

THE 11TH **HEALTH IN DIFFERENCE &**
THE 5TH **LGBTI AGEING AND AGED CARE**
CONFERENCES

VIRTUAL 2021

FRIDAY 16 | FRIDAY 23 | FRIDAY 30 APRIL 2021



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The two premier conferences, **Health in Difference & National Biennial LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conferences** will be held in conjunction over 3 consecutive Fridays in April.

Health in Difference is Australia's premier conference on the health and wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, queer and sexuality, gender, and bodily diverse people and communities throughout Australia. Full program and panel session information below.

The National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care conference is the leading event in Australia for aged, health and human service providers to develop their knowledge, skills and practice to meet the needs of older LGBTI people. Full program and panel session information below.

These conferences bring together health practitioners, researchers, academics, policymakers, community members, community organisations large and small, advocates, and others who are interested in improving the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ people.

Dates: Friday 16 | 23 and 30 April 2021

Pricing: Tickets are available for both conferences, each conference separately or for individual half-day sessions. Pricing is based on organisation type and membership of LGBTIQ+ Health Australia.

Location: Virtual online.

Speakers: [Speakers' bios and panel information are being updated continually here.](#)

Organising Body: LGBTIQ+ Health Australia, (formerly The National LGBTI Health Alliance), is the national peak health organisation in Australia for organisations and individuals that provide health-related programs, services and research focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people and other sexuality and gender diverse (LGBTIQ+) people and communities.

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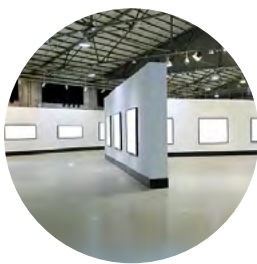


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Virtual Spaces

To recreate as many of the opportunities from an in-person conference as possible and to allow the freedom for participants to network, move between options and to curate their own personal experiences, we're creating a schedule with a range of virtual spaces to listen, share, learn and network within.



VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Browse the booths and meet with people from health or aged care organisations from across Australia. Being virtual you can staff a booth without even being stuck in a booth.



NETWORKING LAWN

We'll provide online meeting rooms to meet and network throughout the conference. Why take breaks alone and miss out on vital networking opportunities?



HELP DESK

Need to speak with a human? We'll have people available throughout the conference to provide support, troubleshoot and answer all your questions.



AUDITORIUM

Our expert panels will be discussing the latest research, policy and campaign work across Australia.



KNOWLEDGE HUB

The latest research, abstracts, multimedia and talks will be hosted here in this virtual online space.



THE CAFÉ

We'll provide an open group discussion space for community members to talk through thoughts and reactions to presentations. Up to 10 people for 10 mins of open discussion.



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THE CAFÉ

Virtual networking sessions during breaks

Grab a coffee and a snack – The Café is now open.

The Café provides an option for virtual speed-networking during break time.

Talk with 5 conference delegates for 5 minutes.

Delegates joining the Café will be randomly allocated to virtual meeting rooms with up to 5 participants for 5 minutes.

Drop in or out of the Café, move between conference options and curate your own personal experience.

The Café is a safe space.

Our virtual Café provides a safe space for networking and to discuss the content raised during the conference. We ask all participants to be respectful of others' opinions and thoughts during these sessions and allow time to listen.

Please respect privacy: those spaces are informal, and we ask people not to quote, post or tweet other peoples' comments during those breakout sessions.

If you'd like to continue a conversation with someone you've met – the 'Networking Lawn' provides a space to connect 1:1 with delegates.

If you have issues or concerns, please message a team member at the LGBTIQ+ Health Australia exhibition booth.

Conversation prompts:

1. Introduce yourselves, and what organisation you are from, acknowledge the Traditional Country you are on.
2. What were your highlights from the previous panel?
3. How does this topic impact your work?
4. Are there any actions you'd like to take following up from this discussion?
5. Were there any thoughts or perspectives which were new for you?
6. Is there anything else you'd like to have heard the panel discuss?



Health in Difference Conference 2021

LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference 2021

FEDERAL POLITICS PANEL

ON-DEMAND CONTENT | Recorded live on Thursday 22 April

With a federal election in the near future, it is important that we understand the major parties' commitment and understanding of LGBTIQ+ people's health and wellbeing needs. With representation from the Liberal Party, Labor and the Greens, join us for this live and interactive session that will be chaired by Bernie Hobbs, Science writer and presenter. [Find out more.](#)



Senator Andrew Bragg (he/him)
Senator for New South Wales,
Liberal Party of Australia

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Senator Louise Pratt (she/her)
Senator for Western Australia,
Australian Labor Party

[Find out more](#)



Senator Janet Rice (she/her)
Senator for Victoria, Australian
Greens

[Find out more](#)



Chaired by: Bernie Hobbs (she/her)

Science writer and presenter.

Bernie Hobbs is best known as a popular judge from ABC TV's The New Inventors, and she's a firm favourite with audiences for her weekly science spots on ABC radio around the country.

[Find out more.](#)

Health in Difference Conference 2021

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INTERNATIONAL PANEL & NETWORKING SESSION

ON-DEMAND CONTENT | Premiered live on Thursday 22 April

As part of a global movement to improve the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ people it's vital that we hear the voices and strategies of international activists and leaders. Discussing global events, COVID-19, LGBTIQ+ rights and wedge politics.

Join us for the première of this pre-recorded panel followed by an online facilitated conversation and networking session for conference participants.

Sarah McBride (she/her)

Member of the Delaware State Senate, USA

Sarah McBride is an American activist and politician who is a Democratic member of the Delaware Senate since January 2021. She is currently the National Press Secretary of the Human Rights Campaign. Sarah McBride is the first ever openly transgender state senator in US history.

[Find out more.](#)

Louisa Wall (she/her)

MP for Manurewa, NZ

Louisa Wall is the New Zealand Member of Parliament for Manurewa, having stood for the New Zealand Labour Party. She has represented New Zealand in both netball as a Silver Fern and rugby union as a member of the Black Ferns, and is highly significant in the marriage equality movement.

[Find out more](#)

Dr. Rory O'Neill, aka Panti Bliss

(he/him)

Rory O'Neill, also known by his stage name as Panti or Panti Bliss is a drag queen and gay rights activist from Ballinrobe, County Mayo, Ireland.

[Find out more](#)

Eloise Stonborough (she/her)

Associate Director of Policy and Research, Stonewall

Stonewall is a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights charity in the United Kingdom, named after the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City's Greenwich Village. It is the largest LGBT rights organisation in Europe and was formed in 1989 by political activists and others lobbying against section 28 of the Local Government Act.

[Find out more](#)

Chaired by: Julie McCrossin, (she/her)

Julie is renowned across Australia for her warmth, humour, intelligence and commitment to social justice. After 20 years as a broadcaster with ABC Radio, ABC TV and Network 10, she is now a freelance journalist, trainer, speaker and facilitator – both in person and virtually as a webinar host.

[Find out more.](#)

Live Q&A to include:

Louisa Wall (she/her)
MP for Manurewa, NZ

Teddy Cook (he/him)
ACON's A/Director, Community Health and VP, AusPATH

Nicky Bath (she/her)
CEO, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia

Chaired by: Julie McCrossin,
(she/her)

Freelance journalist, trainer, speaker and facilitator

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & CHAIR

We have an exciting range of keynote speakers and special guest MCs.



Opening Keynote Speaker: Christine Morgan, (she/her)

CEO, National Mental Health Commission

Ms Christine Morgan is the CEO of the National Mental Health Commission and National Suicide Prevention Adviser to Prime Minister Scott Morrison. Ms Morgan is a passionate leader in mental health care reform, committed to listening and responding to the voice and needs of those with lived experience. [Find out more.](#)



Keynote Speaker: Cr. Tony Briffa, (she/her/they/them)

City Councillor, Former Mayor, Human Rights Advocate/Educator & Public Speaker.

