



# PFLAG+ Brisbane Newsletter

March 2020

*Welcome to our latest PFLAG+ Brisbane Newsletter for March 2020. The **PFLAG+ Brisbane Committee** hopes that all our current and incoming **Community members** feel welcome, willing to learn and accepting of their LGBTI+ friends and family members. If not, we hope to provide you with a place to safely air your questions and concerns without judgement.*

## **PFLAG+ Brisbane Community Meeting Dates for 2020**

### **Next Meeting Date:**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Committee Business Meeting** 12:30 – 1:30 pm (all welcome)

**Community Meeting** 1:30 – 3:30 pm

### **Location:**

QuAC Brisbane (newly named the Queensland Council for LGBTI+ Health)  
30 Helen Street, Teneriffe QLD 4006

### **Upcoming 2020 PFLAG+ Brisbane Meetings:**

6<sup>th</sup> June

3<sup>rd</sup> October

1<sup>st</sup> August

5<sup>th</sup> December (AGM and Committee nominations)

## Recent PFLAG+ Brisbane Activities and Participation

### Mardi Gras – Sydney 2020

On 29<sup>th</sup> February, PFLAG+ Brisbane joined PFLAG NSW/Sydney in their march down Oxford Street to represent our support of the LGBTI+ community. Once again, it was an incredible and truly accepting event for those PFLAG+ and family members who attended.

This was the 42<sup>nd</sup> LGBTI+ parade in Sydney, attended by approximately 200,000 people watching the parade. Thankfully, it was a well-attended and peaceful parade full of love and acceptance.

The edited televised parade can be viewed on [SBS OnDemand Replay](#).



## Australian Catholic University Market Stall Day

On Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, PFLAG+ Brisbane was invited to attend the ACU Market Stall Day. It was the first time that ACU and its Orientation Day committee accepted an LGBTI+ stall. Of course, PFLAG+ Brisbane was keen to attend. Our president, Jane Hopkins, was fortunate to be the person to represent our organisation. Jane claims the day as a huge success, with many visitors and questions. She was able to give away many of our brochures.



## PFLAG+ Brisbane Facebook Free Giveaways!

Become a member of our Facebook page and you will become ***eligible for free giveaways!*** Events or last-minute offers that occur between our monthly newsletters will be advertised on Facebook only.

For example, in December 2019, PFLAG+ Brisbane was offered two-for-one tickets to the Palace Cinemas to view the award-winning international film ***Lady on Fire***. Several PFLAG+ Brisbane members attended.

Additionally, PFLAG+ Brisbane was contacted by QPAC to receive last minute free tickets to the Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February showing of ***Conchita Wurst (Eurovision winner), Trevor Ashley, the Queensland Chamber Orchestra and special guest Kate Miller-Heidke***. Several of our members took advantage of this last-minute offer.

You must be a PFLAG+ Brisbane Facebook member in order to be informed of these last minute or special deals. Sign up to our open Facebook group on:

**[@facebook.com/pflagbrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/pflagbrisbane)**

## LGBTI+ Shows of Interest to Watch

***Not a boy, not a girl*** (Four Corners ABC iView, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020)

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/four-corners>

***Coming Out with Faith*** (SBS On Demand, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020)

<https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/1700224579535>

***About a Girl*** (Australian Story, 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014)

<https://www.abc.net.au/austory/about-a-girl/7733434>

## Recommended Reads

***About A Girl: A mother's powerful story of raising her transgender child***

By Rebekah Robertson and Introduction by Georgie Stone (2019)

This bittersweet book tells a story about a mum with twin boys. From age 2-1/2, one twin, George, identifies as a female. The story describes the difficulties and barriers for Georgie's transition from male to female and their impact on family and personal life. Thankfully, the ground-breaking law changes that Georgie and her mother navigated and negotiated help our current day trans youth to avoid Family Court, costing less money and a medical system which is much easier to navigate.

## Related LGBTI+ Group Information

### **Wendybird**

Wendybird is a collective of LGBTI+ people who promote a safe and supportive community, much like the work that PFLAG+ Brisbane aims to help with. The group meets monthly in New Farm. For more information about their activities, check out their website at:

<http://www.wendybird.com.au>

## **Free Mom Hugs**

These mothers are Allies to the LGBTI+ community and show up at various rallies and events to ensure that those they support feel safe and loved.

This group is asking for allies to take a quick survey about your experience with the group, or your knowledge of their organisation: <https://www.freemomhugs.org>

## **True Safe Space**

A poster from True Relationships to be used in schools, early childhood centres and other LGBTI+ spaces to ensure that people feel safe and welcomed. For information about True Safe Space or True Relationships, and downloading a

*Creating Inclusive Spaces* poster follow this link:

<https://www.true.org.au/Education/safe-space>

## **There are many ways to contact PFLAG+ Brisbane, as well as PFLAG Australia**



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



[@facebook.com/pflagbrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/pflagbrisbane)



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



0400 767 832 (general information and support)

**PFLAG Australia National Representative and Community Educator, Shelley Argent:**



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*With many thanks,  
from the PFLAG Brisbane Committee 2020*



#### **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](http://www.pflagbrisbane.org.au/membership) for more information.

### **Membership Information**

For those of you whom have not been able to pay their annual membership fee for 2020 in person or prefer to pay via EFT, PFLAG+ Brisbane's banking details follow:

BSB 124 001

Account number 20238607

See banner above for annual membership costs.

Many thanks for your ongoing support!