



TasPride Bulletin

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Newsletter of the GLC Centre Inc
for Tasmania's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,
Transgender, Intersex & Queer Community

Another Year Over.

TasPride has had a great year in 2010 bringing to Tasmania the always fabulous **Queens Ball** which went to outer space with 2010 - a spaced out odyssey. This was followed by the stunning success of the annual TasPride Artfully Queer Exhibition - into the wild & out.

Ending the year was the annual TasPride Festival which kicked off with the **Halloween Party** that tricked and treated its way through the haunted Flamingos Nightclub. The events continued all over the state with film nights in Launceston and Burnie, community dinners, barbeques and cooking classes.

With the Festival half way through it was time for the **TasPride Film Festival** held at the Wrest Point Show Room. The program kicked off with the Tasmanian short film - *Cupcake - A Zombie Lesbian Musical*, short film *Evelyn Everyone* screening with the feature film of the night, *Fan*.

On the second night we featured the film *Eating Out 3 - All You Can Eat*. On night three we went got into

marriage with *Out at the Wedding* and on the final night we had the acclaimed film *American Primitive*.

A night of hilarity and of course some education, the **TasPride Quizz Night** held at the Republic Bar shone with the sparkling Dolly Diamond.

The Festival ended with a big bang with the **Closing Party** held at Flamingos Nightclub. It included an all girl DJ line up from Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney. It featured the performance of Polly Filla, the stunning gender illusionist.

We will be bringing all these events and more in 2011, hope to see you there and make sure to keep your diary clear on the following dates:

TasPride Picnic

Sunday February 6th, 2011
Parliament Street Oval, Sandy Bay
12pm - 4pm.

Free sausage sizzle, music,
BYO some food & drink of your own

While we had a fabulous time with everyone who turned out in the Battery Point Community Hall, we

were a little sorry that the weather prevented some of our usual Picnic activities. So in order to get that hand bag thrown, put that awful frock on for the drag race and to have our Pet Parade, we are putting on another Picnic in February!

2011 Queens Ball

Sunday 12th June 2011.
More details soon.

2011 Artfully Queer Exhibition

The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre's 7th Annual Artfully Queer Exhibition Future Queer, including the collective artwork <watch this space>, will open at The Moonah Arts Centre on Friday 23rd September 2011 and run until Thursday 6th October 2011. More details soon.

Congratulations to Spring 2010 Membership Drive Prize Winners

The prize draw open to new members who joined and lapsed members who renewed during Spring 2010 was won by Rachel and Collette of West Hobart who will receive a \$50 Big Gift voucher.

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President's Rave

By Dean Duggan

From all reports this year's TasPride Festival was a hit with those who organised events and for those who participated in the 27 or so events held around our beautiful State.

This year saw a focus on Celebrate Community Pride that was achievable through a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund.

The offer was taken up by the League of Gentlefellows, Coming Out Proud Program, Working It Out, Connect4Life, TasUnity, Wellington Wanderers and the Tasmanian Gay & Lesbian Rights Group, who were all able to put functions free to all those who attended. We thank them for their efforts.

Pure Tasmania was our major sponsor again this year. We thank them for their support and the trust they put in us to deliver to Tasmania a festival that promotes a friendly and supportive environment to all those in our community.

Sponsorship and support was also given by, Tourism Tasmania, Events Tasmania, Hobart City Council, Remax Properties, Queer Screen, Tenbenschel & Dee Chartered Accountants, TasCAHRD, Flamingos Dance Bar and New Sky Media.

We were also supported by several people and businesses that helped with their services or donated prizes. Sincere thanks goes to Miz Ima Starr, Virginia Hamm, Tim Cowen, Duncan Johnson, Butler Cottages, Magnolia Cafe and Marmalade Cafe.

We thank them all and ask you to support those who support us.

Thank you to the GLC Centre Committee and the other GLBTIQ groups and their committees for your efforts. The collaboration between everyone was amazing and something we should all be proud of.

I am very proud to be part of this community and the six odd years that I have been involved has been a time where I have met a lot of beautiful and kind hearted people. I have also made some dear and close friends all because I dared to get involved. I know there are more wonderful people out there to meet yet and I look forward to meeting you all at some stage – hopefully soon.

A big thank you also goes to all those who came out and attended the TasPride Festival events – your support and encouragement has been tremendous.

After nearly three years on the GLC Centre Committee Charles Bracewell is leaving us. Charles was one of the original committee members who helped develop the TasPride brand and has also been acting Treasurer, Editor of the TasPride Bulletin and a lot more. Charles's experience in organising GLBTIQ events has been invaluable – thank you Charles and thank you for continuing to be a mentor to the events managed by the various GLBTIQ groups in Tasmania.

We have had a bit of an exodus from the GLC Centre Committee and really need more people. If you can help us please get in touch. You don't have to be a full committee member as you may only like helping with certain things like the art exhibition or perhaps our family picnics and BBQ's, either way please contact me via president@taspride.com or phone 0432 904 606 for more detail.

Planning is already underway for next year's events. Check out in this bulletin details about the family picnic in February and the weekend planned on Maria Island over the March long weekend.

Hopefully this festive season has been a joyous one for you all and on behalf of the GLC Centre Committee all the best for a prosperous and happy New Year – we all look forward to catching up with you during 2011.



Transgender Day of Remembrance

This year in Launceston Working It Out North and Sexual Health North organised a Transgender Day of Remembrance with a sunset ceremony at Royal Park on the Tamar River. TDoR honours those killed as a result of transphobia and highlights the continuing violence endured by the trans community. WIO works with other like minded organisations and friends to provide a united voice for change and social inclusion of members of our communities.

Working It Out With Tassie Pride

Working It Out worked in partnership with the TasPride to present events across Tasmania this year. With the support of TasUnity and Connect4Life WIO held 5 very successful events.

