

PFLAG - PERTH



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PARENTS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS PERTH INC

THE OBJECTIVES OF PFLAG ARE TO:

- Provide a support system for parents, families and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and intersex people, in an effort to understand, accept and support them with love and pride.
- Offer loving support and understanding to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and intersex people.
- Support and encourage the recognition of full human rights for them.
- Help parents, family members and friends to learn what the current members of PFLAG have already learnt and to help change attitudes in society and create an environment of understanding, so that all lesbian, gay bisexual, transsexual and intersex people can live with dignity and respect.

HAPPY 20TH YEAR PFLAG - PERTH ☺ ☹ ☺ ☹ ☺ ☹

Hello Everyone,

For those of you who have enjoyed the PFLAG - Perth Newsletter, I have some sad news.

This will probably be our last main newsletter. At the AGM it was passed that news in this format should no longer be mailed out so it will be phased out by the end of the year.

Why is this happening?

At the AGM, I said that I was having to spend a lot of time and effort doing the Secretary's work as well as the Newsletter. I presented a report to the meeting on the matter. After some discussion one member volunteered to be a Minute Sec. only, for committee meetings (a minor part of the work). It was then pointed out by a few members that ;

"We don't really need to have an outdated Newsletter anymore and it should be abandoned. Most communication, nowadays, is done electronically anyway, so any matters of interest can be put on the PFLAG - Perth Website for people to read." SO be it!

I do hope readers will be happy with this idea. Those who have opted for 'Newsletter Only' subscription will receive a refund cheque in the near future.

Those members of PFLAG who are unable to attend meetings and are not able to easily access the website can be kept informed of any important matters by mail. So, if you are in this situation, please let the Sec / Ed know. (Email will be OK !!).

I'd like to thank all those, near and far, who have helped with contributions over the years. Love and best wishes to you all,

John Pugh Sec / Ed.

PRIDE MONTH

Pride Month features many events to involve all members of the "Gay Community" in Perth. I guess PFLAGgers are invited to attend all events but, this year, we are only actively involved in "Fairday" and the "Pride Parade".

FAIRDAY®

FAIRDAY® is always the ideal start to Pride Month, with our entire community coming together to celebrate our Pride in a relaxed and festive setting that enables businesses, community groups and government agencies to interact through stalls, events and ongoing entertainment.

Live bands, cabaret singers and dancers keep the crowds entertained throughout the day. Families can picnic on the lawn beneath the shade of the Russell Square trees.

When: Sunday, 27th September, 2009, 11am until 9pm

Where: Russell Square, Northbridge - The Home Of Pride

How Much: \$10 General entry. \$5 for Concession Holders & Pride Members.
FREE if under 18.

Facilities: Food and Drinks will be on sale. A bar will be available. Toilets are on-site.

What to Bring: Picnic Blankets, Umbrellas, Cushions, Sunscreen. (**No BYO Alcohol**).

PRIDE PARADE

When: Saturday 31st of October 2009

Where: The parade starts at 8pm on Saturday, the 31st of October but people intending to join PFLAG on the night should be at the assembly area no later than 7.15pm.

Assembly areas are in Brisbane and William Sts, adjacent to their intersection.

The parade commences at the corner of William and Brisbane Streets and travels down William St turning onto James St and ending at Russell Square.

As PFLAG is also celebrating its 20th year, all members, past and present, are invited, so please come and join in. We are having a float for the first time and some 'oldies' will be able to ride. With the prizes as an incentive this year, it should be quite a spectacle and promises to be a very special night to remember.

PRIZES

BEST FLOAT: \$2,000 CASH

BEST WALKING GROUP: \$1,500 CASH

MOST ENTERTAINING ENTRY: \$1,000 CASH

BEST INDIVIDUAL: \$500 CASH

BEST DRAG: \$500 CASH

Judging will take place at Russell Square after the parade with prizes awarded Immediately.

He's hiding out this Joe

A poem by a Gay man (Joe) in North Queensland about "Poofs in the Bush"
Read by Joe on ABC's "Australia all Over" Sunday 19/7/09

He's hiding out this Joe,
not behind a tree..... nor in a trench on bended knee.
He's not even hiding from you and me.....as it's plain to see,

He's sitting in the bar.....drinking XXXX Gold.
You really wouldn't know his story..... as it's rarely told.

He's hiding out this Joe.
He's a bushie or a miner.....perhaps a digger from the past,
what goes on inside his head.....no one can really grasp.

He's hiding out this Joe.
he's hiding in the glass,
for whilst he's fiercely drinking.....he hides what he's been thinking.

He's hiding out this Joe,
he's lying to himself....he's lying to us all,
because of narrow-minded folk.....he lives behind a wall.

He's hiding out this Joe,
to look you wouldn't know.
He's his father's only son.....of good old country folk,

And the fear that makes him hide,
surely ain't no joke.
For all he really wants to do.... is marry.... another.... bloke.

WORTH QUOTING!

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but
by the seeds you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our
wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

Anonymous

No-one is ever too old to know better.

Margaret Preston

Let our advance worrying become our advance
thinking and planning.

Winston Churchill

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single
candle, and the life of a candle will not be
shortened. Happiness never decreases by being
shared.

BUDDHA

Great people have one thing in common – they do
not conform.

P.K. Shaw

Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy
of growth.

John F Kennedy

Perseverance is failing nineteen times and
succeeding the twentieth.

Julie Andrews

Good parents give their children Roots and
Wings. Roots to know where home is, Wings to fly
away and exercise what's been taught them.

Jonas Salk

No one can make you feel inferior without your
consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Minds are like parachutes – they only function
when they're open.

Thomas Dewar

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister
the tongue or lips. They make other people good
natured. They also produce their own image on
men's souls, and a beautiful image it is.

Blaise Pascal

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is
what makes the ride worthwhile.

Franklin P Jones

The optimist sees opportunity in every in every
danger; the pessimist sees danger in every
opportunity.

Sir Winston Churchill

PFLAG INFORMATION

REGULAR PFLAG MEETINGS

Held at :

Women's Health Care House
100 Aberdeen St
NORTHBRIDGE

At 1.30pm, on the 2nd Sat of each month.

ALL WELCOME!

(The Blue CAT bus from the city, runs along Aberdeen St. Alight at Stop 10. Our meeting place is almost opposite.)

NEXT MEETINGS For 2009:

Sat Sept 12th @ 1.30pm
Sat Oct 10th @ 1.30pm
Sat Nov 14th @ 1.30pm
Sat Dec 12th @ 1.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Sat Nov 14th @ 12.30pm

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** Please note that we have*

No office location.

**CLOSETS ARE FOR CLOTHES NOT
PEOPLE JOIN PFLAG
WE NEED YOU**

Every path has its puddle.

English Proverb

One who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; one who does not ask a question remains a fool forever.

Chinese Proverb

We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next two years and under-estimate the change that will occur in the next ten. Don't let yourself be lulled into inaction.

Bill Gates

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.

Irish Proverb

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