to the winner Madeline and thank you to everyone who supported this raffle.

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QAHC Christmas Appeal – Ageing Action Group

QAHC will soon be calling for donations for the Ageing Action Group which is an initiative to address issues faced by senior LGBT people in regards to accessing services and aged-care accommodation as well as provide semi-regular events to combat the issue of social isolation for seniors.

An email or letter will be going out to our database shortly and we'll also be calling for support through

ads in Queensland's gay media.

During this giving season, we ask you to please show your generosity by supporting the Ageing Action Group. You can make a difference that could mean a better future for yourself by donating securely now at www.qahc.org.au/donation (we use PayPal as they're a respected online payment gateway, and if you don't have a PayPal account, don't worry you don't need to set one up to make an online donation), or you can send a cheque or money order made out to 'QLD Association for Healthy Communities' to Christmas Appeal, Reply Paid 1372, Eagle Farm BC QLD 4009, or give Jason a call on 07 3017 1728.

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New Booklet To Help You Create a Will

While it's not something we like to think about, prearranging your affairs can lessen the burden on loved ones during a time of loss. QAHC has created a booklet which highlights the issues you need to consider when creating a Will. The book is filled with useful information that could save you hundreds of dollars in solicitors fees (although we highly recommend you see a solicitor to make sure your final wishes are going to be carried out properly).

When creating your Will, we urge you to consider leaving a gift to QAHC so that we can continue our important LGBT community work in Queensland like: working improving lesbian health, creating social opportunities and influencing seniors policy decisions through the Ageing Action Group, recording our LGBT history through the LGBT History Project, improving the mental health of LGBT Queenslanders and providing better access to services, advocating for the rights of LGBT Queenslanders and much more. You can download the booklet at www.qahc.org.au/donation or call Jason on 07 3017 1728 to have your copy sent out for free or if you have any queries about our LGBT community work.

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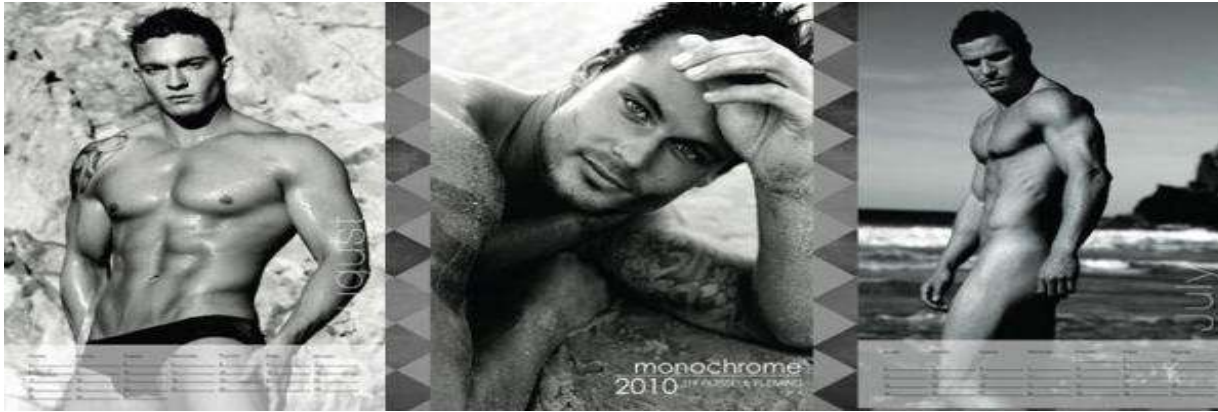
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Calendar Sales to Benefit QAHC

Talented local photographer Russell Fleming is just about to release a stunning calendar of beautifully shot, sexy men and has generously offered to donate \$3 from every copy of 'Monochrome 2010' sold to QAHC for HIV prevention and research projects.

The A4 calendar featuring gorgeous black & white photography will be available in the first week of December, but you can pre-order your copy now by emailing Russell on russell@russellflemingphotography.com, or calling 0414 701 193. Alternatively you'll be able to pick up the calendar from the Q News office (Suite 1, Upper level, 47 Anderson St, Fortitude Valley, near the EKKA grounds) or QAHC's head office (30 Helen St, Newstead) once they are back from the printer in early December.