[Find out more.](#)



Conference Chair and Closing: Mon Schafter (she/they)

Mon Schafter is a Walkley Award winning journalist, producer and presenter who's told countless stories for ABC TV's 7.30 and Hungry Beast, and a variety of documentary projects. [Find out more.](#)



Keynote Speaker: Stevie Lane, (they/them/theirs)

Stevie is a writer, videographer and communications specialist with 10 years' experience advocating for the rights of LGBTIQ+ people and other marginalised groups throughout Australia. They use their lived experience as a queer, trans and non-binary person to connect with others, educate and create change.



Closing Keynote Speaker: Carolyn Gillespie (she/her)

LGBTIQ+ Health Australia Director for Victoria / Chair

She is the Director of Services at Thorne Harbour Health, Victoria's largest community-based and community-controlled LGBTI organisation, with responsibility for both HIV and LGBTI service portfolios.

HEALTH IN DIFFERENCE

Friday 16 April | Morning

9:30 - 10:00AM	OPENING PLENARY
9:30 - 9:35AM	Welcome to Country - Nana Miss Koori
9:35 - 9:45AM	MC Mon Schafter Introduction
9:45 - 9:50AM	LGBTIQ+ Health Australia Welcome Nicky Bath, CEO, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia
9:50 - 10:00AM	KEYNOTE Ms Christine Morgan, Mental Health Commissioner
10:02 - 11:02AM	ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PANEL Speakers in moderated discussion. 40 mins Panellists, 20 mins live Q&A. Panelists: Dallas Hure-Little , Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Alliance (NATSIHA) North Queensland's Regional Peak Body, Jordan Wimbis , Aboriginal Liaison Officer at Neami National STEP and has a long history of community engagement and health promotion. Kirsten Dezuanni Social Health Manager at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services (ATSICHS), Shakara Liddelow-Hunt , Researcher at Telethon Kids Institute on the Walkern Katatdjin (Rainbow Knowledge) project, Chaired by: Professor Braden Hill , Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Equity and Indigenous and Head of Kurungkurl Katitjin at Edith Cowan University.
11:02 - 11:30AM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE
11:00-12:00AM	ABSTRACT SPOTLIGHT SESSION 1 5 x ten minute abstract presentations, 2 min break between each abstract
11:30 - 11:40AM	1. Mental health among Australian LGBTQA+ young people: Findings from the Writing Themselves In 4 national survey. Natalie Amos, Research Officer, La Trobe University
11:42 - 11:52AM	2. "We're with you": a campaign and workshop to strengthen community-led practices of support for lgbtq people experiencing mental health distress. Lucy Watson, Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Community Health Promotion Officer & Jackfreestone, Manager of AOD Research and Development, ACON
11:54 - 12:04PM	3. Correlates of psychological distress among Australian LGBTQ adults: Findings from the Private Lives 3 national survey Adam Hill, Public health sociologist, La Trobe University
12:06 - 12:16PM	4. The Dinosaur SQUAD – an intergenerational approach to supporting LGBTIQ community members doing it tough - Merrin Wake, Coordinator, The Kindness Pandemic
12:18 - 12:28PM	5. Non-Binary Inclusion In The LGBTIQA+ Community: (Un)Intelligability, (In)Validation and Mental Health. Sav Zwickl, PhD Student La Trobe University and Trans Health Research Group University of Melbourne
12:32 - 1:32PM	POLICY & DATA COLLECTION PANEL Speakers in moderated discussion. 40 mins Panellists, 20 mins live Q&A Panelists: Andrew Moore Assistant Director - Australian Bureau of Statistics Bridget Haire Senior Research Fellow, Kirby Institute, Morgan Carpenter Co-executive director, Intersex Human Rights Australia (formerly OII Australia) Chaired by: Daniel Comensoli Policy and Research Coordinator, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia
1:32 - 2:00PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

10.02am - 11.02am (AEST) | Friday 16 April

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health: We aim to consider the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander peoples who identify as LGBTIQ+, inclusive of Sistersgirls and Brotherboys. This Panel will consider cultural safety and racism within mainstream and LGBTIQ+ spaces, strategies to improve and how do we support young LGBTIQ+ sistersgirls and brotherboys to become leaders.

Kirsten Dezuanni (she/her)

Kirsten Dezuanni is a proud strong Queer Palawa woman and the Social Health Manager at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services (ATSICHS), Brisbane. She is a board member of Walkern Katatdjinn Governance Committee and the lead investigator, researcher and author of the ATISHCS Brisbane Safe and Deadly Places Training Program, presented to the National Deadly Sex Congress since 2018 for ASHM. Kirsten also holds a Masters in Research and Development (Indigenous Policy Decision Making) and is the author of Safe and Deadly Places training manual for health, medical and human services professionals specialising in safe health services access for indigenous LGBTIQ+ mob.

Shakara Liddel-Hunt (she/her)

Shakara Liddel-Hunt is a Wajarri Yamatji woman who grew up on Noongar Country. She works at the Telethon

Kids Institute as a researcher on the Walkern Katatdjinn (Rainbow Knowledge) project, which aims to understand and promote the mental health and social emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young people.

Jordan Wimbis (he/him)

Jordan Wimbis is a a Wakka Wakka and South Sea Islander man from the Goodnight Scrub in SE QLD. He has a long history in community engagement, activism and advocacy and currently works as Aboriginal Liaison Officer with NEAMI National.

Dallas Hure-Little (he/him)

Dallas Hure-Little is a Queensland LGBTIQ Health Council Board Member and is the CEO of the Northern Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health Alliance (NATSIHA). He is the Chairperson of the 2Spirits Executive Advisory (2SEA) program. Dallas has a extensive working history in the Aboriginal Community Controlled

Health Services ACCHO and a Community Development and Health and Wellbeing background. Dallas has been involved in many advisory and steering committees and forums across LGBTIQ and Aboriginal Health sectors. Dallas is a proud Wulli Wulli and Wakka Wakka man.

Chaired by: Professor Braden Hill (he/him)

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Equity and Indigenous and Head of Kurungkurl Katitjin at Edith Cowan University.

Braden Hill Professor Braden Hill is a Nyungar (Wardandi) man from the south-west of Western Australia and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous) and Head of Kurungkurl Katitjin, Edith Cowan University's (ECU) Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research.

POLICY AND DATA COLLECTION PANEL

12.32pm - 1.32pm (AEST) | Friday 16 April

In this panel we will consider the new Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Standard for Sex, Gender, Variation of Sex Characteristics and Sexual Orientation Variables, 2020 ('2020 Standard') for the dissemination and collection of data on LGBTIQ+ populations and its implications for policy development and service planning. Panelists will consider the challenge of designing strategies for intersections of the LGBTIQ+ community when there is a lack of data available, and what may be done to address this.

Andrew Moore (he/him)

Assistant Director - Australian Bureau of Statistics AND ABS Outposted Officer to: Office for Women (Dept of Prime Minister & Cabinet)

As lead of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Gender Statistics Team, Andrew's responsibilities included development of the Standard for Sex, Gender, Variations of Sex Characteristics and Sexual Orientation Variables and the annual Gender Indicators publication. Internationally Andrew has represented the ABS on numerous UN task teams on gender statistics and gender identity (UNSD, UNECE and UN Women), and led ABS support on gender statistics for the Indo-Pacific region. Andrew is currently seconded to the Office for Women.

Bridget Haire (she/her)

Senior Research Fellow, Kirby Institute

Dr Bridget Haire is a senior research fellow at the Kirby Institute,

University of NSW, specializing in bioethics. She conducts research in the areas of research ethics, public health and human rights. Bridget is currently conducting research into the impacts of quarantine.

Michelle McNamara (she/her)

Committee member Transgender Victoria and the AGMC

I am an out and proud transgender woman living and working on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. I advocate on behalf of all marginalised people but especially trans and gender diverse people and multi cultural multi faith communities through my work with TGV, AGMC and in my day job at the University of Melbourne.

