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Transgender, Intersex & Queer Community



# TasPride Bulletin

## TasPride Summer Picnic

70+ people braved potentially inclement weather to take over Parliament Street Reserve in Sandy Bay for the first TasPride summer picnic. The snow clouds blew away and the sun shone warm and strong through the afternoon.

As well as a free sausage sizzle staffed by Sielito and Vincent, and music by DJ Tracey, there were stalls, displays and information from Ten Days On The Island, the Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner of Tasmania, Tasmanian Council of Sexual and Gender Diverse People, League of Gentlefellows, Coming Out Proud Program, Outright Youth, Working It Out, Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group, Tasmanian Council on AIDS, Hepatitis and Related Diseases' Man2Man Program, Wellington Wanderers, and TasPride.

The picnic also featured the much-anticipated but not highly-competitive pet parade and some of our favourite novelty events. Ten Days On The Island donated family passes to Power Plant at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens as winning

prizes, and Marmalade Cafe (formerly Kaos) donated bottles of their best bubbly. The events and winners were:

### Pet Parade

1st prize Letitia with "rainbow lorikeets" Florence & Pearl; 2nd Abel & Steve with dogs Kuba & Xeno; Runners-up were Lib & Megan with Mollie Dog & Caper, Simon with rats Zola & Tenshi, and Lia with dogs Yula & Mia

### Handbag Throw

1st prize Phoebe with a mighty effort; 2nd Jason

### Drag Race

1st prize Carolyn with Frederica from TDOTI a close 2nd. Tracey just couldn't get into a dress

### Three-legged Race

1st prize Rebecca & Erenie; 2nd Sam & Wendy

Wendy also gave a great lesson on how to juggle everything in your life, and the day finished up with a game of cricket on the green. All in all a great afternoon.

For your chance to win a family pass to Power Plant at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens on Saturday 26th March 2011 donated by Ten Days On The Island, be the first person to email [info@taspride.com](mailto:info@taspride.com) with the current name of the cafe that used to be called Kaos.

### Upcoming Events

#### 2011 Queens Ball

Sunday 12th June 2011

#### 2011 Artfully Queer Exhibition

This year the theme for the artfully queer exhibition will be future queer the event opens at Moonah arts centre on Friday 23rd of September 2011 and runs till the 6th of October.

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# Vice President's Rave

By Tracey Wing

## Chaos

OMG! WTF? Here we are already two months into 2011 and we have natural disasters, political chaos, financial uncertainty and civil unrest – and that's just at my house!

This is my last rave as the Vice-President, because I foolishly put up my hand to become Secretary instead at the last AGM, but you will continue to hear from me in future Bulletins, I just can't help myself.

Like myself, this year got off to a shaky start so my theory is it can only get better, so I am looking forward to a fabulous year of TasPride celebration and achievement.

Of course there is a catch, we can't actually do it without you.

## Membership

If you've often thought about becoming a TasPride member but never quite got around to it, if you keep meaning to do it again but keep forgetting, now is the time! We've made it easy for you because you can do it all online. If you prefer the personal touch, it's just as easy to pop in to Centertainment in Elizabeth St Mall and pay in person. You can say hello to Richard at the TGLRG stall at the Salamanca Markets every Saturday and become a member there, because we at TasPride are all about choice.

## Join the committee

The TasPride Committee (official title: the Gay & Lesbian Community Centre Inc. Management Committee) is a small but earnest group of people who volunteer their time to run the TasPride Festival, Queens Ball, Artfully Queer and other events throughout the year.

The operative word here is 'small'. We love doing what we do, but we really wish there was a few more of us on the Committee to share the love.

In particular, we would love to get some more diversity onto the committee, so if you ID as bi, trans or intersex, or if you are young and out and proud, it would be fantastic to have your voice and energy join ours.

## Come to events

Finally, one of the easiest options for you in terms of taking part in your LGBTI community life is just to show up.

As well as our website and Bulletin, we are on Facebook and Twitter, and are always sharing info with our fellow queer organisations and groups, so it's easy for you to know what is happening and when.

Stay in tune, stay in touch, get out there and take part! It's your community, make it what you want it to be.

Tracey Wing  
Vice President



# Tasmania's Suicide Prevention Strategy Includes the GLBTI Community

## The Tasmanian Department of Health & Human Services launched in December 2010 the State's Suicide Prevention Strategy "A Strategic Framework and Action Plan".