With Christmas just around the corner, the calendar would make a fantastic stocking stuffer for any guy or girl in your life who appreciates fine photography and the male form. Plus you can satisfy your sense of social responsibility at the same time with the knowledge that your purchase will also be assisting HIV prevention in Queensland.



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Queensland Pride Short Film Competition

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

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

After 3 years successfully screening the Tropical Alternatives Film Festival, the communities interest in making their own films and showing them to the public has grown. This year QAHC had a number of requests from Queensland film makers to submit their films into the festival and this year's TAFF audience of over 1000 people overwhelmingly demanded more locally made films. So TAFF would like to invite film makers to submit films into the Queensland Pride Short Film Competition. We are looking for films that explore some of the realities and issues that confront the LGBT communities of today. The competition is open to innovative, entertaining, intelligent and celebratory short films. Fabulous films which uplift and inspire are especially welcome.

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Gold Coast World AIDS Day Events

Gold Coast Alliance social group will be the launching pad for HIV/AIDS awareness week. This will take place at the Lions Club Picnic Area at Jabiru Island, Oxley Dr, Paradise Point on the Gold Coast. The group will host a free sausage sizzle, vegetarian included, with some local entertainment. The day will kick off from 11am on Saturday the 28th of November 2009. Local State Member of Parliament Christine Smith will open the event. There will also be some local entertainment.

MPs Nightclub will host a World AIDS DAY fundraiser in the evening of Saturday 28th November from 10pm at the club. Performers on the night will donate their services and the club will donate a percentage of door takings. Come along and support this annual fundraiser which goes to support

people living with HIV/AIDS on the Gold Coast. For more info email : gc@qahc.org.au

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Logan World AIDS Day Events



Logan is set to have a vibrant morning on December 1st, World AIDS DAY.

Desley Scott, the State Member for Woodridge will open the event which kicks off at Woodridge railway interchange from 7am.

There will be a free sausage sizzle, local performers, a chocolate wheel and much more.

The winners of a local competition to design a badge for World AIDS Day will also be announced and acknowledged with great prizes.

This years World AIDS Day theme is **2009 World AIDS Day. Take Action. No Discrimination.** Ged Farmer, Health Promotion Officer for Logan and Gold Coast from Queensland Association for Healthy Communities said "the theme this year is quite significant. We all need to take action around HIV/AIDS and continue to educate ourselves so we fully understand the impact of HIV. We also need to continue to break down the barriers of Discrimination so people living with HIV can shed the stigma that is often applied to them."

The Logan World AIDS Day committee have organised a very interactive event in Logan because it brings the issue of HIV and stigma out in the open. Ged Farmer also said "This stigma can lead to isolation, inhibit access to appropriate services and hinder people's health. HIV can affect anyone so it's up to each of us to keep informed as new issues and information arises"

For more information about the event at Logan contact the Logan Organising Committee on

3017 1731 or email logan@qahc.org.au

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QAHC Cairns

The Cairns Community were surprised to see that the news of their local Gay friendly bar turning straight had reached Brisbane when a recent article was published in QNews. Sad but true, this now

leaves the door open for someone else to pick up their lost business and run with it. Although the monthly OUT parties at Blue Sky Brewery are seeing record numbers attending there is still the need for an everyday intimate, comfortable and safe bar/lounge in the city for the local LGBT community to drop in on a daily basis.

Cairns Qahc-ers have been busy preparing for AIDS Awareness Week with volunteers helping to make up ribbons and prepare the boxes. Stalls have been booked at all four of the city's shopping centres over four days and will be run by volunteers and staff.

The Candlelight Vigil will be held on the Esplanade with the lit candles being launched onto the Lagoon.

One item of important news from the north is the HPO Kevin Scott has just turned fifty. He celebrated a week prior to the big day with an Hawaiian themed party and a bottle of vodka at his home while he was still in his forties and young enough to enjoy it. The actual day was spent on an unknown beach in Hawaii.

2 Spirits News – Promotion Healthy ATSI communities

The 2 Spirits Team in North QLD have recently been invited by Gurrinyi Yealamucka Health Services to assist with 2009 World AIDS Day activities in Yarrabah NQ.

