



Next Meeting

PFLAG Brisbane's next meeting will be on the **Saturday 12th April, 2008**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: 12th April, 2008

Time: 1.30pm

Place: 30 Helen Street, Newstead

Last meeting

Our meeting last month was very well attended and our thanks to our guest speaker who provided an insight into the struggles of being a gay dad and also answered our numerous questions.

Projects for 2008

One of our main projects for 2008 is to raise the PFLAG profile. Through our Marketing Sub-Committee we're concentrating on arranging regular columns in magazines as well as spots on talk-back radio and hopefully a television appearance or two.

Our internet website www.pflagbrisbane.org.au is very popular, but we're always looking for ways to enhance the site. So if you have any ideas on how we can do that, or if there is anything you think might be beneficial to others to be on the website, please give us a call.

Shelley was given the opportunity to speak at the GLWA in January and again at a Lifeline Professional Development Training Course held in late February at the GLWA, along with psychologist, Paul Martin. Paul was one of our guest speakers at the 3rd National PFLAG Conference in June last year and also writes articles in the PFLAG Newsletter from time to time.

Another PFLAG project for 2008 is "Addressing

Homophobia in the Workplace" and we are in the final draft stages of completing a booklet which will be distributed to businesses and will also be available on our website.

And last, but most importantly, we continue to lobby for an end to economic discrimination for same sex couples on a Federal level.

PFLAG Family Advertisement

It's time for another advertisement in The Australian to remind Mr Rudd about his promise to end the economic discrimination same sex couples have lived with for far too long.

The tentative date for the advertisement is Saturday, 5 April and if anyone is able to donate towards the cost it would be greatly appreciated.

The cost of the advertisement is approx \$7,000 for ¼ page add on a week day or \$12,000 on a Saturday. Our exposure will be much greater on a Saturday, so this is our goal.

PFLAG has a PayPal facility on our website or you can post a cheque or money order to PFLAG Brisbane at PO Box 1372, Eagle Farm QLD 4009.

Alternatively your donation could be paid directly to the PFLAG Bank Account...

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We also need to know if you are happy to have your name printed in the advertisement or if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

We need to make it clear that we do not plan to sit on our hands and wait too long for what has been promised, so please be generous to make sure this advertisement goes ahead.

Big Gay Day

What a great day everyone had at The Wickham Hotel to celebrate Big Gay Day! PFLAG volunteers were out in force helping on the gates and had loads of fun mingling with everyone.

PFLAG, along with the GLWA, were the recipients of the gate profits for the day and we are very grateful to the Wickham Hotel for acknowledging us and helping us to continue our work in the LGBT community.

Website Update

In January, the PFLAG Brisbane website received 772 unique visitors with 720 visiting us online in February.

In January, Shelley's eBook "Sexuality is not a choice" was downloaded / read 675 times (compared with 515 times in February).

In January, visitors came from Australia (most popular) followed by the USA, Ireland, UK, the United Arab Emirates, Canada, Finland, Poland, Romania and South Korea. February was similar, with Australia (most popular) followed by the USA, then Canada, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, the UK, New Zealand, Norway and the Philippines.

Our 2007 conference speeches are still quite popular, with Genevieve D'Adam's speech being the most popular with 29 downloads in February. All other speeches were downloaded at least 15 times in both January and February of 2008.

Our other website, www.longreachforoutreach.org had 244 visitors in January, and 223 in February. Shelley's eBooks on this particular site are again proving popular, with our 'Rural Families' guide downloaded more than 75 times over the Jan-Feb period.

Log on to our website to read eBooks, past-newsletters

& publications or listen to audio recordings from the 3rd National PFLAG Conference. You can make a secure credit-card donation, pay for membership renewals or make contact with us online! Check us out, at www.pflagbrisbane.org.au.

Sydney Mardi Gras

Sydney marked the 30th anniversary of Mardi Gras with a record turnout of 500,000 people watching 10,000 parade participants march with 180 themed floats which stretched over 4km and took 2 hours from start to finish.

PFLAG Brisbane was well represented in the 200 strong Australia wide PFLAG contingent and Shelley is still raving about the fantastic time they had!



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Thank you!