

USQ ALLY Network Newsletter



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Wow, we are already half way through the year—where did it go?! Hopefully you have survived exams and looking forward to the end of semester break. Well, rest up, as Semester 2 is just around the corner, and as always it is still a busy time for the Ally Network. We are looking for volunteers once again as we have a number of events coming up soon, which include:

Market Days at Ipswich (Monday 16 July), Springfield (Tuesday 17 July) and Toowoomba (Wednesday 18 July)

Open Days at Toowoomba (Sunday, 19 August), Ipswich (Saturday, 1 September) and Springfield (Friday evening, 7 September)

If you would like to volunteer and help us out at the Ally stands at these events, then please email Ally@usq.edu.au and we will inform you of all the details.

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 to share your points of interest.

USQ ALLY Network Natters

Wednesday 4 July, 12.30 - 1.30pm

I402 USQ Ipswich

Guest speakers: Sarah Walbank and Rosie Milner from Carers Queensland Australia



"none of your biz...the consequence of asking all the wrong questions. LGBTIQ inclusion for LGBTIQ family and friend carers and carers of people who identify as LGBTIQ".

To register your interest in attending at USQ Ipswich, please email Ally@usq.edu.au. If you are unable to attend in person you can [register here for the webinar](#).



LGBTIQ+ Awareness Training

We are pleased to advise that there will be another training opportunity coming up soon! Participants will be eligible to become formally recognised as a USQ Ally.

When? Wednesday 25th July, 12-2.30pm

Where? Online webinar

How? Register [here](#) or email Ally@usq.edu.au for more information

So please refer any interested parties so that we can build our numbers!

In the News

'It was dreadful': The struggle to find appropriate healthcare when you're intersex

Intersex activist Peter Low almost died because his doctors didn't know how to manage his hormones. [MORE](#)



Wedding cake ruling's silver lining for LGBT rights

On 4th May, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its long-awaited decision in Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, involving a baker who objected to making a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. Although the court ruled for the baker, its reasoning should give LGBT people hope—and spur lawmakers to take action. [MORE](#)

Queensland scraps law forcing married transgender people to divorce

The Queensland government has removed an anachronistic quirk of state law that forced married transgender people to divorce if they sought legal recognition of their gender. [MORE](#)



YouTube is still restricting and demonetizing LGBT videos—and adding anti-LGBT ads to some

YouTube's track record with LGBT creators isn't great. Last year, YouTubers such as Rowan Ellis, Tyler Oakley, Stevie Boebi, and NeonFiona spoke up about their content being hidden, demonetized, or age gated. [MORE](#)

Sydney will soon have a new rainbow crossing at Taylor Square

Sydney will soon have a new rainbow crossing at Taylor Square, five years after it was abruptly removed in the middle of the night. [MORE](#)



Health

Open Doors Youth Service launches new alcohol and drug support program

Brisbane's Open Doors Youth Service has launched a new alcohol and other drug support program to assist LGBTIQ Brotherboy and Sistergirl young people. [MORE](#)



Sport



Pride Cup campaign champions inclusion in community sport

Pride Cup Australia #WeArePrideCup campaign launched on the 6th June to promote LGBTI inclusion and acceptance in community sporting clubs across the country. [MORE](#)

Events and Entertainment

Priscilla Queen of the Desert sashays back into theatres

Priscilla is touring the country again, with a fabulous new production which kicked off in Sydney in May. [MORE](#)



Podcasts



Homophilia

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

Hosts Dave Holmes and Matt McConkey grill LGBT celebrities on what they're loving, and who they're loving. This queer comedy party celebrates pop culture obsessions and interrogates guests on their personal experiences with dating, sex and love.

RuPaul: What's The Tee?

<http://www.rupaulpodcast.com/>

In this podcast RuPaul and his cohost Michelle Visage discuss pop culture, advice, beauty advice and behind the scenes of their hit show, RuPaul's Drag Race.



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

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.

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PFLAG

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

Toowoomba

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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>



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>



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.](#)

