

Attendees:

Michelle Harmer - she/they, Wangaratta, Gateway

Nicole Wells - she/her, CDW NCN Health, farming communities/connect; GVP/OitO committees.

Georgina Poort - she/her, CDW Uniting Diversity Project. On the OitO committee too, 20 days to go!

Kilee – Hume, Comm. Health, VincentCare.

Lynda Bruce - Team Leader, Diversity role GSCC, she/her.

Donna McAninly - FV, based in Wang, services all of Hume.

Kathryn Foster - she/her, DET, respectful r/ships initiative, based in Shepp.

Jess Widdop – NEH, Wang.

Adrienne Wheeler - Dip. of CS, GV Pride placement student, hoping to learn.

Freddy Thuruthikattu - PCC, gambling, he/him – attending instead of Steph today.

Damien Stevens-Todd - GVP/OitO committees.

Apologies:

Daniel Gardner – late arrival (GOTAFE)

Katie Clavarino (GVH)

Deb Chumbley (Campaspe)

Damien and Donna - moved and seconded minutes from last meeting.

Let's discuss 3 x main focus areas since 2017:

Inclusive medical spaces, Uniting. Extended to TAG (Trans Advisory Group, www.gvpride.org/tag).

Katie and Georgie working with GVH. Health settings focus. Medical pathways on back-burner due to COVID, MPX, tonne of work to be done. Advocate for gender affirmation pathways. Jess Widdop acknowledges a long way to go, change to patient management system, ask gender and sex at birth 1 July 2022 but 12 month delay. Feedback from AMA, doctors left out of training, "difference between sex/gender?" We need to engage better with Primary Health Networks. Would be good to see how we can influence the MPHN to think about this more broadly and do more. Gender unicorn helpful.

Training and research, COP. NCN and GVH having a stall at OitO, get feedback from LGBTIQ+ community about what they want to see, "we are failing". Smoothie bike, badge maker. Gateway - gender support service for families to support YP going through transition, work closely with RCH, ages 3 - 16/17, run by Kerry Power, waitlist of 120 families, unfunded(!). Will do more mapping post-COVID, ongoing aged care training with VALS. If you work in youth make sure you are on the list for the Rainbow Network monthly newsletters - they always have heaps in their newsletters and there is often PD in there as well. Better Together Conference (SA) in Feb 17-18 next year.

<https://www.theequalityproject.org.au/better-together-conference-2023>

Support/Supervision for LGBTIQ+ people and allies in this group? We need some. Switchboard?

Georgie added, "Slade Consulting do group supervision".

Events and pride, OitO and GVP - LINE, Campaspe. OitO Festival, 20 events

(www.outintheopen.org.au/events-2022/); TGD clothes-swap, TGDB&B in Wesley Hall Shepparton,

Reimagined theme. <http://outintheopen.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/stranger.jpg>

Q+ Hub giant rainbow shipping container 4 – 6 Nov art/music/yarning all weekend during Fryers

Street Food Festival.

Let's go around the room:

Georgie - annual training with Melb. Uni., portfolio changed a bit. 2 x monthly youth groups, online mushrooms group, any regional person. Intake process then join. Coming Out day is tomorrow.

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Damien – OUTintheOPEN fast approaching 31 Oct – 13 Nov. Cost is no barrier - we will provide FREE tickets for those who need it! We are a deductible gift recipient charity and have funds for those in need. EVERY person who wishes to attend SHOULD attend - we want allies in our safe LGBTIQ+ spaces to show support! Festival passes

>> <http://outintheopen.org.au/purchase-your-festival-pass-here/>

Freddy - stats of GV region, gambling with a focus on LGBTI, increase social connectedness. Paige who works at PCC, been in touch with her, Steph too. Drumming sessions (free) are fantastic, says Nicole at NCN, Numurkah/Nagambie.