This followed two years of intense advocacy by the Tasmanian Council for Sexual and Gender Diverse People Inc to get our community included in the SP Strategies. This action by the Council (TCS&GDP Inc) followed early statements by Government representatives at the National Suicide Prevention Conference in Hobart 2009 that "there was not a problem in the LGBTI Community that required attention".

At the Conference the following day Council (TCS&GDP Inc), and again at the National Health Indifference Conference in Sydney 2010 representatives in a presentation showed that indeed the issue of suicide and self harm prevention strategies, especially in areas where discrimination and harassment is endemic, is one of the most sensitive and most important priorities for the LGBTI Communities. This connection for Tasmania has critical reference for remote and rural where services are least evident and discrimination including hate crime strident.

National research (also included in Tasmanian research) shows this causal connection:

- 55 percent of gay men and lesbians had contemplated self-harm as a direct result of

bullying

- 40 percent had attempted self-harm or suicide on at least one occasion
- 30 percent had done so more than once. (Rivers, I., The Bullying of Sexual Minorities At School: Its Nature and Long Term Correlates. Educational and Child Psychology. 2001 Vol 18. p39)
- 64 percent of non-operative transgender people had contemplated suicide on at least one occasion in their lives
- 37 percent had made at least one attempt (Singer et al 1997, Xavier 2000, Kenagy & Bostwick 2001, Nemoto et al 2001, Clements-Nolle et al 2001, Risser & Shelton 2002. Cited from www.nctequality.org)
- same sex attracted young people (SSAYP) are three times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youth (Howard, J. et al, Same Sex Attracted Youth in Mental Health Promotion and Young People: Concepts and Practice. 2002. Eds Rowling, L, Martin, G., Walker, L. McGraw Hill, Australia)
- rural SSAYP are six times more likely to attempt suicide than the population as a whole (Quinn, K., Rural Youth and Same Sex Attracted Youth: Issues, Interventions and Implications for Rural Counsellors. Rural and Remote Health. 2003 Vol 3.)

The Government's response to the State Strategy now acknowledges that the GLBTI population has a higher risk of mental health and suicide than the general population, but unfortunately still does not recognise the importance of building cultural resilience and capacity within our community as the most important prevention strategy. This was a strong recommendation in the Council's (TCS&GDP Inc) Submission to the State Suicide Prevention Consultation as well as in the many community consultations that we participated in. It is suspected that the importance of building resilience in the GLBTI Community as a strategy is being resisted because of the political opposition from church groups in the State; who see the high incidence of suicide, self harm and mental illness as the result of a 'decadent lifestyle'.

However the Council (TCS&GDP Inc) is pleased that it's efforts over two years of advocacy will be fruitful for our Community in the appointment in Action Area Two of the Government's Response. This recommends the engagement of Project Officer to work with the Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Council and State Mental Health Service Early Intervention Unit to develop a suicide prevention action plan for GLBTI communities in Tasmania.

What most importantly is now required by our community organisations is a coordinated, collaborative and cooperative response and investment to ensure the State Suicide Prevention Strategy works for the welfare of our community. Is this a big ask? The alternative of continued 'silos of self interest' is an option that will be disastrous.

Julian Punch  
State Coordinator, Coming Out Proud Program

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# The Spot

Whilst Chrystal is away touring Earth, I will be reviewing TV, DVD and films, and other bits I may feel the need to share. One of my favourite past time is watching the TV as far back as black and white TV, when broadcasts ended at 11.30pm. Now broadcast is 24/7/365. With change has come a diverse range of viewing for our community to enjoy. More gay themed sitcoms and reality shows, talk shows are appearing. Here are a few of my fav's.

**WORK OUT:** Work Out a reality show that follows Jackie Warner, a successful lesbian owner of a gym in LA and her trainers. They work hard and play hard. We see insight into Jackie's lesbian relationships, her personal counselling sessions, her many business adventures (this is the only downfall of this show, it seems to be her personal continual TV ad), as well as Jackie's relationship with her mother who struggles with her daughter being a lesbian. The trainers too have their own stories and drama. We see the struggle of many of the clients who come to SkySport and the fast past, no nonsense regime Jackie puts them through to improve their health. It's one for girls and boys. Rating 7/10

