

# USQ ALLY Network Newsletter



Issue #27 July 2018



Welcome back to Semester Two and our July edition of the Ally newsletter! We wish to start by saying a big thank you to all our Ally volunteers who helped out at our Market days. Check out our photos below. We also recently ran our LGBTIQ+ awareness online training and shortly we will be welcoming more allies to our group! Hurray.

Please don't forget that we are always on the look out for interesting articles, information about events and professional development opportunities to include in the Ally newsletter. Please email [ally@usq.edu.au](mailto:ally@usq.edu.au) to share your points of interest.

## Ally Stalls at Market days



Ipswich campus



Springfield campus

## Ally Network Natters

Wednesday 1st August, 12.30-1.30pm

Springfield Campus Room B154

Join us for an interactive and laid back Natter with some videos from Qlife of people who identify as LGBTIQ telling their story of lived experience, allowing for discussion as a group for each story.

To register your interest in attending at USQ Springfield please email [ally@usq.edu.au](mailto:ally@usq.edu.au). If you are unable to attend in person you can join in the zoom meeting at [this link](#).



## In the News

### LGBTI Legal services offering help to Queenslanders expunging gay convictions

The LGBTI Legal service has offered assistance to Queensland men who want to get their historical gay sex conviction wiped from their criminal records.

Homosexual sex was decriminalised in Queensland in 1991, but men who were charged for consensual activity under several laws prior to that still hold criminal convictions on their records today. [MORE](#)



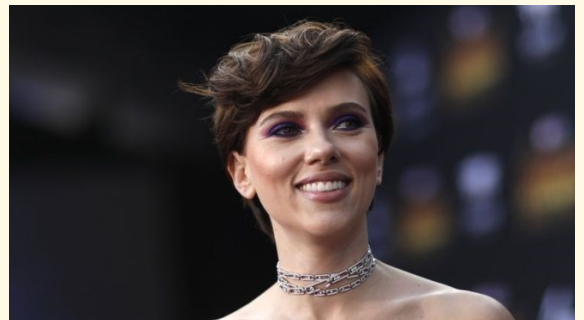
### World Cup activists stage 'hidden' rainbow flag protest around Moscow to champion gay rights

Activists from several countries have strolled around Red square and elsewhere in Moscow during the World Cup wearing their national teams' football jerseys to form a rainbow flag in an effort to champion gay rights. [MORE](#)

## Events and Entertainment

### Scarlett Johansson quits trans role after LGBT backlash

US actor Scarlett Johansson has dropped out of a role in which she was going to play a transgender man following a backlash from the LGBT community [READ MORE](#)



*The star said she realised it would be "insensitive" to take up the role*

## Podcasts



### SBS True Stories (Season 3)

<https://www.sbs.com.au/programs/true-stories>

Listed as iTunes Best Podcasts of 2015, True Stories returns with a five-part investigation into the untold stories of Adelaide's gay-hate murders.

### QUEERY with Cameron Esposito

<https://www.earwolf.com/show/queery/>

Sit in on an hour long-conversation between host and standup comic, Cameron Esposito, and some of the brightest luminaries in the LGBTQ+ family. QUEERY explores individual stories of identity, personality and the shifting cultural matrix around gender, sexuality and civil rights.



# Support Services

## Bulk-billing LGBTIQ-friendly GP in Toowoomba

**headspace** Toowoomba has a bulk billing GP who works alongside their LGBTIQ group. She has a lot of experience with **headspace** centres and clients, and particularly with young people who are transgender. There are no wait times for appointments. Dr Violeta is available Mondays and Wednesdays at **headspace** and bookings can be made on 4639 9000.



## QLife/Diverse Voices

QLife is Australia's first nationally-oriented counselling and referral service for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and/or intersex (LGBTI). QLife provides nation-wide, early intervention, peer supported telephone and web based services to people of all ages across the full breadth of people's bodies, genders, relationships, sexualities, and lived experiences.

3:00pm to midnight in your state, around Australia, every day.

**CALL 1800 184 527**

**ONLINE CHAT**

## PFLAG

A support group for the family and friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Agender and other diverse people.



Toowoomba

Phone: 0478 735 242

Email: [pflagtoowoomba@gmail.com](mailto:pflagtoowoomba@gmail.com)



Brisbane

Phone: 0400 767 832

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



Ipswich

Supporting our GLBTIQ community, their families and friends

<https://www.facebook.com/pflagipswich>

**My Big Gay Family** My Big Gay Family is a safe, inclusive space to explore and celebrate the depth and diversity of all LGBTIQ families. **Informed. Connected. Empowered.**



## The Pinnacle Foundation

The Pinnacle Foundation has been established to provide scholarships to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex and Queer students who are marginalised or disadvantaged.

[READ MORE](#)



## Open Doors

Open Doors provides Advocacy and support

services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual and/or transgender, Intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) young people aged 12 to 24 and their families who live in South East Queensland.

<http://www.opendoors.net.au/>

## Relationships Australia—Rainbow Program

Relationships Australia, Ipswich and Toowoomba, now provides The Rainbow Program,

striving to support the mental health and wellbeing of people of diverse bodies, genders and sexualities, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & intersex (LGBTI) people, as well as those questioning their gender identity or sexual orientation. Includes counselling and support groups. <http://www.raq.org.au/services/rainbow-program>



**Our House Our Haven** Inc. is a brand new registered charity organisation based in Ipswich. They are a nurse-led clinic providing care, psychotherapy and different treatment options for chronic and crisis mental health clients. Where staff are trained in supporting those who identify as LGBTIQ+ <https://www.ohoh.org.au/>

