**Greater Shepparton LGBTI+ Community Alliance**

**Meeting Agenda – 21 February 2019**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Venue: Uniting, 219 -225 Wyndham Street, Shepparton Victoria 3630.**

**RSVP: gpoort@vt.uniting.org**

**Chair: Kasey Holyman – Uniting**

**Attendees:** Aileen Watson, K. Campagnolo, Chris Parnell, Leigh Stanbrook, M. Harmer, T. Quibell, Georgie Poort, M. Walker, Damien Stevens-Todd, N. Robinson, C. Bassani.K. Clavarino, F. Summer, C. Nihill, S. Wallis, J. Barney, P. Briggs, S. Mallia, C. Winbanks, D. Armstrong, L. Lindrea-Morrison, M. Milburn, S. Abdullah, A. Arthur, T. Marnane, S. Rose, K. Ford

**Apologies**: Damien Stevens – Todd, Christina Bassani,

1. **Welcome to all and apologies**
2. **Acknowledgment Of Country**
3. **Introductions and pronouns**
4. **Confirmation of Minutes**
5. **Highlight meeting agenda – change in times and days to suit people to attend**
6. Update on meeting with Daniel Whithaus – Victorian Govt Rep in March Michelle and Georgie (See Michelle’s notes attachment 1)
   1. Regional Community of Practice for June x 2 : Wodonga and Benalla – Michelle and Georgie

1. Update on TGV workshops in March – Michelle
2. Blue Print for Improving Health (See Michelle’s email in attachment 2 )
3. **Guest speaker and presentation and questions** – Update from Uniting, The Diversity Project – the program, new pilot program and the Transitional Pathway for regional and rural people TGD people. - Uniting
4. Facilitate a discussion on Priorities and resourcing capacity for Alliance partners – Kasey Holyman to facilitate
5. **Update and progress from 4 Priority Project Groups . Each project group to provide an update on each project, any identified issues and next steps.**

**a) Medical/endocrinology group** - Christina, Katie, Aileen and Uniting

**b) Training/research group (mapping)** - Michelle, Chris Parnell, Uniting – Diversity Project team member

**c) Events group (e.g. Pride Cup, BBQ fundraisers, Christmas wrapping opportunities)** - Julie Sullivan (GV Pride) – others needed

**d) Visual/safety group (e.g. Mooving Art cow, GSCC rainbow flag on a pole, more businesses involved in OUTintheOPEN and as $50 paying members of GV Pride)**

Suggested **ACTION**for individuals to self-nominate for chairperson of each small group and then engage with other Alliance members to join small working party for 2019

1. **New Business** 
   1. GV Pride Small Grants Update and any other promotion– Georgie to discuss
   2. Rainbow Tick Accreditation – investigate who can offer information or present on the process to become accredited. Any further updates on this? – Discuss
   3. Feedback from people who attended events – key messages, information, other opportunities?
      1. Queerstories Shepparton Festival;
      2. Transgender Day of Visibility ;
      3. Other events / Upcoming
2. **General Business**
   1. Confirmation of contact details – any updates to be added here?
   2. Anything come up between last meeting and this meeting of concern.
   3. General Trends or information people wish to share or raise.
   4. Anything else happening locally.
3. **Action log from previous meeting**

* Correspondence – any items to be distributed?

1. **Standing Agenda Items**
   1. **Action items update** – see attached
2. **Calendar of Events (standing item to be updated as required):**

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| **Date** | **Event/Day** | **Special Comments** |
| May 17 | IDAHOBIT Day |  |
| August 30 | Wear it Purple Day |  |
| October 31-Nov 6 | Out in the Open Festival 2019 |  |

1. **Next Meeting**

**Date:** June 20th T**ime:** 3pm – 5pm

**Venue:** Benalla **Address:** TBA **RSVP**: [michelle.harmer@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:michelle.harmer@gatewayhealth.org.au)

**Meeting dates 2019**

***(***Meetings are to be every 8 weeks and alternate 3-5pm or 5-7pm for max. attendance of both paid workers and LGBTI+ community members)

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| Date/Time | Venue | Minutes | Chair | Guest speaker/event |
| February 21st  3-5pm | La Trobe Uni, Shepparton | Nicole | Michelle Harmer | Zubaidah Mohamed Shaburdin |
| April 16th (in lieu of Anzac day) 5-7pm | Uniting  Shepparton |  | Kasey Holyman | Uniting’s The Diversity Project |
| June 20th  3-5pm | GSCC Boardroom  This will now be in Benalla and venue will need to be confirmed |  |  | Benalla representative / Wodonga alliance representative perhaps |
| August 15th  5-7pm | Venue TBC |  |  |  |
| October 17th  3-5pm | GSCC Boardroom |  |  |  |
| December 19th (if too late possibly the 12th instead) 5-7pm | Venue TBC |  |  |  |

*If you would like to chair, take minutes, suggest a guest speaker or offer a venue for a meeting, please let us know.*

*Attachment 1 - Notes for item 6 above on the agenda. – Michelle Harmer’s notes*

From Daniels meeting with us I took some brief notes they are:

When Daniel returns from his travel around Victoria, he will provide us with a record of the written messages

The LGBTI community members who have been present at previous DPC meetings in Wangaratta also participate in other forums, Alliances, LGBTI community groups of choice, in the Hume region

That Daniel Murray (GLLO) wants to be linked into the Shepparton Alliance

Daniels overview – Michelle’s brief summary

From Initial roadshow, (Department of Premier and Cabinet) roadshow travelled to Shepparton, Violet Town, Benalla, Wangaratta, Wodonga. May 2017, Community of practices developed, across Hume.  The regional COP met in Melbourne in 2018 to network and learn from each other, and plan forward directions.  One outcome was for regional, established Alliances to outreach to each other ( ie Wodonga and Shepparton) and also  support smaller regional communities.

