**Greater Shepparton LGBTI+ Community Alliance**

**Meeting Agenda – 23 July 2019**

**3:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Venue: Uniting, 219 -225 Wyndham Street, Shepparton Victoria 3630.**

**RSVP:** [**gpoort@vt.uniting.org**](mailto:gpoort@vt.uniting.org)

**Chair: Christina Bassani – GV Water**

**Attendees:**

**Apologies**:

1. **Welcome to all and apologies**
2. **Acknowledgment Of Country**
3. **Introductions and pronouns**

Completed

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Passed to next meeting as only one attendee was present from last meeting.

1. **Feedback From:**
   1. **Inclusion Workshop Update from Benalla June - Georgie**

Workshop was well received by community, with about 60 people in attendance on the day. The event provided many great networking opportunities, community connections and shared knowledge. Attendees noted disappointment from a lack of management level and higher attendees and a lack of council staff (many Youth Development Officers in attendance from Councils but no others) and a re-iteration of sentiments similar to 2017 around gaps/needs etc. for community. Fantastic to have engagement from new people at the event and new people at the Alliance meeting following on from that event.

* 1. **Wangaratta Community of Practice – Michelle**

Michelle absent from meeting, however Georgie mentioned that an LGBTIQA+ Community of Practice will be set up by Uniting in partnership with other organisations and agencies and that the Alliance ideally should be able to help support outlining areas such as Wangaratta, Benalla, Seymour, Yarrawonga etc as it moves forward.

Clarification around the difference of a Community of Practice and the Alliance

1. **Update and progress from 4 Priority Project Groups . Each project group to provide an update on each project, any identified issues and next steps.**
2. **Inclusive medical services**

GV Health / Uniting partnership – contact [gpoort@vt.uniting,org](mailto:gpoort@vt.uniting,org) or [katie.clavarino@gvhealth.org.au](mailto:katie.clavarino@gvhealth.org.au) for more info, or queries relating to inclusive services.

**Update:** GV Health and Uniting are partnering to deliver training to GV Health over the next 6 months to help upskill GVH and improve medical services.

**b) Training/research group (mapping LGBTIQA+ training and Inclusive practice available through different avenues to aid Alliance in knowing where and how to access).**

Michelle and Chris P to remain if able (neither present at meeting)

Uniting to assist if needed as well.

**c) Events group (e.g. Pride Cup, BBQ fundraisers, Christmas wrapping opportunities) - Julie Sullivan (GV Pride), others?**

GV Pride to remain

No new members to this group from Alliance attendees, however GVPride to email Alliance members through mail chimp list when needing volunteers and Alliance members to please spread the word, lend a hand if free or let GVPride know if they have a suggestion of other avenues for volunteers.

Other suggestions made included asking the Freeza committee of young people, which is believed to be Word and Mouth in Shepparton and also asking GOTAFE events management students.

**d) Visual/safety group (e.g. Mooving Art cow, GSCC rainbow flag on a pole, more businesses involved in OUTintheOPEN and as $50 paying members of GV Pride) - Paula, others?**

Dissolved for the time being

1. **New Business** 
   1. **Leadership Victoria – LGBTIQ+ Community Leadership Opportunities – Christina**
   2. **Pride In Water Network – Christina Bassani to discuss**
   3. **Wear it Purple Day and raising pride flag – GVW – Christina and Erin to discuss**
   4. **GV Pride Small Grants Update and any other promotion– Georgie to discuss**

Grant Round II for the year open for GVPride financial members to apply. $250.00 available. Great opportunity for those who want to run an event or arrange something that the committee has not been able to. Contact GVPride through their website gvpride.org for more details.

* 1. **Feedback from people who attended events – key messages, information, other opportunities?**
  2. **New Business**

**Georgie:**

**Wodonga and Wangaratta LGBTIQA+ Training / Inclusive Practice August 14th – 16th 2019.**

WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY’S PD SESSIONS:

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?: Practitioners from the mental health and/or youth sector, school wellbeing staff & LGBTIQ+ community members & allies.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?: Because of discrimination, abuse & stigma, LGBTIQ+ people experience depression, anxiety and suicidal ideation at much higher rates than the general population.

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* Get practical tips to help you build the resilience of LGBTIQ+ people
* Find out about where to go for local support.

