



President's Welcome

Again as I write the political landscape of our country is now rewriting history and remains in an unresolved governing position. The heightened hope spoken of in the previous newsletter in relation to same sex marriage law remains a challenge.

As a result of the screening of Australian Story featuring the Argent family and their two sons and Shelley's passion to strive for equality in all areas for her gay son, gave rise to many new faces at our last general meeting.

It is hoped that the care and support of PFLAG volunteers help to provide knowledge and increased understanding for their loved ones. An attendee indicated it would be a good idea for PFLAG to speak at some of the senior venues.

There has been less travel and speaking engagements for the second part of the year, though the most recent mail out to all high schools in Queensland was a mammoth task. This comprised of 48 Tips on Anti-Bullying Practices brochures, 3 'So Gay' posters and a letter to the Administrator - distributed to 498 schools.

We have had requests from Guidance Officers and Youth Workers attached to some schools for more brochures and other resources as a result.

It is requested when attending our general meeting, that on arrival you wait in the outdoor seating area until the committee meeting (12 - 1:30pm) has completed. The door will then be opened for our general meeting at 1:30pm (which usually finished around 4 / 4:30pm).

Our guest speaker for September meeting will be Father John Kilinko – Catholic priest from St

Flannagan's Taigum and projection for the diary - Sat 27 Nov 2010 – guest speaker, Sharon Dane - University of Queensland.

This meeting will be the last for 2010 and is our AGM. We also celebrate our end of year this day too.

*- Margaret Parkhill
President, PFLAG Brisbane*

Next Meeting

PFLAG Brisbane's next meeting will be on **Saturday 25th September, 2010.**

Guest speaker: Father John Kilinko

Time: 1.30pm

Place: 30 Helen Street, Newstead (down the driveway to the Training Room at the rear of the building)

The Election Rally/Same Sex Marriage Rally/ Equal Love Rally

14 August 2010 after the Rally saw many gather at Queen's Park to listen to speakers of the day including our Shelley Argent, National Spokesperson for PFLAG and Sharon Dane, of AME (Australian Marriage Equality) and UQ (University of Queensland). As mentioned above, Sharon will be our last guest speaker for the year, at our November meeting.

The Kids Are All Right

Did you read Barry Caine's review in the 'Event' lift-out from the Sunday Mail on August 22nd? Overleaf is an

extract forwarded from Hopscotch Films, to various community groups to promote the screening of this movie...

Film and media plays a strong role with the fabric of our society through education, to portray diversity in a more accepting manner. In Cinemas September 2, 2010...

It's all about family! The most talked-about movie at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival, "The Kids Are All Right" combines wonderful comedy with warm-hearted emotion in a vibrant and richly drawn portrait of a modern family. The Allgoods share a cozy Southern Californian home, experiencing life's typical ups and down.

18-year old daughter Joni (Australia's Mia Wasikowska) is heading off to Stanford University and starting to distance herself from her parents; 14-year-old Laser is hanging out with a deadbeat friend who constantly leads him into trouble. The only difference, is this family has two mums.

You can view the trailer online, at:
www.hopscotchfilms.com.au/trailers/#video-74/

Marketing

We have added to our PFLAG drink cooler range which is usually sold at our Big Gay Day and Pride Fair Festival for \$5.

We now also have new PFLAG hats. These will be available at our general meetings \$10 and \$12 for mail orders of an individual hat. It is a military-style cap with PFLAG embodied in colour across the front.

Website Enquiries

Enquiries remain strong with requests for assistance and the ordering of resources as a result of their visit to our website.

Newsletter

Should you prefer to receive your newsletter via email please let us know pflagbris@hotmail.com - maybe you prefer both, that is not a problem either.

Library Books

If you have finished reading borrowed books, please return at our next meeting. Thank you.

Membership

Annual membership (\$25 per family) is now due. Corporate membership is \$100 per year which entitles a business to advertise in our newsletter and on our website – if you own a business or know someone who does - they may like to advertise with us.

Membership application/renewal and donations may be made via our website – www.pflagbrisbane.org.au – click on "Membership/Donations".

A membership form has also been enclosed with this newsletter should you desire to send cheque/money order made payable "PFLAG Brisbane Inc". It is important to write the name in full as shown.





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PFLAG is totally voluntary & organised by parents.
Please support us. You can assist by advertising here.
For more information, please contact Shelley Argent.



Talking to Someone Who Really Understands Makes it So Much Easier

Working through some of the deeper emotional issues with having a gay or lesbian son or daughter can be one of the most painful and stressful experiences of your life.

Counselling is a highly effective way of feeling better and also can assist in keeping your family together. Centre for Human Potential have been working with parents of gays, lesbians and transgender for over 15 years.

Contact one of our friendly psychologists to explore whether counselling could be of real benefit to you and your family, or simply call and book a time with one of us.

If you are not familiar with how to access the Medicare rebate, one of our receptionists would be more than happy to speak to you about this.

Phone 3211 1117 or you can email us on info@centreforhumanpotential.com.au

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Contact Shelley on 3017 1739

PFLAG Brisbane Annual Membership Form

Please complete the form below and return to PFLAG. You can also pay online, via www.pflagbrisbane.org.au. Larger donations are always welcome. Thanks for your support!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing address:

Email: _____

Membership type:

Family (\$25 annually - I have included a cheque or Australia Post Money Order)

Corporate (\$100 annually [incl. website & news letter advertising]; I have included a cheque or Australia Post money Order - made out to "PFLAG BRISBANE INC.")

Mail to: PO Box 1372 Eagle Farm BC, QLD 4009 , or...

Bring to: 30 Helen Street, Newstead 4006, or...

Pay online at: www.pflagbrisbane.org.au, or into our account (*Bank of Qld / BSB: 124-001 / Acct: 2023-8607*).

Thank you!