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LGBTI Health News

Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council - Forum

On Saturday 4 June 2011 the AGMC (Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council) will host a Forum at the University of Queensland, St Lucia campus to discuss the question:

“Is My Sexuality More Important than my Culture or Religion?”

This highly successful forum, previously presented in Melbourne and Sydney has now arrived in Brisbane with the support of QAHC.

Some of the issues to be discussed at the forum will include:

- How do we cross, bridge and border our various identities and communities?
- How do we manage the tensions and contradictions of our multiple allegiances?
- How do we celebrate the insights and joys that come from our multiple identities?

Join our diverse range of speakers in a lively forum and discussion of these issues.

The forum is open to all and entry is by gold coin donation only. Lunch provided.



The Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council
(AGMC Inc.) presents:

**"Is My Sexuality More Important
than My Culture or Religion?"**

**Saturday 4 June, 2011
12.00pm to 3.00pm
Building 7 - Parnell Room 222 (7-222)
University of Queensland
St Lucia Campus, Brisbane
Gold Coin Donation
Lunch provided**

How do we cross, bridge and border our various identities and communities? How do we manage the tensions and contradictions of our multiple allegiances? How do we celebrate the insights and joys that come from our multiple identities? Join our diverse range of speakers in a lively forum and discussion of these issues.

Registrations to ensure correct catering are now open at

http://agmc.org.au/events/2011_forum

Transport assistance at

<http://www.uq.edu.au/about/transp09>

An official Brisbane Pride Festival event.

In partnership with



LGBT and local government Initiative – Rocky region

BE HEARD – in the Rocky region! It's the Rockhampton Regional Council's Community Planning project and they are inviting us, yes US! To join in the opportunity to help shape the future of our region. So now is your chance, for the LGBT community to BE HEARD.

For a long time local government have various support programs for special interests groups such as multicultural, aged, youth, Aboriginal and Islander groups, but nothing.

Three suggestions we have discussed in our wish list from local government are: a Statement of Commitment which recognises our community, an annual financial contribution to the basic running costs of our two main LGBT annual events (Tropical Film Festival and CQ FAIR DAY) and to fly the International Rainbow Flag at City Hall on Fair Day weekend, a simple and achievable start to LGBT acceptance in regional Queensland by local government.

What else can we ask for that supports our way of life in this region? What will assist to make more our liveability? This is not about gay marriage, but about access and equity, the things that local government can realistically deliver now or in the immediate future.

Go make some input at beheard.rrc.qld.gov.au or contribute at our Forum at www.gayrocky.com

Sexual Health Checks available

RSDn Relationships & Sexuality Disability network

fpq Family Planning Queensland

QCIDD Queensland Council of Intellectual Disability

EVENTS 2011

Thursday 26th May 2011 9:30-11:00am
Sexual health checks for women and men with intellectual disability

This network event is an opportunity for professionals to:

- Increase their awareness of sexual health services
- View resources that provide step-by-step explanations of sexual health checks

Guest speaker FPQ Clinic Coordinator - Aly Alway—Included in this meeting is a guided tour through the FPQ clinic and consultation rooms.

@ Family Planning Queensland
100 Alfred Street, Fortitude Valley
Please RSVP by 23 May 2011
to guarantee attendance, numbers limited

Transport:

- Metered parking on Alfred Street
- Valley Metro car park at end of Alfred street (reduced rate to \$7 with validation stamp from FPQ)
- Train runs to Fortitude Valley train station

The Relationships and Sexuality Disability network (RSDn) is an informal network of people interested in positively raising and debating the issue of sexuality and disability. At each session, there will be ample opportunity to discuss ideas and share information. Please bring a plate or drink (cups) as this helps.
For more information or to RSVP, disability@fpq.com.au

A round-up of recent media reports on same-sex marriage

New web-form makes it easy for everyone to lobby for marriage equality.

An easy to use web-form has been devised by lobby group Australian Marriage Equality. It allows you to easily send off a message saying "I DO" support marriage equality. Your message is sent to your local Federal MP, select key MP's and all State Senators. Please send this to all your friends/family who support equality.

Send your message by clicking here www.australianmarriageequality.com/mpdb/email.php

Marriage Equality workshops coming to Brisbane.

Two separate free workshops will be available in Brisbane.

Want to see Same Sex Marriage legalised? Don't know what to do to make it happen? Who to contact? What to say? You're not alone....