Morgan Carpenter (he/him)

Co-executive director, Intersex Human Rights Australia (formerly OII Australia)

Morgan Carpenter is a co-

executive director of Intersex Human Rights Australia. He participated in the first UN expert meeting on human rights violations against intersex persons in 2015. He's a signatory of the Yogyakarta Principles plus 10 on international human rights law in relation to SOGI and sex characteristics. Morgan is currently contracting to the World Health Organization and has also consulted to the OHCHR. He's half-way through a PhD in bioethics at the University of Sydney.

Chaired by: Daniel Comensoli (he/him)

Policy and Research Coordinator, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia

Daniel is currently the Policy and Research Coordinator at LGBTIQ+ Health Australia. Prior to joining LHA, Daniel was actively involved in party politics at the federal level, and LGBTIQ+ campaigning and advocacy. He holds tertiary qualifications in chemistry, politics and public policy, and research.

HEALTH IN DIFFERENCE

Friday 23 April | Morning

9:30 - 9:45AM	Plenary / Day 2 Official Welcome
9:30 - 9:34AM	Welcome to Country - Nana Miss Koori
9:34 - 9:37AM	MC Mon Schafer - 3 minutes
9:34 - 9:37AM	Keynote: Stevie Lane , (they/them/theirs), Stevie is a writer, videographer and communications specialist.
9:34 - 9:37AM	MC Mon Schafer - 3 minutes
9:47 - 10:47AM	MENTAL HEALTH PANEL Speakers in moderated discussion. 40mins Panelists, 20 mins live Q&A Bonnie Hart , Intersex Peer Support Australia, Elizabeth Paton , Acting Project Lead, Everymind, Dr Siobhan Irving , Executive Committee member, Sydney Queer Muslims, Mandy Henningham , Postdoctoral Fellow in Indigenous Social Sciences, University of Sydney, Dr Leanne Beagley , CEO, Mental Health Australia. Chaired by: Simon Ruth , CEO of Thorne Harbour Health,
10:47 - 11:20AM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE
11:00 - 12:00PM	ABSTRACT SPOTLIGHT SESSION 2 5 x ten minute abstract presentations, 2 min break between each abstract.
11:00 - 11:10AM	11. The mental health status and related service use of LGBTIQ+ people in rural and remote Tasmania Tamara Reynish, Phd Candidate & Counsellor, University of Tasmania
11:12 - 11:22AM	12. AGMC at the Intersections: "Navigating Intersectionality" Research, Recommendations and Strategy 2020-2023. Dr Maria Pallota-Chiarolli, Honorary Fellow, Deakin University
11:24 - 11:34AM	13. MISSING: Safety on Social Media When a Suicide is Suspected Anna Bernasochi, Suicide Prevention Manager, Switchboard Victoria
11:36 - 11:46AM	14. Tools for communicating safely and sensitively about suicide: An overview of Mindframe and the National Communications Charter Dr Elizabeth Paton, Acting Project Lead, Everymind.
11:48 - 11:58AM	15. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Australian trans community. Sav Zwickl, PhD Student La Trobe University and Trans Health Research Group University of Melbourne.
4 minutes for delegates to move between sessions	
12:22 - 1:22PM	SUICIDE PREVENTION PANEL Six speakers in moderated discussion. 40mins Panellists, 20 mins live Q&A. Dr Jaelea Skehan , Director, Everymind, Dean Bayliss , Managing Director, Principal Facilitator, Healing Works Australia, Susan Cadman , Manager, Priority Populations, North Western Melbourne PHN, Mark Roddam , First Assistant Secretary, Mental Health Division, Chaired by: Joe Ball , CEO, Switchboard Victoria.
1:22 - 2:00PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE

MENTAL HEALTH PANEL

9.45am - 10.45am (AEST) | Friday 23 April

This panel aims to examine the triggers of poor mental health in our LGBTIQ+ communities. We will also consider the impacts of minority stress and understand more deeply what may be done to create change for our communities.

Bonnie Hart (she/her)

Intersex Peer Support Australia

Bonnie Hart is an intersex woman, peer worker, advocate and intersex content expert at Intersexylana: An upcycled fantasy-reality land where painful pasts are harvested for their spicy shame-truffle power-treasures. Bonnie is an active member of the intersex community, being an original signatory of the Darlington Statement in 2017.

Elizabeth Paton (she/her)

Acting Project Lead, Everymind

Elizabeth Paton is Project Lead on the Mindframe program, which supports safe communication about suicide, mental ill-health and alcohol and other drugs. Prior to joining Everymind, Elizabeth taught, researched and worked in media, creative industries and science communication. Elizabeth holds a PhD in Communication and a Graduate Diploma in Education.

Dr Siobhan Irving (she/her)

Executive Committee member, Sydney Queer Muslims

Dr Siobhan Irving teaches at Macquarie University and is an executive committee member of Sydney Queer Muslims, where she serves as the non-profit group's academic advisor. Her research focuses on improving the accessibility of sexual healthcare and other supportive services within Muslim communities in both Singapore and Sydney, Australia.

Dr Mandy Henningham (she/they)

Postdoctoral Fellow in Indigenous Social Sciences, University of Sydney.

Mandy Henningham (PhD) is an Indigenous Research Fellow at the University of Sydney where she is a dedicated LGBTIQ+ advocate and researcher in sexuality, sexual health, Indigenous studies, Intersex studies, youth, and mental health in the Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Dr Leanne Beagley (she/her)

CEO, Mental Health Australia

Leanne Beagley has been the Chief Executive Officer at Mental Health Australia since April 2020. Her background includes clinical qualifications in Occupational Therapy and Family Therapy, as well as a Masters of Business Leadership and a PhD in Psychology in organisational culture and performance. Prior to working at Mental Health Australia Leanne worked for Western Victoria Primary Health Network as the Chief Executive Officer for three years.

Chaired by: Simon Ruth (he/his)
CEO of Thorne Harbour Health,

SUICIDE PREVENTION PANEL

12.30pm - 1.30pm (AEST) | Friday 23 April

This panel aims to examine current state of play in the area of LGBTIQ+ suicide prevention and highlight the lived experiences of LGBTIQ+ people. We will consider current policy frameworks, compelling data and possible action for the future.

Dr Jaelea Skehan (she/her)

Director, Everymind

Dr Jaelea Skehan OAM is the Director of Everymind and a national leader in suicide prevention. Jaelea is passionate about building the capacity of individuals, families, services and communities and an advocate for finding better connections between research and practice.

Dean Bayliss (he/his)

Managing Director, Principal Facilitator, Healing Works Australia

Dean is a proud Kamilaroi man, Managing Director of Healing Works Australia. His key focus is building strong sustainable kinship through targeted support. Dean's extensive experience within suicide prevention includes The Way Back Suicide After Care Program, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide After Care Program and Suicide prevention with community led emotional wellbeing and healing events and strategic suicide intervention program development and implementation.

Susan Cadman (she/her)

Manager, Priority Populations, North Western Melbourne PHN

Susan Cadman is the Manager of Priority Populations at North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network. She has spent the last two years managing three suicide prevention trials in the North Western Melbourne region, one of which has been focused on the LGBTIQ community.

Mark Roddam (he/his)

First Assistant Secretary, Mental Health Division

Mark Roddam is First Assistant Secretary of the Mental Health Division at the Department of Health, where he has responsibility for mental health policy and programs. Prior to this, he was First Assistant Secretary, Indigenous Health Division. Previous to Health, Mark worked in the Indigenous Affairs Group at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). Before joining PM&C, Mark worked in the employment portfolio for 15 years on a variety of workplace relations and employment programs and policies.

