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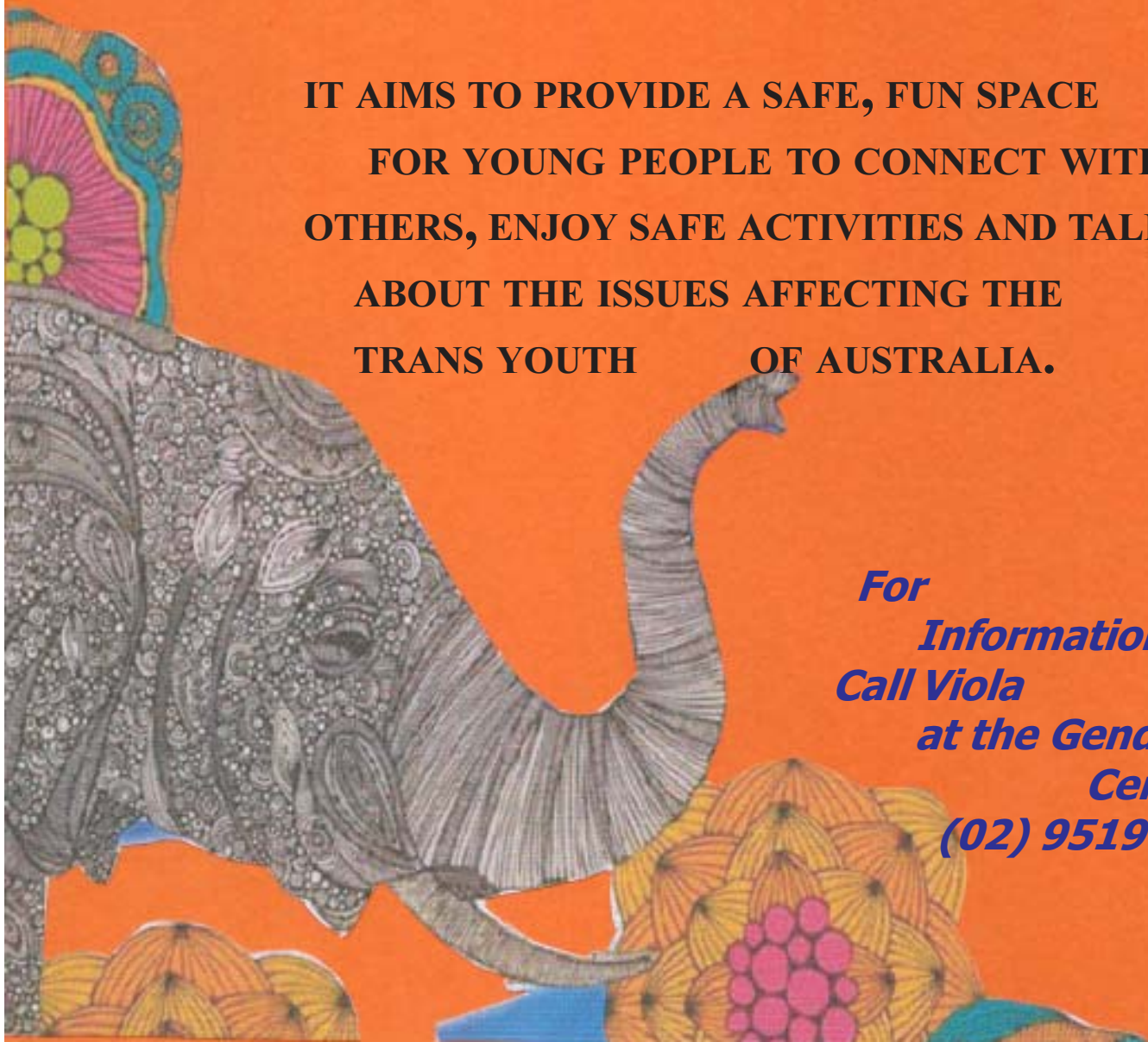
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# Editorial



On December 7, 2017 the same-sex (or equal marriage) law was passed by the Australian Parliament and we climbed one more rung of what sometimes

seems to be an endless ladder.

We can only hope that this ladder, like the one that Jacob saw in his dream (Genesis 28:10-17) will eventually lead us from the mundane life we currently know to a veritable paradise of human rights.

Jacob's ladder was seen in a dream and ours is also no more than a metaphor but at least we have the benefit of registering a small social victory for equality under the law.

The expensive, unnecessary and pointless (i.e. non-binding) plebiscite inflicted on the Australian voting population brought out all the evil attitudes that had been forecast, with the dimmer and most fanatical on each side taking the opportunity to insult, degrade and lie to and about their opponents.

All that this accomplished was verification that the bell curve applies to almost every large sampling and further demonstrated that there will be extremists on both sides of any argument.

Some of those who were on the losing side of the plebiscite are complaining that the plebiscite was only carried by 62% to 38% of those who voted, and that therefore the 38% have been

deprived of the right to have their views respected. They are quite right. This is called democracy, and 51% to 49% is also a win. It's the system we live by. As Winston Churchill said, democracy is an unfair system, but it is also the fairest system there is.