Come along to a fun informative workshop to help you get started with confidence. Open to anyone who wants to make a difference.

One is being run by Australian Marriage Equality (date to be confirmed)

www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/events/marriage-equality-action-workshops/

The other is run by a member of the Brisbane LGBT community who has been lobbying on this issue. It will be held on Wed 15 June as an official Pride Festival event. www.pridebrisbane.org.au/node/584

Brisbane LGBT Local Government Workshop.

5 June 2011 - 1:00pm.

Meeting Room adjoining New Farm library. Sydney St New Farm

Should Brisbane City Council do more for the LGBT community? Help to compile a "Wish List" of initiatives/programs we would like to see introduced by Council. Once the Wish List is compiled it will be presented to politicians for their response ahead of the March 2012 Council election. Everyone welcome. View the documents on the website below to see what other councils are doing for their LGBT communities. Bring your ideas.

Website: groups.yahoo.com/group/brisbanelgbtlocalgovforum/files/

This is an official Pride Festival event.

Free entry

World's first legally wed lesbian couple celebrates their 10th wedding anniversary

The Netherlands was the first country to legalise same-sex marriage, in 2001. Helene and Anne-Marie, both in traditional, flowing wedding gowns, exchanged the first nuptials alongside three pairs of grooms in Amsterdam on 1st April 2001.

Read more: www.news.com.au/world/worlds-first-legally-wed-lesbian-couple-celebrates-their-10th-wedding-anniversary/story-e6frfkyi-1226030866529#ixzz1IBVwr3vx

More MP's now polling constituents re Marriage Equality

Several more MP's have begun online polls to gauge the level of support for same-sex marriage. See www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/take-action/respond-to-your-local-mps-survey/

You can complete the polls by 3 MP's even if you live outside their electorates. See www.judimoylan.com.au/Haveyoursay/OnlineSurvey/SameSexMarriageSurvey.aspx and grahamperrettmp.com/home/same-sex and www.annaburke.com/

3rd State Labor Leader publicly supports Marriage Equality.

NSW Labor Leader John Robertson joins Premiers of Qld and Tasmania to support Marriage equality.

www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/04/04/call-on-john-robertson-to-tell-gillard-why-he-supports-marriage-equality/

Ricky Martin to marry in Spain.

Singer Ricky Martin wants to marry his boyfriend Carlos Gonzalez and the couple is considering marrying in Spain.

www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/04/02/ricky-martin-to-marry-boyfriend-in-spain/

Julia Gillard meets with Christian leaders who oppose same-sex marriage, yet has not yet agreed to meet supporters of Marriage equality.

Following the PM stating her opposition to same-sex marriage is based on her respect for family and tradition, she has met with Christian Leaders. See <http://ymlp.com/zsDR20>

Same-sex marriage recognition begins in Tasmania.

A new Tasmanian law recognising civil partnerships and same-sex marriages from other places came into effect on April 1st.

www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/04/02/tas-first-state-to-legally-acknowledge-same-sex-marriages/

Majority of State ALP Leaders now disagree with Gillard on Gay Marriage.

Victorian Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews has thrown his support behind same-sex marriage, becoming the fourth state Labor leader to back the issue.

www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/04/09/3186761.htm

Uruguay could become the 11th country to legalise same-sex marriage.

According to the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio, legislators in Uruguay have introduced a marriage equality bill. See www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/04/10/marriage-equality-bill-introduced-in-uruguay/

Another MP poll reveals 72% public support for Marriage Equality.

Malcolm Turnbull has released the results of his survey of the residents of the seat of Wentworth and a clear majority support same-sex marriage

www.starobserver.com.au/news/australia-news/new-south-wales-news/2011/04/13/wentworth-supports-marriage-equality/49461

Trade Union policy officially supports Marriage Equality.

Australian Services Union (ASU) officially supports marriage equality after a survey of 2,100 union members found 73% supported equality for same-sex couples.