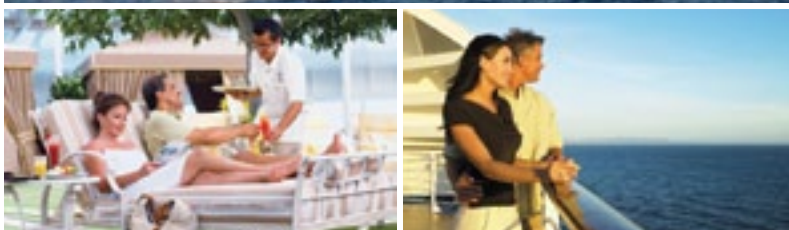
The pride within our GLBTI community and the support of our family and friends attending these events demonstrates how much how much has changed. It is difficult to measure the impact and importance of public and visible GLBTI events in the north and northwest – this is just the beginning.

The exciting collaboration of WIO and TasUnity to present By the River on the edge of the Meander River in Deloraine on the second TasPride weekend. Over 40 people played the games, joined in the BBQ and

enjoyed the brilliant weather - it is looking like Sharon's prediction for Deloraine as the "Daylesford of Tasmania" is becoming a reality! WIO took TasPride Film on tour with the films *American Primitive* and *Out at the Wedding*. Launceston had its own movie night for 24 keen and queer movie goers followed by a cinema event at King of Burnie Hotel overlooking the city and the Bass Strait.

In the North West 30 people came to hear the three writers: Graham Willett, Julian Halls and Rodney Croome for the inaugural QWriters panel and the Burnie Buffet at the Around the Corner Eatery. QWriters continued on to Fullers bookshop in Launceston and then Hobart.

On Sunday 14th November, with many thanks to the King of Burnie Hotel and Allison and Caroline in particular who jumped in and helped WIO to make it all happen at short notice, we held a GLBTI Film Program with dinner in between with 15 people attending the 2 movies and 16 people attending the dinner. Everybody enjoyed both movies *Out at the Wedding* and *American Primitive* in a relaxing environment with good food and much laughter. It was a very fitting event to end TasPride on the North West for 2010.

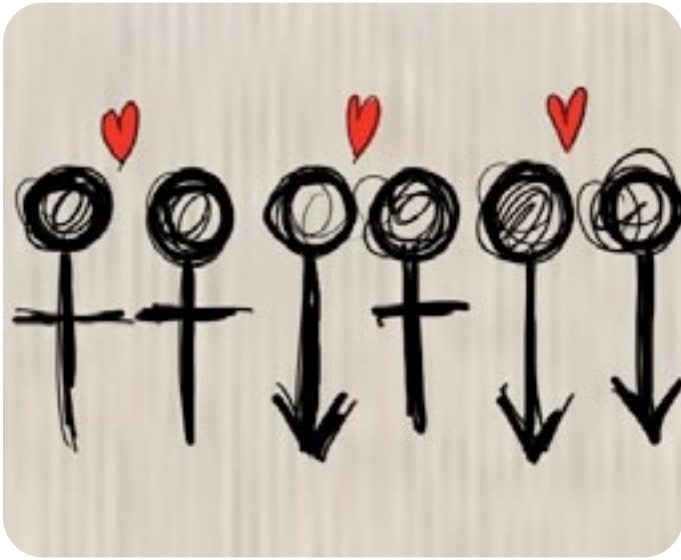



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The Rights Stuff

By Rodney Croome

2010 was a good year for LGBTI Tasmanians.

Many people experienced the benefit of laws passed in 2009 providing further recognition for our relationships. These included full parental rights for co-mothers and official ceremonies for partners entering Deeds of Relationship.

On top of this, the newly-elected State Labor/Green Government passed a law recognising formal partnerships from interstate and civil unions and same-sex marriages from overseas. This law will provide partners travelling in Tasmania or moving to Tasmania with the same rights and sense of security as Tasmanians in registered or married relationships. The new State Government also set aside \$150,000 for LGBTI community development projects and began to look seriously at how it can improve its policy-making on LGBTI issues.

Of course, one of the biggest developments for LGBTI Australians generally, was the break-through on marriage equality that occurred in the wake of the federal election. The issue was raised repeatedly during in election forums, and was partly responsible for the loss of votes and seats to the Greens. As a result, MPs in both major parties broke ranks after the election declaring it was time to allow same-sex couples to marry. Labor went so far as to bring its National Conference forward to debate the issue.

On marriage equality, the next few months will be crucial. I urge everyone who supports reform to meet with their local MP. Australian Marriage Equality has made this easier with a webform through which you can write to your local federal representative, as well as background materials that will help you tell your personal story. Visit www.australianmarriageequality.com

All the developments I have described are a credit to the LGBTI community and all supporters of equality.

But we should never take positive changes in laws and attitudes for granted. As other minority groups have found, positive change can be suddenly rolled back.

One thing that helps protect ordinary citizens from attacks on their basic rights is to entrench these rights. The Tasmanian Government is proposing to do this by enacting a state Charter of Rights. The Charter will protect basic civil and political rights like legal equality, privacy,

freedom of expression, the right not to be discriminated against and the right to vote. Protection of social, cultural and economic rights has also been proposed.

Many LGBTI Tasmanians understand why a Charter is important. Our fundamental rights have often been violated. Examples include laws criminalising our sexual activity and gender expression, the arrests at Salamanca Market in 1988, the failure of the authorities to stop bullying against us in the classroom and violence against us on the streets, and bans on queer film festivals, art exhibitions and much-needed education materials in schools. Our relationships continue to be discriminated against by a Marriage Act that effectively says our love and commitment is second-rate.

The other reason a Tasmanian Charter of Rights is so important is that the Federal Government has dropped the ball. Despite a national inquiry in 2009 endorsing a national charter, the Feds have said they are opposed and will not reconsider the matter until 2014. The only way forward on human rights is for states to take up the baton. The state best placed to do this is Tasmania.

For all these reasons I strongly urge you to send a submission to the current Tasmanian Charter of Rights inquiry. More information about the proposed Charter, as well as a webform for sending in a submission can be found at www.justice.tas.gov.au/corporateinfo/projects/human_rights_charter

Here's to equality, justice and human rights in 2011.