**RU PAUL DRAG RACE:** Ru Paul is a famous American Drag Queen. Here on this reality show we see Ru Paul, a panel of judges and a group of male contestants, present their own unique costumes in a beauty come runway model, performing contest, to become "The next big Drag Queen". (Think Project Runway and America's Next Top model rolled into one). The contestants have to be fashion designers, make up artists, model, and performer rolled up into one fabulous being. Each week the group are given a challenge/theme to create their own look. The group are judged on their look and performance with the lowest two having to "lip sync for your life" one being eliminated with Ru Paul telling that person, "sashay away". To quote RuPaul "you have to remember, we're queens. So, there's going to be drama lots of it!" This show delivers drama from the behind the scenes creation in the sewing room, the creative verbal use of the English language and descriptions of things, and if you like the creative vision, costume design and all the sparkle and performance that go with it, this show is worth the watch. Hilarious! One for all. Rating 7/10

**THE L WORD (Season 1):** Start at the beginning; get to know the gang again. We find ourselves in LA, West Hollywood. The couple Bette and Tina, Bette a high powered career/art collector girl, and Tina, who jumped the fence for Bette, jumped back over the fence and jumped the fence again as the seasons went on. This just annoyed me. They are the lovey dovey couple with the groovy California Bungalow and pool trying to have a baby. All seems well until Bette's encounter with the hot carpenter Candice, overalls and all. Tina finds out and then well it all ends in tears. They live next door to Jenny and Tim, the Midwest couple newly arrived in California. Tim just go away and Jenny well, I would have written her and her dog out of the series the minute she ran off and married Tim after being discovered by Tim in a "situation" with Marina. Marina mysteriously disappears and it's not until season 2ish that we find out why. Then there is Alice, oh Alice you delightful girl, providing us with classic insight and honesty, into the world of being bi-sexual. Alice renews a relationship with Gabby an ex lover who is not a nice one. The gang tries to discourage this renewed interest with Alice seeing light, and says to Gaby my most classic favourite of all time L Word quote: "Step off Bitch". Go Alice. Dana, the conservative shy one, unsure of the "status" of the girl she has a crush on enlists the help of the girls when they all go to Lara's workplace (the tennis club where Dana is a member) for lunch to conduct a series of tests (finger nails, shoes, even a move by Shane), but the results are inconclusive. Then there's Kit, Bette's sister, the Planet, the gangs local café hang out where discussions and views of the world come to light and of course Shane, the busiest of the gang, leaving a trail of girls and tears in her path as she sways around the place with her equally cool fashion sense. Now it is my opinion that as we get to know our Shane that in fact she has the biggest heart, is very wise, would do anything for her friends and despite being busy getting busy, I would still take her out for dinner. Wink. Really for the girls but I have a feeling the boys like it to. Rating 6/10

Voula Pleonie

**Next time on "The V Spot" more insight into the world of gay sitcoms, fashion, art and love. You never know what the universe will bring, so aim at the stars.**



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## Become a Foster Parent - Our Kids Need You

Recently, I met a couple Peter and Darren, who inspired me with their interesting story, their love and their courage. Peter and Darren are foster dads. They left their careers in Canberra, moved to Tasmania, went through the foster care process and now love and care for several children. The love and nurturing they give these kids is returned to them. Any parent knows the healing, wisdom and unconditional love children give. I asked them a few questions and hope it will inspire others to become foster parents and understand that same sex people are accepted and can apply. These children are in dire need of love and care. We can give it to them.

### What inspired you to become foster parents?

Our inspiration to become foster parents was the realisation that we had such a capacity, and selflessness to be able to offer our home and resources to this significant group of children in need. It would have been a waste and a loss for these children if we hadn't.

### How did you find the Government process in becoming a foster parent, particularly being a same sex couple?

In our experience, the government process was entirely indiscriminate and supportive of our ability to parent foster children. We were provided with an assessment equal to that of which a heterosexual person/couple would undergo - which honed in on our abilities to provide holistic, quality care as opposed to our sexual orientation. Of course this is a factor which was considered and discussed when considering the placement of children into our care, and their individual reactions or acceptance of our sexuality.

### What message or guidance would you give gay and lesbian people thinking about becoming a foster parent?

Provided that they are in a stable position, I feel that a gay or lesbian couple can offer care of the same standard to any other person/couple. My message to any couple, gay or not, would be that if you feel as though you have the ability and capacity to provide holistic and therapeutic care, then don't hold back. There are children out there today who need your care. If your sexuality has prevented you from taking the appropriate steps in applying to become a carer, please - re consider. Child Protection Services will not discriminate based on your sexuality!

