**Greater Shepparton LGBTI+ Community Alliance**

**Meeting Agenda– 21 Feb 2018**

**Attendees:** Joe Anka(Chair) ,Christina Bassani (minutes), Georgina Poort (minutes)Joel Board, Chris Parnell, Claire Nihill, Sarah Ruggi, Paul Papps, Zane Scott, Carol Reid, Aileen Watson, Nicole Robinson and Daniel Whitthaus.

**Apologies:** Michelle Hamer, Damien Stevens Katie Clavarino, Michael Milburn,

**Meeting commenced at 4pm at City of Greater Shepparton Room.**

1. Welcome to all and apologies
2. Welcome To Country
3. Introductions – Welcome to Daniel from Ro Allen’s office.
4. Back Roads Episode on ABC; VIOLET TOWN (which featured the Commission, Rowena Allen and family as well as a local couple, Diane and Linda) surrounding Violet Town. Great outcomes for the town and community and good positive representations for the LGBTIQA+ community within the Greater Shepparton Area.

**Action:** See the link if you want to watch the episode again or missed it and wish to see it <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/back-roads/>

1. Draft Minutes to be confirmed from last meeting – main item was the communications plan to be developed and revisited and updated. Many items moved to this meeting. Comm’s plan and other items covered in this meeting**.**

**Action:** Christina to distribute electronically with the minutes from this meeting.

1. Actions from last meeting/minutes to be followed up – Communications plan and Claire had updated this for the meeting today.
2. Communications Approach and Action Plan – update from Claire Nihill

Claire talked us through the plan a little bit. IT is a working document which can be updated or adjusted as we go. The correct terminology and language is critical for the group and very important. The plan focuses around the two key areas that were identified in the initial survey, advocacy and education.

**Action:** For all members to review the communications plan and offer feedback before the next meeting. All feedback to be sent through to Claire or email to Michelle/Christina.

* + Clarification of group communication. Email? Facebook? Cloud? Other? Will this be part of the communications plan? Who will administer the FACEBOOK Page and communications day to day?
  + Greater Shepparton LGBTI+ Community Alliance" would be a good way to disseminate information to the general public about our outcomes, events, meetings, achievements, and to promote other LGBTI+ initiatives happening locally?

1. Communications Generally –Some Alliance members not getting email’s or any communication. Damien had suggested a Mail Chimp list moving forward. Suggestion of a private Facebook group as an easier way forward. Facebook can have files uploaded etc, is private and accessible for all.

**Actions:**

* Georgina to create secret Facebook group with Christina and Georgina as admins for the time being. Meeting minutes, Communications Plan and Terms of Reference will all be uploaded to group for easy conversation and review.
* Christina/Michelle to reach out to the original 60 attendees via email and gauge their interest in still being involved.

1. **Pride Cup Weekend Update**: Georgina and Damien met with Will and Tameka from SFNC, regarding the Pride Match and how the day will unfold. Will is available to attend the training session “Pride Cup 101” in Melbourne regarding the logistics in running a Pride Match. The club is very much on board and excited to be able to ensure there is inclusion in sport happening in our region on a visible level. Conversation touched on sponsorship, an overview of how the day will run logistically.

Actions:

* Joel to follow up with council in regards to painting the 50m lines at each end of the ground. Rainbow lines.
* Joes to speak to Triple M(?)
* Paula to speak to One FM.

Media Working Group / Subcommittee was formed specifically for this event to look into ONE FM radio broadcast, print media opportunities, other radio stations and also to promote using social media. Members of the working group currently are: Claire, Paula, Joe, Georgina and Zane. (Suggestion was to add Damien as he is the GV Pride’s media person, however as he was not present at the meeting Georgie will follow up with him).

Discussions continued around visibility on the day. Rainbow jumpers, rainbow bibs for netballers, rainbow socks, tape armbands in rainbow colours. Alliance would like to see all games played across all age groups for both the football and netball with some elements of rainbow for each player. Eg: avoid rainbow laces due to Zadee’s foundation.

Ensure that schools are included as many players are at school level. Information in the School Newsletters can be arranged for many schools. To be considered in the promotional plans.

