



November 2022 Newsletter

*Welcome to the November PFLAG+ Brisbane bi-monthly newsletter. We represent a group of dedicated parents and friends of LGBTIQPA+ people supporting each other. Our hope is to help each other on our respective journeys as **amazing** parents and friends of LGBTIQPA+ individuals, young and old.*

Annual General Meeting & Year End Family Social Gathering

Date: Saturday, December 3rd

Location: **To Be Determined**

Committee meeting: 12:30 – 1:30

Annual General Meeting/Community Meeting: 1:30 – 2:30 pm

All are invited to attend the Committee meeting, the AGM and/or the Community meeting.

Important note: We will be taking **nominations for Committee roles** from all participants who are interested in contributing to our wonderful organisation. PFLAG+ Brisbane is a non-profit, volunteer team effort and we are always interested in new people sharing their unique skill set. As a volunteer organisation... every little bit of help we get helps everyone!

Previous Meeting notes

1st October Zoom Meeting

Kirstine Hand is the Project Coordinator of Capability, Confidence and Diversity Initiative at True Relationships and Reproductive Health. Throughout this work Kirstine aims to increase awareness of the important role educators and school-based staff play in supporting student wellbeing and how this can be achieved through inclusive practices that are respectful of diversity.

Kirstine has previous experience working in early childhood, school, university, and non-government organisation settings. In addition to the role at True, Kirstine also works at QUT as a casual professional within the Faculty of Education and is on the committee for Diverse Voices, a non-profit organisation that provides phone and online peer support to the Queensland LGBTIQ+ community.

Recent PFLAG+ Brisbane Events Brisbane Pride Rally and Fair 24/09

We were all fortunate to enjoy a lovely Brisbane Pride march/rally and fair recently. Despite the rain, the march and fair went forward and was a huge success. PFLAG+ Brisbane had a lovely booth and we enjoyed visiting our sister booth's... Free Mum Hugs among others...





Secret Flash Mob to support our LGBTIQPA+ Youth at Pride Fair...

What could possibly be more fun than a Flash Mob to support our well-loved young people? What a blast?! What a gas?! Let's do that again... The crowd loved it!! Thank you to the **'Free Mum Hugs'**, a group of beautiful people who choreographed and coordinated the whole (secret) event. They invited and included all organisations supporting our beautiful LGBTIQPA+ loved ones. Props to the **'Free Mum Hugs'** group...

The photos and the crowd's response represent how much fun we had. It may entice you to join us next time?!?





PFLAG+ Australia – A New Chapter in the Fight for Rainbow Families

PFLAG+ Australia is now officially up and running as a charity organisation. See the QNews article on page 7 for the full report (Issue 528):

<https://www.calameo.com/qnews/books/0001805687f5bd2e11c35>

GiveOUT Raised Over \$265,000+!

'Growing the pot of gold under the rainbow and changing the way Australians experience gender and sexuality – for the better!'

That's how much GiveOUT raised on Thursday 20th October... and the amount has grown since the big day. The team at GiveOUT and all 80+ LGBTIQ+ organisations who participated could not be more grateful for your support. But GiveOUT Day is just the beginning. The \$265,000+ raised is the largest day of giving to LGBTIQ+ causes in Australia. These funds mean LGBTIQ+ organisations can create more real and lasting impact, build resilience in the face of crises, and support their communities to thrive.

<https://giveout.org.au>

<https://www.ourcommunity.com.au/innovationlab/LGBTIQ+funding>

LGBTIQA+ Calendar

Transgender Awareness Week

Trans Awareness Week is a week-long celebration of trans pride and starts Sunday, 13 November. It is a week-long chance for allies to learn how to elevate the voices of the trans community.

You can be involved... Like IDAHOBIT and Wear it Purple Day, there are many ways to mark the occasion at work, school, with mates or in your community. For a free Minus18 digital toolkit full of resources, click here: https://www.minus18.org.au/campaigns/trans-awareness-week?mc_cid=c2b4544458&mc_eid=457afede30

PFLAG+ Brisbane Celebrates Trans Awareness

Our next social event will be at the **Pineapple Hotel, East Brisbane on the 18th of November at 6pm.**

Please join us to share a drink, a meal, and a chance to chat with all our community and committee members. As always, family members and kiddos are welcome!

Trans Day of Visibility

Trans Day of Visibility (TDOV) is an annual international celebration of trans pride and awareness, that is dedicated to celebrating Transgender and Gender Diverse communities and raising awareness of the stigma and discrimination faced. In addition to this, the purpose of the day is also to celebrate our communities by being visible and proud. **Many Genders One Voice** is sponsoring the upcoming event (see below).