### How do people react when you tell them you are a foster parent?

Mostly with surprise, but also with positivity. Generally, people are of the understanding that Gay and Lesbian couples cannot foster children, and are surprised to learn that this is not the case. People often congratulate us for our bravery, but also comment that the children who are in our care overturn the myth of same sex couples only being able to provide substandard care - simply by the progress and happiness that the children exhibit. Occasionally we come across slight sniggering in the supermarket, or in the street - but it's our decision to not take this on board! The results are in the children.

### There are many different children in need of care and love out there, how as modern day parents do you think society should move forward in helping these children?

Becoming a foster carer is not agreeing to changing nappies and washing clothes. Parenting is a very involved commitment which requires very active guidance and leadership in a child's life. All parents, foster or not, really need to be proactive in gaining the skills to be able to best assist their children, and to parent in the most therapeutic and progressive way. Children are not chattels, but baby human lives - which deserve the best opportunities to flourish into the adults that they will become. This requires sensitive and nurturing guidance, but with a much more 'big picture' and strategic approach.

### What is the most rewarding aspect of being a foster dad?

No words can describe how rewarding it is to know that you have written words of love on the hearts of children, to have given them opportunities and to be the one that they want to hug when times are grim, but most of all - to see them smiling and happy.

### Who do you feel when the children leave to go back to families?

This is a time of mixed emotions, and of course it is sad to see any child leave your home - however, with their birth parents, provided that it is a safe and loving environment, is the best place for a child to be. Contributing to the successful re-unification of a child with their birth parents is one of the most satisfying experiences one could have. There is emptiness when a child leaves, however the reality is that you should be prepared, and happy for a child when re-unification is possible. Dependent upon circumstances, often you will remain a part of a child's life even when reunification does occur.

Thank you Peter and Darren, for your insight. I hope others out there can see that we have a lot to offer these children. If you would like further information contact the Department of Health and Human Services on 1800 732 522 or online [www.fostercare.tas.gov.au](http://www.fostercare.tas.gov.au). Good Luck.

Voula Pleonie



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# HAD UNSAFE SEX LATELY?

**You may have picked up, and be passing on HIV.**

The amount of the virus in blood and cum is very high in the first few weeks after being infected. This makes it more likely that HIV will be passed on to others.

One in five new HIV infections comes from men who have also been recently infected.

*If you can't be sure of his HIV status, use condoms and lube.*

# The Rights Stuff

## Parenting

2011 is shaping up as a big year for LGBTI human rights, locally and nationally. Same-sex parenting is again on the state political agenda with a Government inquiry into its proposed surrogacy legislation.

The draft law will legally recognise the altruistic surrogate arrangements entered into by opposite and same-sex parents-to-be. This is welcome because it maintains the principle of equality between opposite- and same-sex couples. It also respects the choice made by women who want to give the gift of parenthood to their gay friends or family members.

The draft law also maintains the legal prohibition on commercial surrogacy in Tasmania. It doesn't go as far as NSW which last year made criminals of Australians entering commercial surrogacy arrangements overseas. This new law was highlighted when Nicole Kidman visited Sydney in January with the child she has had through commercial surrogacy. Such a punitive response to commercial surrogacy won't help protect surrogate mothers in the US and India from possible exploitation. It will just make life harder for those families formed by commercial surrogacy when they return to Australia.

The State Government is inviting comment on its new draft surrogacy law. For more visit [www.justice.tas.gov.au/legislationreview/reviews/surrogacy\\_bill\\_2010\\_consultation](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/legislationreview/reviews/surrogacy_bill_2010_consultation)

## Marriage

2011 will be a make-or-break year for marriage equality. At the end of the year the Labor Party will revisit the issue at its biennial national conference. If individual politicians haven't been convinced to support equality, the Labor Party as a whole won't either.

Australian Marriage Equality has a new website which allows you to quickly and easily set up a meeting with your local MP. AME has also produced some useful information about how to get the most out of your meeting. Here are the relevant pages [www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/?page\\_id=135](http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/?page_id=135) [www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/?page\\_id=910](http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/?page_id=910)

I strongly urge you to set up a meeting with your local federal politicians. If you are unsure who is the MP for your area, or want some more information about marriage equality, please don't hesitate to give me a call on 0409 010 668.