Rodney Croome

Campaign Co-ordinator

Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group

Australian Marriage Equality

The Potential Wedding Album

By Tanya Smith

Dear Tasmanians,

I wanted to let you know about a project to illustrate and promote marriage equality in Australia, The Potential Wedding Album (www.thepotentialweddingalbum.org). The Potential Wedding Album is a collection of photos and stories from same-sex couples who want the option to marry in Australia, plus messages from their supporters.

It's great to see that a recent poll showed support for marriage equality in Tasmania at above the national average and that Tasmania is the first state in Australia to recognise overseas same-sex marriages.

However, so far, Tasmania is very under-represented in The Potential Wedding Album - only 3 of the 292 couples are from Tasmania and none of the 132 supporter messages are from the state. It's time to change that!

If you are a supporter of marriage equality, please make a contribution as a couple or a supporter at www.thepotentialweddingalbum.org/contribute/. As volumes of The Potential Wedding Album are completed they will be printed and delivered to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and other selected parliamentarians to highlight the people who are discriminated against by the lack of marriage equality in Australia.



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2010 Rainbow Dinner & Address

By Julian Punch

For the purposes of celebrating diversity and acknowledging those who act with courage in working to achieve fairness and equity, people from the community of friends and family known as 'rainbow people' (sexual & gender diverse people) gathered together at the League of Gentlefellows-sponsored Rainbow Dinner.

The League of Gentlefellows (LoG) is an informal state-wide group of over 1,800 Tasmanian GLBTI people and their friends who meet on a regular basis in non-threatening and safe social settings to celebrate their lives and enjoy each other's company.

This year renowned journalist and investigator Judy Tierney hosted the Rainbow Dinner. Over two hundred people came together from across Tasmania and interstate attended the festivities, at the Mercure Hotel in Hobart on the evening of Saturday December 4. Every alternate year the dinner features an address by an eminent person highlighting the courageous stand many have taken to defend the human rights of the rainbow community.

The 2010 Rainbow Dinner featured an address by Michael Carnes, well-known Bruny Island entrepreneur and confectionery manufacturer. Michael spoke about the embargo pressing for law reform imposed on Tasmanian fine foods twenty-five years ago by restaurants around Australia. The embargo was led by Tasmanian activists and resulted in very quick changes by the Government.

As a charity benefit through the Coming Out Proud Program (COPP) Trust, proceeds from this year's Rainbow Dinner will help support two young women Van & Oahn now attempting to settle in Tasmania after fleeing persecution in Vietnam.

Proceeds will also assist Outright Youth, a group of smart-working young volunteers who support gay and lesbian youth 'coming out' in Tasmanian schools and colleges.

An auction of the work of over fifteen rainbow artists and a major raffle supported by over 30 sponsors provided a very generous contribution to the charity benefit.

Miz Ima Starr is a singing, wisecracking cabaret phenomenon of stage and small screen returns to the Rainbow Dinner after a thrilling show last year. She was a sensation on the night entertaining people for 30 minutes and through several encores with her singing, wisecracking and wonderful cabaret performance.

An Interesting aside to the night was the bipartisan representation at the dinner of the politicians expressing their support for our community. As well several of the national political players in the 'Marriage for Gays' issue were at the Dinner including Andrew Wilkie MP, Senator Bob Brown and Nick Mc Kim.

Julian Punch
State Coordinator
Coming Out Proud
Photo by: Brian Doran



Frosty Fruits Ski Trip

A Hit @ Hotham!

The 2010 Frosty Fruits Ski Trip concluded last Sunday (22/8) with warm smiles, well-worked glutes, satisfied guests and even a few tears. Hotham Alpine Resort cemented its reputation as 'powder capital of Australia', putting on an amazing display of white stuff. It snowed for the entire event, resulting in the best August snowfall since 1992.

Most guests travelled direct from Sydney via a QantasLink flight, dropping them in the Victorian Alps only 80

minutes after leaving Sydney. Attendees came from near and far, including Tasmania, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney. Guests were treated to a well organised, all-inclusive long weekend with buckets of snow and sensational skiing!

Highlights of the trip included:

- ◆ the Groomed Welcome Party, held in the stunning White Room Restaurant, the venue quickly becoming a dining favourite of the guests;
- ◆ four days of fresh powder on the slopes;
- ◆ personal lessons and mountain orientation with very cute and capable instructors;
- ◆ stunning mountain views from guests premium accommodation;
- ◆ Hotham Ski Co's Marketing Manager, Gina Woodward, taking our guests for a personal guide to first tracks (first run of the day);
- ◆ dog-sledding through Dinner Plain;
- ◆ Sunday Spa session at the beautiful Onsen Day Spa;
- ◆ the DNA Dinner at Dinner Plain, held in Tsubo Restaurant, a wonderful culinary experience with great scenery;
- ◆ the moisturiser on the bed-head incident;
- ◆ the final night party, the Gaydar.com.au Disco Snowball, held at The General, with a great selection of food, our own cocktail and plenty of beach balls! and,
- ◆ Hotham maintenance staff encountering their first gay experience! ;-) And it's not what you think!

The event included great support from various sponsors and suppliers: guests all received a full Bondi Man Gift Pack upon arrival, as well as fresh coffee (from Delizie Di Casa, Sydney) Mornings. Gina Woodward, Marketing Manager for Hotham Ski Company, loved having the Frosty Fruits Ski Trip there. "The group was so much fun! We loved hosting you here at Hotham! I almost felt said farewelling the crew at the airport today", said Woodward. "See you in 2011!"