Unions affiliated with the ALP can help form ALP policy, as they provide input at the ALP National Conference in December 2011. This is where issues will be considering including same-sex marriage and whether ALP policy should be changed to support legalising marriage equality. If ALP policy is changed to support same-sex marriage, it's relatively easy to have the law changed. The results of the ASU same-sex marriage poll will be taken to the National Conference and Union Secretary Sally McManus is quoted as saying "This will also make the union's position more influential at conference"

Read more:

us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=cfffab15d7a4dd31b99d05913&id=40c7471214&e=7952564000

www.smh.com.au/nsw/labor-union-poll-reveals-support-for-samesex-marriage-20110417-1djsq.html

Please consider writing to the Secretary of your Union asking them to poll members support for same-sex marriage, then for the Union to issue a formal policy on Same-sex Marriage.

Queensland LNP leader Campbell Newman has come out in support of same-sex marriage.

But the former Brisbane lord mayor won't "ever" be pushing for laws which prevent same-sex couples from marrying to be changed.

www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/2011/04/17/qld-lnp-leader-backs-marriage-equality/

Next Equal Love Brisbane Rally

21st May 2011 - To receive updates join Equal Love Brisbane on Facebook



The poster features a central graphic of a white hand with the index finger pointing upwards, set against a background of the rainbow flag. Above the hand, the text 'RALLY for MARRIAGE EQUALITY' is written in large, bold letters, with 'RALLY' in black and 'for MARRIAGE EQUALITY' in red. A red banner in the top right corner says 'Fight Homophobia!'. Below the hand, the event details are listed: 'Saturday 21st May 1:00pm', 'Queens Park, Brisbane City', and '(opposite Casino)'. At the bottom, there is a block of text and a row of logos.

Fight Homophobia!

RALLY for MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Saturday 21st May 1:00pm
Queens Park, Brisbane City
(opposite Casino)

Together we made Marriage Equality one of the biggest issues of 2010. Now we must continue to fight the government's homophobia until we win EQUAL RIGHTS!

Contact Jess 0432 262 788 or www.equallove.info or find us on facebook: Equal Love Brisbane

MCC pflag cdpd rainbowlabor SQ equal love qahc NUS Equal Love

Central Queensland Business & Tourism Group

Compilation of gay-friendly businesses, lawyers and doctors is currently underway. To nominate people and businesses who support our community, simply send a business card/brochure and details to: CQB&TGroup – PO Box 1534, Rockhampton 4700 or at www.gayrocky.com.

This will help to build CQ FAIR DAY and other developing and fund-raising projects, this year and next year as well as strengthen our community support and networks.

Lesbians and Cancer: Are Our Voices Heard?

Ally Gibson is a PhD student in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland. In 2010 Ally completed a Master's in South Africa, where she focused on how lesbians develop and manage their sexual identities in that country.

In the PhD project Ally will explore women's experiences of cancer, with a specific focus on how lesbians experience cancer. Ally identifies as lesbian, is in a committed partnership and had personal/family experience in dealing with cancer. Ally is committed to doing research that makes a difference.

In May Ally will be running a focus group at the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities (QAHC) in Brisbane. This will be a once-off discussion group, in which women with cancer can talk about their experiences, and have a say in terms of what aspects of the cancer experience should be addressed in this research project. The discussion will probably last between 60-90 minutes. Ally is looking for women – who identify as lesbian (or any label they choose to use) and/or are in a same-sex relationship – who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, or any gynaecological cancer, and have had treatment. There is no age limit, and women from a range of social and cultural backgrounds are welcome, as the aim of this research is to gain a rich understanding of the variety of women's experiences.

Participation in this discussion will be entirely voluntary, and the anonymity of the women who participate will be ensured at all times. This research has been cleared by the Ethics Committee in the School of Psychology at UQ (Ethics Clearance Number: 11-PSYCH-PHD-26-JJ).

If you know of anyone who might like to participate, then please forward this information to them. If you are interested in participating, or you have any questions about the project, please e-mail Ally at alexandra.gibson@uqconnect.edu.au.

LGBTI Counselling and Information Services now available at QAHC

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

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

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

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

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

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

Focus Hypnotherapy – Working towards the development of personal growth.

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

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

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

LGBTI Legal Service Inc – Free legal advice and information

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

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

Brisbane – Tuesdays
To book call 07 3805 6993

Cairns – Thursdays, negotiable times
To book 0409 426 585

QAHC Projects

Sexual Health

Sexual Health Checkups

Sexual health check. Three words that conjure, in the mind of the uninitiated, visions of austere, fluorescent-lit waiting rooms; inscrutable nurses asking far too many probing questions; and perhaps some intrusive and altogether uncomfortable swabs being taken from delicate areas. It's not a big deal, most nurses deal daily with all sorts of confronting and potentially awkward situations. Feeling a little embarrassed about asking those uncomfortable questions regarding cuming too soon or fisting? Don't be – these guys have heard far more outrageous questions in their time, and can point you in the right direction.

