



## PFLAG+ Brisbane Newsletter

[January 2021](#)

*Hello PFLAG+ Brisbane Community, and welcome to our first monthly newsletter for 2021. Our newly elected Committee for 2021 hope that all our existing and incoming members feel welcome, willing and accepting of their LGBTIQ+ friends and family. If you are new and/or struggling, we hope to provide you with a forum to safely share your concerns and questions about your loved ones. Our goal is to provide non-judgemental support and resources to parents and friends. Our aim is to provide a safe forum including like-minded people hoping to learn from and support each other and our LGBTIQ+ family and friends.*

### **Next Community Meeting**

<b>Date</b>	Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Chris Pye, Counsellor</b> Formerly with Relationships Australia's Rainbow Program, now in private practice, A Single Step
<b>Time</b>	1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
<b>Location</b>	Face-to face, dependent upon Covid-19 restrictions:  <b>Chermside Library Meeting Room</b> 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside, Qld 4032 Phone: 07-3403 7200

**Attendees are asked to register in advance of our meeting on our Facebook page:**

Open our FB page [@facebook.com/pflagbrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/pflagbrisbane) and press the blue 'send message' rectangle to register your attendance. Include your name and preferred location (Library or Zoom).

**Or on Zoom**

Zoom attendees are asked to register in advance of our meeting on our Facebook page: [@facebook.com/pflagbrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/pflagbrisbane) where they will receive Zoom meeting access information. Open our FB page and press the blue 'send message' rectangle to register. Include your name and preferred location for attending (Zoom or Chermside).

**Face to face Community Meeting changes due to COVID-19 restrictions**

In case of any last-minute government restrictions due to COVID, those of you who plan to attend the meeting at Chermside Library, please check for current announcements on our Facebook page, which can be found by clicking this link: [@facebook.com/pflagbrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/pflagbrisbane)

**Read:****Ten major LGBTI+ victories that prove 2020 was not a complete write-off**

From decriminalisation of homosexuality to more representation of out LGBTI+ people in government, 2020 was a year of change. Please see the PinkNews article which may bring hope around the world...

<https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2020/12/22/2020-year-lgbt-victories-us-election-supreme-court-conversion-therapy-elliott-page/>

**Listen:**

Looking for a new Podcast to play while you are driving, commuting or walking? Here is a list from Attitude in the UK:

<https://attitude.co.uk/article/the-best-lgbtq-gay-and-queer-podcasts-to-listen-to-during-queerantime-1/23099/>

**Watch:**

The Brisbane Hustlers is Brisbane's only LGBTI+ and all-inclusive rugby union team. Building a formidable side, the Brisbane Hustlers have made their mark in Queensland Suburban Rugby Union and Pacific and international gay and inclusive rugby union competitions. For more information, see the following link: <http://brisbanehustlers.org/about/>

## **Sydney Mardi Gras 2021**

This year the Parade will take place at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, 6 March. It will have seated attendance with performers on the green. Bookings are essential - all the details are here 📌

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1124575384610140/>

## **Research Participants Required – Parents of Trans or Gender Diverse Kids**

The Telethon Kids Institute, which is run out of the University of WA, is kicking goals for our children. They are continuing to obtain research funding to help provide our government agencies with useful and realistic guidelines that will help to ensure our children that identify as being trans or gender diverse receive the assistance in the mental health sector, through to appropriate medical treatment. Please read the flyer below, and seriously consider helping out by participating in the interview process.



**We want to learn more about  
relationships between parents and  
children in families with a child who  
identifies as trans or gender diverse.**

**If you have  
a child that  
identifies as  
being trans  
or gender  
diverse,  
your story can  
help us to better  
understand the  
impact of this  
experience on  
your family.**



**Participation in  
this research  
study involves  
talking about  
your experiences  
in an anonymous  
one hour  
interview by  
phone or in  
person"**



**Find out more and get involved:  
<http://telethonkids.org.au/family-wellbeing>**



This study has UWA Human Research Ethics Approval (RA/4/20/6464)

## **QLife Resources**

As always, our PFLAG+ Brisbane newsletters like to share important resources available to our LGBTI+ friends and family. QLife provides Australia-wide anonymous peer support or referrals over the phone, a directory of resources (QDirectory), QLives videos detailing the variety and diversity of LGBTI+ lives, and much more. Here is the QLife link:

<https://qlife.org.au/about-us>

## **Continued Recruitment for LGBTIQA+ suicide prevention interviews**

As mentioned above, the Telethon Kids Institute, is a research body associated with the University of Western Australia and the Children's Hospital in Perth. They are still recruiting parent volunteers for interviews for those children or young adults ***with a lived experience of suicidal thoughts or attempts*** and their parents.

While the research project has received a lot of support from the young trans community, the researchers are specifically looking for a more targeted set of participants, particularly:

\*Cisgender, non-heterosexual participants,

\*Intersex participants, and

***\*Parents of everyone who falls under the LGBTIQA+ umbrella***

For more information regarding participating in this research and potentially being interviewed, please contact:

Penelope.Strauss@telethon kids.org.au

## **New Committee Members for 2021**

As noted in our last newsletter from 15<sup>th</sup> December, we elected a new Committee for 2021.

### **Our new Committee for 2021 is as follows:**

President – Jane Hopkins

Vice-president – Toni Wood

Secretary – Kym Mapleston

Treasurer - Margaret Parkhill

Education Liaison (Literature) – Beth Delbridge

Education Liaison (Librarian) – Toni Wood

Publicity Office (Newsletter) – Sandra Janssen

#### Community Member Representatives

Robert Janssen

Lisa Mc Dermott

Paul Hopkins

Melissa Cloake

#### Events and Social Activities Sub-committee

Denise Abreu

Donna Guthrie

Lisa Mc Dermott

Oscar Rodrigues

#### **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>



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



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



0400 767 832 for general information and support

Additionally, you can contact **PFLAG+ Australia National** Representative and Community Educator, Shelley Argent:



0409 363 335



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Be well and stay well everyone...  
With many thanks from the  
PFLAG+ Brisbane Committee 2021

