



PFLAG Brisbane Newsletter

July and August 2019

July brings us to our fourth PFLAG (Parents Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays) Brisbane Newsletter for 2019. My... how time flies! PFLAG Brisbane Committee members hope that all existing and new Community members feel welcome, willing and accepting of their LGBTIQ+ friends and family members.

If not, we hope to provide you with a place and time to safely share your difficulties, questions and concerns with us. Through our collective experiences, we hope to create an accepting environment for all views.

Remaining PFLAG Brisbane Community Meeting Dates for 2019

3rd August

5th October

30th November

Community Meeting Start Time: 1:30 pm

Location: QUAC Brisbane, 30 Helen Street, Teneriffe QLD

Remember that our Committee *business meetings are held from 12:30 until 1:30* on the same day, and all Community members are welcome to sit in, listen and contribute. We encourage participation and involvement in our organisation, and we are always looking for incoming Committee members who are willing to help. We rely on volunteers for this organisation to function with purpose and passion.

Upcoming Events

Shelley Argent brought PFLAG to Australia and she is the reason that PFLAG has become a real-life entity for the LGBTI+ community in Australia. Shelley was inspired by her son's coming out as homosexual in Brisbane as a police officer. She has spread the PFLAG voice throughout Australia and is now the National Spokesperson for PFLAG Australia. She was awarded an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division) in 2006. More recently, Shelley has been named Senior Queenslander of the Year in 2011.

Shelley has recently released a new book called "Just a Mum". Her book release will be held at Avid Reader bookstore in West End on Tuesday 9th of July. Please follow the following link to register.

<https://avidreader.com.au/events/shelley-argent-just-a-mum>

PFLAG Brisbane Resources Free to the Community

Library Books

Did you know that PFLAG Brisbane has a library of over 55 book titles that are free for lending to all PFLAG Brisbane members? Simply attend our bi-monthly community meetings to see what is on offer. They are free to check out for all community members. The PFLAG library books all non-fiction and relate to the following LGBT+ topics:

- * Coming out to parents, coming out as parents, and coming out to partners
- * Homosexuality
- * Bisexuality
- * Gender identity and Transgender issues
- * LGBTIQ+ issues
- * Homophobia and/or Transphobia
- * Homosexuality and Christian religion beliefs

Additionally, if you have any useful LGBTIQ+ related non-fiction books that may benefit our PFLAG Community, we encourage you to donate or share titles/websites/resources with other PFLAG families. For book donations or recommended titles and websites, please contact PFLAG Brisbane Librarian Sandra Janssen on robsanjan@hotmail.com.

Brochures and Posters

Individuals or businesses/organisations requiring one or more copies of the printed brochures from PFLAG Brisbane should contact Beth Delbridge, PFLAG Brisbane's Community Liaison. The brochure titles currently available include:

Brochures:

- * About PFLAG
- * Sexuality is not a Choice
- * Information for Parents with Transgender Sons and Daughters
- * Become an Ally for Equality
- * Addressing Homophobia in the Workplace
- * Tradies Toolbox Guide: Ending homophobic behaviours at the work site

Poster: * "That's So Gay" (is SO Yesterday) for schools and community organisations

Upcoming LGBTIQ+ Event

Brisbane Powerhouse MELT: Festival of Queer Arts and Culture

"MELT is an invitation to celebrate Brisbane's wonderfully diverse queer communities. The invitation is extended to citizens of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, ethnicities, abilities and artistic interests." *Source: Brisbane Powerhouse website*

The festival runs from 27 June – 7 July, and includes visual art displays, cabaret, musical theatre, comedy and theatre acts, many of which are free events. Please support this Festival and find more information on the following website:

<https://brisbanepowerhouse.org/festivals/melt-festival-of-queer-arts-and-culture/>



Other LGBTIQ+ Information of Interest

Andrew Denton's "Interview"

On June 18th, Andrew Denton interviewed the 2019 Miss First Nation's Drag Queen Winner and First-runner up. This interview is an inspiring, heart-warming and informative. Being Aboriginal men, gay and drag queens, these two men share their beautiful journeys of coming out and living as minorities. The broadcast can be found on the **7plus** App, but perhaps there are other easier ways for you to access the interview (Catch up TV, for example) based on your electronic/internet setup.

On this episode (Season 2, Episode 9), Andrew Denton first interviews Madonna, but next interviews these two brilliant men whom both know the true meaning of discrimination for being who they grew up as and who they are today, inside and out. This interview is amazing, eye-opening and well worth viewing.

SBS "Insight" Transgender Teens

Episode 5 Tuesday 28th May 2019

Figuring out who you are is a major part of teenage-hood. But what would you do if being yourself also means changing your gender. It is estimated that 1.2% of high school kids identify as transgender. How are young people navigating the hurdles of adolescence on top of coming out and transitioning?

Source: SBS.com.au

QN Magazine

QN (or Queer News Magazine) is a free publication and resource for our local LGBTIQ+ community. It provides information about upcoming events, social and health issues, as well as advertising local specialised doctors, psychologists, and resources for the LGBTIQ+ community. QN promotes PFLAG Brisbane as a resource, so it is important for PFLAG Brisbane to reciprocate and promote QN. You can find a hard copy at many LGBTIQ+ facilities, but you can also follow them on the following internet formats:

Website: <https://qnews.com.au/>

Facebook: [facebook.com/qnewsmag](https://www.facebook.com/qnewsmag)

Twitter: @qnewsmagazine

Instagram: @qnewsmagazine

Freedom, Joy and Power: The History of the Rainbow Flag

In 1978, an artist and activist named Gilbert Baker hand-dyed and stitched the first rainbow flags for San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day Parade. The rest is LGBT history.

<https://thenib.com/why-is-the-lgbt-flag-a-rainbow>



We wish you and your family and friends well, and hope to see you at an upcoming PFLAG Community meeting.

*Pasi Linnosto
PFLAG President*



PFLAG Membership



PFLAG is organised and resourced by volunteers and 100% of our funds, including your membership fees, goes to improving our services to you and parents seeking support. We are encouraging people to ensure they pay their annual membership (\$25). Whilst paid membership is not compulsory to receive support, it does help us to improve PFLAG resources, keep our website up to date and help cover some of our general administration costs. Go to our membership webpage @ www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/membership for more information.

Membership information/Electronic payment

For those of you whom have not been able to pay their annual membership fee for 2019 in person or prefer to pay via EFT, PFLAG Brisbane's banking details follow:

BSB: 124 001
Acct #: 20238607

See banner above for annual membership costs. And many thanks for your ongoing support!