So what does it all involve then? Well, depending on the time of day and where you're located, there might be a brief wait before a short interview with a nurse to calm those nerves and discuss why you're there, what risks factors you might have been exposed to, and how they can help. You might be in for having some blood (or other bodily fluids) sampled, and perhaps some swabs done. This is not too uncomfortable either – certainly nothing compared to the nightmarish ordeal of a trip to the dentist. Then, depending on the tests you may have a wait of few days before you come in for the results.

All results are, confidential; and every nurse I've met is a veritable master of discretion, so don't worry if you still live with your parents or share a house with your partner. But what happens if the test comes back positive? After a short chat you'll not only have had all the particulars of the diagnosis explained to you, but also be sent away with information and probably some contact numbers of people you can talk to further.

So what are you waiting for? It's relatively quick, relatively painless, and you can remind yourself online by using the drama down under website feature at www.TheDramaDownUnder.info and look for the remind me feature. I can guarantee both your partner and your peace-of-mind will thank you.

Two Spirits

Condoman on Facebook

Whilst many people will have heard a lot about the Condoman concept and campaign, many may not know about Condoman's Facebook presence. The Condoman Facebook page has been established initially by Hit Net in conjunction with 2 Spirits, QAIHC and Queensland Health.

Now 2 Spirits staff have been added as administrators for the page – and have been adding updates about Condoman, PEP, safe sex, condom use and a variety of other sexual health issues.

The response has been incredible – often an update on the Condoman facebook page will get an immediate response, and within the first hour often 20-30 responses from people across Australia. Currently Condoman has just under 6000 people “liking” him – which means any sexual health message will immediately go to at least 6000 people. Importantly people have been posing questions to Condoman online, with other participants responding to other queries – as peers.

If you are interested in seeing what all the hoo har is all about – you can join Condoman here: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/condoman.is.back>

2 Spirits on Facebook

Whilst Condoman is getting a lot of attention on facebook, the 2 Spirits Project has now established it's own facebook page. The facebook page will now be used to advertise upcoming campaigns targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay men and sisters. If you would like to become a friend of the 2 Spirits Facebook page – you can find it at:

www.facebook.com/#!/profile.php?id=100002071242841

Welcome to 2 Spirits

We are pleased to announce that after an extensive recruitment process, we have appointed Philip Sariago to the position of Health Promotion Officer within the 2 Spirits Project. Phillip will commence employment within the 2 Spirits project on Monday 9th May.

We are very excited to have recruited Phil, who has worked within the Oodgeroo Unit at Queensland University of Technology for the past ten years. Phil has been involved in the 2 Spirits Program for many years now, being a part of Brown Sugar, gar ban djee lum , NAIDOC, Deadly Sex and youth retreats targeting Indigenous gay men and sisters.

Capacity Development

What's happening at QAHC Cairns

Cairns is coming up to its busy period when the sun is out and tourists arrive. It's a busy time with the Cairns Queer Film Festival and Cabaret Q .We are busy now preparing for the Cairns Tropical Pride Festival. Now in its fifth year the Festival will run from Saturday August 20th – Sunday August 28th

Some of the highlights this year will be:

- 'Out Proud' An OUT dance party on Saturday August 20th @ The Heritage
- The Community Awards /Fundraising Dinner @ Turtle Cove – Friday August 26th
- Ageing Differently- An expo/Forum for LGBT seniors in the Cairn Region- Wednesday August 24th
- Pride Planet Positive – Wednesday August 24th
- Tropical Pride Fair Day – Sunday August 28th @ The Tanks 11.00am -6.00am everything a Pride Day can be and more

Some of the other events happening is a Pool Party, Art Exhibition space for two weeks and a launch of Cairns tropical Pride

Check out cairnstropicalpride.com.au or contact Ph 40415451

TAFF Film Festival – UQ St Lucia

This year the University of Queensland Union (UQU) is proud to be involved with Tropical Alternatives Film Festival (TAFF) presented by Queensland Association of Healthy Communities (QAHC). Two of the films from this year's TAFF program will be screened in Brisbane at the Schonell Theatre, a Brisbane institution of art house and independent film. The queer film night will be on the 10th of June kicking off at 6pm, Schonell Theatre, University of Queensland, St Lucia.