[**https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lgbtiq-mental-health-training-wodonga-tickets-65631514627?fbclid=IwAR1Qd2UcQUauEdYxyOsByDdBdIzPkOKTPQFstwzJoYGhb\_ywiKlF1t5FESk**](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lgbtiq-mental-health-training-wodonga-tickets-65631514627?fbclid=IwAR1Qd2UcQUauEdYxyOsByDdBdIzPkOKTPQFstwzJoYGhb_ywiKlF1t5FESk)

THURSDAY’S ROUNDTABLE:

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?:Managers, policy makers and influences working in the mental health and/or youth sector.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?: Inclusive practice aims to assist organisations to improve the quality of care and service that you and your teams provide to LGBTIQ+ clients and colleagues. Find out how you can embed this and make your workplace culturally safe and accessible.

[**https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lgbtiq-inclusive-practice-a-special-roundtable-event-tickets-65895708839?aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAR0P0AWx\_ULmeVfdQ4hOnA\_D4DpWFPH9K1ujyQK4Za0Kj5wS-9M10HNvbWA**](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lgbtiq-inclusive-practice-a-special-roundtable-event-tickets-65895708839?aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAR0P0AWx_ULmeVfdQ4hOnA_D4DpWFPH9K1ujyQK4Za0Kj5wS-9M10HNvbWA)

Friday 16th Aug (Wangaratta):

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1. **General Business**
   1. Confirmation of contact details – any updates to be added here? Other ways to reach the community, any other information.

Contact list for those who attended meeting or have done so within the last 12 months was passed around for people to complete or update details. Any new contacts to be added to Mail chimp list if not already on there.

* 1. Round the table – Organisations and Groups – Sharing opportunity and update on where each organisation is at with their inclusion journey. Do they need any support or information?

1. **Action log from previous meeting**

* Correspondence – any items to be distributed?

1. **Standing Agenda Items**
   1. **Action items update** – see attached
2. **Calendar of Events (standing item to be updated as required):**

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| **Date** | **Event/Day** | **Special Comments** |
| August 30 | Wear it Purple Day | **EVENTS:**  **GV Water** is hosting a flag raising and morning tea event – open to public/community.  **GV Pride** is hosting a diner event at Thai Orchid, Shepparton |
| October 31-Nov 6 | Out in the Open Festival 2019 |  |

1. **Next Meeting**

**Date:** doodle poll to be sent out with minutes T**ime:** time to be sent via doodle poll

**Venue:** Benalla **Address:** TBA **RSVP**: [michelle.harmer@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:michelle.harmer@gatewayhealth.org.au)

**Meeting dates 2019**

*SUGGESTED DATES FOR FUTURE*

***(***Meetings are to be every 8 weeks and alternate 3-5pm or 5-7pm for max. attendance of both paid workers and LGBTI+ community members)

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| Date/Time | Venue | Minutes | Chair | Guest speaker/event |
| February 21st  3-5pm | La Trobe Uni, Shepparton |  | Michelle Harmer | Zubaidah Mohamed Shaburdin |
| April 16th (in lieu of Anzac day) 5-7pm | Uniting  Shepparton | Michelle Harmer | Kasey Holyman | Uniting Diversity Project – affirmation pathway for TGD people. |
| June 20th  3-5pm  **Cancelled** | - | - | - | - |
| July 23rd 3-5pm | Uniting Shepparton | Christina / Georgie | Christina Bassani | None – many new Alliance members around the table |
| August 15th  5-7pm | Venue TBC |  |  |  |
| October 17th  3-5pm | GSCC Boardroom |  |  |  |
| December 19th (if too late possibly the 12th instead) 5-7pm | Venue TBC |  |  |  |

*If you would like to chair, take minutes, suggest a guest speaker or offer a venue for a meeting, please let us know.*

**Greater Shepparton LGBTI+ Community Alliance Action Log**

| **Number** | **Date of Introduction** | **Action** | **Who** | **When** | **Progress** |
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| **1.** | 21/02/2018 | Communications plan | All Alliance members | Review Annually | Should this be reviewed in 2019? |
| **2** | 12/12/2018 | Individuals to self-nominate for chairperson of each small group (4) and then engage with other Alliance members to join small working party for 2019 | All Alliance members | Ongoing | Updates for April 2019 meeting  Also confirm leads for the groups |
| **3** | 21/02/2019 | Transgender Victoria Workshops | All Alliance members | March | Any actions coming from this and next steps? Report back at April Meeting |
| **4** |  |  |  |  |  |