**Chair:** Suzanne Muntz / Damien Stevens-Todd **Minutes:** Damien Stevens–Todd / Charlotte Nicolson  **Attendees:** Mathew Fowler, Michelle Harmer, Simone Nolan, Nicole Riedy, Wendy Kelly, Georgina Poort, Joel Board, Sarah Norris, Daniel Witthaus (Guest speaker),  **Apologies:** Erin Doncon GV Water, Katie Clavarino GV Health, Carol Reid, Michelle Robins GOTAFE, Suzanne Wallis GV Health, Jodie Flemming, Leanne Cleeland, Olivia Noto.  **1.** Good-morning and acknowledgement of country and LGBTIQA+ elders  **2.** Minutes from last meeting: Uploaded to GV Pride Website **3.** Introductions/Networking/sharing of information.  
  
**Damien Stevens-Todd** – He/Him - Member of the GO Alliance, Employee of GOTAFE, Treasurer of GV Pride. Out in the Open is coming up from the 28th of October – 7th of November, you can find the list of events on the GV Pride OitO website [here](http://outintheopen.org.au/events-2021/). Some events have been postponed due to the current roadmap of easing restrictions, although many have been changed to online events and some can still go ahead like the brunches etc.   
Organisations can join the Proud Partner list for GV Pride - do you want to join too? Only $50 per year and you can join via <https://www.gvpride.org/join-renew/>   
Some organisations that are a part of the list include – GOTAFE, VincentCare, Committee for Greater Shepparton, CVGT, GV Water, Milburn Hill Consultants, Ethnic Council and Kookaburra Living  
"Think About It? Did It!" is the new upcoming stories of Victorian regional LGBTIQA+ elders and their history, you can find all the info here [Goulburn Valley Pride Inc. » Blog Archive » Think About It? Did it! | Share your story… (gvpride.org)](https://www.gvpride.org/think-about-it-did-it-share-your-story/). This is the second round of stories after the first lot of stories came out 8 YEARS AGO! [ThinkAboutItProject - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/ThinkAboutItProject?app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR3q1Jdmb7u-ABxbffOwwpXOatJFjfKfFRMs-2ex9uHD2o7JlB9DNwE-nIU)

**Michelle Harmer** – Gateway Health: (Harmie) - they/them/she/her - Diversity Advisor @ Gateway Health, GV Pride Fledge Group.   
  
**Mathew Fowler / Wendy Kelly** – Nexus Primary Health, many groups being cancelled due to covid.   
  
**Sarah Norris** – She/Her – The Youth Foyer. They are trying to do their best with keeping the community together and doing what they can out of lockdown. Struggling with everything online but doing their best.   
  
**Nicole Robinson** – The Orange Door. Had a WIP day online event with prizes for the best dressed.   
  
**Georgina Poort (Georgie)** – She/her/hers - Uniting Diversity Project. Due to lockdown the groups have been happening online rather than face to face. 2 have been facilitated so far with a great engagement. They have also had an online group with many other youth LGBTIQA+ organisations from regional Victoria and 23 young people joined. Young people have been calling lockdown “Locky D”.   
Young people can self-refer to the Diversity project, or there can be professional referrals. There is also professional education & training available for organisations who wish to have Georgie come provide training. You can contact Georgie [georgina.poort@vt.uniting.org](mailto:georgina.poort@vt.uniting.org) or 0419 503 654  
  
**Simone Nolan** – Department of Education Respectful Relationships (RR). Currently welcoming the 3rd round of schools as RR is now mandated in all schools. Trying to do online training, but schools are very overwhelmed at the moment so not pushing it. Hoping to do face to face training in the new year as it is a very heavy topic.   
If anyone has any questions about RR or wondering where schools are up to with implementing this you can contact Simone at. Simone Nolan – Project Lead RR. [Simone.nolan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Simone.nolan@education.vic.gov.au) 0409 351 955  
  
**Daniel Witthaus** (Guest speaker) – Rainbow Ready Roadmap and CEO of Niche.   
Rainbow Ready Roadmap is a program that will promote the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, and queer communities across Victoria. The roadmap is providing regional and rural communities within Victoria with resources for sharing and hearing about best practices for LGBTIQA+ inclusion and including a clear action plan for improving LGBTIQA+ inclusion. The Government has unfortunately put the Rainbow Ready Roadmap on hold due to the current covid response.   
Daniel has been running vaccine forums for those within the LGBTIQA+ community who may be worried about getting the vaccine. He has recently gotten funding to support these forums to run and he’s happy for anyone to discuss holding one with him.   
Suzanne also mentioned: There was information released on Muslim health professionals providing a voice to their community. <https://vaxchats.org.au/?fbclid=IwAR2Vn44keDp8oVOd8AHAdhJzyRbn9OKO53JKreUKB2fyUaTkrNBtL5MiJAo>   
There is also a new LGBTIQA+ commissioner in Victoria, Todd Fernando!   
Todd and Daniel will be driving around Victoria to meet with people in Nov/Dec pending covid restrictions.   
If anyone would like to get in contact with Daniel, you can via [daniel@niche.org.au](mailto:daniel@niche.org.au) 0427 346 206  
  
**Joel Board** – Greater Shepparton City Council – He/him/his – He works within gender equality / gender equity, social equity & safety, currently establishing a committee. The council are currently working on an action plan to better establish Greater Shepparton, this includes the LGBTIQA+ community, if you’re interested, please go and read the Shepparton Council plan and send in your thoughts, both good and bad! You can find it here [Shaping Greater Shepp - Greater Shepparton City Council](https://shaping.greatershepparton.com.au/). If you have any questions you can contact Joel  [joel.board@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:joel.board@shepparton.vic.gov.au)   
  
**Other notes** -   
What are people getting out of this group?   
Should there be agendas for each meeting? Or for the next meeting?   
Should it be more formal?   
  
**4. Upcoming events/dates** -   
OUTintheOPEN Festival 28 Oct – 7 Nov Shepparton. [EVENTS 2021 – OUTintheOPEN Festival | A festival for everyone celebrating LGBTIQA+ pride & community diversity](http://outintheopen.org.au/events-2021/)  
   
**5. Next meeting/s and proposed chairs/minute taker (please confirm):**6/12 Katie & Christina  
  
**6. Meeting closed at 11.11am**