The Roadshow has found that the people who should be in authorising environments to resource the Alliances to make sustaining changes (such as directors in divisional State Offices, some Local Governments and some health providers) have not come to the party.

There is an opportunity for all of us to talk to neighbouring Alliances, so that we can look at what we want,  and pursue specific goals.  Support is available from Daniel to assist re strategic direction, identify key stakeholders, focus on best engagement outcomes.  etc.

There may be opportunities to investigate a pilot that develops a business case for sustainability.  (any ideas to Rowena Doo – initially a short term across the region reconnaissance position to assist all Alliances?  (This needs to be checked. )

North East Hume Alliances planning strategy meeting might occur around 12/13th June, and potentially in Benalla (DHHS/LGA  re infrastructure and support)

From the Benalla meeting representatives, and community members will meet in Melbourne  in August (timing for Ministers, DHHS regional leaders, all heads of Government, and other Stakeholders involved, to hear Alliances, and rural people with lived experience etc )

A Rainbow Ready Tool is being devised so that the LGBTI community can drive what they want, to people in positions to effect change.  25 LGBTI communities across Victoria say “this is what makes me feel safe and included.  This is what matters to us, as a mandate for service provision, health care, safe spaces in all communities.”

We need to consider:

* Who to engage/partner with,
* who should be the key influencers and decision makers present,
* who might require a personal invitation from the commissioner, for encouragement- to attend?
* what support from Daniel is required in the lead up?

At the Benalla meeting the Alliances will have access to LGA, CEO’s, Regional directors, etc from Ovens Murray and Goulburn Valley.

What people wanted from the Wangaratta meeting:

* The people around the table at the last Wangaratta meeting are there in the capacity as service providers who are interested in a networking, resourcing, and supporting each other around inclusive practice.
* Michelle agreed to facilitate this.

When Daniel completes the tour of Victoria, his notes will be distributed,  in the meanwhile we might be able to make a start on some ideas.  Please be mindful this set of scribblings is one person’s understanding only, and they may need lots of clarification – later!

Attachment 2 - Item 8 in the agenda-  Email forwarded from Michelle Harmer for Item 8 in the Agenda

**From:** Teddy Cook [<mailto:TCook@acon.org.au>]   
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 April 2019 2:41 PM  
**Subject:** Blueprint for Improving the Health & Wellbeing of the Trans & Gender Diverse Community



Hi all,

This morning we launched our ***Blueprint for Improving the Health & Wellbeing of the Trans & Gender Diverse Community*** at NSW Parliament House.

The Blueprint is a landmark document for ACON that outlines key priority action areas that need to be addressed, and implemented, to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of trans and gender diverse (TGD) people.

Among the key priority areas outlined in the Blueprint are better access to patient-centred, depathologised gender-affirming health care, and inclusion for TGD services in the health system. It calls for reform in documentation processes to enable TGD people to get official I.D.s without surgical intervention. It advocates for a more knowledgeable health sector, more training for employers and better inclusion for TGD people in educational and custodial settings. And it champions a strong TGD community advocating for its own needs and priorities.

We know that compared to the general population there are significant disparities in the health outcomes of TGD people in many areas such as mental health issues, suicidality, self-harm, substance abuse, domestic violence and exclusion. And we know trans and gender diverse people face barriers when accessing effective and appropriate healthcare.

This Blueprint aims to provide a comprehensive and coordinated action plan for governments, healthcare providers, organisations and services on improving the health and wellbeing of TGD people. This is a core strategic document for ACON that will shape our planning processes, and all our program and service delivery.

Below is a link to a video that has been produced to mark today’s launch, along with links to the media release and the Blueprint itself.

       Video link (YouTube) here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAeXIswRHtw>

       Media release link here: <https://www.acon.org.au/about-acon/latest-news/#landmark-trans-and-gender-diverse-health-blueprint-released>

       TGD Blueprint PDF link here: <https://www.acon.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ACON-TGD-Health-Blueprint-Booklet.pdf>

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| Please do share it throughout your networks. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to make contact.  Best wishes,  Teddy  **Manager, Regional Outreach Development**  Related image**ACON**  **Pronouns:** [he/him](https://minus18.org.au/index.php/resource-packs/pronouns)  **Direct**: 02 9206 2114 | **Switch**: 1800 063 060 | **Mobile**: 0419 848 417 | **Fax**: 02 9206 2069  **Address**: 414 Elizabeth St Surry Hills NSW 2010 | **Email**: [tcook@acon.org.au](mailto:tcook@acon.org.au) | **Website**: [acon.org.au](http://www.acon.org.au/regional-nsw)  **Facebook Page**: [facebook.com/ACONSouthernNSW](http://facebook.com/ACONSouthernNSW)  **Facebook Profile:** [facebook.com/tedcookacon](http://www.facebook.com/tedcookacon)  ACON acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of all the lands on which we work |

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**Greater Shepparton LGBTI+ Community Alliance Action Log**

| **Number** | **Date of Introduction** | **Action** | **Who** | **When** | **Progress** |
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| **1.** | 21/02/2018 | Communications plan | All Alliance members | Review Annually | Should this be reviewed in 2019? |
| **2** | 12/12/2018 | Individuals to self-nominate for chairperson of each small group (4) and then engage with other Alliance members to join small working party for 2019 | All Alliance members | Ongoing | Updates for April 2019 meeting  Also confirm leads for the groups |
| **3** | 21/02/2019 | Transgender Victoria Workshops | All Alliance members | March | Any actions coming from this and next steps? Report back at April Meeting |
| **4** |  |  |  |  |  |