If you are ever in Cairns, make sure you tune in on Mondays 12pm – 1pm for the Juke Box Gold Hour – Smooth Classic Hits and Sexual Health Information.

2 Spirits are also currently working on the production of Radio Spots and Promos with LGBTI Youth to be aired on local community radio station Bumma Bippera Media 98.7FM through the assistance of OXFAM.

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Cabaret Q -



On Wednesday 30th September, Queensland Association for Healthy Communities (QAHC) launched the findings of States of Mind: an arts/ research project looking at Mental Health & wellbeing along with alcohol and drugs in Queensland LGBT communities. But this was no ordinary launch. QAHC established Q-ARTS, the creative component of the project and invited LGBT performers to interpret the research themes in order to engage more directly with LGBT communities. And the result was Cabaret Q: A night of queer and quirky performance.

Beginning at QAHC, a 200 strong audience was transported by bus to various locations around Brisbane where performances took place, ending up at Riverside Receptions in New Farm. The audience was treated to 16 shows with performances by Everlyn Hartog, Ruth Gardner, Chris Maver, Chris Ryan, Jacob Diefenbach, The Thrillers, Team Phg, Adam Mann, Closet Dwellers, James Davie

and friends, David Macmillan and Stephanie Thuesen.

QAHC hopes to continue Q-ARTS well into the future, and looks forward to working again with our fabulous Queensland LGBT artists and communities.



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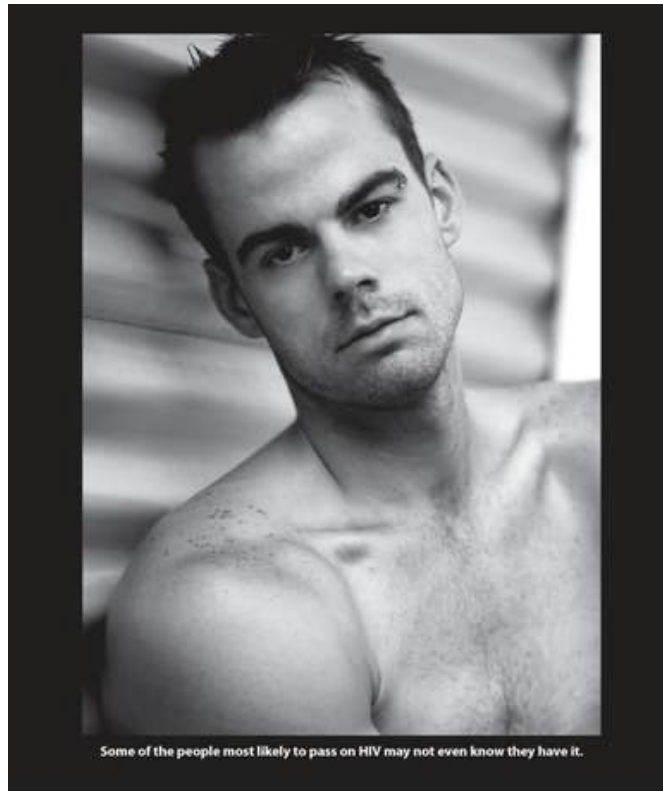
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QAHC 2010 Calendar – It's Free!

Take action. No discrimination... every day in 2010

QAHC has produced a high quality calendar for gay & bisexual men with a different health message for each month of the year. Pick up your free 2010 calendar from you local QAHC office or email info@qahc.org.au.



Some of the people most likely to pass on HIV may not even know they have it.