Chaired by: Joe Ball (they/them)

CEO, Switchboard Victoria

Joe Ball since December 2016 is the ever passionate and committed CEO of Switchboard Victoria. Joe believes in the need for LGBTIQ+ communities to be in control of our bodies, lives and futures and that LGBTIQ+ community controlled organisations like Switchboard play an important role in keeping our health in our hands.

HEALTH IN DIFFERENCE

Friday 30 April | Morning

9.30 - 9.45AM	PLENARY / DAY 3 OFFICIAL WELCOME
9:30 - 9:34AM	Welcome to Country - Nana Miss Koori
9:35 - 9:39AM	MC Mon Schafter
9:39 - 9:49AM	Keynote Tony Briffa , City Councillor, Former Mayor, Human Rights Advocate/Educator & Public Speaker, (she/her/they/them)
9:49 - 9:51AM	MC Mon Schafter
9:51 - 9:57AM	<i>"Math and Science"</i> performed by Ursula Yovich
9:58 - 10:58AM	ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS Speakers in moderated discussion. 40mins Panellists, 20 mins live Q&A. Panelists: Garret Prestage , Associate Professor, The Kirby Institute, Julie Mooney-Somers , Academic, University of Sydney, Dr Nadine Ezard , Director, NCCRED, Venetia Brissenden , Manager of Therapeutic Services & Capacity Building, Thorne Harbour Health, Dallas Hure-Little , Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Alliance (NATSIHA) North Queensland's Regional Peak Body, Andy Heslop , Peer Projects & Training, NUA. Chaired by: Nicolas Parkhill , CEO, ACON.
10:58 - 11:15AM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE
11:15 - 12:15PM	ABSTRACT SPOTLIGHT SESSION 3 5 x ten minute abstract presentations, 2 min break between each abstract
11:15 - 11:26AM	21. Improving psychosexual healthcare for LGBTIQ+ cancer survivors: A mixed-methods study of oncology healthcare providers Sylvia Eugene Dit Rochesson, Research Assistant, The University Of Sydney
11:28 - 11:37AM	22. Transitioning Flip Books. Associate Professor Meghan Kelly, Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning), Faculty of Arts and Education
11:38 - 11:49AM	23. Priorities and practices of risk reduction among gay and bisexual men in Australia who use crystal methamphetamine for sex. Kerry Drysdale, Research Fellow, Health Equity Research and Development Unit, Centre for Social Research in Health
11:51 - 12:02AM	24. Does the targeting of cancer prevention and screening interventions to LGBTQ communities achieve better outcomes? Kerry Drysdale, Research Fellow, Health Equity Research and Development Unit, Centre for Social Research in Health
12:03 - 12:14AM	25. Queerability: an national disability insurance scheme toolkit for sexuality and gender diverse communities Joanna Leigh, Disability Project Community Health Promotion Officer & Charbel Zada, Disability Project Community Health Promotion Officer, ACON
12:17 - 1:17PM	DISABILITY PANEL Speakers in moderated discussion. 40 mins Panellists, 20 mins live Q&A. Ruby Mountford , Project Coordinator of Disability Inclusion, Thorne Harbour Health, Renee Dixon , LGBTI Disability Social Inclusion Officer, NEDA, Daniel McDonald , Artist and LGBTQI Gadigal and Wonnarua man living with a disability (hearing impaired), Sam Martin , Community Engagement Coordinator, Expression Australia, Sherrie Beaver , Researcher and proud Deaf non-binary person from Naarm/Melbourne. Chaired by: Margherita Coppolino , influential disability & inclusion consultant.
1:19 - 1:29PM	CLOSING REMARKS Mon Shafter, Carolyn Gillespie
1:30 - 2:00PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS PANEL

9.45am - 10.45am (AEST) | Friday 30 April

In this session we will explore the priorities for LGBTIQ+ communities and individuals in relation to drug and alcohol use. We will examine the current research evidence, what programs are effective, and what needs to be done to improve health outcomes for LGBTIQ+ people.

Garret Prestage, (he/him)

A/Professor Garrett Prestage has been involved in gay community research and advocacy since the 1970s. He has investigated HIV behavioural risk through multiple studies of gay men's sexual health, since the 1980s. He has strong relationships with gay community-based organisations and his work informs policy and programmatic responses

Julie Mooney-Somers (she/her)

Academic, University of Sydney

Julie Mooney-Somers is an academic at the University of Sydney, her research focuses on understanding and advancing the health of sexuality and gender diverse people. Julie's main projects are SWASH, the longest running periodic survey of LBQ women's health, and UnLEASH, a cohort study of LBQ women and AOD use.

Andy Heslop

Peer Projects & Training, NUAA

Andy Heslop works with the Community Engagement Team at

NUAA delivering peer education across NSW.

Dr Nadine Ezard (she/her)

Conjoint Professor Nadine Ezard is the Director of NCCRED. Nadine is also the Clinical Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney Australia home to one of NSW's first specialist stimulant treatment programs.

Venetia Brissenden

Manager of Therapeutic Services & Capacity Building, Thorne Harbour Health

Venetia is the Manager of Therapeutic Services & Capacity Building at Thorne Harbour Health, which delivers funded AOD services for LGBTI community members and people living with HIV, as well as training in LGBTI affirmative practice for other AOD service providers. A social worker by training, Venetia has 20 years' experience working in the AOD sector.

Dallas Hure-Little (he/him)

Dallas Hure-Little is a Queensland LGBTIQ Health Council Board

Member and is the CEO of the Northern Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Health Alliance (NATSIHA). He is the Chairperson of the 2Spirits Executive Advisory (2SEA) program. Dallas has a extensive working history in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services ACCHO and a Community Development and Health and Wellbeing background. Dallas has been involved in many advisory and steering committees and forums across LGBTIQ and Aboriginal Health sectors. Dallas is a proud Wulli Wulli and Wakka Wakka man.

Chaired by: Nicolas Parkhill, (he/him)

CEO, ACON

Nicolas Parkhill has over 25 years of experience in the public and community health sectors.

Session content developed by LGBTIQ+ Health Australia, session supported by the Department of Health.

DISABILITY AND INCLUSION PANEL

12.30pm - 1.30pm (AEST) | Friday 30 April

The health and social system is set up to meet the needs of people who are able-bodied and neuro-typical. Given this is the case, it is vital that we work to identify ways to reduce inequities. LGBTIQ+ people already face increased barriers when it comes to accessing safe and secure support. This panel will discuss actions to include LGBTIQ+ people living with disability within the existing systems to improve their health outcomes.

Ruby Mountford (they/them)

Ruby works in LGBTIQ+ Disability community development as a project coordinator, researcher and consultant. They are currently Project Coordinator of Disability Inclusion at Thorne Harbour Health, and Administration Officer for Pride Foundation Australia, and serve as Vice President of Melbourne Bisexual Network on Autism Spectrum Australia's (ASPECT) LGBTIQ+ advisory committee. A co-host of Joy 94.9's weekly Bisexual+ show Triple Bi-Pass, Ruby has a passion for building resilience through community and connection, and is committed to creating a future that values and respects diversity, collaboration, empathy and compassion.

Renee Dixon (they/them)

Renee Dixon has dedicated their career to working on the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans/transgender, intersex, queer and other sexuality (LGBTIQ+) people in forced displacement. Renee is a co-founder of the first Australian LGBTIQ+ refugee-led NGO called Forcibly Displaced People Network. They are an LGBTI Disability Social Inclusion Officer at NEDA. Renee

is also a PHD candidate creating an archive of oral histories about LGBTIQ forced displacement.

Daniel McDonald (he/him)

Daniel McDonald is a LGBTIQI Gadigal and Wonnarua man living with a disability (hearing impaired). He is an upcoming Emerging Visual Artist and have been developing his skills over the last fifteen years.