In addition to the regional locations, this will be the first year TAFF will screen in Brisbane and UQU are excited to be hosting this event. The film night will be opened by a guest speaker who will share information about the history of the queer collective at the University of Queensland (UQ) and the event will be an opportunity for UQ Allies, staff, students and the general public to come together and celebrate queer culture on campus. Ticket price of \$15 includes one film, one documentary and screening of the TAFF 2011 short film entries. Movie buffs can then vote for their favourite short film from the best entries of this year.

Program:

You Should Meet My Son! (Director: Keith Hartman, 90min)

This is a comedy about a conservative Southern mum who discovers that her only son is gay. Determined that he won't go through life alone and miserable, she sets out to find him the perfect husband!

Shorts (70min):

A collection of the best Australian LGBT short films from the 2011 competition

Orchids: My Intersex Adventure (60min)

Brisbane documentary film-maker Phoebe Hart comes clean on her journey of self-discovery to embrace her future and reconcile the past shame and family secrecy surrounding her intersex condition.

The cinema at the Schonell theatre seats 175 and is licensed. Join us from 6pm for nibbles and drinks. Get in quick for tickets as they will sell out fast, visit www.qahc.org.au/films for more info

Date Claimers! Tropical Alternatives Film Festival 2011



Tropical Alternatives Film Festival
A very queer film festival

The 5th Annual Tropical Alternatives Film Festival 2011 (TAFB) will be screening a mixture of the following films starting from May across Queensland.

This year's films include feature films thanks to the Melbourne Queer Film Festival as well as three locally made LGBTI documentaries and a short Film competition.

Please check www.qahc.org.au/films to find out more screening dates, locations, and films for your region.		
Sunshine Coast	Coolum Civic Centre	June 3
Cairns	JUTE Theatre	May 20 and 21
Townsville	Dance north	May 28
Gold Coast	details coming soon	details coming soon
Rockhampton	CQ Uni Building 6	July 23
UQ Brisbane	details coming soon	details coming soon
Toowoomba	Shop 25 Bell st	June 25

Community Activities

Lesbians in the Millenium **Brisbane**

Date: 8th June

Time: 7.00pm-9.30pm

Place: St Pauls Tavern Spring Hill

What does a lesbian look like in the millennium, and where has she come from?

Listen to our panel of lesbians talk about what they have experienced and have your say.

This free event is open to anyone who has, is or does intend to identify as lesbian and their friends

Food and drinks available to purchase on the night, book a table at Halos for dinner before the forum on 38318288

Proudly brought to you by LHAG (Lesbian Health Action Group) and supported by St Pauls Tavern

RSVP by June 1 at womenshealth@qahc.org.au

Rainbow Picnic in the Park **Brisbane**

Date: 13th June

Time: 10am-2pm

Place: New Farm Park

Follow the Rainbows - LGBT community, family and friends all welcome.

BYO everything, including musical instruments and games to play.

Pride Packing Party **Brisbane**

Be sure to mark your diary for Thursday, 02 June from 6pm – 9pm as we slip downstairs to the Mineshaft at The Sportsman's Hotel with QAHC & QPP's Pride Packing Party creating a little mayhem!

Get ready for some serious packing action as we replenish much needed stocks of Guys & Girls Safe Sex Packs + show bags for the Brisbane Pride Festival month!

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

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

To RSVP or for any additional information contact QAHC Reception 3017 1777 or e: info@qahc.org.au (subject line: Packing Party)



The 50th Golden Anniversary Queen's Birthday Ball Awards [Brisbane \(External\)](#)

The Brisbane Pride Festival is very proud to present the 50th Golden Anniversary Queen's Birthday Ball Awards. to be held at one of Australia's most iconic venues, Cloudland in Fortitude Valley, on Sunday 12th June 2011 starting at 6pm. Featuring shows from South East Queensland's best drag performers, special guest DJ's and the presentation of twelve awards voted by the general public for outstanding achievements in the GLBTI community.

Gold is the theme for this year's Queen's Birthday Ball Awards so attendees are encouraged to dress up to the theme of gold. Paint yourself gold, come as Cleopatra covered in gold sequins or even as James Bond in Gold Finger. The awards for "Belle Of The Ball" and "Themed Group In Costume" will be judged on the night. Because of the great new venue, this year's party will continue with a DJ after the awards, so expect to party the night away in style.

