**LGBTI+ GO Community Alliance meeting – Minutes**

Date: 12 Oct 2020

Time: 10am – 11am

Present: Michelle Harmer, Damien Stevens-Todd, Simon Humphrey Intereach, Sam Spinks - PCC, Natasha – Mitchell Shire, Laura – Mitchell Shire, Georgie Poort, Mathew Fowler, Kathryn – DET, Leanne GVH, Suzanne – LTU, Ken – Benalla.

Apology: Katie – GVH, Jasmine – Kaeila, Joel – GSCC.

Welcome/acknowledgement

Introductions

Information sharing:

Mathew Fowler - NEXUS; over 25yr old nexus group - Zoom not a platform safe enough; nor for the under 25 group, new info to go out, new approach, no face 2 face (service Kilmore, Broadford, Wallan, Euroa, Avenel, Seymour, Shepparton - Murrindindi Shire).

Kathryn - DET - Term 4 started, remote learning, all back by end of week, 3 priority areas, mental health/wellbeing, learning/catching up, transition kinder to prep, 6 to 7, yr 12 out of ed. We could be doing LGBTIQA+ inclusion much better than we are. Participating GV Pride walk/fun run.

Sam - PCC, contributed merch to care packages, getting rainbow merch to be more inclusive, small team to participate in walk/run.

Michelle - 48 community aged care CHSP federally funded programs/providers is her focus, diversity framework includes the LGBTI space, excited to have Val's Cafe - collaborate with GV Pride and Uniting, promoting and reviewing the inclusive practice assessment tool for services in OUTintheOPEN program; also encouraging providers to participate in Intersex Awareness Day workshop. Gender service at Gateway supports young people. COVID deaths highlighting gaps in aged care system. Promoting OitO to providers – staff/families and LGBTI Elders.

Simon - Intereach - reaching own staff and families, wonderful WIP event, no face 2 face meetings. Happy to send out and share for networks. NDIS. community@intereach.com.au for any information you would like to share. We can support by sharing with our E News (newsletter) and Facebook page.

Natasha - Mitchell Shire - community development officer, leading social justice framework, lgbti focus. Great to meet you all, must run, look forward to future opps to work together.

Laura - YDO Mitchell - national youth policy, open until midnight tonight for 18-30yr olds who wish to have input or ideas about what is important to them; 12 Dec next YACVic consultation closes, youth forums being run, Ovens-Murray forum last week, Goulburn on 25 Nov, lgbtiqa forum on Fri 11 Dec. CASI initiative, support for self-isolating community members or those who don't have resources for food/meds/social supports (Mitchell specific); HEY grant submitted; virtual open days over 2 months for tertiary ed; career hack. Try CASI 1800 675 398.

National Youth Policyhttps://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/the-national-youth-policy-framework#:~:text=The%20National%20Youth%20Policy%20Framework%20will%20outline%20how%20Australian%20Government,by%20the%20end%20of%202020.Victorian Youth Strategyhttps://engage.vic.gov.au/victorian-youth-strategy#:~:text=A%20new%20youth%20strategy%20for,will%20create%20real%2C%20meaningful%20change.https://www.yacvic.org.au/advocacy/shape-victorias-youth-strategy/
Leanne - GV Health, final stages of inclusion and accessibility plan, big launch coming soon, establishing working group, progress actions on the plan. Complaint - not being respected with pronouns; good in a way as we can advocate for change. Progressing training with Uniting module, perhaps some headspace videos, big area of work is in ED. Primary work is COVID space.

Suzanne LTU - ally network? restructure. unease. Always inclusive and welcoming, passionate ally in Suzanne. Lost Kylie D'Aolia recently, so SM doing her best to represent and support.

Ken - Benalla - peer support, straight people welcome too, LGBTI people stressed out, went to the snow with small group, lots of locals (58) contacting him around Father’s Day, I have a boat, flag flying, outdoor library; 2 people recently presented at GVH, not such a good experience for one woman/DV; offering a lot of support for lgbti people. Library books? Need to have people represented. DET will assist if they can. GV Library has a booklist on OitO website. 24/7 crisis service, Safesteps 1800015188. Ovens Murray region is Centre Against Violence - 0357222203.

Georgie - Diversity Project, funded across Shepp, Wang, Seymour, Benalla - advocate in the youth sector. Funded for youth but exemptions can be made for older. CAV is also doing some inclusion work and really committed to ensuring there is safe and inclusive access for our LGBTIQA+ community too. OitO 10 days to go!! #oito2020 Feel free to send us any info for us to send out in the newsletter/update everyone - you can email me Georgina.poort@vt.uniting.org / call 0419503654

Joel: Sorry about this but I’ll be an apology for today meeting, just an update lighting has been confirmed for Monash Park and Mooroopna Water tower, I’m just awaiting confirmation with regards to Eastbank. From a Council perspective we are currently planning consultation for our Gender Equality strategy which will be finalised next year and will be filming the organisation spotlight with GV Pride on Wednesday for Community Safety Month. Let me know if there is anything you’d like followed up.

ACTIONS

DST or GP to send LEGO teammate image to GO Alliance in e-news - walk/fun run

DST or GP to send care packages info

GP to promote oito participation for elders and all ages via ipads on social media