## Salamanca Arrests Commemoration

In 2008 the Hobart City Council marked the 20th anniversary of the gay rights arrests at Salamanca Market with an allocation of \$15,000 towards a public art work commemorating the event. Proposals for the art work are now being sought. Contact Hobart city council for details

Rodney Croome  
Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group

# Man2Man Live & Local Dinners

The Man2Man Program at TasCAHRD has started hosting small group informal dinner sessions, in order to provide an ideal opportunity for guys to meet other similar minded guys, in their local area. These dinner sessions will take place in each quarter of the year, in all three regions of the state. These dinner sessions are free, limited to 10-15 attendees and are held in discrete and private settings in local cafes. The first group dinner sessions were held in Devonport, Launceston and Hobart last year. These sessions allow men to discuss GLBTI health-related issues with the Man2Man Program staff as well as provide an opportunity for to see what issues are of importance to guys living in different regional areas.

The first round of dinner sessions were a huge success and the MAN2MAN staff received valuable positive feedback on issues and concerns within the community. The next round of sessions are just about to get underway and the Man2Man program staff are expecting a larger turnout this time.

**The next dinner sessions are in Launceston on February 22nd, in Burnie on February 23rd, and in Hobart on March 2nd. If you would like further information on these sessions or would like to register please contact Brian Morris on Tel 6234 1242 or email [m2m@tascahrd.org.au](mailto:m2m@tascahrd.org.au) or visit the MAN2MAN website at [www.m2mtas.com](http://www.m2mtas.com)**



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**The next dinner sessions will be held in:**

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**To register contact Brian Morris on 6234 1242 or email [m2m@tascahrd.org.au](mailto:m2m@tascahrd.org.au)**

**Venue location will be provided upon registration. These events are for men in2 men only.**



# 10 Days On The Island 2011

**Ten Days on the Island, Tasmania's biennial arts event and Australia's only state-wide arts Festival, will roll out across the island with an exhilarating programme of free and ticketed events from Friday March 25 through to Sunday April 3, 2011.**

Featuring international artists and events from island locations across the globe, alongside Australia's finest artists, Ten Days presents performances across the broadest artistic spectrum in a programme that features six world premieres and twelve Australian premieres in theatre, dance, world and early music, chamber opera, exhibitions, installations, films and literature events that celebrate island culture.

Under the artistic direction of Elizabeth Walsh in her third and final Ten Days programme, the 2011 Festival will feature nearly 500 artists from the A to Z of island cultures – Aotearoa/New Zealand, Manhattan, Tahiti, Ireland, Cape Breton, Shetland Islands, Vancouver Island, Greek Isles, Papua New Guinea, Hawaii, Trinidad & Tobago, Faroe Islands, Bora Bora, Bali, Haiti, England, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Newfoundland, Wales, Japan, Montreal, Philippines, Iceland and Zanzibar. Coupled with new works and commissions from local and interstate artists, the 2011 Ten Days programme has something to offer every taste and every pocket with 230 free and ticketed shows, in 111 venues at over 60 locations across the state.

## WHAT'S HOT...

### Animal Farm

George Orwell's Animal Farm will make a splash in Hobart as "Singapore's sexiest theatre company" WILD RICE giving the familiar tale a contemporary re-telling as a stunning piece of physical theatre. Gesture rather than costume identifies the animal characters as the actors and their body stockings and body paint are transformed from pig to chicken and back again. You'll be left wishing you studied this stage

version of the Orwell classic when you were in high school! Never fear! Study it now!

### Djupid (The Deep)

Scottish actor Liam Brennan tells the story of a young man who in the midst of an unresolved life, finds his ship sinking beneath him. Brennan and his accent - said to make even the reading of a phonebook appealing - deliver the powerful monologue, leaving an unforgettable impression on the audience as his character journeys to death through richness and regret. Book a ticket and head to any of the eight pubs across the state for "a theatrical experience that will floor you" (British Theatre Guide) and a quiet, reflective beverage or two. Just be sure not to drink alone; take a friend!

### DBR

DBR virtuoso violinist has played with the one and only Lady Gaga on American Idol and has the most incredible mane of dreadlocks. Oh, and he's performing with DJ Scientific and Emeline Michel at Ten Days Dance Hall in Hobart, Launceston and Scottsdale! Get ready for this potent combination of hip-hop beats, scratched rhythms and the divine Haitian queen of song. Together, the trio take the Dance Hall to the next level with influences from world music through jazz and the ever-sexy bossa nova, creating a contemporary sonic experience not to be missed. Get your tickets at [tendaysontheisland.com](http://tendaysontheisland.com) now. He may have performed with Lady Gaga, but come April, he'll also have partied with you!