Tickets purchased online via www.queensball.com.au or selected venues in Brisbane or at the door. For Queen's Ball Award nominations and voting also visit www.queensball.com.au from May 6, 2011



Central Queensland Fair Day [Rockhampton \(External\)](#)

CQ FAIR DAY - is the inaugural regional event that celebrates the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities on 21 May 2011 at the CQ University - 'The Space' area, Rockhampton.

The festival day will offer a range of live entertainment, market stalls including health and support services information and fun activities for all. The theme for the Fair Day is 'Celebrating the diversity of the Central Queensland LGBT community' and the committee hope to attract people from far and wide to Rockhampton for this day, including people from Mackay, Gladstone, Emerald, Bundaberg and Maryborough and surrounds.

The day is for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, their friends and families, and will be the very first of its kind for Central Queensland

Our first CQ Fair Day will be Saturday 21 May, from 11 am til 5 pm. We are looking at making the CQ Fair Day a regular yearly event each year, as a way to help bring the regional gay community together and we're hoping for a huge crowd that see the chance for access to information, fun and entertainment.

We need volunteers before and on the day, stallholder spaces are still available if you hurry. And we really want to see friends and family and you there, for a good time.

Check out Facebook page: [CQ Fair Day](#)

Oz Tag – Women only @ Yeronga Brisbane

Invites you to a free, fun, women only Oz Tag (touch football) weekly session

Starting Sunday 15 May 2011
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Yeronga Park
School Road, Yeronga
UBD ref 179, N14
(near the tennis courts)
parking on Honour Avenue

No experience necessary, tuition provided
B.Y.O water
All sessions are drug and alcohol free
Spectators welcome

For more info please call Úna
on 0448 933 285

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brisbane women's social touch football

Gender Diverse (Trans) People Action Group Planning Meetings Brisbane (QAHC)

Community Groups 2-4pm

Community members 6-8

Includes light meal so RSVP before June 15th for catering

Please contact Amanda Dean on 3017 1733 or adean@qahc.org.au

Food for Thought Scarborough Brisbane (QAHC)

Venue: Rabottinis Ristorante (Revered back room)

Address: 109 Landsborough Avenue Scarborough Qld 4020

Date of event: Wed 15th of June 2011

Time of the event: 6:30pm

Participants pay \$10 per head (in advance) for meal and soft drinks

Topic discussed: Cruising Men

RSVP for bookings by Friday 10th June 2011 to jthwaites@qahc.org.au or 3017 1779.

Vu-Du presents.. The Lava Lounge [Brisbane \(External\)](#)

Friday 13th May 2011

6pm – midnight. Cost: \$5

Black Friday's a great night to dust off the cobwebs & practise a lil' magic..

Interactive Art Exhibit, Visual Delights All Night + Sultry Sounds..

6pm - DJ ManiQueen [Cruizy Cocktails]

8pm - DaBoss DJ [Old Skool Funk + R&B]

10pm - DJ D'Lux [Latino Grooves & Moombahton]

Pool Table, Arcade Games & Food available

Women & friends welcome

Limited space..

Please call Amanda on 3017 1733 or email adean@qahc.org.au

Out West

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

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

Cost \$10 - 3rd Saturday of the month at Ipswich CWA

Please call Amanda on 3017 1733 or email adean@qahc.org.au

Lashes Mothers Day Special [Ipswich \(External\)](#)

