

# PFLAG+ Brisbane Newsletter



## May 2022

*Welcome to the PFLAG+ Brisbane May 2022 Newsletter. Our committee hopes that you and your LGBTIQ+ loved ones are healthy and well; both physically and mentally. PFLAG+ Brisbane is a group of people supporting each other, while learning from our shared experiences. Our hope is to help each other on our respective journeys as **amazing** Parents and Friends of LGBTIQ+ Individuals.*

### Next Community Meeting

**Date:** Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June

**Time:** Committee meeting – 12:30 until 1:25 pm  
Community meeting – 1:30 until 3:30

You are invited to the community meeting for PFLAG+ Brisbane held on **Zoom**.

**Details:** We ask that you register in advance for this meeting (click here):  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=7kbAyz3&from=invite-link>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information the link to join our Zoom meeting.

**Guest Speaker:** **Carolyn A Rogers**

Carolyn is a Rainbow Counsellor; she is an LGBTIQ+ informed, affirming, and supportive counsellor whose passion is enhancing the mental health and wellbeing of the diverse gender communities, which includes breaking down the barriers that they face. Carolyn will be speaking about LGBTIQ+ young peoples' and parent's mental health during the meeting.

### Additional 2022 Community Meeting Dates – Please mark your diaries...

**6<sup>th</sup> August**

**1<sup>st</sup> October**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December (AGM)**

## Face-to-Face Get-together for IDAHOBIT at Kangaroo Point



IDAHOBIT is an annual **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia**. Please join PFLAG+ Brisbane for a face-to-face get-together to socialize, show support, be an ally, plus we may take some awesome photos to post on our social media sites in support of our LGBTIQ+ loved ones and community (photos optional). Kids are welcome.

### Event details:

Friday 13 May starting at 5:30 pm  
Pineapple Hotel  
706 Main Street, Kangaroo Point

Please register in advance at: <https://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/meetings-events>

## **Other News**

### **Being Me – YouTube Animation**

This animation was created for Queensland school children about being different and coming out to parents and friends. It was created in conjunction with True Relationship & Reproductive Health and former PFLAG+ National Spokesperson, Shelley Argent.

Click this link to view the short video:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Af5SxS-6vnQ&fbclid=IwAR2LrxxSTF7wozc15giCh9VmUwq2n8hDkeZ2qYkEX7qtKeL-KeEUuFXmuhc&d=n#searching>

<https://qnews.com.au/pflag-launches-new-coming-out-video-and-resources-for-all-qld-schools/>

### **Australian Federal Election 21 May 2022 – Equality Australia**

Equality Australia is an organisation that exists to improve the wellbeing and circumstances of LGBTIQ+ people and their families. The organization conducted a poll in February and March 2022 to find out what was most important to LGBTIQ+ people and their families.

The results of the report can be found at this link:

<https://equalityaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Rainbow-votes-report.pdf>

### **Daniel Andrews – Victorian Premier on the “Trans Problem”**

There have been many recent debates in our political arena about Trans kids/adults being “a problem” in school and sport. The fact is Trans kids are 15 times more likely to self-harm than other populations. Shouldn’t that high risk be **“the problem”** that we are addressing? Dan Andrews vocally supports that Trans kids face many challenges, prejudices, stigmas.

See our Facebook page (PFLAG + Brisbane) for a very important message from the Parliament member Daniel Andrews on Nine News regarding Trans kids...

<https://www.facebook.com/paulinepantsdown666/videos/1054421988509539/>

### **Transgender Women in Sports**

Once again, the federal government is looking to create more barriers for our LGBTIQ+ loved ones, now attempting to exclude them from sporting clubs. Ahead of the election, this topic is all over the news. Here are just a few samples regarding the topic found in the media:

[https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/apr/24/trans-participation-in-sport-is-happening-now-not-only-is-it-a-non-issue-it-makes-clubs-better?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other&fbclid=IwAR1C-mS0b\\_l4N0l4v87IoULxlyNSu\\_d6IjNUhsslvTepgx8dHh4HY1goHcA](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/apr/24/trans-participation-in-sport-is-happening-now-not-only-is-it-a-non-issue-it-makes-clubs-better?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other&fbclid=IwAR1C-mS0b_l4N0l4v87IoULxlyNSu_d6IjNUhsslvTepgx8dHh4HY1goHcA)

Insight on SBS OnDemand – “Gender Games”

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/2024236611642/gender-games-competing-against-a-transgender-athlete>

## Upcoming Events

### LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Foundation – Charity Gala

Friday 27 May 6:30 – 10:30 pm

Brisbane is fortunate to have Queensland Police Officer Ben Bjarnesen as a Regional Volunteer for the QPS LGBTQ Liaison Officer Program. PFLAG+ Brisbane has also been fortunate enough to have Ben as a speaker at a community meeting in years past. In 2020, Ben founded the LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Foundation which aims to help end domestic, family, and intimate partner violence and abuse within LGBTQ communities, by increasing visibility through an annual awareness campaign.