### Power Plant

The 'not to miss' event for Ten Days 2011 is Power Plant, a series of sound and light installations that create an ethereal nocturnal trail through the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hobart. The artists create a gallery without walls, without rules and without boundaries, where the Gardens are the real star of the show, transforming into a kaleidoscopic playground of audiovisual wonderment. Power Plant seamlessly merges sound, light and technology with the rich, natural surrounds of Tasmania's Botanical Gardens – creating an magical and enchanting evening.

The full Ten Days programme may be viewed online at [tendaysontheisland.com](http://tendaysontheisland.com) and an iphone app is also available to download for all the Ten Days information in your pocket – let's face it, its the ultimate accessory for 2011. See you there!



## Beauty & The Bear: Australia's Queer Arts TV Show

**From April 2011, Tasmanians will have an 'all access pass' to experience Australia's own Queer televisual treat Beauty & The Bear. Until now Beauty & The Bear – which is Australia's only arts program for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (GLBTIQ) community – has been limited to broadcast in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide through the Community Television Network.**

Thanks to national community channel Aurora, Beauty & The Bear will hit TV screens across the country on Channel 183 of all pay-per-view platforms including Austar, Foxtel and Optus digital networks. "We are thrilled to be on a national broadcaster, and finally reach audiences in Tasmania", says co-producer and co-presenter Nathan Little. "Until now, Tasmanians have been limited to accessing five-minute excerpts on line. And now here we are in PRIME TIME, no less!"

"And all episodes will also be broadcast in full at the show's web portal [www.beautyandthebear.com.au](http://www.beautyandthebear.com.au)" adds co-producer and co-presenter Miz Ima Starr, "to make sure that nobody in the Apple Isle misses out on Beauty & The Bear just because they don't have pay TV".

If the hosts of Beauty & the Bear seem like familiar faces, it's because they are! Nathan is also half of electro-pop recording artists The Bad Father, who recently guest starred on Spicks & Specks, and toured Tasmania as a featured event in the 2009 TasPride Festival.

"When I'm not tormenting audiences from the stage or TV, I host one of one of Melbourne's craziest club nights on Wednesdays at The Laird called It's A Cockout" says Nathan, "so if you're in town, come in and say hello!"

Miz Ima Starr also has close ties to Tasmania, having donated her time and considerable vocal talents to support fundraising events Queens Ball, Halloween Party and Rainbow Dinner for the last two years running. "Hobart audiences have been sooo wonderful to me in recent times, and I know that they will love the show, which has a great mix of both hilarious and serious interviews with artists" says Ima. "I am also looking forward to launching my new CD in Hobart during May, so the timing is perfect!"

For Beauty & The Bear virgins, the show is a nine-episode interview-based television series which showcases the work of high profile GLBTIQ artists producing outstanding work across a dazzling range of art forms. It is a not-for-profit project created to provide a showcase for Australian GLBTIQ artists, of which twenty-three are profiled in Season One.

"We really tried to encompass the widest possible rainbow of art forms in Season One", says Nathan, "and ended up covering dance, cabaret, theatre, radio production, choreography, drag (both male and female), punk music, comedy, costume design, DJ, visual art, filmmaking, and make-up artistry".

The first episode exemplifies the diversity of art forms on offer with Beauty & The Bear – featuring Queer glam punk band The Blow Waves, internationally renowned Indigenous installation artist (and Kylieminologist) Troy-Anthony Baylis, and an unforgettably wacky interview/psychotherapy session with Sydney's incendiary enfant terrible of cabaret Glace Chase.

"And here's something that may come as a big surprise to readers of the TasPride Bulletin: the series was co-produced right here in Tasmania!" says Ima. "Large segments of the production and post-production took place in Hobart – which makes us doubly excited and proud to make the show available to local audiences".

**The AURORA season of Beauty & The Bear launches Thursday 14 April at 7pm on Austar, Foxtel and Optus digital networks and runs until Thursday 9 June. Full episodes will be available online after each screening at [www.beautyandthebear.com.au](http://www.beautyandthebear.com.au)**

## Around Tassie

by Robert



### Blooming Tasmania

A collection of floral shows, festivals and garden open days held throughout Tasmania between September and May. Many of these gardens are of major historical significance and they highlight what an ideal gardening climate Tasmania is. An entry fee may apply. For more information and the latest booklet please visit the Blooming Tasmania website [www.bloomingtasmania.com](http://www.bloomingtasmania.com)



