



PFLAG Brisbane

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Newsletter May/June 2013

Keeping Families Together

Hi Everyone,

It's an exciting time with many countries currently legalising same sex marriage. This is clearly being highlighted and well covered in the media but Crikey, it's frustrating right here, right now in Australia. We don't need more coverage of the issue - What we need is *Action!!*

June 6th is an important day because Greens Senator and Federal Member for Melbourne, Adam Bandt will introduce a bill for marriage equality in Australia.

Marriage Equality Rallies were held recently around the country. PFLAG Brisbane president Donna (plus other PFLAG members) attended the Brisbane rally. Donna's photos are on page 2.

Australian Marriage Equality continues to campaign for equal rights for our children and this newsletter will feature many of the images used in their Mother's Day campaign plus others.

If a picture paints a thousand words then we have a pretty good story right here.

Recently PFLAG Brisbane had its first working group meeting to address homophobic/transphobic bullying. We'll bring you more on that in the next newsletter.

The PFLAG Australia Facebook page has been set up - so please go to it for information and "like" it.

Shelley has been asked to go to a conference to talk about LGBTI people and aging issues on 14th June in Sydney.

Cheers Pip :-)

**Next PFLAG
Meeting
1st June 2013
30 Helen Street
Teneriffe 1.30 pm
The Guest
Speaker is
Pastor Pete
from St Peter's
Lutheran School
in Indooroopilly**





Potential New Transgender Support Group

Recently, there has been an increase of parents seeking support because of their children transitioning and at quite young ages for some.

If I get enough people interested I may restart some support meetings from my home. This hopefully will be more informal and less threatening for some parents.

Furthermore, I would be most interested to hear from parents about how we can help them further and what sort of information they would like to see on the website which would be helpful for new parents with trans sons and daughters.
Contact Shelley if you are interested.
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“To me, love is love.
I just want everyone
to have the chance
to love who they
want to, and it
just shouldn't
matter”

Olivia Newton-John



“Aussies always look
back with pride
when we end
discrimination
affecting our
fellow Aussies.
Supporting
marriage equality
is a reform that
will do our country
proud.”

Jimmy Barnes







Mr Abbott conceded that his sister, Christine, who is gay, is a passionate supporter of change and that his wife and three daughters were "probably less traditional than I am on this one".
from The Age 4 May 2013

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“Look at New Zealand. Prime Minister Key ... a conservative, sister political party of the Liberal party here, he gave his people a conscience vote. That's what we need to see done in Australia.”
-Julia Gillard, PM

Dear PM,
What we need to see done is marriage equality, just like New Zealand.

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Marriage Equality is every family's issue

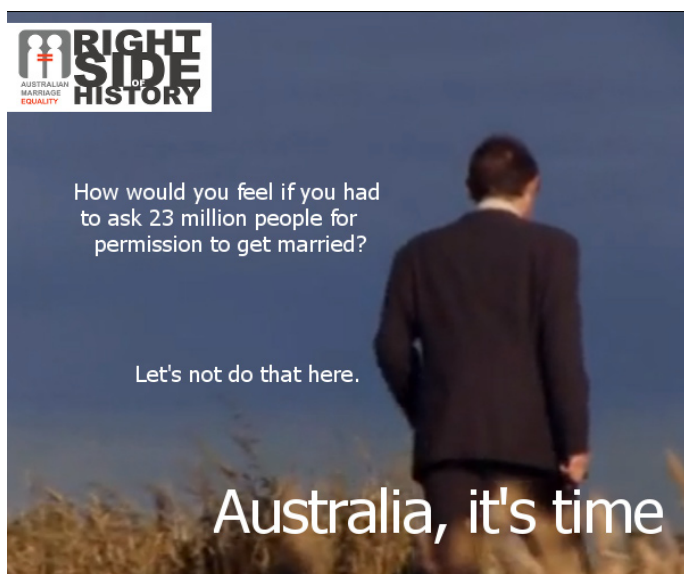
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“Marriage equality has left its culture war baggage behind and is increasingly seen to be about kind values everyone can support like fairness and family.”
-Rodney Croom

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How would you feel if you had to ask 23 million people for permission to get married?

Let's not do that here.

Australia, it's time



“Regardless of who moves first, both leaders need to note the rumblings in suburban lounge rooms.”

For most of us out here in the 'burbs, it's simply a question of equality.”
Tracey Spicer
Journalist

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13th – 14th June 2013 | Sydney Harbour Marriott

Key presentations from:

Susan Ditter, Executive Officer, **Working it Out** & Chair, **National LGBTI Health Alliance**

Liam Leonard, Director, **Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria** and Senior Research Fellow,
Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, **La Trobe University**

Paul Martin, National LGBTI Officer, **Care Connect** & Board Member, **National LGBTI Health Alliance**

Dr Jude Comfort, Researcher, School of Public Health, **Curtin University** & Chair, **GLBTI Retirement Association Inc**

Rev Dorothy McRae – McMahon, Co-Editor South Sydney Herald, Former National Director – Mission, **Uniting Church**

Dr Delaney Skerrett, Research Fellow & Clinical Interviewer, Australian Institute for Suicide Research & Prevention,
Griffith University

Dr Kairi Kölves, Senior Research Fellow, Australian Institute for Suicide Research & Prevention, **Griffith University**

Dr Rosemary Sheehy, Staff Specialist Geriatrician and Endocrinologist, **Balmain Hospital**

Shelley Argent, National Spokesperson, **Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

Dr Catherine Barrett, Research Fellow and Community Liaison Officer, Australian Research Centre in Sex,
Health and Society, **La Trobe University**

Dr Limin Mao, Senior Research Fellow, **National Centre in HIV Social Research**

Damien Riggs, Senior Lecturer, School of Social and Policy Studies, **Flinders University** & Editor,
Gay and Lesbian Issues and Psychology Review

Peter Dickson, Managing Director, **Linton Estates**



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Working through some of the deeper emotional issues with having a gay or lesbian son or daughter can be one of the most painful and stressful experiences of your life. Counselling is a highly effective way of feeling better and also can assist in keeping your family together. *Centre for Human Potential* have been working with parents of gays, lesbians and transgender for over 15 years. Contact one of our friendly psychologists to explore whether counselling can be of real benefit to you and your family, or simply call and book a time with one of us.

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**Join us at our meetings, held every 2 months or contact us by
phone: 0400 767 832 or email: info@pflagbrisbane.org.au**

PFLAG Brisbane Annual Membership Form

Please complete the form below and return to PFLAG.

You can also pay online - www.pflagbrisbane.org.au

Larger donations are always welcome. Thanks for your support.

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