Guest feedback so far:

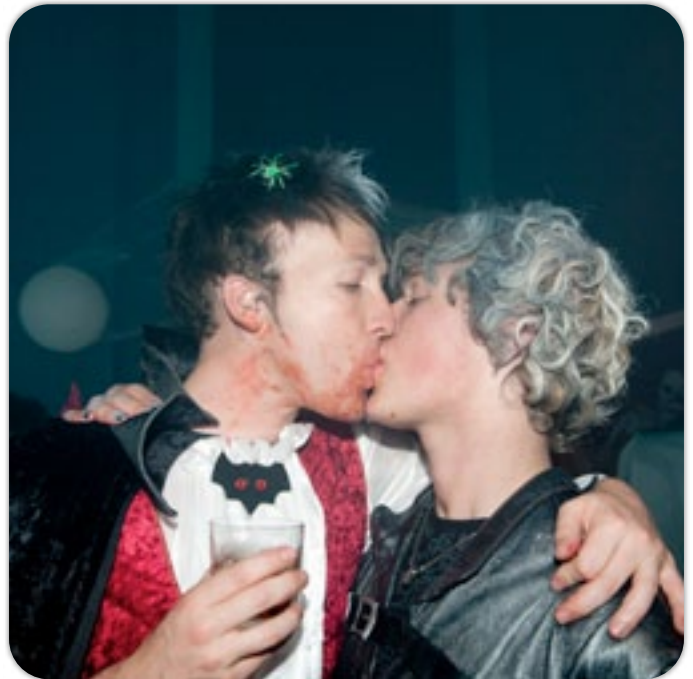
"It was an awesome four days of stunningly fabulous snow and meals with a wonderful group of people. Hotham staff were exceptional!" - Shane, international traveller & raconteur

"Thanks for a wonderful time. All the time, attention to detail and passion which you put into these events is incredible. Job well done!" - Lesley, from Liverpool NSW, returning guest from 2009

"Brilliant! We're coming back next year and bringing our friends!" - Will & Michael, Sydenham NSW

Dates for the 2011 event, which is already taking bookings, are August 18 to 21. For further details & event images contact Adam Bold on 02 8011 3298 or visit www.pointsofdifference.com





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TasCAHRD

What Does The Future Hold?

Earlier this month the Tasmanian Council on AIDS, Hepatitis and Related Diseases (aka TasCAHRD) released a discussion paper called Future Directions. This paper presents a warts and all view into where the organisation is positioned, where it could head and asks for your input. In recent years there have been a number of subjects which have been lingering around and this paper puts these front and centre. One thing is clear. TasCAHRD is considering change.

The Future Direction paper does flag potential areas of work and questions whether some work should be continued in its current form. It discusses the political and operational environment in which it operates. One area which is likely to create debate is whether TasCAHRD should do more work in the area of LGBTI health and wellbeing. TasCAHRD President, John McDonald says "we understand a greater focus on LGBTI health is potentially a controversial issue but we believe an open and frank discussion is important and we welcome community input".

TasCAHRD CEO, Kevin Marriott says "This is not about taking over or duplicating existing services. TasCAHRD is definitely open to new ideas and working alongside other organisation in a collaborative way. It should not be viewed as a threat but as a way of building on what already exists".

Susan Ditter, Board member of TasCAHRD and Executive Officer of Working It Out (WIO) said "I see the WIO TasCAHRD relationship as a strategic partnership based on open dialogue. Joint projects have been very successful for both organisations. At WIO we are very aware of the need for additional clinical services specifically for our community and we welcome TasCAHRD's consideration of this possibility as a future direction.

The discussion paper also suggests a number of models for the future. This includes TasCAHRD providing support to other groups or organisations. John McDonald says "TasCAHRD has built up a solid infrastructure that others could benefit from. This might include providing access to office space at low cost and sharing some basic administrative support. A focal point would be ensuring there are similar philosophies about the way we work. We have shown this can work through our ongoing relationship with Scarlet Alliance. The biggest hurdle is getting past the old perceptions of TasCAHRD as just being about AIDS. A change of name and

image is not out of the question. Our focus is on promoting effective programs and not TasCAHRD as a corporate entity. Man2Man is a good example of this".

TasCAHRD is seeking feedback on the discussion paper and everyone is invited to comment. This could be as simple as reading the document and completing a brief online questionnaire or submitting a more substantial written response. It is up to you!

Ultimately, the TasCAHRD Board will use the information gathered to inform its decisions and the Strategic Plan for 2011-2014. You can find the discussion paper at tascahrd.org.au/future



Tassie Wears it With Pride

Six members of Tasmania's LGBT community have gotten behind the nationally developed Wear it With Pride campaign highlighting law reforms. In late October Susan, Wendy, Dean, Corey, Sharon and Miz Ima Starr got together for the photo shoot to capture images for use on the Wear it With Pride website.

Each T-shirt has an individual design including a number that corresponds with a law that was changed from 1 July 2009, to recognise same-sex relationships.

Many members of the LGBTI community still may not be aware of the changes which effect many aspects of their lives. Whether it is taxation, superannuation, family law or social security, to name a few, and you are in a same-sex relationship then there is likely to be a change that impacts you in some way. It is worth taking the time to look into it and then seek other information if necessary.

The campaign also featured public advertisements on the back of Metro buses in Hobart, Launceston and the North West during November. Check it out at wearitwithpride.org.au

The WOW Health Study

Bacterial Vaginosis

Women who are lesbian, bisexual and same sex attracted have some unique and important health issues and health care needs. One health concern that has had little attention is a vaginal infection know as Bacterial Vaginosis (BV). BV is more common in women who have sex with women (WSW) than in heterosexual women.

BV is the most common cause of vaginal infection worldwide. Studies from around the world have shown that about 20-30% of WSW have BV at any one time. Interestingly, some lesbian couples studies have found that if one woman has BV, her partner very often has BV too. It is possible that the exchange of vaginal secretions during sexual contact may transmit BV from woman to woman and a woman may not even know she has BV until she is tested.

In BV a woman's usual healthy vaginal bacteria (lactobacillus) are replaced by an overgrowth of mixed bacteria and may cause symptoms of an abnormal vaginal discharge or odour. BV can be associated with complications such as preterm delivery, pelvic inflammatory disease and increased risk of sexually transmitted infections and HIV (if exposed to them). The symptoms of BV can also be chronic and relapsing. Many women with BV find their sexual self-esteem is affected and some women avoid sexual contact or have problems with libido. "When your girlfriend starts to get close, the only thing I can think about is oohh I really hope it's not going to be smelly!"