Location The Glades Tavern, 406 Warwick Rd, Yamanto

Doors open at 6pm

3 Amazing Shows by Carmen Taykett, Katherine Savage, Emma Hardjet, Skye Blue

And our little amateur ...Miss Well Tucked

TREATS FOR THE MUMS

Bistro open til 8.30pm

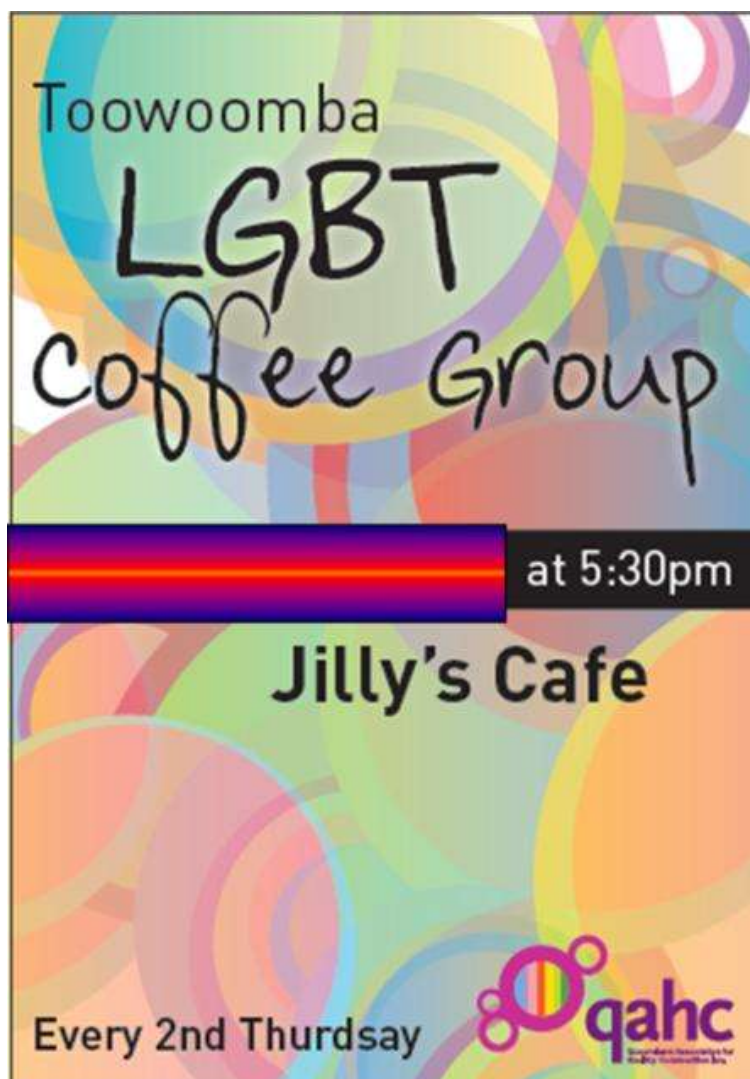
Kids room....some shows contain adult content, you will be told when

Gaming room and Keno

Fabulous tunes by our own DJ LEE

inquiries to Carmen Taykett on 0421 478 115

LGBT Coffee Group Toowoomba



Carnivale – Brisbane Pride Festival Event

QNews is proud to announce that there will be a fair day type event this year for Brisbane in 2011. The event to be called "BRISBANE CARNIVALE" is scheduled for Saturday June 11th on the long weekend. The purpose will be to assist both Brisbane Pride Festival to relaunch their BPF Fair Day in 2012 plus youth suicide prevention. This will be a once only event, located at Perry Park Albion home of the Strikers (Soccer Club). These are the only available grounds large enough to hold an event of this nature at short notice with increased facilities available. A set amount per person will be donated to BPF even if the event loses money.

Stall holders and entertainers interested in the QNews Carnivale, which is running in place of Pride Fair Day for this year, should check the carnival website. For information on QNews Carnivale specifically please go to <http://www.brisbanecarnivale.com.au>



Rainbow Labor Trivia Night [Brisbane \(External\)](#)



Sunshine Coast Professional and Business Lesbians Network [Sunshine Coast \(External\)](#)

Are you a lesbian in business, either an owner or manager?

Are you a lesbian working in health/medical, legal, education/training, emergency services, finance, academia or any other professional capacity?

Then this is the network for you.

We are currently looking for expressions of interest for a network of like minded, professional lesbians on the Sunshine Coast. We already have a major bank and community organisation supporting this network and the wonderful opportunity it will offer to business, organisations and individuals alike.

Please forward this to any women who you think may be interested.

If you would like more information or to be involved please email your contact details to rmenzies@qahc.org.au or join the Facebook group of the same name

Mature Aged Men's Group [Brisbane \(External\)](#)

The Mature Aged Men's Group meets in the Brisbane area on the last Saturday of the month at The Sportsman Hotel at 4.00pm. You will find a group of mature men who enjoy the company other mature men and maybe you might even find younger men who also enjoy the company of mature men meeting for a social afternoon get together, talking or listening, just generally socializing for an hour or so before going off somewhere for an evening meal together as a group. The atmosphere will make you glad you called in, maybe you might even want to join the group, it won't break the bank. Email matagedmen11@gmail.com for more information.