Sam Martin (he/him)

Community Engagement Coordinator, Expression Australia

Sherrie Beaver (she/her)

Sherrie Beaver is a proud Deaf non-binary person from Naarm/Melbourne. She has worked in the deaf and disability sector for over 10 years in various roles related to advocacy, community engagement, and research. Her research interests include sexual health, Deaf studies, and intersectionality. Sherrie is passionate about educating the wider community about the diversity in the Deaf community, Auslan, and providing accessible information to deaf and hard of hearing people on topics that are not often discussed within the Deaf community.

Chaired by: Margherita Coppolino (she/her)

Margherita Coppolino is an Inclusion/Intersectionality consultant and photographer. With an outstanding network of contacts in government, business and social justice organisations, Margherita has a proven ability to inspire and influence a wide range of stakeholders on inclusion/intersectionality issues. She has strong commercial acumen and ability to frame inclusion issues in a commercial context.

SILENCE MAGNIFIES THE VIOLENCE: FOCUSING ON LGBTIQ+ DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

On-demand for all conference attendees.

This session considers the drivers of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence in LGBTIQ+ relationships, consent education, criminalisation of coercive control (and what this means for LGBTIQ+ people), primary prevention, sexual assault and the March 4 Justice movement.

Prof Michael Salter, (he/him)

Scientia Associate Professor of Criminology Michael Salter

Bio: A/Prof Salter is a criminologist at the University of New South Wales where he studies gendered violence and complex trauma. In 2019, he partnered with ACON on the report "Sorting It Out", which examined the views and experiences of gay, bisexual and queer men regarding abuse in relationships.

Kristoff Adelbert (he/him)

Campaign Lead: Primary Prevention of Sexual, Domestic and Family Violence, ACO

Kristoff is ACON's campaign lead for a national intimate partner and sexual violence primary prevention project. Kristoff is a Certified Trauma Professional having worked as a first responder with the South

African Police Service, providing counselling services to victim/survivors of sexual assault, and other crimes. As a survivor and social change advocate, Kristoff is fiercely committed to work that focuses on primary prevention of sexual, domestic and family violence. Kristoff is completing post-graduate studies at the University of Technology Sydney.

Joe Ball (they/them)

CEO, Switchboard Victoria

Joe Ball since December 2016 is the ever passionate and committed CEO of Switchboard Victoria. Joe believes in the need for LGBTIQ+ communities to be in control of our bodies, lives and futures and that LGBTIQ+ community controlled organisations like Switchboard play an important role in keeping our health in our hands.

Chaired by Nicky Bath (she/her)

CEO, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia

Health in Difference Conference 2021

SPEAKING UP AND SPEAKING OUT - YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

On-demand for all conference attendees.

This Panel covers mental health, advocacy, supporting young Trans and Gender Diverse people in sport, investing in your personal wellbeing and ways that schools can support LGBTIQ+ youth.

Conference youth panellists:

Lars (she/they)

Leon (he/him)

Darcy (they/them)

Isabelle (she/her)

Conference parent panellists:

Lannen (she/her)

Michelle W (she/her)

First names listed only for privacy.

Chaired by: Cristyn Davies
(she/her)

Research Fellow, Discipline of
Child and Adolescent Health,
Faculty of Medicine and Health,
University of Sydney, Australia.

Health in Difference Conference 2021

LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference 2021

INTERNATIONAL PANEL & NETWORKING SESSION

2pm - 3.30pm (AEST) | Thursday 22 April

Western Australia: 1pm - 2.30pm (AWST) | NT & SA: 1.30pm - 2.00am (ACST)

As part of a global movement to improve the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ people it's vital that we hear the voices and strategies of international activists and leaders. Discussing global events, COVID-19, LGBTIQ+ rights and wedge politics.

Join us for the première of this pre-recorded panel followed by an online facilitated conversation and networking session for conference participants.

Sarah McBride (she/her)

Member of the Delaware State Senate, USA

Sarah McBride is an American activist and politician who is a Democratic member of the Delaware Senate since January 2021. She is currently the National Press Secretary of the Human Rights Campaign. Sarah McBride is the first ever openly transgender state senator in US history.

[Find out more.](#)

Louisa Wall (she/her)

MP for Manurewa, NZ

Louisa Wall is the New Zealand Member of Parliament for Manurewa, having stood for the New Zealand Labour Party. She has represented New Zealand in both netball as a Silver Fern and rugby union as a member of the Black Ferns, and is highly significant in the marriage equality movement.

[Find out more](#)

Dr. Rory O'Neill, aka Panti Bliss

(he/him)

Rory O'Neill, also known by his stage name as Panti or Panti Bliss is a drag queen and gay rights activist from Ballinrobe, County Mayo, Ireland.

[Find out more](#)

Eloise Stonborough (she/her)

Associate Director of Policy and Research, Stonewall

Stonewall is a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights charity in the United Kingdom, named after the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City's Greenwich Village. It is the largest LGBT rights organisation in Europe and was formed in 1989 by political activists and others lobbying against section 28 of the Local Government Act.

[Find out more](#)

Chaired by: Julie McCrossin, (she/her)

Julie is renowned across Australia for her warmth, humour, intelligence and commitment to social justice. After 20 years as a broadcaster with ABC Radio, ABC TV and Network 10, she is now a freelance journalist, trainer, speaker and facilitator – both in person and virtually as a webinar host.

[Find out more.](#)

Live Q&A to include:

Louisa Wall (she/her)
MP for Manurewa, NZ

Teddy Cook (he/him)
ACON's A/Director, Community Health and VP, AusPATH

Nicky Bath (she/her)
CEO, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia

Chaired by: Julie McCrossin,
(she/her)

LGBTI AGEING AND AGED CARE CONFERENCE 2021

Friday 16 April | Afternoon

2:00 - 2:30PM	OPENING PLENARY
2:00 - 2:05PM	Welcome to Country - Nana Miss Koori
2:05 - 2:10PM	Acknowledgment of Country - Aunty
2:10 - 2:15PM	Dr Kerryn Phelps - MC
2:15 - 2:20PM	LGBTIQ+ Health Australia Welcome Nicky Bath, CEO, LGBTIQ+ Health Australia
2:20 - 2:25PM	Government Welcome Minister Richard Colbeck , Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services
2:25 - 2:35PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS HONORARY MICHAEL KIRBY, FORMER HIGH COURT JUDGE
2:37 - 3:37PM	HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER LGBTI PEOPLE PANEL Michael Frommer , Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and Sex Characteristics Specialist Adviser, Australian Human Rights Commission, Bill O'Loughlin , expert in HIV, LGBTIQ sexual health, drug use & harm reduction, & HIV in developing countries, Josephine Inkpin , Australia's first openly transgender licensed Anglican priest, and Minister of Pitt Street Uniting Church, Margaret Young , Global Alliance of the Rights of Older People. Chaired by: Prof Kerryn Phelps
3:37 - 4:00PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE
4:00 - 5:00PM	ABSTRACT SPOTLIGHT SESSION 1 - PRE RECORDED 5 x ten minute abstract presentations, 2 min break between each abstract
4:00 - 4:10PM	6. Recognising and supporting LGBTIQ+ carers Lukas Hofstätter, Research & Development Officer, Carers NSW
4:12 - 4:22PM	7. Culture and Ethnicity in LGBTQ Ageing: Review and Research Directions Jin Chen, PhD Candidate, Flinders University
4:24 - 4:34PM	8. Exploring the evidence on the housing needs and preferences of older LGBTI people Sandra South, Policy and Research Manager, Australian Association of Gerontology
4:36 - 4:46PM	9. Lived experiences of gender and sexuality diverse people with dementia: A scoping review towards a research agenda Louisa Smith, Research Fellow, Australian Health Services Research Institute
4:48 - 4:58PM	10. Lesbian Feminist Conversations - building connection through personal and political stories Robyn Lierton, Community Engagement And Diversity Manager, Ech Inc
5:02 - 6:02PM	ROYAL COMMISSION FINDINGS – IMPLICATIONS FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY PANEL Julia Geljon , Member of LGBTIQ+ Health Australia Advisory Group to the Royal Commission on Ageing, Samantha Edmonds , Chair of the Commonwealth's Aged Care Sector Committee's Diversity Sub-group, Kathy Mansfield , LGBTIQ "elder" working with Dr Catherine Barrett, Robert Day , Assistant Secretary of Dementia and Supported Ageing Branch in the Commonwealth Department of Health, Pat Sparrow , CEO of Aged and Community Services Australia. Chaired by: Prof Kerryn Phelps
6:02 - 6:30PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We have an exciting range of keynote speakers and special guest MCs. Some of those are below - we will be continually announcing guests as the conferences approach.