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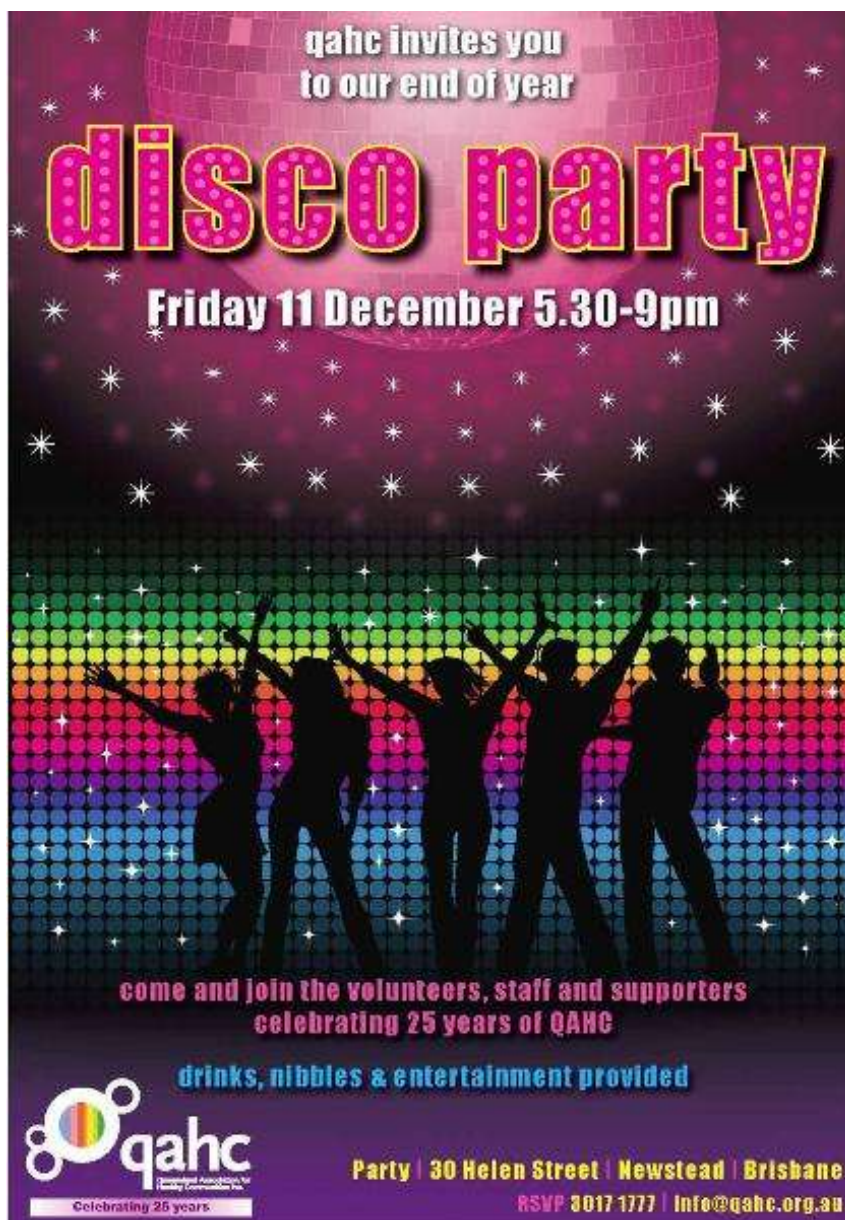
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LGBT Seniors Seminar – Thursday 26th November

Seminar: Wills, Advance Health Directives and Enduring Powers of Attorney

Speaker: Office of the Adult Guardian

Time and Date: 6.30pm – 8.00pm, Thursday 26th November 2009

Where: QAHC, 30 Helen Street, Newstead. Phone: 3017 1777 to RSVP.

Light Refreshments provided.

What's happening in your area

Brisbane

Lesbian Women's Writers Group

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

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

Some of the ideas we have so far are: monthly meetings to workshop work in the short term, but eventually, we would like to hold regular public readings, produce an annual anthology of our work, raise funds to pay for a weekend retreat and perhaps even invite agents or publishers from the industry to address the group.

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

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

Sunboys of Brisbane

Nudist social group for men. Meet on the third Saturday of each month for a BBQ & swim. Email them at sunboys@netspace.net.au or check out their website www.brisbanesunboys.com Sunboys is not a sex club, but a group of guys who enjoy socializing in a nudist environment

2 QT 2 B STR8

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

Brisbane Lesbian and Gay Pride Choir

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

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

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

For more information please visit the website <http://www.myspace.com/brisbanelesbianandgaypridechoir>

BrisBears

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

The Sportsman Hotel 130
Leichhardt Street
Spring Hill, Qld 4000

For more information please visit our website www.brisbears.org.au or email info@brisbears.org.com

Dykes on Bikes

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

Open Doors

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

Acceptance Brisbane

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

Brisbane Gay & Lesbian Business Network (GLBN)

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

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

Brisbane North Social Group

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

North Queensland

Queer Youth Action Group

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

Body Positive

A Cairns based group for people living with HIV. Monthly social events, fundraising activities. Contact Jarran at Queensland Positive People (QPP) Ph: 1800 636 241 or Kevin at QAHC Ph 4041 54 51.

