

GOULBURN VALLEY PRIDE INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Goulburn Valley Pride Inc. Presidents Report 2021 / 2022

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In many ways it seems hard to believe it has been a year since the last AGM. But at the same time I am incredibly grateful and proud on all we have achieved for our community. Our committee of dedicated volunteers are to be congratulated.

SOCIAL

We have had a full social calendar, in the first part of the year this was mostly virtual thanks to COVID but with the lifting of restrictions we have seen more face-to-face events including our free Christmas BBQ, care packages, brunches in Shepparton, and Echuca, lunch events, recognition of days of significance, ZOOM catch ups, and a virtual OUTintheOPEN festival with live-streamed Carnival Day. We have marched with Pride in Melbourne and also at ChillOut.

ADVOCACY

GV Pride continues to be recognised as a peak body for our community, acting as a liaison for community with the LGBTIQ+ Commissioners office, Equality Minister and Greater Shepparton City Council. Community members have been privileged to meet this year with Todd Fernando, LGBTIQ+ Commissioner, Harriet Shing Equality Minister and to participate in the Greater Shepparton City Council LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee.

GV Pride is an active member of the GO Alliance and Oceania Pride (InterPride).

CAPACITY BUILDING

- This year a number of members of GV Pride attended Social Enterprise training hosted by LINE Wangaratta, a fabulous learning opportunity
- Members Allison Winters, Georgina Poort and myself were privileged to gain a place and successfully complete the Vic. Government LGBTIQ+ Leadership training.
- GV Pride has been able to provide placement for local Community Services students supporting them to complete their studies.

ORGANSIATIONAL GROWTH

Following on from our social enterprise training the Committee engaged Michael Milburn to facilitate a strategic planning workshop to develop a clear plan for organisational growth and sustainability over the next three years, with a focus on increasing our income as a social enterprise.

As an organisation we have seen growth this year in our income streams predominantly through NDIS service provision and merchandise sales, this strengthening of our finances will ensure the long-term viability of our organisation and reduce our reliance on grants and donations.

My sincere thanks to every single member, volunteer, ally and band of amazing members of the Goulburn Valley Pride committee, OUTintheOPEN Festival committee, Events sub-committee and TAG. You are all amazing and make GV Pride and our community what it is today. Thank you.