Opening Keynote Speaker:

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG (he/him)

When he retired from the High Court of Australia on 2 February 2009, Michael Kirby was Australia's longest serving judge.

He was first appointed in 1975 as a Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation & Arbitration Commission. Soon after, he became inaugural Chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission (1975-84). Later, he was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, then President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal (1984-96) and, concurrently, President of the Court of Appeal of Solomon Islands (1995-6). His appointment to the High Court of Australia followed in 1996 and he served thirteen years. In later years, he was Acting Chief Justice of Australia twice.

[Find out more.](#)



Conference Chair:

Prof Kerryn Phelps AM (she/her)

Politician, GP, Broadcaster, Civil Rights Advocate & Keynote Speaker

Dr Kerryn Phelps has changed the course of Australia's social and political history, having been a ground breaking politician, public health and civil rights advocate, and media commentator.

[Find out more.](#)



Closing Keynote Speaker:

Dr Clara Tuck Meng Soo, (she/her) GP, RACGP

Dr Clara Tuck Meng Soo has a long history of providing accessible healthcare to disadvantaged and marginalised populations. Soo has a strong commitment to the care of the LGBTIQ population. "There has been an enormous increase in demand for healthcare by the transgender population and we need more GPs who want to work with this community"

[Find out more.](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER LGBTI PEOPLE

2.30pm - 3.30pm (AEST) | Friday 16 April

COVID-19 has exposed many rifts in our society including the fragility of human rights of some of the most vulnerable in our society. This panel will explore how we can ensure the human rights of older LGBTI people are upheld and enshrined. We will discuss how we can effectively advocate for the human rights of the vulnerable and marginalised within our own community and what role can community organisations and individuals play to ensure the human rights of all older LGBTIQ+ people are honoured and observed.

Michael Frommer (he/him)

Michael Frommer is the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and Sex Characteristics Specialist Adviser at the Australian Human Rights Commission. He previously was a senior policy analyst in range of human rights areas, including LGBTI Health and HIV policy.

Bill O'Loughlin (he/him)

Bill O'Loughlin has a lengthy extensive history in HIV, LGBTIQ sexual health, drug use & harm reduction, & HIV in developing countries. He has held national and global leadership roles. He works as a freelance consultant specialising in cutting edge community informed policy development, and program design, review and evaluation.

(The Revd Dr) Josephine Inkipin (she/her)

Josephine Inkipin is Australia's first openly transgender licensed Anglican priest, and Minister of Pitt Street Uniting Church. A former General Secretary of the NSW Ecumenical Council (of Churches), and a staff member of the National Council of Churches in Australia, she is an experienced theological educator and peace, justice and inter-faith activist, the current chair of Equal Voices (the national ecumenical network of LGBTIQ+ Christians and allies), and a member of the Deloitte's Out50 Network of LGBTIQ+ Leaders. She is married to another female Anglican priest with whom she has shared her journey for 35 years

Margaret Young (she/her)

Global Alliance of the Rights of Older People

Margaret Young, EMBA., Dip GERO., social entrepreneur and applied gerontologist. Margaret has an insatiable curiosity that fuels her desire to engage, understand, and connect people for action. This curiosity was pivotal to her award-winning career with Canada's largest financial institution where she honed her craft in system thinking, organizational development, and leadership.

ROYAL COMMISSION FINDINGS – IMPLICATIONS FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

5.00pm - 6.00pm (AEST) | Friday 16 April

In the first week of March 2021 the findings of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety were made public. Followed by our [webinar held on the 24 March 2021](#), with key peak agencies to explore how the findings and recommendations will impact – positively or negatively – on LGBTIQ+ older people in aged care and for people considering moving into aged care. The Royal Commission is a watershed moment for aged care in this country and will influence policy and strategy in this area for a generation. How should we interpret the findings, what do they mean for diversity and inclusion in aged care moving forward and what do they mean for LGBTIQ+ people?

Julia Geljon (she/her)

Julia, is 80 years old and lives in Brisbane with her wife Chris. She has a long history of community involvement in both mainstream and LGBTI organisations, such as LGBTI Seniors Visiting Service and the current LGBTIQ+ Health Australia Advisory Group to the Royal Commission on Ageing.

Samantha Edmonds (she/her)

Chair of the Commonwealth's Aged Care Sector Committee's Diversity Sub-group.

Samantha Edmonds runs her own consultancy, that specialises in services that are respectful, person-centred, culturally safe and inclusive of LGBTI elders and older people. Sam is a distinguished member of the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) and Convenor of the AAG LGBTI Special Interest Group.

Kathy Mansfield (she/her)

LGBTIQ "elder" working with Dr Catherine Barrett and others as part of the "Celebrate Ageing" and "Kinfolk" Projects. Host of "Tranzvictoria" Facebook Group, Extensive Committee Moderator of Gender Diversity Australia (Genda) and Genda and Allies Facebook

Robert Day (he/him)

Assistant Secretary of Dementia and Supported Ageing Branch in the Commonwealth Department of Health

Pat Sparrow, (she/her)

CEO of Aged and Community Services Australia

Pat Sparrow is a social policy leader and innovator with expertise in stakeholder engagement and management. She has specific and detailed expertise in ageing policy and aged care, having worked as, and with, a diverse range of stakeholders including consumers, service providers, workforce, health professionals, corporate organisations and Government.

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LGBTI AGEING AND AGED CARE CONFERENCE 2021

Friday 23 April | Afternoon

2.00 - 2.15PM	PLENARY / DAY 2 OFFICIAL WELCOME
2:00 - 2:05PM	Welcome to Country- Nana Miss Koori
2:05 - 2:15PM	Opening Keynote: Uncle Jack Charles
2 minutes for delegates to move between sessions	
2:17 - 3:17PM	PALLIATIVE CARE AND THE LGBTI COMMUNITY PANEL Kimberley D Acquaviva , Professor, University of Virginia School of Nursing and author, Dr Annetta Mallon , Thanatologist, professional writer, professional public speaker, academic, researcher, Deb Rawlings , Senior lecturer, Flinders University, Joël Murray , Manage Community Health Programs ACON, Phil Carswell , Gay activist & health consumer advocate. Chaired by: Prof Kerry Phelps
3:17 - 3:50PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE
3:50 - 5:00PM	ABSTRACT SPOTLIGHT SESSION 2 5 x ten minute abstract presentations, 2 min break between each abstract
3:50 - 4:00PM	16. Beyond 'difficulties': Can services help LGBTIQ+ older people name elder abuse? Lucinda Shannon, Silver Rainbow Engagement Coordinator, Working it Out
4:02 - 4:12PM	17. Keeping older community connected online Russ Gluyas, Program Coordinator, Ageing, ACON
4:14 - 4:24PM	18. Clearing a pathway to connection: LGBTI+ Seniors Community Visiting Schemes Ann Matson, LGBTI Seniors Community Visiting Service Coordinator
4:26 - 4:36PM	19. LGBTI Aged Care System Navigators Olivia Hogarth, Community Engagement & Learning Coordinator, Working it Out
4:38 - 4:48PM	20. Creating spaces, places and climate that people be and become best selves! Bilge Ozgun, Diversity and Inclusion lead, Wesley
4 minutes for delegates to move between sessions	
4:52 - 5:52PM	COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY PANEL Dr Daniel Parker PhD , Psychologist, Tillver Counselling, June Lowe , GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc (GRAI), Catherine Barrett , Director, Alice's Garage, Margherita Coppolino , influential disability and inclusion consultant, Dion Tatow , Iman and Wadja man from Central Queensland and South Sea Islander (Ambrym Island, Vanuatu). Chaired by: Prof Kerry Phelps
5:52 - 6:30PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE

PALLIATIVE CARE AND THE LGBTI COMMUNITY

2.30pm - 3.30pm (AEST) | Friday 23 April

Palliative care should be respectful, sensitive and culturally appropriate to all people. What does inclusive palliative care look like for LGBTIQ+ communities?