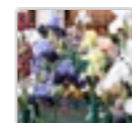
### Grease - The Musical

Fri 4 & Fri 11 March  
Grease is a 1971 musical by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. The musical is named for the 1950s United States working-class youth subculture known as the greasers. For more information please visit [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)



### King Island Imperial 20

Sat 5 - Sun 6 March  
King Island 32 kilometre run or walk is the only coast to coast footrace in Australia. Be a part of the King Island Imperial 20, it's not just another run. Indulge in the truly unique King Island lifestyle, generous hospitality and incredible food. King Island, situated in Western Bass Strait and only 50 minutes by air from Melbourne and Devonport, is home to one of Australia's unique running events, the King Island Imperial 20, proudly sponsored by SeaRoad Shipping. The feature event, the 32 kilometre handicapped run, is supported by several other events which include: a 32 kilometre walking race, a 4 x 8 km teams walking relay and running relay.



### Dahlia, Gladiolus & Floral Art Show

Fri 11 - Sat 12 Mar  
A free event at the Hobart Town Hall.



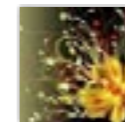
### Moonah's Taste of the World Festival

Sun 20 March  
A free event to be held in a closed off section of Main Road Moonah. The Festival will showcase global cuisines, music, dance, arts and crafts. Children's activities will be offered.



### Wooden Boat Exhibition of National Maritime Museum and Triabunna IGA

On the Esplanade, Triabunna  
This Spring Bay Maritime & Discovery Centre Open Day will showcase our "Wooden Boat Exhibition." Also on show will be a Musket and Cannon firing display by The Military Collectors Assoc. of Tasmania, display of antique machinery, military vehicles & the running of old steam, diesel & marine engines. Wine stall & BBQ on site as well as cake stall and tea garden with scones and cream. For more info call 62571375 or email Noel Burnell on [noel@freycinet.tas.gov.au](mailto:noel@freycinet.tas.gov.au)



### Bloomin' Tulips!

Sun 20 March  
East Wynyard Foreshore. The car boot sale with something for everyone! Secondhand goods, plants, bric-a-brac, good food and much more.



### Big Laughs

Wed 27 Mar - 2 Apr - Monthly  
Tasmania's only regular Stand -Up Comedy night! In need of a good laugh, come along to the New Sydney Hotel, Hobart, for a great evening of comic relief. Big Laughs is rapidly gaining momentum as being part of the National Comedy circuit.



### Whodunnit

Fri 3 - 18 June  
Playhouse Theatre Bathurst St Hobart.  
A classic English country house setting with eccentric characters and a grisly murder-or-

is it? Certainly there is a murder and there are eccentric characters, but not all is as it seems! The murderer will give you clues but will you be able to work it out?



### Cirque Du Soleil - Saltimbanco

Sun 19 June  
You can book now for Cirque du Soleil's national tour of Saltimbanco is coming to the Derwent Entertainment Centre! Performance as experienced in the Big Top. [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au)

## Community Events

### WELLINGTON WANDERERS LONG WEEKEND

Saturday 12 March to Monday 14th March  
Maria Island. Join us for a weekend of walks and wildlife. Costs \$50 return ferry trip, \$15 per night per person accomm, plus food. For info [wellingtowanwanderers@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wellingtowanwanderers@yahoo.com.au) or phone Richard on 62232690 or 0447225682

### LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN PINK APPLE FESTIVAL RANALAGH

Sunday March 20  
Steve & Rob live on an Orchard and love to share their apples. You will love this BBQ celebrating the original temptation.

### LEAGUE OF GENTLEWOMEN BBQ

Sunday March 20 BBQ 1pm at Jo's place (Lana's Tardis) Cygnet.

### SHAG BAY WALK

Thursday 17th March  
Eastern Shore

### LADY NELSON TRIP

Sunday 27th March  
Derwent River

### MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 2nd April  
Hobart

### WOMEN ONLY WALK

Sunday 10th April  
Mt Wellington

### LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN ALA CARTE BRUNCH

Sunday 17th April - Marmalade Care

### EASTER/ANZAC DAY LONG WEEKEND

Sunday 17th April - Marmalade Care  
Friday 22nd - Tuesday 26th April  
Cradle Mountain

# 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](http://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](http://www.taspride.com))