1. **GVPRIDE 13TH BDAY UPDATE**: Will follow the Pride cup at the SFNC grounds Deakin Reserve in their clubrooms. Will include finger food and Drag Queen/s entertainment. Discussion around if Drag Queen’s and suggestions made for entertainment to be local LGBTIQA+ musicians instead.

Perhaps there is a local who could sing the National Anthem for the round instead? Joel has a contact

**Action:** For all members to forward any performers/musicians who are part of the LGBTIQA+ community to GVPride.

1. **Terms of Reference** – Clarify who will develop this and when – some discussion around this. Not wanting to get bogged down in detail and documentation and stifle the actions of the community, or stifle participation and engagement. Joe to put some principles together. Will share with Chris, Joel and Christina before the next meeting. To put back to the group for the next meeting and as part of the underpinning theme of the group.

**Action:** Joe Anka to develop code of conduct/terms of reference type stuff but not too long with underpinning principles. To share with Chris, Joel and Christina prior to meeting for final draft. Then send to the alliance group. Final draft to be shared prior next meeting.

1. **Update from Daniel Witthaus -Community of Practice – with Ro Allen in April –** Daniel provided an update on a community of practice Ro Allen is calling for across the state.
   * 17-18 April 2018 in Melbourne at the Rendezvous Hotel in Flinders St.
   * 4-5 people from each community to come along for 2 days in Melbourne. From Regional and rural communities. LGBTI and people who are allies and work with them.
   * Determine what has been working in the community and what hasn’t
   * How regions or community can get together as a united voice for particular issues
   * Can we learn from each other and see what else we can do for our community through learning from others
   * Intent is that there is a longer term strategy for the community. With an election year on us, if labour is not reinstated there is no guarantee for funding, resources or support from state government. Therefore it is important we look to developing a focus and strategies to have sustainable outcomes and engagement of our community going forward.
   * Determine how we can best utilise Ro Allen, strategically, when she visits May 2018.
   * Great discussion across the group. Daniel also suggested there was great stuff our alliance group could learn and possibly adopt from other groups as well as our group sharing learning.

**Actions:**

* Our Community Alliance to determine who should go along. Both working group members representative of community and support to be considered. Discuss for next meeting and then send nominations along.
* Claire was going to send Daniel a contact regarding a community of practice.

1. Endocrinology services – update – moved to the next meeting
2. **Updates on other issues:**
3. **Alliance Advocacy in Sport –** Joel to follow up with Martin Gleeson from GV Footy League regarding supporting resources for the Pride match.
4. **Events for the community –** Will build on these through updates from GV Pride and this community group
5. **Yes Vote discussion and feedback –** Chris spoke about a forum he was at that looked at supporting people from all denominations and freedom of religion groups through the yes vote and impact on people. Some learning to evolve from this.
6. **Medical Support in Local Community** –feedback – Georgina was speaking to some people at the Mid-Summer carnival and there was some talk about young doctors being trained in endocrinology. To determine if doctors in Shepparton could have this training.

**Action:**  All to investigate what they can find out. Also Christina to follow up with contact at Melbourne Uni Shepparton Campus re training for this. Report back at next meeting.

1. **Mooving Cow Art** – Paula indicated there was no further follow up on this but funding and getting a large cow was an issue. There is some confusion over where to go from here as conversations were around a calf instead of a cow. Ie; A smaller cow was on offer and the cost was around $4K and then another $3K to move it. Christina suggested that through the GV Pride match that we could ask community, workplaces etc.. to donate to having a cow for the pride game and beyond. GV Pride is happy for the Alliance to champion this idea.

**Action**: Consider this suggestion and build into promotional section for GV Pride Match event and determine which businesses are in. Revisit next meeting.

1. ***General Business and other items***

* Chris spoke about a few guest speakers coming up to Shepparton through the Shepparton Ethnic Council
  + Andrew Macken speaking on Social Cohesion report – 15th May 2018 at the Park Lake. All invited to attend to hear him speak.
  + Professor Des Cahill to speak on actions from the Royal Commission and the national healing process. Information be made available in due course.

**Action:** Chris to provide confirmation dates and venues at next meeting and promote for people to attend if they wish.

**Next Meeting Proposed**

Date:  TBA

Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Address: Goulburn Room which is upstairs at the Council Offices- Welsford Street Shepparton TBC

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