Do we know how to advocate for end of life care for our loved ones and ourselves? This panel will explore these issues.

Kimberley D Acquaviva (she/her)

Professor, University of Virginia School of Nursing and author.

Kimberly D. Acquaviva, PhD, MSW, CSE, FNAP is the Betty Norman Norris Endowed Professor at the University of Virginia School of Nursing and the author of *LGBTQ-Inclusive Hospice & Palliative Care: A Practical Guide to Transforming Professional Practice*. She is an AASECT-Certified Sexuality Educator.

Dr Annetta Mallon (she/her)
Thanatologist, professional writer, professional public speaker, academic, researcher, story-keeper, humourist, advocate, listener, networker, ally, and a compassionate, sex-positive support person.

"I am a former psychotherapist who worked for more than two decades concentrating on the arenas of grief and loss, injury and trauma recovery, and personal growth and development for my clients. I am a seasoned speaker and lecturer, regularly invited to speak at both academic and public events."

Deb Rawlings (she/her)

Senior lecturer, Flinders University.

Deb is a senior lecturer and course coordinator in postgraduate palliative Care at Flinders University. She is a co-Investigator on the End of Life Essentials project, and a member of the steering committee of the LGBTIQ+ Health Australia National Palliative Care Project.

Joël Murray (they/them)

Joël Murray (they/them) has been working in peer-led community health since 2016 in a range of health, social policy, research and program management and evaluation roles. Currently, they manage ACON's Community Health Programs team, which includes ageing programs for sexuality and gender diverse communities and people living with HIV.

Phil Carswell (he/him)

Gay activist & health consumer advocate.

Phil Carswell OAM has been a gay activist since 1973. He helped organise the First National Homosexual Conference in 1975 and was one of the authors of "Young, Gay and Proud" in 1978. He retired in 2012 and was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia in 2015. He is currently working as a health consumer advocate for both kidney health (he had a transplant in 2019) and more recently in providing a consumer voice during COVID-19.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

5.00pm - 6.00pm (AEST) | Friday 23 April

Our communities have demonstrated resilience, innovation and creativity for decades. Over the last two decades we have ensured that ageing and growing older as LGBTI people is part of the narrative and experience of being LGBTI. What are some of the personal stories we have about growing older? What are the intergenerational bonds that we are relying on and learning about as individuals across our communities plan to grow older? This panel discussion will explore the innovation and creativity we are learning about and imbedding into our own networks as we grow older.

Dr Daniel Parker PhD (he/him)
Psychologist, Tillver Counselling

Dr Daniel Parker is a clinical psychologist with over 30 years of experience in providing therapy to individuals, couples and groups, and consultation, training and supervision to practitioners and organisations. He specialises LGBTI psychology, LGBTI older adult mental health, and in work with those living and ageing with HIV.

June Lowe (she/her)
GLBTI Rights in Ageing Inc (GRAI)

June has worked for LGBTI elders' rights and wellbeing since joining GRAI in 2009 – involved in research, advocacy, law reform and inclusivity training in aged care. A key aspect of her role is also organising social events and projects to build peer-to-peer and intergenerational support networks.

Catherine Barrett (she/her)
Director, Alice's Garage

Dr Catherine Barrett is the Director of Alice's Garage, a national program empowering older LGBTI Australians. Catherine was the cochair of the committee that developed the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Strategy and has led research on the experiences of older LGBTI people and aged care, dementia, mental wellbeing and care giving. She is passionate about promoting awareness of older LGBTI people's experiences of Elder Abuse and engaging LGBTIQ communities in supporting older community members

Margherita Coppolino (she/her)
Margherita Coppolino is an Inclusion/Intersectionality consultant and photographer. With an outstanding network of contacts in government, business and social justice organisations, Margherita has a proven ability to inspire and influence a wide

range of stakeholders on inclusion/intersectionality issues. She has strong commercial acumen and ability to frame inclusion issues in a commercial context. During her career, she also has honed & developed specialist skills in project management, facilitation, recruitment and case management.

Dion Tatow (he/him)

Dion Tatow is an Iman and Wadja man from Central Queensland and South Sea Islander (Ambrym Island, Vanuatu). With a passion and commitment to empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gain the knowledge, skills and resources to make informed decisions about their future, Dion has 15 years' experience in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled sector in a range of roles in health and child protection. Prior to this, he worked in a number of government agencies for almost 20 years in roles across health, human services and education.

LGBTI AGEING AND AGED CARE CONFERENCE 2021

Friday 30 April | Afternoon

1:50 - 2:15PM	PLENARY / DAY 3 OFFICIAL WELCOME
1:50 - 1:54PM	Welcome to Country - Nana Miss Koori
1:55 - 2:11PM	Julie McCrossin Keynote
2:12 - 2:17PM	"Mystery" performed by Ursula Yovich
2:17 - 3:17PM	AGEISM AND ELDER ABUSE PANEL Paul Van Reyk , gay activist and author, Bev Lange , Executive Officer, Elder Abuse Action Australia, Brenda Appleton , volunteer with a wide range of community groups, Jennifer Smythe , Assistant Principal Solicitor, Senior Rights Service, Associate Professor Bianca Brijnath , Divisional Director of Social Gerontology at the National Ageing Research Institute. Chaired by: Prof Kerryn Phelps
3:17 - 3:45PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE
3:45 - 4:45PM	COVID-19 PANEL Four abstract submitters in panel discussion Prof Mark Hughes , Southern Cross University, Mr Jack Thepsourinthone , Southern Cross University and Western Sydney University, Dr Trevor Gates , University of the Sunshine Coast, Dr Tinashe Dune , Western Sydney University.
2 minutes for delegates to move between sessions	
4:47 - 5:47PM	PLANNING TO GROW OLD AND OLDER – WHAT DO I NEED TO DO? PANEL Russ Gluyas , Program Coordinator for Ageing, ACON, Fiona York , Executive Officer, Housing for the Aged Action Group, Margaret Crothers , Regional Advocacy and Education Coordinator, Seniors Rights Service. Anthony Venn-Brown OAM (he/him) Founder and CEO of Ambassadors & Bridge Builders International (ABBI), Roy Starkey , Over 50 years of community engagement and support work. Reverend, Dr Dorothy McRae-McMahon Chaired by: Prof Kerryn Phelps
5:49 - 6:00PM	CLOSING KEYNOTE: Dr Clara Tuck Meng Soo
6:00 - 6:05PM	CLOSING REMARKS: Carolyn Gillespie, Director of Services at Thorne Harbour Health
6:05 - 6:30PM	BREAK / NETWORKING LAWNS / MEET THE EXHIBITORS / THE CAFE

AGEISM AND ELDER ABUSE PANEL

2.30pm - 3.30pm (AEST) | Friday 30 April

This session will explore the interrelationship between ageism and elder abuse. The prevalence of elder abuse is currently being studied by the Australian Institute of Family Studies and to date there has been no engagement with LGBTI communities. This panel will explore what researchers need to know to ensure LGBTI ageism and abuse is better understood hence leading to better policy outcomes for our communities. For example, if elder abuse is most commonly perpetrated by the adult children of the older person then what may that look like across LGBTI communities. We will also consider what are the nuances and differences that older LGBTI people may experience.