**TALK.SHARE.SUPPORT
EVENT MOOROPNA**

It's coming! And you are invited
Come along, enjoy some light food and drinks. Primary Care Connect have invited **Three Sides of the Coin** to Greater Shepparton. A group from Melbourne with lived experience of gambling harm who theatrically share their own stories of recovery, followed by Q&A

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10.00 - Arrive
10.30 - Morning tea (fruit, sweets, hot food)
11.00 - Guest speakers, Three sides of the coin
11.40 - Q&A with guest speakers

When
Monday 17th October 2022
10am - 12.30pm

Where
Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre
23 Alexandra St, Mooroopna
VIC 3629

Register
Via QR code to eventbrite or call MEAC on 5825 1775

THREE SIDES OF THE COIN
Theatre to create change

Kilee - LGBT vaccine program, \$50 Coles gift-cards for people experiencing disadvantage, can then afford fuel to COVID vax appointment. Feel free to email myself on kilee.h@vincentcare.org.au to access a gift card.

VincentCare **LGBTIQ VACCINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

VincentCare is supporting queer folk who are homeless or experiencing disadvantage to get vaccinated. We can help with booking an appointment, providing information, or referring people to a specialised service.

We will be providing a \$50 Coles gift card to clients that can be used to support clients to receive their vaccine.

This assistance is open to any VincentCare or community services organisation who are supporting a client who identifies with the LGBTIQ+ community. There are a limited number and we'll be giving them out on a first come, first served, basis.

How to Apply

If you are providing support to an LGBTIQ client and would like to access the LGBTIQ Vaccine Incentive Program, please send an email to the contact in your region (see 'Locations Covered') with the following information:

- Name of the client
- Name of referring worker, agency and contact details
- Advise whether the card will be picked up at a VincentCare office or if the card needs to be posted out (remembering to include the relevant postal address)

We will process the application and get back to you asap. You'll need to let us know whether the card can be picked up at a VincentCare office, or if you need us to mail it to you.

If you do need it mailed, please provide a full postal address.

Locations Covered

To request a gift card, please contact the following staff in the area closest to you/your client:

Inner North and West Metropolitan:

- Inner Melbourne Community Hub, North Melbourne - Justin Bennett (Justin.Bennett@vincentcare.org.au)

North, West and Southern Metropolitan:

- Northern Community Hub, Glenroy - Christa Hagenauer (Christa.Hagenauer@vincentcare.org.au)

Goulburn Valley Region:

- Hume Community Hub, Shepparton - Marie Muffet (Marie.Muffet@vincentcare.org.au)

www.vincentcare.org.au

Adrienne GVP – Australia’s Biggest Quiz on 26 Oct, Hep C has a cure, dinner/trivia. www.gvpride.org

Donna - all this warms my heart, Merri Health is a rainbow tick org, meet every 6 weeks to discuss how to be more inclusive. Safe trams. Procedures re: pronouns improving.

Donna.McAninly@merrihealth.org.au Thank you

Jess - NEH "workplace transition support plan" coming together, got template from Gateway, make sure trained staff can support them in their transition. Int. Pronouns Day this Wed, doing some work. Badge stations. Jess.Widdop@nhw.org.au

Kathryn – Respectful Relationships promoting gender equity, challenge for us is the curriculum, topic 7 is "gender and identity", parents become concerned/confused.

Nicole - MHFA coming up in Nagambie. nicole.wells@ncnhealth.org.au

Harmie - 19 October, senior’s expo. Elders morning tea and Rainbow Ready Workshop on Wed 2 Nov as part of OUTintheOPEN.

Freddy - gambler's help awareness week, event in Moo at MEAC.

Daniel (late) - Rolling out Welcome Here project (ACON) to all campuses in the coming months, have GOPROUD focusing on visibility with ally flags, looking forward to partnering for OITO events and sponsorship, unpacking how GOTAFE - Diversity Project can better collaborate in 2023 and wanting to understand interest for a bus trip to ChillOut 2023 so we can sponsor a bus. Damien added, "GOTAFE is a proud platinum sponsor of OUTintheOPEN festival too."

Deb (apology) - please ask anyone interested in being part of a Campaspe area service and supporters network to contact me via my work email. d.chumbley@campaspe.vic.gov.au also guided nature walk this Sunday 16 Oct

Next meeting:

Monday 5 Dec at 10AM - will send save the date sooner rather than later.