**Online:** Go to [www.centertainment.com.au](http://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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jo@logtas.org)  
Coming Out Proud  
Community Liaison Committees:  
Greater Hobart, Brian Doran [brian@logtas.org](mailto:brian@logtas.org);  
Kingborough/Huon, Jo Goodman [jo@logtas.org](mailto:jo@logtas.org);  
Greater Launceston/East Coast,  
Donald McDonald [donmac@logtas.org](mailto:donmac@logtas.org);  
North West/West Coast,  
Wilfred Laycock [wifred@logtas.org](mailto:wifred@logtas.org);  
Coming Out Proud Trust Small Grants Program,  
Ashley Mathews [ashley@logtas.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ecqls.org)

### GAY AND LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD

Offers free anonymous counselling to Tasmania on 1800 184 527 [www.switchboard.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:john@logtas.org)  
Kingborough/Huon, David Sinclair [davids@logtas.org](mailto:davids@logtas.org)  
North, Donald McDonald [don@logtas.org](mailto:don@logtas.org)  
North West, Wilfred Laycock [wifred@logtas.org](mailto:wifred@logtas.org)  
State Women, Jo Goodman [jo@logtas.org](mailto:jo@logtas.org)  
Outright LGBTI Youth, Scott Ryan, Connie Lavicka [scott@logtas.org](mailto:scott@logtas.org)

### LONGVIEW COMMUNITIES INC

Looking at establishing independent living units at Longview for the GLBTI community with mild disabilities or frailty. Contact Dr Stephen Edwards at [sjedwards@medemail.com.au](mailto:sjedwards@medemail.com.au) or phone 0413935013. [www.longviewcommunities.com](http://www.longviewcommunities.com)

### 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](mailto:m2m@tascahrd.org.au) or visit [www.m2mtas.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:scott@logtas.org)

### Q-SOC

Q-Soc is the Queer Uni students society in Hobart [queerep@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:ronitabarratt@hotmail.com)

### RELATIONSHIPS TASMANIA

Explains everything about deeds of relationships [www.relationshipstasmania.org.au](http://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](http://www.comingoutproud.org)  
Supporting GLBT people to 'Come Our With Pride' and live with their communities as fully respected and participating members.  
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North West/West Coast, Wilfred Laycock [wifred@logtas.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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, **Fleurty'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, **Machina 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. Exclusive club nights and special events. [www.flamingosbar.com](http://www.flamingosbar.com)  
201 Liverpool Street, Hobart.

### LES GIRLS

Hobart's very own drag nightclub 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](http://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 to [advertising@taspride.com](mailto:advertising@taspride.com)**



## 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, 2012.



## Domain Harassment

**It's well-known around town that the Domain is a place for to socialise most recently the action at the Domain has been increasingly focused on harassment and intimidation of locals at night.**

Typically, on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday night after 10pm, cars containing 3-4 people head up to the Domain and hoon around. When hooning becomes tailgating, light flashing, and yelling of abuse, then it becomes harassment and intimidation. This is not just one car and a few young people on the odd occasion – it is three or four, or more, cars in convoy that are engaged in organised "fag running" on a regular basis.

Two gay men were trapped in their car at the 'dead end' individuals were tailgating them locked the gates. When leaving, they were trapped between the boom gate and the another car. Other men have reported bashing and robbery, and damage to vehicles from eggs, rocks and other projectiles.

The Tasmania Police are aware of some of these events. They walk a fine line trying to monitor activities at the Domain, without appearing to harass locals driving around the area. My experiences with the Police

have been positive – and some officers have been downright friendly and genuinely concerned for my safety. However, the Police may not be fully aware of the scale of the activities at the Domain because many incidents are not reported, and those that are reported are not systematically tracked to assess patterns of harassment and hate crime.

So what should you do? First, don't stop socialising up at the Domain – it's called the Queens' Domain for good reason as a place for people to socialise. Do be pro-actively aware of your own safety. When parking at the Domain at night, make sure that your vehicle is positioned so that your exit route can't be blocked. Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be aware of cars with multiple occupants. Don't take matters into your own hands or carry weapons. If you are persistently tail gated or harassed record the model of car and the registration (pic or txt on your phone or a pad) and report the incident to the Police on 1800333000. You don't have to give your name, and they don't trace calls.

If you're gay, bi, in or out, respect yourself and look out for others. Take some responsibility for everyone's safety. Don't find yourself in the helpless position of being harassed or assaulted, but too afraid to call the Police. We would like to hear from any one else experiencing similar incident of violence and hate crime.

Julian Punch  
Tasmanian Council for Sexual & Gender Diverse People Inc



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