Paul Van Reyk (he/him)

Paul van Reyk has been a gay activist for the past 40 years and looks forward to continuing to be an activist as he ages. Paul is a father to six adult children, one toddler grandchild with a second on the way. Paul has written extensively on gay activism, gay donating, and HIV/AIDS. Paul has also featured in ABC and SBS documentaries across his various gay lives. Paul most recently was a member of a panel discussion during the Mardi Gras Festival on LGBTIQA65 - Equality at Every Age.

Bev Lange (she/her)

Executive Officer
Elder Abuse Action Australia

Brenda Appleton (she/her)

Brenda Appleton retired in 2009 after 35 years working in the corporate sector and is now heavily involved volunteering with a wide range of community groups, including the LGBTI communities in Melbourne (for more than 20 years). She is the Chair of Transgender Victoria, a member of the Victorian Elder Abuse Roundtable, the Senior Victorians Advisory Group and the Victorian Mental Health Ministerial Advisory Committee.

Jennifer Smythe (she/her)

Assistant Principal Solicitor, Senior Rights Service

Seniors Rights Service provides free legal assistance, aged care advocacy and rights-based education forums to seniors across NSW. Through her work there and at other community

legal centres, Jen has developed a keen interest in those areas of law where personal rights intersect with health and institutional care, especially privacy and decision making.

Associate Professor Bianca Brijnath (she/her)

Associate Professor Bianca Brijnath is the Divisional Director of Social Gerontology at the National Ageing Research Institute.

A/Prof Bianca Brijnath is the Divisional Director of Social Gerontology at the National Ageing Research Institute. She has expertise in cultural diversity and elder abuse and has undertaken several studies on elder abuse prevalence, primary prevention, risk assessment, management in the context of dementia, and big-data analysis of service responses.

COVID-19 AND LGBTIQ+ OLDER PEOPLE: IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC IN AUSTRALIA

3.45pm - 4:45pm | Friday 30 April

Different groups of LGBTIQ+ older people experience health disparities that may lead them to be more impacted by COVID-19 and the public health response. This panel comprises researchers sharing initial findings of a mixed-method survey, conducted between August and December 2020, of 394 LGBTIQ+ people aged 60+ on their experience during the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia. Key findings will be reported across the lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, non-binary, transgender and intersex sub-groups of the sample.

Findings indicate the high level of fear among LGBTIQ+ older people about infection, changes in their internet use, concerns about loneliness and social isolation, and perceptions of how their physical and mental health has changed during the pandemic. Some participants also reported on how their lives have improved during the pandemic, including new opportunities to maintain relationships online, increased wellbeing, less pressure to socialise and a strengthening of some relationships. A 20-minute Q&A session will explore the implications for community and service responses to the pandemic.

Panel members comprise:

Jack Thepsourinthone (they/them)
Southern Cross University and
Western Sydney University,

Jack Thepsourinthone is a researcher whose endeavours have led them to undertake various research projects in the aims of improving the quality of life for LGBTQI+, women, migrant, and other minority individuals. B. Psychology (Western Sydney University), M. Research (Western Sydney University), and PhD (current HDR candidate at Western Sydney University). They have over ten years of experience designing and conducting research, as well as collecting and analysing both quantitative and qualitative data (including surveys, focus groups, interviews, observational

research, systematic reviews). Jack Thepsourinthone has experience in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed method research in their own, as well as other, research projects.

Dr Trevor Gates (he/him)
University of the Sunshine Coast,

Trevor; Trevor G. Gates is a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at University of the Sunshine Coast. Trevor has experience as a clinical social worker and addiction counselor specializing in practice with sexual and gender diverse people. Trevor is interested in volunteerism and civic engagement in sexual and gender diverse communities.

Dr Tinashe Dune (she/her)
Western Sydney University.

Dr Tinashe Dune is a multi-award-winning Senior Lecturer in the

areas of health sociology and public health. She is also a Clinical Psychology Registrar at and a Justice of the Peace for NSW. At Western Sydney University, Dr Dune teaches in the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Health Science programs.

Chaired by: Prof Mark Hughes (he/him)
Southern Cross University,

Mark Hughes is Professor of Social Work at Southern Cross University. He has worked as a social worker in health, mental health and aged care settings. Since 2002, he has led a program of research on LGBTIQ+ ageing, which has included a focus on health disparities and developing LGBTIQ+-friendly services.

PLANNING TO GROW OLD AND OLDER – WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

5.00pm - 6.00pm | Friday 30 April

Sometimes it is the most practical things we overlook as we age. The more we talk about ageing and growing older the more important the practical aspects of life are so that we age healthily and with adequate support to enjoy our senior years. This panel will explore what are the simple actions we can take now and what are the more complex plans that we need to consider and talk over with friends and other support agencies?

Russ Gluyas (he/him)

Program Coordinator for Ageing, ACON

Russ Gluyas has been working with ACON for 12 years in a variety of roles but most prominently as Program Coordinator for Ageing. Russ turns 59 this year and has defied death from throat cancer, a heart attack and a life well lived with HIV for 32 years. Russ is passionate about older LGBTQ+ people, specifically celebrating the rich community history, not leaving anyone behind, reducing social isolation, debunking ageism and creative engagements. Russ believes that older LGBTQ+ people should be more visible and we should celebrated their resilience, strength, knowledge and lived experiences.

Fiona York (she/her)

Executive Officer, Housing for the Aged Action Group

Fiona has been working with older people for almost 20 years in a variety of roles within the community sector, including in elder abuse, community aged care, cultural diversity and most recently, in housing. She has post-graduate qualifications in Community Development, Ethics and Legal Studies and brings a social justice perspective to all aspects of her work. She has worked with Housing for the Aged Action Group since 2016, and has been in the Executive Officer role since May

2018, leading the organisations strong commitment to diversity and advocacy for older people in housing stress.

Margaret Crothers (she/her)

Regional Advocacy and Education Coordinator, Seniors Rights Service

Margaret is an experienced school teacher and brings her background in education and learning to her current role. She has worked as an aged care advocate/educator with Seniors Rights Service for the past fourteen years. Margaret is passionate about promoting and defending the rights of older people and coordinating the development of Seniors Rights Service's growing regional presence in Nowra, Moruya, Dubbo, Lismore, Port Macquarie, Albury, Broken Hill and Wagga Wagga.

Roy Starkey (he/him)

Roy Starkey recently retired following over 50 years of community engagement and support work. He lived and worked in the NR region for over a decade prior to retirement and moving to SE Asia. He returned following unforeseen circumstances and the NR region once again became his base. His professional experiences range from general nursing, to funeral industry, counselling, prison support, care coordination and industry training in ageing, mental health, sexuality and ageing, LGBTI Ageing, and support as

well as working with injecting drug users. Advocating for client rights and acceptance for the diverse communities in which he has worked, he unintentionally he became an activist for the rights of those living with HIV and the broader LGBT communities in both urban and rural/regional areas.

Anthony Venn-Brown OAM (he/him)

Founder and CEO of Ambassadors & Bridge Builders International (ABBI)

In a former life, Anthony Venn-Brown was a high-profile Pentecostal preacher, in Australia's mega-churches such as Hillsong. His bestselling autobiography, "A Life of Unlearning", details growing up in a time when homosexuals were imprisoned and mental health professionals treated their "perversion". Turning to God, Anthony spent the next 22 years going through gay conversion "therapy", exorcisms and marriage trying NOT to be gay.

Reverend, Dr Dorothy McRae-McMahon (she/her)

Dorothy McRae-McMahon (born 1934) is a retired Australian Uniting Church minister and activist, formerly Minister at Pitt Street Uniting Church—renowned for its human rights work and local "street level" activism. McRae-McMahon has been a feminist Christian trailblazer since the 1970s.



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