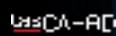
The Women on Women's Health study (WOW) is a landmark Australian study. This study aims to find the causes and practices that predispose to BV in lesbian and WSW women. We want to know why is it so common, is it sexually transmitted? And why some women seem to not catch it even if their partner has it? We aim to provide information to help WSW and health professionals prevent, treat and manage BV effectively - so all WSW can have healthy happy vaginal flora! We are currently recruiting women into WOW.

Please call 1800 082 082, email wowhealth@mshc.org.au or go to the website www.wowhealth.org.au for a full description of the study. This study does not require you to attend a clinic but can be completed entirely at home. Already 400 women across Australia are participating - Join in on the largest lesbian health study in Australia.



It's huge. 85 Federal laws that discriminated against same-sex couples in social security, taxation, family law, the workplace, health, ageing and more have been reformed. To celebrate, 85 artists have created 85 T-shirts inspired by the changes. Find out which ones fit you.

 wearitwithpride.com.au



Around Tassie

by Robert



Wind In The Willows

Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

Now to 30 Jan

Come along and see your favourite characters, Rattie, Mole and of course Toad as their adventures take them from Toad hall to the depths of the frightening Wild Wood. The play takes place in three separate locations within the Gardens, giving you a changing backdrop and the chance to enjoy the Gardens. www.centertainment.com.au

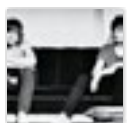


Salamanca Markets

Salamanca Place, Hobart

Every Saturday from 8.30am to 3pm

Colourful characters come out in full force every Saturday, from 8:30am to 3:00pm, at Hobart's Salamanca Market. Some of the best arts and crafts, food and flowers produced in Tasmania are displayed at Salamanca Market. It offers a shopping experience with a difference. Salamanca Market is one of those special places where you actually meet the people who create, make or grow what they sell. You can buy anything from a handmade wooden toy to a hand-spun, hand-knitted sweater to a 50-year-old china plate.



The Soundscape Festival

Sat 8 January

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www.thesoundscapefestival.com



Cygnet Folk Festival

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 January

Cygnet

Music and Movement - A folk, world and roots music event including dance, arts and music.

Cygnet is about 50km south of Hobart, a 45 minute drive.



Museum Of Old and New Art

Friday 14 - Thursday 20 January

This year's MOFO is a drum roll to the opening of the Museum of Old and New Art. A noisy drum roll. With art and food and things. The idea is that we want you to try things you wouldn't normally, especially if you had to pay for them. Open your mind etc. Some things are ticketed (Grinderman! Glass!) but most of it is free. There's plenty more but we can't fit it all here and this is a "pre-launch" notice so it would be stupid to give it all away. In the meantime, sign up at www.mofo.net.au for program updates. You can buy your tickets there, too. PS. We are very excited about the museum opening.



Lilydale Village Market

Every Second Sunday 10am-2pm

Experience the Atmosphere of a Rural Market with a Mongolian Tent! Come and get your fresh produce and amazing jellies handmade by Jillian, Libbys herbal remedies or the fantastic extra virgin pure olive oil by Mount Direction Olives. There is also original jewellery, pre-loved fashion, craft, plants and hot food. Don't miss our live entertainment, arts exhibitions and more. Come along and enjoy the atmosphere! Call 0438582876 for more information or visit www.lilydalevillagemarket.blogspot.com



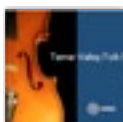
Rainbow Support and Discussion Groups for 18 and over

3rd Wed of the month

King of Burnie Hotel

20 Edwards St, South Burnie.

For a counter meal or just drinks & a game of pool. For other area WIO group meetings contact execd@workingitout.org.au



Tamar Valley Folk Festival

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 January

George Town

Our 20th Folk Festival and it's a festival full of history. The festival is a unique event in the Tamar Valley area bringing many visitors and artists to Northern Tasmania from interstate and overseas. It is the major annual cultural event held over three days in George Town and is recognised as part of the National Folk Festival calendar in Australia. The festival

consists of music sessions, concerts, themed concerts children's activities, poetry and dance. We also have music in the street on Saturday morning. The concert venues are all under cover and set in beautiful surroundings of the Tamar River and historic town of George Town.

www.tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com



A Day On The Beach

Wednesday 26 January

Kingston Beach

Come along and join us on the beach to celebrate Australian lifestyle encompassing all of the facets that define our culture: The beach, sport (both on and off water), our community, Australian culture, local music, fun and activities, and the big Aussie BBQ. With over 8000 people on Kingston Beach and involving more than 1500 event participants there is plenty of things to do for all ages. The day will involved more that a dozen sporting and community groups who provided sports events, activities, entertainment and displays throughout the day. Supported by live music, a sandcastle competition, an Aussie hat competition, double decker busses, sailing, swimming, the Lady Nelson under sail and the pristine backdrop of Kingston Beach.



Paul Kelly

Monday 7 February -

Thursday 10 February 8pm

Theatre Royal

Paul Kelly, one of our most prolific songwriters, performs his A to Z recordings live with 100 songs in alphabetical order over four nights at the Theatre Royal. Paul Kelly is a born storyteller. For the past thirty years he has written songs inspired by everything from cricket to religion, from social issues to literature, and of course the land and the history of Australia. His songs have the power to connect people of all generations. Favourites such as *Before Too Long*, *Dumb Things*, *From Little Things Big Things Grow*, *How To Make Gravy*, *Leaps and Bounds* and *To Her Door* will all be included in these intimate concert performances. Come to one show, two shows or all four and experience the poetry, playfulness, honesty and insight that is Paul Kelly. www.theatroyal.com.au



The Tempest

Tuesday to Saturday,
Friday February 11 to
Saturday March 5 7pm
Royal Tasmanian

Botanical Gardens, Hobart

What to Bring: Something waterproof to sit on - picnic rug (sleeping bags are best as they keep you warm & dry and they keep mozzies away as well.) Alcohol (in moderation) permitted. Picnics are welcome. Insect repellent. Bring a jumper/jacket - it can get cold at night. www.centertainment.com.au



Australian Wooden Boat Festival

Friday 11 - Monday 14 February
Hobart

Join us in Hobart, the home of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival - a spectacular four day celebration of maritime culture and craftsmanship. Over 500 boats and wooden craft of all shapes and sizes will congregate on the city's historic waterfront. This amazing scene of colour and activity provides the perfect setting for an extensive program of dockside entertainment, music, demonstrations, and displays. Opening with the wonderful Parade of Sail on Friday, there is action aplenty on the water throughout the weekend. Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of this unique event which offers more than just a taste of Tasmania's best food and beverages. From model boat sailing to clambering around a tall ship; from watching shipwrights at work to cheering on the community boat building teams; there is just so much to see and do! The biggest maritime event of its kind in the southern hemisphere, the Australian Wooden Boat Festival brings together the best of Australia in the heart of Tasmania. See you in Hobart!



