**LGBTI+ GO (Goulburn Ovens) Alliance
 DRAFT Meeting Minutes – 12 April 2021
 10.00am – 11.30am
Venue: Zoom**

 **Chair:** Damien Stevens-Todd

**Minutes:** Katie Clavarino

**Attendees:** Damien Stevens-Todd, Katie Clavarino, Nicole Robinson, Deb Chumbley, Leigh Stanbrook, Kathy Lane, Krisite Welch, Mathew Fowler, Paige Heibach, Steph Byrne, Wendy Kelly

**Apologies:** Georgina Poort, Christina Bassani

**Welcome and acknowledgement of country and LGBTIQA+ elders:**

Damien provided a brief history to the alliance formation following the Rainbow Roadshow held in Shepparton in 2017.

**Minutes from last meeting:** Uploaded to GV Pride Website

**Introductions/Networking/sharing of information:**

**Michelle Harmer – Gateway Health:** Spoke about resources available to assist in community health setting, will check that these are shared on GV Pride page. Lots happening through VAL’s Café, transgender pathways, training opportunities.

**Kristie Welch – Greater Shepparton City Council:** New to position working with gender equity act, at meeting today to network and learn

**Kathy Lane – GV CASA:** Working to make the service feel safe, and people respected. Planning group programs both in Shepparton area and Lower Hume

**Katie Clavarino – GV Health:** Working towards ensuring meeting Patterning with Consumers standard for Accreditation. New role advertised to progress work related to Gender Equity Act. Reviewinf staff education, considering mixed approach online and face-to-face

**Mathew Fowler and Wendy Kelly – Nexus:** in process of re-stablishing groups. Reviewing policy/procedures, focus on staff education and inclusive practice.

**Steph Byrne – Primary Care Connect:** New to role, here to network, introduce self and learn.

**Nicole Robinson – Orange Door:** Getting ready to go love at the end of April. Currently training workforce, recently celebrated transgender day of visibility. Plans to recognise/celebrate days of significance. Working to make orange door inclusive.

Paige Heiback and Deb Chumbley – GV Pride: Upcoming events, catch-up at Groove train 24 April, all welcome to attend. Out in the Open 10 year anniversary 28 October – 7 November. Carnival day 6 November, store holder applications are now open. There are also opportunities to host umbrella events. Newly established TAG – trans and gender divers advisory group, provides support for transgender and gender divers community, allies welcome, planning to meet regularly. TAG@GVPride.org

<https://www.facebook.com/TAGShepparton/>

Campaspe LGBTI+ group – gaining more traction, predominately social at this point, gradually increasing involvement with advocacy work n region. Echuca health pride flag raising next week.

**Leigh Stanbrook – Department Education – School Nursing program:** nursing and school staff engaging with Georgie Poort from Uniting throughout term 2 to provide inclusive training. re-establishing lunchtime diversity groups in schools. DET office and staff base, body of work in progress in relation to inclusivity within staff base, and with work with schools.

**Allison Winters – Northeast health:** LINE (LGBTQIA+ In the North East) Wangaratta Community group in process for applying for funding to be an incorporated not-for –profit/charity. To see some upcoming events and to see the new LINE Wangaratta website: [www.linewangaratta.org](http://www.linewangaratta.org)

Community of Practice details – upcoming 3 May 2021 trans and gender diverse, free/online – plenty of spots available. 30 registered so far.

**Damien Stevens-Todd –GOTAFE:** 21 april, 3rd session of rainbow roadshow will be occurring, encourage all to attend and bring senior representation (CEO) from organisation. GoTafe is hosting an event for IADAHOBIT 17 May

**Daniel Gardner – GOTAFE**: working on staff focused gender affirmation procedure/plan in-line with other organisations – recently come to attention mixed experiences of students – meeting with IT and stakeholders this afternoon, and plan to be broadened to include students also. Working with uniting/Latrobe and other orgs to host IDAHOBIT event. Have recently Become members of pride and diversity <https://www.prideinclusionprograms.com.au/membership-rates-benefits/>

Social justice charter public launch 28 April and New café opening

**Upcoming events/dates:**

Roadmap Roadshow (session 3) on 21 April 9am - noon (invite CEOs, etc.)

IDAHOBIT 17 May - events everywhere – gotafe, gateway health

NEPC Rainbow Ball 28/29 May Benalla/Wodonga <https://mtouch.facebook.com/NorthEastPrideCollective/>

Melbourne queer film festival brining 5 films to Shepparton over long weekend in June in village cinema

OFA out for Australia – weekend event in June – linkdin, market yourself for jobs, networking skills, building brand and image <https://www.outforaustralia.org/>

Better together conference in Adelaide in June:

<https://www.theequalityproject.org.au/better-together-conference-2021>

**GO alliance moving forward:**

Discussions on how the members would like to see the GO alliance work moving forward

Council advisory group establishment in progress , GV Pride evolved from social group to advocacy, both keen to work with alliance, community and organisations to progress work

A question was asked about Trans/gender diverse safe health professionals: Michelle has had discussions with MPHN, pathway is available but doesn’t necessarily translate to on the ground. Safe and inclusive practitioners can be found [www.doclist.com.au/lists/vic](http://www.doclist.com.au/lists/vic), Monash gender clinic has lists available also, rainbow door www.rainbowdoor.org.au Free service 10-5 7 days per week and switchboard <https://www.switchboard.org.au/> also offer good services for community.

**Upcoming meetings:**

7/6 10-11:30

2/8 10-11:30

4/10 10-11:30

6/12 10-11:30

**Meeting closed at 11.13am**