To support the DV Awareness Foundation charity, an annual gala will be held on 27 May. See more details below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/you-are-invited-to-light-up-the-night-at-our-inaugural-domestic-violence-awareness-foundation-gala-ball?fbclid=IwAR1hYt2S1YyK-ddhmfRcFRcvb5SZhVPCh3ABnYzYHWblCIXAWz5EmZUzO1U>

### Queens Ball Brisbane “Masquerade” - 25 June

Now is the time to vote for your nominees... The Queens Ball celebrates, recognizes and awards LGBTIQ+ individuals and groups working for and with LGBTIQ+ communities. Vote for a person, organization or service that has worked with and for LGBTIQ+ people... They are at your workplace, in your home, at your local shops. They provide services and they ensure the advancement of LGBTIQ+ priorities and needs. Voting closes on 13 May, so hurry...

As part of Brisbane Pride Incorporated, these wonderful people will be celebrated at the Queens Ball at Brisbane City Hall on Saturday 25 June from 6:30 pm. The theme for this year's ball is **Masquerade**.

<https://qnews.com.au/brisbane-pride-opens-nominations-for-2022-queens-ball-awards/>

### Brisbane Hustlers NEW Women's Team – Expressions of Interest

Are you interested in being a part of the new openly gay women's rugby union team? Click here for more information:

<https://qnews.com.au/brisbane-hustlers-to-start-australias-first-openly-gay-and-inclusive-womens-rugby-union-team/>

## Entertainment on the LGBTIQ+ front...

### Heartstopper on Netflix

This hot, new, and highly commended coming-of-age series is about a group of LGBTQ friends in the UK from 2022. It is very affirming, positive, and heart-warming, while still addressing homo- and biphobia. It is the latest talk of the town. Just so you know, It is rated R, so if you have young ones, please preview for suitability. You will need a Netflix account to view this series.

### [First Day Season 2 on ABC iview](#)

The second season of Australian high school drama *First Day* shows transgender girl, Hannah, played by transgender actor Evie Macdonald, finding her feet, and running for class president. Hannah also starts up a Pride group at school, with mixed success. Watch for more details... This show is streaming on ABC iview, which is free.

Link: <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/first-day>

### [Dancing with the Stars 2022 on 7plus](#)

#### **Courtney Act and Josh + Shane Janek and Josh**

Courtney Act has been an international drag queen entertainer for many years, but this year's *Dancing with the Stars* shows another side of our well-known Courtney... Shane's real gay self dancing the Fox Trot with his partner Josh. Both dances are entertaining and spectacular! To view both Courtney and Shane's dances, see the following links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3J82-itsav0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEGCER9o8ic>