Candlelight Vigil and Ceremony

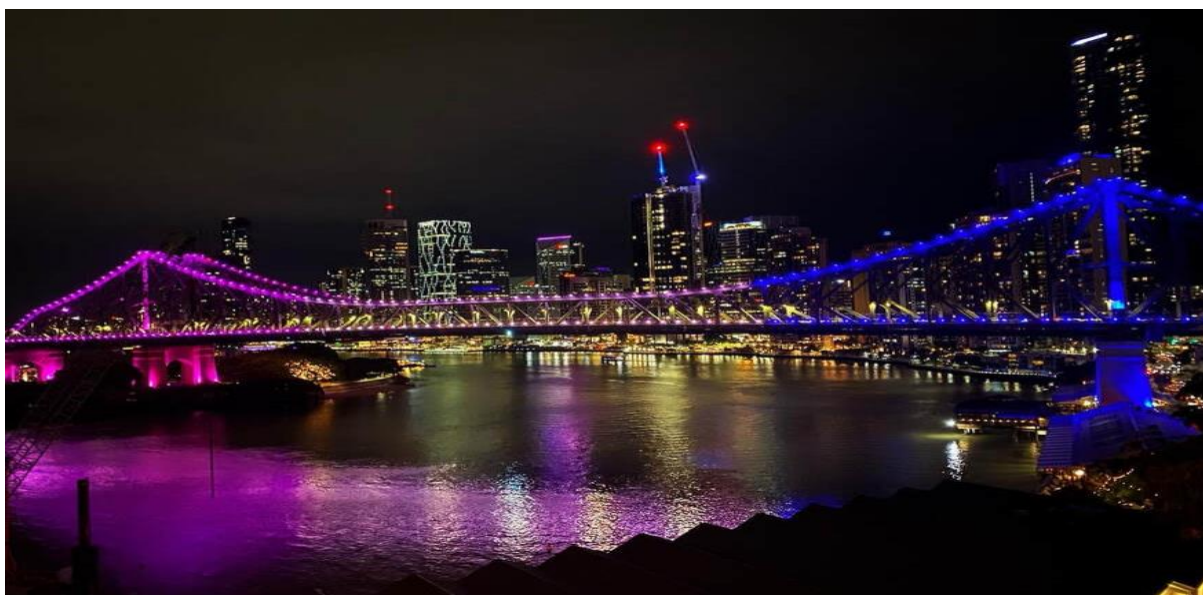
"The Story Bridge in Brisbane will be lit up in Trans Colours to commemorate those that we have lost within our Trans communities worldwide through violence and suicide."

PFLAG+ Brisbane will be present at Wilson's Point, so please join us for comradery and support for our beautiful trans friends and family past and present.

Saturday, 20 November at 7:30 pm

Wilson's Outlook Reserve, Bowen Terrace, New Farm

<https://www.manygendersonevoice.org/events.html#/>



Other PFLAG+ News and Resources

Grill'd Rosalie

Each year, PFLAG+ Brisbane has been sponsored by Grill'd in Rosalie for a month of sponsorship. This year it happens in November! PFLAG+ Brisbane is in the running again to win up to \$200 toward our fully volunteer run, not-for-profit organisation! So, eat up your burgers and vote with your bottle caps for the PFLAG+ Brisbane. Every bottle top counts!

Citipointe College Aftermath

Not all difficult stories have a sad ending. Here is a story of strength and hope. Thank you to young people, like Felicity, for being their authentic selves... before, during, and after a difficult event.

<https://qnews.com.au/citipointe-christian-college-students-appear-on-abcs-australian-story/>

LGBTIQ+ Learning Lounge - Australian Government/eSafety LGBTIQ+

“Our new engaging resources have been co-designed following extensive community consultation with LGBTIQ+ organisations across Australia, and informed by our [2021 Protecting LGBTIQ+ voices online report](#) that highlights how people who identify as LGBTIQ+ are affected by adult cyber abuse and online lateral abuse (abuse between members within a community).

The resources provide practical guidance on online safety using entertaining videos, GIFs, animations, illustrations, and more. There are 3 topics, each with multiple sections that make it easy to share relevant content with the LGBTQ+ community online. Explore them now:"

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources>

https://www.esafety.gov.au/research/protecting-lgbtqi-voices-online?utm_campaign=2209_LGBTIQ_LearningLounge_otherstakeholders_toolkit&utm_id=19528ba4019c64a8dbcf665d34011db6&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eSafety_edm

Wear It Purple Day and 2022 Impact Report



For more details about the impact of Wear It Purple Day's impact, see the following report:

<https://minus18.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b99e66c83123edb8e0c25cc6e&id=817399dbed&e=457afede30>

Bros- The film

It is the first major studio produced gay rom-com to hit the screens...with a twist. It has an all gay cast. That is new for Hollywood. You decide if you like it or not...

<https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2022/10/28/bros-billy-eichner-luke-macfarlane-gay-sex-steroids/>

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

For requests for help and questions on:

www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/contact-us

Facebook:

@facebook.com/ PFLAG+ brisbane

To our PFLAG+ Brisbane community members,

**We hope that you and your loved ones are well today and remain
well in the future!**

From the 2022 PFLAG+ Brisbane Committee