Royal Hobart Regatta

Monday 14 February
Regatta Point

The entire Derwent River is given over to the Regatta for the three days of water and land activities and events including yachts, motorboats, ferries, a family fun fair and fireworks! The 2011 Royal Hobart Regatta will offer numerous viewing areas located around the Derwent River. The family fun fair and fireworks will be held on Regatta Point. • The Royal Hobart Regatta was started in 1838 by the then Governor of Tasmania, Sir John

Franklin. The day was declared a public holiday and consisted of friendly competition between local sailors and members of the merchant navy. The Regatta holiday is now one of the oldest continuing public holidays in Australia. Free food and beer was given to the settlers who came to watch the aquatic competition. The tradition of free entry has remained to this day and the cost of running the regatta is now covered by sponsorship and to a lesser extent government grants. The entire Derwent River is given over to the Regatta for the three days.



8 Women

February 18 to March 5 - 8 2011
Hobart Repertory Theatre Society
Living in a house full of women can be deadly. Directed by Peter Wilson. Written by Robert Thomas. A home in provincial France is buried in snow-and the mystery of a murder. Eight women seek solace from the blizzard, each with a tale to tell and a secret to hide. But when the patriarch is murdered, everyone becomes a suspect. Cut off from the police they are forced to unravel and deal with the one harrowing question that haunts them: who is the killer? A dark and witty murder mystery that will keep you guessing until the very end. www.centertainment.com.au



A Commercial Farce

Friday 18 February 8pm
Saturday 19 February 2pm & 8pm

Theatre Royal

Enter stage right Bill, who drives a clapped out '68 Jag and wears second hand clothes. He's an experienced theatre director on the verge of a nervous breakdown. There are less than 24 hours until the curtain goes up and this production, in which he's invested all his money, is unravelling... fast. Jules is the latest fresh-faced television star of Murder Squad. He's been bought in as the name that's going to sell the tickets. Without him the show is doomed. But when Jules fails to perform the simplest of acting tasks - his insistence of finding 'his character' works against the rules of the genre - Bill's raison d'être becomes teaching his young pupil the very meaning of farce. www.theatreroyal.com.au



Urinetown

February 25 & 26, March 2 - 5
Mr Nelson Theatre

A satirical comedy musical presented by Hobart Summer School and Old Nick Company. www.centertainment.com.au



Community Events

LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN:

AUSSIE BBQ AT BAANYA

Saturday January 29 at 5pm
2001 Huon Rd, Longley Camp Hill
Kingston/Channel/Huon/Bruny Channel
Chapter

'Baanya' is the home of Brian & Julian Longley is a historic area renowned for its small fruits. 'Baanya' is bounded by the Huon Rd / Bridle Track 1837 with Camp Hill as the backdrop. Salads/Meats/Sweets provided. \$10. Bring along your own drinks. ASAP & before 15 January. Limited to first 60 Julian 62396606 jpunch@tassie.net.au

WELLINGTON WANDERERS:

FULL MOON WALK

Thursday 20th January at 6pm
Mt Wellington

PLANNING MEETING & SUPPER

7.30pm Wednesday 2nd February
Glenorchy

KAYAKING

Sunday 20th February
Kettering

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 26th February
Glenorchy

LONG WEEKEND

Saturday 12th - Monday 14th March
Maria Island

For details, email

wellingtonwanderers@yahoo.com.au
or phone Richard 6223 2690 or 0447 225 682

OUTRIGHT YOUTH:

BBQ AT TOLOSA PARK

Sunday 13 February 12pm
Glenorchy.

Outright Youth Members only. RSVP before 1 February 2011 to Ricky on 0438774204 or Brayden at muscularhorse@hotmail.com BYO drink, salad and sweets to share. Meat and vegetarian patties will be provided. Shelter & BBQ facilities are excellent.

Become a GLC Centre Member!

So... why should you renew with TasPride and the GLC Centre, or become a NEW member of our organisation?

I've always been a GLC Centre member. I always will be.

There are plenty of good reasons to keep supporting an organisation that really tries to bring gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer community members (and our friends and families) together, to celebrate and promote what is good about being GLBTIQ in Tasmania. TasPride makes a real difference to lots of people, and membership is one way you can help to build and celebrate our community. The Tasmanian government, business and community sectors have an ever-growing awareness of TasPride and show an increasing level of support for our community. It's so good to be a part of that.

TasPride puts on the best parties. Everyone goes.

Being a TasPride member is also lots of fun. Of course we hate to admit that our signature dance parties, Queens Ball and the Halloween Party, are the best two nights out in Tasmania. We pride ourselves on hosting events that are safe, diverse, inclusive, engaging and affordable. You can dance yourself stupid, or find a quiet spot to make a new friend, or both! The TasPride Festival also features an ever-expanding selection of unique events, including concerts, films, quiz nights, performances, picnics, walks and workshops – it really has something for

everyone. Ever seen a Japanese transgender, rock-a-billy band in Hobart? Ikochi were a smash hit of the 2008 TasPride Festival. And what about queer films? You won't see them anywhere else in Tasmania on such a scale as during TasPride. One-off, must-see events - we do stuff no-one else does or dares.

When I want to know what's on, I grab my TasPride Bulletin.