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

15 May – International AIDS Candlelight Memorial

17 May – IDAHOBIT (International Day Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination)

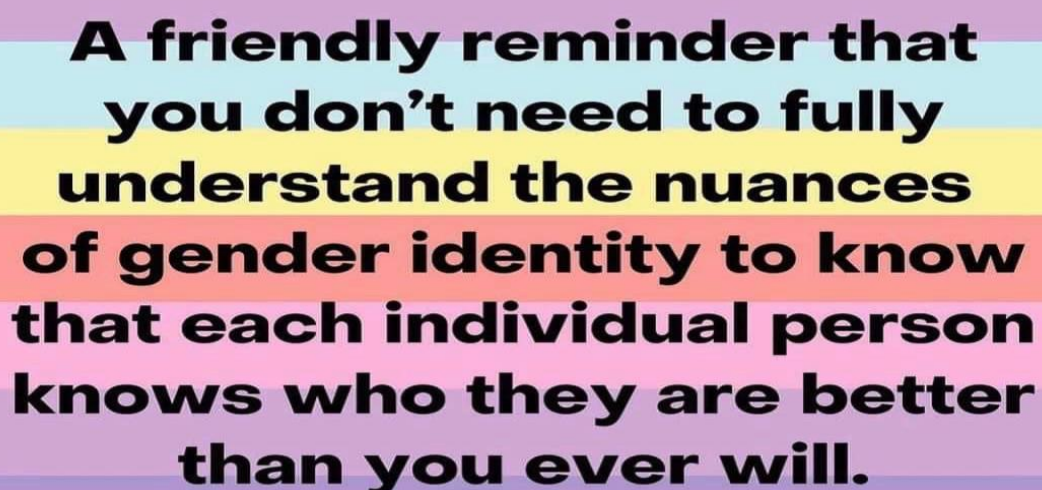
24 May – Pansexual Visibility Day

28 May LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Day

June – LGBT Pride Month

June - Gold Coast Pride

25 June – The Annual Queen's Ball Awards Gala



**A friendly reminder that  
you don't need to fully  
understand the nuances  
of gender identity to know  
that each individual person  
knows who they are better  
than you ever will.**

(<https://www.facebook.com/parentsofgenderdiversechildren/photos/a.576483455866924/2107883332726921/?type=3>)



## **Word of the Month – Asexual (from the acronym LGBTQIA+)**

Asexuality, sometimes referred to as ace or aces, is the lack of sexual attraction to others, or low or absent interest in or desire for sexual activity. It may be considered a sexual orientation or the lack thereof. It may also be categorized more widely, to include a broad spectrum of asexual sub-identities.

A grey-asexual (grey ace/grey-a) person may experience sexual attraction very rarely or only under specific circumstances. Demisexual people only experience sexual attraction after developing a strong emotional bond with someone.

Similarly, somebody who is aromantic does not experience romantic attraction and a grey-romantic person only does very rarely. Demiromantic people are only romantically attracted to those they've emotionally bonded with first.

## **Other News**

### **Gold Coast Pride Month in June**

<https://www.gcrainbowcommunities.com/gold-coast-pride-festival-2022>

<https://qnews.com.au/gold-coast-pride-festival-unveils-new-lineup-of-events-for-2022/>

### **Academic Grant on Offer to Queer Female Student in Brisbane**

<https://qnews.com.au/vicki-howard-2022-academic-grant-queer-female-student-in-brisbaneacademic-grant-of-1100-on-offer-to-queer-female-student-brisbane/>

### **CATALYST - Workplaces That Work for Women**

CATALYST believes that Including LGBTQ+ employees is a vital component of a comprehensive diversity and inclusion strategy. Successfully recruiting, retaining, developing, and advancing LGBTQ+ employees help organizations compete effectively for talent, minimize attrition costs, and better access LGBTQ+ consumer markets.

<https://www.catalyst.org/topics/lgbtq/>

### **Big Majority of Australian Parents Support LGBTQ+ Education in Schools**

<https://qnews.com.au/big-majority-of-australian-parents-support-lgbtq-education-in-schools/>

### **Bisexual Student Flashes Mormon Uni Graduation Ceremony**

<https://qnews.com.au/bisexual-student-flashes-mormon-graduation-ceremony/>

## **PFLAG+ Brisbane Information**

### **PFLAG+ Brisbane - Private Peer Support Group on Facebook**

To support people like you, we have our bi-monthly meetings, our support phone line, our Facebook site, a bi-monthly newsletter, and other means of sharing resources. Also, we have a relatively new private peer support group on Facebook connect to folks like us immediately. Please feel free to join us here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4088386261264141>



### PFLAG+ Brisbane Membership

PFLAG+ Brisbane is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers. One hundred percent of our funds go towards improving our services to parents and friends of LGBTIQ+ people. We encourage individuals, families, and corporations to contribute a voluntary annual membership fee of \$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 help toward improving our electronic and printed resources, updating our website and social media presence, and toward covering other administration costs.

We have a new membership form, including payment information on our website, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/membership>

Alternately, you can pay your 2022 voluntary membership fees via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). The PFLAG+ Brisbane's banking details are:

BSB Number:	124 011
Account Number:	20238607
Reference:	Your family name or corporation name

More information from PFLAG+ Brisbane can be found at our website:

[www.pflagbrisbane.org.au](http://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au)

or on Facebook:

@facebook.com/pflag + brisbane

*The kindest regards to our PFLAG+ Brisbane  
community members!*

*From the 2022 PFLAG+ Brisbane Committee*

