



PFLAG Brisbane Newsletter

March - April 2019

Welcome to our second PFLAG Brisbane Newsletter for 2019. The PFLAG Brisbane Committee hopes that all our Community members feel welcome, willing and accepting of their LGBTIQ friends and family members. If not, we hope to provide you with a place to safely air your difficulties and concerns without judgement. Additionally, we hope to see many of our old and new community members at upcoming bi-monthly Community meetings throughout the year.

PFLAG Brisbane Community Meeting Dates for 2019:

6th April

3rd August

30th November

8th June

5th October

Start Time: 1:30 pm

Location: QUAC Brisbane, 30 Helen Street, Teneriffe QLD 4006



LGBTIQ Police Liaison Officers – QN Magazine headline article

If anyone has not had the privilege of seeing the recent cover story for QN Magazine, dated February 15, 2019, PFLAG Brisbane is happy to introduce Constable Mairead Devilin, Detective Senior Sergeant Sasha Finney, and Acting Sergeant Ben Bjarnesen. These three officers are a part of the team of the Queensland Police liaison officers who provide support and assistance to the LGBTIQ community in Brisbane. This service is in addition to their regular policing duties. All three are open and out in the LGBTIQ community. How fortunate are we to have these courageous police officers in our community and on our side? The Brisbane LGBTIQ community is so fortunate to have this level of support from our local law enforcement agency.

As always, it is important to call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency. Additionally, the LGBTIQ community can report any issue to ANY Queensland police officer, but please be aware, you or your loved one can speak directly to an LGBTIQ liaison officer. In either case, call Police Link on 131 444, and if needed, request an LGBTIQ liaison officer.

Upcoming LGBTI+ Events:

Mardi Gras in Sydney *Friday 15th Feb until Sunday 3rd March*

Detailed Information regarding the upcoming Mardi Gras can be found on the following website: www.mardigras.org.au

Sydney Pride Parade *Saturday 2nd March*

The 41st Mardi Gras Sydney Gay and Lesbian Parade will include 12,000 participants and 300,000 spectators. Two PFLAG Brisbane Committee Members will march with the 50 strong PFLAG Sydney cohort this year. Photos and amazing experiences will be shared ASAP.

Big Gay Day *Sunday 18th March at the Wickham Hotel, Brisbane*

A fundraiser for the LGBTIQ+ Community at the Wickham Hotel in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.

Tickets on sale now at: biggayday.oztix.com.au

Queeriosity 2019 Wednesday 10th April

Open Doors Youth Service is holding its annual Youth Festival for LGBT people aged under 25. Anyone over 25 must be accompanied by a young person. This year, PFLAG will have an information booth set up at the festival. It will be held at the Tivoli, 52 Costin Street in Fortitude Valley from 11 am until 3 pm.

Brisbane Pride Festival 2019

This will be Brisbane's 27th year of celebrating the Brisbane Pride Festival in Queensland. It is the third largest LGBTIQA+ festival in Australia and that is something to be proud of!

September 7th is the formal annual Pride Month launch date and organisers are seeking volunteers and/or performers to register their interest for the following events:

Launch Party: 8th September

Pride Rally March and Fair: 22nd September



News from other PFLAG Groups

NSW PFLAG is a very active community group that meets on the 4th Saturday of every second month at the Wesley Conference Room, 175 Hawkesbury Road, Westmead. Should you be in the area, please feel free to contact info@pflagaustralia.org.au and attend a meeting.

Please do not forget that **PFLAG Brisbane** is also participating group in the Sydney Pride Parade on 2nd of March... We look forward to sharing photos with our PFLAG Brisbane Community members.

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.