BoyZout

A social Group for gay men of all ages based in Cairns meets once a month. Contact Graham & David Ph: 4093 9492 or email: boyzout@people.net.au

Tablelands Social Network

A social group for LGBT people living on or visiting the Atherton Tablelands. For details on upcoming events contact Louise through www.glbtfqnq.info

WOW - Women on Women

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

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

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

Central Coast (including Sunshine Coast)

Clubrok

Rocky's Tavern
Cnr. Alma & Derby Street,
Rockhampton
Re-occurring fortnightly Saturday event from 1st September.
Contact Rod 0439 494 331 or clubrok@hotmail.com

Diversity Party

Fraser Coast GaysClub Wharf (Criterion Hotel)Wharf Street, Maryborough6pm - 10pm (then club opens to General Public until late)
More info log onto www.frasergays.com
Re-occurring event 3rd Saturday of every month.

PFlag Rockhampton

Meets 1st Tuesday of every month

Community Health Centre, Room 2, Cnr Bolsover & Cambridge Street, Rockhampton
Contact: Neville or Rosemary 07 4928 7275 or rosiejnevillek@bigpond.com

Rock'in Rocky Females - Rockhampton Bi Club

Contact: 'The Girls' rockinrockybigroup@hotmail.com

The group is for mid 20's to late 30's females ONLY. We enjoy regular outings together. Some of us have children and husbands, some of us have kids but not the hassle of the man and some of us are single females.

Rainbow Brigayde - LGBT Youth Group

Every second Tuesday from 12th February. Location: Verbyl, 40 James Street, Yeppoon.

Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Contact Cameron Vella (Rainbow Brigayde Manager) rainbowbrigayde@hotmail.com or 07 4939 9212 (youth volunteer)

This is a youth based support system and group get together for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons of the Capricorn Coast. Rainbow Brigayde is based in Yeppoon but anyone who feels the need to talk can call or email anytime.

Lesbian Social Dinners

First Thursday of each month. Location: Rocky's Tavern, Cnr Alma & Derby Street, Rockhampton.

Time: 6.30pm onwards. Contact Sandy & Denise 07 4928 4520

Lemon Lounge

Second Wednesday of the month. Time: 7.00pm. Location: Varies

Contact: Ricki 0408 843 221

Sunshine Coast Queer Collective

Every Second Wednesday (starting March 2008) Time: 12.20pm

Location: Lawn area at the back of the student guild.

Gay Dads

Contact: Terry Rubes, 0410 772 872 or tezza1108@hotmail.com.

There are men living in various situations. Some raise their children on their own while others are not able to see theirs. We hope to be there for all men who want support and or friendship. If you are a gay dad or grand-dad and want to simply chat or want advice on resources or you are a friend of a gay dad feel free to contact us

Woman 2 Woman

Support group for lesbian and bi women on the Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Coasts.

Contact: For support and info on what's on phone Ricki 0408 843 221 or rckicate@msn.com

Gold Coast

Castaways

Every first Monday of the month, the Castaways group holds a luncheon. This is a lively occasion for People Living with HIV/AIDS, their partners, family and friends as well as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. A lunch is provided and a donation of \$4.00 is appreciated by those attending. For more information email: goldcoastcastaways@hotmail.com or call 07 3017 1777 or 0425 778 994.

Project Asia

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

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

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

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

For further info about Project Asia email projectasia@hotmail.com or call/text 0419759686.

Toowoomba

GLBTF Toowoomba

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

Prism

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

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

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

Alliance

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

Toowoomba Lesbian Club

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

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

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Street address: 30 Helen St, Newstead Qld 4006

Sexual Health information & referral	1800 155 141
Indigenous Gay Men & Sista Girl	07 3017 1736
Members	07 3017 1779
Volunteers	07 3017 1777
Donations and Bequests	07 3017 1728

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

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

Qld Association for Healthy Communities Inc – Cairns

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