



PFLAG+ Brisbane Newsletter

May 2021

*Welcome to our PFLAG+ Brisbane Community Newsletter for May 2021. Our Committee hopes that all of our new and existing PFLAG+ members feel welcome in our group and are willing to accept their LGBTIQ+ loved ones. We at PFLAG+ are a community of people hoping to support and learn from and one another in order to help us on our respective journeys as **Parents and Friends of LGBTIQ+ individuals**. Our goal is to provide non-judgemental, confidential support and resources. If you are new to PFLAG+ and are struggling with LGBTIQ+ related issues, we hope to provide you with a forum to safely share your concerns, comments or questions.*

Next Community Meeting

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| Date | Saturday, 12 th of June |
| Time | 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm |
| Location | Chermside Library Meeting Room 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside, Qld 4032 Phone: 07-3403 7200 |

*Our bi-monthly Community meeting will be **face-to-face** unless Covid restrictions limit our venue's access. Should this occur, an email will be sent out to our mailing list with a Zoom link for online meeting details.*

Upcoming LGBTIQ+ Dates To Acknowledge

The LGBTIQ+ calendar is full of special days to acknowledge and remember our loved ones of diverse gender and sexuality. Here are a few upcoming events:

17 May **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)**
<https://www.idahobit.org.au>
<https://mailchi.mp/minus18/adults-idahobit-2021-launch?e=457afede30>

19 May **Agender Pride Day**
<https://gender.wikia.org/wiki/Agender>



22 May **Harvey Milk Day**
<https://nationaltoday.com/harvey-milk-day/>

24 May **Pansexual & Panromantic Awareness and Visibility Day**
<https://thepancommunity.tumblr.com/faq>

28 May **LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Day**
#SeenAndBelieved
<https://www.dvafoundation.org/>



IDAHOBIT

Are you or your organisation ready to promote **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)** on the **17th of May**? PFLAG+ Brisbane is ready. The Committee and their families joined for a photo op, followed by a lovely bbq. Thank you to our hosts, the Hopkins family!



Be Entertained

Melt: Festival of Queer Arts and Culture

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to one or many of the Brisbane Powerhouse's Melt Festival performances or events. The Festival runs from 20-30 May.

<https://brisbanepowerhouse.org/whats-on/festival/melt-festival-of-queer-arts-culture/>

Outback Divas 22 May

The Outback Divas drag queen performance will occur on 22 May at the Goodna and Districts Junior Rugby League Club.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/139729374789542/>

Gay Daze at Movieworld on 12 June

Book yourself in for some Hollywood thrills on a special Gay Daze visit to Australia's #1 theme park, Movie World. If you're new to the area, it's a fun, stress-free way to meet great people and make new friends. If you're coupled up or looking for that special someone or two, it's a fantastic way to make new memories.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/warner-bros-movie-world-gold-coast-australia/gay-daze-at-movieworld-june-2021/845533329364785/>

View

William Yang: Seeing and Being Seen

Queensland Art Gallery - through 22 August (Gallery 4)

William Yang, a Queensland-born photographer whose work has spanned fifty years, is best known for his work in the 70's and 80's LGBTIQ+ scene and is now on show at the Queensland Art Gallery. Please visit this link for more information:

<https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/william-yang>

Movie Preview Tickets for *In The Heights*

PFLAG+ Brisbane are the fortunate recipients of complimentary film preview tickets thanks to **showfilmfirst** for the movie, *In the Heights*. The movie will be officially released 24th June. PFLAG+ members can order complimentary preview tickets in various locations around Greater Brisbane.

The movie setting is Washington Heights, New York City, and is about a small community looking for a better life. For a trailer and to order complimentary preview tickets are online. First in, first served so don't delay if you are interested. Follow this link:

<https://www.showfilmfirst.com/pin/602031>

Actor Elliot Page speaks about "life-saving" surgery in Oprah interview

The actor tells Oprah Winfrey transitioning made him "feel comfortable in my body for the first time". See an abbreviated interview on:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-56952345>

The full interview is available on Apple TV, which requires a paid subscription. To download the Apple TV app, follow this link: <https://www.apple.com/au/apple-tv-plus/>

Read

As Beautiful as Any Other

In his biography of coming out as transgender, this debut book by writer and tsunami scientist Kaya Wilson follows his journey of family secrets, repressed queerness and shame.

<https://www.panmacmillan.com.au/9781760984885/>

Twenty things no one told you about being a trans partner

This brochure, published back in 2016 and appearing on the Queensland Council for LGBTI Health (formerly QUAC) website, and is still pertinent. It applies not only to trans partners, but also trans loved ones.

<https://quac.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/20-things.pdf>

International News

BBC News: The Ugandan mum who was once ashamed of her gay son

In Uganda, a gay person can be punished by life imprisonment. Read this mother's story and her support network, which included PFLAG in Uganda. PFLAG in Uganda? Yes! Read on...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-56773018>

Former Olympian and trans woman, Caitlyn Jenner, agrees that trans girls and women should be banned from female sports

Read about Caitlyn Jenner's opinion regarding "biological boys" competing in women's sports:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/caitlyn-jenner-says-transgender-girls-women-s-sports-unfair-n1266138>

Canada is one of the most LGBT friendly places to visit

The yearly *Spartacus* report informs potential travellers about the state of LGBT+ rights in 202 countries and uses a points system. Canada topped the index with a total score of 12. While Malta, Sweden and Austria also scored 12 points, Sweden and Austria received a negative point for still legally allowing [conversion therapy](#). Canada scored neutrally, [with legislative efforts to ban the practise ongoing](#).

<https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2021/03/16/canada-lgbt-travel-holiday-destination-visa/>

Various LGBTIQ+ Resources online

<https://qlife.org.au>

<https://www.lgbtiqhealth.org.au>

<https://www.diversevoices.org.au>

https://www.lgbtiqhealth.org.au/lgbti_ageing_and_aged_care_conference_communique

New PFLAG+ Brisbane Treasurer needed!

Our long-standing Treasurer, the lovely Margaret, is ready for retirement after nearly 20 years of active service with our beautiful PFLAG+ Brisbane organisation. As a not-for-profit organisation, it is important that we keep our legitimate stand from a tax standpoint. Please consider contributing a few hours a month to PFLAG+ Brisbane, and you will receive training and the full support of our Committee.

PFLAG+ Brisbane Membership

PFLAG+ Brisbane is a not-for-profit organisation that is run by volunteers. One hundred percent of our funds, including your voluntary membership fees, go to improving our services to you, parents and friends of LGBTIQ+ people. We encourage individuals, families and corporations to pay a voluntary annual membership fee. We recommend \$25 per individual/family, \$100 for corporate membership, or whatever amount you can afford. While it is not compulsory, membership fees received to PFLAG+ Brisbane do help improve our electronic and printed resources, update our website, and cover other administration costs, among other expenses.

To pay your 2021 voluntary membership fees by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), PFLAG+ Brisbane's banking details are:

PFLAG+ Brisbane

BSB Number: 124 011

Account Number: 20238607

Reference: Your family name or corporation name

There are many ways to contact PFLAG+ Brisbane



<https://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au>



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<https://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/contact-us>



0400 767 832 for general information and support

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