



The LGBTI Roundtable is inclusive of all sexually and gender diverse people

Queensland LGBTI Roundtable Communiqué

The third meeting of the Queensland LGBTI Roundtable for 2020 was held on 24 September 2020.

As the two-year membership term ended in April 2020, members were invited to extend their term until 31 October 2020.

The meeting was predominately focused on mental health initiatives.

The Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women gave an overview of the outcomes of the Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) COVID-19 summit and associated actions to support people experiencing DFV. This follows consultation with members at the April meeting in the lead up to the summit.

The Queensland Council for LGBTI Health discussed a hub and spoke model that will be implemented in various regions across Queensland. In addition, members received information about the Talking Heals Suicide Prevention Campaign that provides pathways for LGBTIQ+, Sistergirl and Brotherboy people at risk of suicide. Further information is available at www.talkingheals.org.au.

Queensland's Mental Health Commissioner, Ivan Frkovic gave an overview of the *Every life: The Queensland Suicide Prevention Plan 2019-2029*. Members received data for persons who identify as LGBTIQ+, budget allocation and actions that will be undertaken. Further information on Phase 1 is available at www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/strategic-planning/action-plans/suicide-prevention.

Some culturally and linguistically diverse communities have seen an increase in vilification during COVID-19. The Cohesive Communities Coalition developed paper which includes options of strengthening criminal responses to vilification (<https://betterlawsforsafeqld.com.au>). Queensland's Human Rights Commissioner, Scott McDougall advised that options will be considered as part of the review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)*.

The meeting, coordinated by the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors, was attended by the Honourable Coralee O'Rourke MP, Minister for Communities and Minister for Disability Services and Seniors, and community representatives: Dr Elise Stephenson, Dr Lisa van Leent, Matt Hall, Pete Black, Rebecca Johnson, Rob Nielsen, Ruth Toomey, Sarah Walbank and Vicki Ogilvie. They were joined by seven senior government representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Department of Education, Queensland Human Rights Commission, Queensland Public Service Commission, Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women, Department of Justice and Attorney-General, and Queensland Health.

The role of the Roundtable is to enable the Queensland Government to ensure its policies, programs and services are inclusive of and responsive to the needs of LGBTI communities, individuals and their families.

Roundtable members represent Queensland's diverse LGBTI communities and bring rich expertise in LGBTI matters, including in the fields of education, youth, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and rural and remote experiences.