It's the information age, so if you want an update on general queer news or want to read feature articles from prominent personalities in our community, go no further than the TasPride Bulletin, mailed directly out to members before it hits the street. If you've moved into the online world, we also cater for you on our delicious website (www.taspride.com), offer updates via Facebook, and keep you entertained on Twitter. A quick update on venues, events, and community contacts is also available 24/7 on our information line.

My membership fee pays for itself in discounts. How good is that?

Being a TasPride member is about more than just discounts to events year round – but that certainly helps. Our membership fees have not changed in the last five years, and the member discounts you'll receive when attending all major TasPride events equate to more than double the membership fee itself. TasPride is a not-for-profit organisation, solely in existence to celebrate and promote the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer community, and our friends and families. All monies go directly back into new events and opportunities.

Membership prices

There are several pricing options for TasPride membership.

Single: \$25.00

Double: \$35.00

(for two people at the same address)

Concession: \$15.00

(for student, senior or health care card holders)

How to renew your membership or join for the first time

If you'd like to renew or start your membership right now, it's easy and can be done in several ways.

In person: Head into Centertainment at 53 Elizabeth Street Mall, Hobart, or to the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group (TGLRG) stall at Salamanca Market every Saturday. There are NO transaction or credit card fees.

By mail: Fill in the form below (or download it from www.taspride.com)

Online: Go to www.centertainment.com.au. Joining online incurs a \$2.20 booking fee and a \$2.20 transaction fee. You will receive an automatic confirmation email from Centertainment. These fees include postage for your membership cards.

By phone: Phone Centertainment on (03) 6234 5998 and use your credit card. Telephone payments using your credit card incur a \$3 transaction fee which includes postage.



GLC Centre Membership Application

New Membership Renewal Form (tick one)

Name:

Email:

Postal Address:

Phone No's:

I hereby agree to abide by the rules of the association

Signature: Date:

Second person at same address:

Name:

Email:

Signature: Date:

- \$25.00 Single Membership for one person
 \$35.00 Dual Membership for two people at the same address
 \$15.00 Concession for one person (Health Care Card holders)

Payment

Please debit my VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS or MASTERCARD the above amount.

Card No:

Expiry Date: / CVC:

Name:

Signature: Date:

OR, send cheque/money order made out to CENTERTAINMENT with the completed form to: Centertainment 53 Elizabeth Mall, Hobart TAS 7000.

Note: Membership valid until June 30, 2011.

Organisations & Groups

ALL SORTS

All Sorts is a queer youth group. Contact Working It Out on (03) 6334 4013 or 0419 361 128 or email north@workingitout.org.au

BI TASMANIA

Provides support for bisexual Tasmanians. Contact Jen on 0401 054 003

BORDERLINES

Tassie's one and only Queer radio show. Mon 10 am to 12 noon on Edge Radio 99.3FM

COMING OUT PROUD PROGRAM

Supporting GLBTI people to 'come out with pride' and live in their communities as fully respected and participating members.

President Jo Goodman jo@logtas.org

Coming Out Proud

Community Liaison Committees:

Greater Hobart, Brian Doran brian@logtas.org;

Kingborough/Huon, Jo Goodman jo@logtas.org;

Greater Launceston/East Coast,

Donald McDonald donmac@logtas.org;

North West/West Coast,

Wilfred Laycock wifred@logtas.org;

Coming Out Proud Trust Small Grants Program,

Ashley Mathews ashley@logtas.org

COUNTRY NETWORK

An Australia-wide social organization offering hospitality and friendship to gay men and women, and home-hosting between members. Its activities include annual and half-yearly meetings in different states and regional social events during the year. Members are encouraged to include tourist visits around the meetings or regional social events. www.countrynetwork.com.au

ECQLS

East Coast Queer Life Support is a support association being established in the North- East to co-ordinate and provide services and social activities for GLBTIQ and questioning people of all ages in the region www.ecqls.org

GAY AND LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD

Offers free anonymous counselling to Tasmania on 1800 184 527 www.switchboard.org.au

GAY INFO LINE

A recorded information message funded by the GLC Centre Inc. (03) 6234 8179

GLC CENTRE INC

The Gay & Lesbian Community Centre is a not-for-profit community organisation dedicated to celebrating, uniting and promoting the GLBTIQ community in Tasmania. The organising body of TasPride, which produces events such as Queens Ball, Arfully Queer Art Exhibition and the TasPride Festival. www.taspride.com

HOBART'S WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE

25 Lefroy Street, North Hobart offers help to Lesbian & Bi women's help. Ph (03) 6231 3212

LEAGUE OF GENTLEFELLOWS

www.logtas.org

Regional (South/North/North West) social events for rainbow people in a safe and caring environment.

Hobart, John Perry john@logtas.org

Kingborough/Huon, David Sinclair

davids@logtas.org

North, Donald McDonald don@logtas.org

North West, Wilfred Laycock wifl@logtas.org

State Women, Jo Goodman jo@logtas.org

Outright LGBTI Youth, Scott Ryan, Connie Lavicka

scott@logtas.org

MAN2MAN PROGRAM

Program run by TasCAHRD which aims to prevent the spread of HIV & STI's among gay men/MSM. This program incorporates the MAN2MAN magazine, MAN2MAN online outreach, volunteer program, venue outreach, as well as information & support. Contact Brian Morris, MAN2MAN Coordinator on (03) 6234 1242, email m2m@tascahrd.org.au or visit www.m2mtas.com. You will also find us in your favorite chatroom.