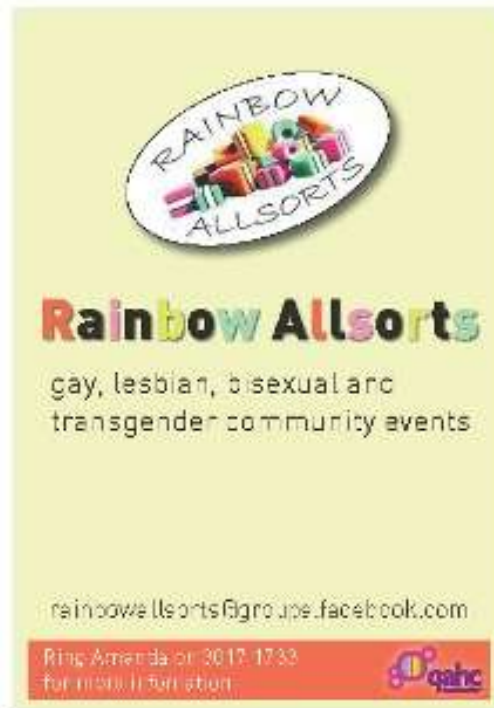
Brisbane North Social Group now twice a month [Brisbane \(External – QPP\)](#)

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

Rainbow Allsorts [Toowoomba](#)

Coffee Group @ 5.30pm
Fortnightly on a Thursday

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



Fundraising and Volunteering Opportunities

Buy a New 2011-2012 Entertainment Book & Save Yourself Thousands!

QAHC is fundraising for the Healthy Communities Fund by selling the ever-popular Entertainment Books with all profits going towards assisting LGBT community groups and projects across the state.



Entertainment Books are filled with hundreds of fantastic discount vouchers that can save you hundreds, if not thousands of dollars (the publishers say the Brisbane books are filled with \$15,000 worth of savings!).

There are all sorts of offers in the book to please everyone, from fine dining to fast food, accommodation, beauty services, care hire, theme parks and much, much more. You can see the offers available in the books by visiting www.entertainmentbook.com.au/Search-the-Book.

Along with the Brisbane, Sunshine Coast & Surrounds, and Gold Coast & Surrounds books that have been on offer previously, we're pleased to announce that this year, a Townsville, Cairns, Port Douglas & The Whitsundays Entertainment Book has been introduced into the range of money saving books.

To order your book and start saving, simply go to www.qahc.org.au/entbook. You can save even more money by picking up the book from our head office at 30 Helen St, Teneriffe and saving the \$8 postage and handling (the books are really heavy as they're filled with great offers). Limited stock will also be available from our Cairns and Maroochydore resource centres.

For further information, call Jason on 07 3017 1728.

Links to Community Resources

Brisbane

<http://qahc.org.au>

Qld Association for Healthy Communities Inc

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

Qnews Community Group Listings

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

Changeling Aspects

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

ATSAQ – Australian Transgender Support Association of Queensland Inc

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

Open Doors

<http://www.brisbaneglbn.org>

Brisbane Gay & Lesbian Business Network (GLBN)

<http://qpp.net.au>

Queensland Positive People

Central Coast (including Sunshine Coast)

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

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

This website supports the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender people in the Fraser Coast area. Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Fraser Island, Gympie, Bundaberg.

Gold Coast & Logan

<http://www.gayonthegoldcoast.com>

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

<http://www.goldcoastgayday.com>

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

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

LGBT Social Group for Logan and surrounding areas.

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

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

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

The Harvesters Club

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

For further information please contact Noel at

PO Box 5885
Gold Coast MC QLD 9726
Phone: 07 5570 1571
Email: harvesters69@optusnet.com.au

Redlands Region

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.

Toowoomba & Ipswich

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=103881489667269>

West Moreton AIDS Memorial Quilt Project - HIV/AIDS is a worldwide problem that knows no territorial or cultural borders. It is a disease that can be only fought globally with global understanding. You can help by encouraging friends to create panels for their loved ones. Make a panel yourself. Your contribution will bring about a truly international Quilt spirit."

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

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

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



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

Sexual Health information & referral	1800 155 141
Indigenous Gay Men & Sista Girl	07 3017 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
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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