NORTHERN TASMANIAN MEN'S MEETUP

A monthly social meeting group for gay and bisexual men living in the north of the state. Contact Paul Brunyee on (03) 6395 4490 or email men13@meetup.com

NORTH WEST GLBTI FRIENDLY YOUTH GROUP

Meets weekly in Ulverstone. Contact Working It Out on 0419 361 128 and northwest@workingitout.org.au

OUTRIGHT YOUTH

Advocacy Support Network for students in High Schools/Colleges and University
State Youth Coordinators:
Scott Ryan & Connie Lavicka scott@logtas.org

Q-SOC

Q-Soc is the Queer Uni students society in Hobart queerep@yahoo.com.au

RAINBOW BABIES

A social group for rainbow families to get together for fun and support. For meeting details contact Ronita on 62664797 or ronitabarratt@hotmail.com

RELATIONSHIPS TASMANIA

Explains everything about deeds of relationships www.relationshipstasmania.org.au

SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE

Offers counselling, support, referrals and STI testing.
Burnie (03) 6434 6315, Devonport (03) 642179
Hobart (03) 6233 2557, Launceston (03) 6336 2216

TASMANIAN COUNCIL FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE INC

www.comingoutproud.org

Supporting GLBT people to 'Come Our With Pride' and live with their communities as fully respected and participating members.

President Jo Goodman jo@logtas.org

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North West/West Coast, Wilfred Laycock

wifred@logtas.org

TASPRIDE

The event brand for the GLC Centre. (see GLC Centre)

TASCAHRD

The Tasmanian Council on AIDS, Hepatitis and Related Diseases TasCAHRD, including the Gay Men's Health Program.
Ph (03) 6234 1242 or Freecall 1800 005 900
www.tascahrd.org.au

TGLRG

The Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group. They hold a stall at Salamanca Market and can be contacted on (03) 6224 3556 www.tglrg.org

TAS UNITY

An ecumenical support and study group for GLBTIQ people and their friends, families and supporters. Phone Pat on (03) 6344 2357

WELLINGTON WANDERERS

GLBTIQ activity group running a year-round program of events. Contacts are:
Sue (03) 6229 7519, Robin/Chris (03) 6243 4670
Ivan/Robert (03) 6234 5058, Richard/Michael (03) 6223 2690 or wellingtongwanderers@yahoo.com.au

WORKING IT OUT

Working It Out is Tasmania's sexuality and gender support and education service. WIO provides counselling and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) Tasmanians, their friends and family. WIO coordinates and implements anti-homophobia and diversity education and training programmes in schools, workplaces, government and non-government organisations.
South (03) 6231 1200
North (03) 6334 4013
North West (03) 6432 3643

YOUTH ALLIANCE

"You are not the only gay in the village" - a southern-based social youth group for GLBTI youth
Contact Scott Ryan 0400 085 136 or scott@logtas.org

Cafes & Restaurants

There are several Queer friendly cafes and restaurants around Tasmania. They include **Groovey Penguin** in Penguin, **Fresh on Charles** in Launceston, the **Deloraine Deli** in Deloraine, **DS Coffee House** in Huonville, the **Red Velvet Lounge** at Cygnet, **Fleury's Cafe** in Woodbridge, **Citrus Moon Cafe** in Kingston and **Kabuki by the Sea** near Swansea.

In the Hobart area **Lebrina** in New Town is one of Australia's most awarded restaurants. Cafes include the newly opened **Marmalade Cafe** (in the former site of Kaos) and **Kusina** in Elizabeth Street, **The Alley Cat** and **The Republic** in North Hobart, **Criterion Café** in Criterion Street, **Sirens** in Victoria Street, **Lansdowne Cafe** in West Hobart, **Retro Café** in Salamanca Place, **Machine Laundry Café** in Salamanca Square, **Jackman and McCross** in New Town, Victoria Street and Battery Point, and **Magnolia Cafe** in South Hobart.

Venues

FLAMINGOS DANCE BAR

A tolerant, safe, informative and fun environment for the GLBTIQ community and their friends. Flamingos offers over two floors of fun and entertainment and is open Friday and Saturday nights from 10pm until late. Flamingos also presents exclusive club nights and special events for check out www.flamingosbar.com for more information. 201 Liverpool Street, Hobart.

LES GIRLS

Hobart's very own drag nightspot featuring drag shows by local and interstate drag queens. Downstairs 101 Harrington Street, Hobart (formerly Mangos)

LALALAND

Lalaland is a very special nightclub party and has become a legendary fixture on Hobart's dance music calendar since 2001. Lalaland is a fun and carefree clubbing experience. Check out www.clublala.net. Halo Nightclub, Purdy's Mart, Hobart.

TasPride Bulletin welcomes submissions for the Organisations & Groups, Cafes & Restaurants, and Venues listings. TasPride / GLC Centre can take no responsibility for any inaccuracies in these listings, and is happy to edit or remove listings for future editions upon request. Please send submissions for the March/April TasPride Bulletin to advertising@taspride.com before Monday 7 February.

Sharon Jones wins Red Herring Surf Social Inclusion Award

Working It Out is very proud to announce that today Sharon Jones has been awarded this year's Red Herring Surf Social Inclusion Award. The award recognises activities, programs, policies or support provided in pursuit of socially inclusive communities. These initiatives seek to make Tasmanians feel valued and connected by providing opportunities to take part in social and economic activities, such as employment, education, training and social/community events.

Sharon's work as an Educator/Counselor at Working It Out and her voluntary work as the founding member of Connect4Life have changed the lives of many gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) people in Tasmania and especially in the North West. Having spent many years battling with her own depression and suicidal feelings, and having lost friends to suicide, it wasn't until she met other same sex attracted people that she realised she wasn't on her own and that others in the community were facing similar challenges.

Sharon knew that to feel valued and connected what was needed was a community based initiative to create a sense of belonging and self worth for a people who felt isolated or alienated in their communities. She recognised that social groups dedicated to increasing opportunities for the GLBTI community to meet in a safe environment would be life changing. This was the beginning of Connect4life. Sharon has applied her considerable talents over the past six years to nurture a strong

volunteer network to ensure Connect4life is well supported. She volunteers her time and resources to the administration and coordination of gatherings and events.

As Educator/Counselor at Working It Out in the North and North West, Sharon presents training, information and education to workplaces, community groups and schools, provides counseling and facilitates support & discussion groups. Sharon is well aware of the difference it makes as she says: "I wish there was a group like Working It Out for me when I felt alone, isolated and was struggling to make sense of my life. It would have made such a difference to my journey."



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