The more extreme of the plebiscite nay-sayers are pushing the view that the religious rights of the minority 38% will be trampled by the implacable obsessions of the yeasayers, forcing people to be associated with ceremonies they disapprove of and having their children exposed to education that provides more than the restricted tunnel vision they would prefer.

On more than one occasion Cory Bernardi, who has now formed his own Conservative political party, has suggested that same-sex marriage



**Julia Doulman takes  
on Cory Bernardi**

might lead to even greater excesses, including bestiality. He was forcibly corrected on the polling day for the by-election in Bennelong by Julia Doulman, a transgender woman who was the subject of Ruth Cullen's fine

documentary *Becoming Julia*. Julia was driving by a press conference being held by Bernardi and paused long enough to demolish Bernardi's innuendos with a few sharp questions, a recommendation that Bernardi have a look at *Becoming Julia* and learn something ("I won't," replied Bernardi) and finally left with the pithy put-down, "We don't all screw cats!"

Extreme views such as Bernardi's, sadly, can affect our legislators, who should know better and should be able to differentiate between legal marriage, which is a civil contract, and religious marriage, which is a faith-based ritual.

Some proponents of the way things are (or were before December 7) are acting as if marriage has always been between one man and one woman, for life, excluding all others, and to suggest anything else is blasphemous, seditious and obscene, even if it is factually historical.

This view often bases its arguments on sex, procreation and the requirement that acts of sex are justified only by the possibility of subsequent child-bearing.

This is a very primitive viewpoint, considering that over-population is the single greatest threat to the continued existence of mankind on this planet.

It removes the option of marriage from those who are past child-bearing age, or who, for any other reason, are unable to produce offspring, and it ignores those cultures that practise polygamy and polyandry and have

done for centuries. It also suggests that Australia is a Christian country, whereas it is quite explicitly a secular one favouring no specific religion. It would be logical to eliminate the Lord's Prayer from the beginning of every Parliamentary session. Nor should petitions to Parliament conclude with the peculiar and virtually meaningless statement: "And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray". What duty? Pray to whom? Or to what?

If anyone really believes that marriage should be between one man and one woman, for life, they should pay attention to that part of Family Law that deals with divorce.

I have no objection to religious marriage and I see no reason why the churches should not continue their rituals and celebrations (christenings, confirmations, exorcisms, funerals, bar- and bat-mitzvahs, marriages, rites of passage and all the other ceremonial paraphenalia accumulated through the ages).

**I do, however, believe that those who are subjected to these processes have the right to refuse to participate, particularly if the ritual imposes pain or physical harm.**

But even if these rituals, ceremonies and procedures continue, they should not contravene the law, which should treat all people equally.

Marriage celebrants, religious and secular, will probably be allowed to decline to marry same-sex couples if they are unwilling to do so, although this is wrong because it measures the rights of people against a double

standard. I am quite **sure** it is wrong to allow those who are ancillary to the wedding processes to act as if they were an integral part of the religious ritual.

Those who perform peripheral tasks, such as cake-making, car driving, flower arranging, or any other service skill, should not be able to exclude specific segments of the population from their services. This is apartheid built on a foundation of religion rather than race.




It is hard to see how denial of services to same-sex people because they wish to marry and are legally entitled to do so can be seen as other than discriminatory and contrary to the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Gay and lesbian couples refused service by a tradesperson would

usually take their business elsewhere, but they should also be entitled to legal compensation for such flagrant flouting of the law and disregard of their human rights.

Readers of *Polare*, alert to all that goes on around them, will have noticed that this issue of *Polare* is half the size of earlier issues (A5 rather than A4) , in order to make it more economical to print and post, although the number of pages is the same and I hope the type size has not been reduced further than necessary.

It has been suggested that the smaller size will make the magazine easier to carry in a pocket or handbag and that it is more attractive in its reduced format. Your comments are welcome.

*Katherine* 

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***STOP PRESS:***

Germaine Greer, who attacks, derides and denigrates transgender people whenever she can, and untruthfully assigns attitudes and beliefs to them that are atypical, has been named Australian of the Year in Britain in a ceremony held in London on Saturday 20 January.

Greer has a reputation for taking extreme points of view and refusing to listen to contrary viewpoints.

As a result she has come under fire from her fellow feminists, among others, for her foolish criticism of the

“Me Too” movement. She has also been subjected to physical assaults such as “glitter bombing” which consists of throwing a quantity of ‘glitter’ over a person as a gesture of dislike.

I deplore the use of physical violence, such as “glitter bombing”, as much as I deplore the verbal violence which Greer uses to keep her dimming light visible to those who do not think. If the Australia Day Committee in the UK had spent more time thinking they might not have made such an embarrassing choice.



# *Transgender Day of Remembrance 2017*

*remembered by Bodhi Connor, Kate DeMaere and Katherine Cummings*

The 2017 observance of the Transgender Day of Remembrance was held in Harmony Park, Surry Hills, as it had been in 2016 and it was again followed a candlelight vigil in Taylor Square organised by Sydney Transgender Pride.

The day originated in the United States when transwoman Gwendolyn Ann Smith founded the event in 1999 after the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender African American woman. The day is now observed around the world each November 20, in memory of those transgender people who have lost their lives to transphobic violence or suffered anti-transgender violence of a serious nature.

Most of these victims are women and many are women of colour. A list of victims' names can be found at <https://tdor.info>. The day is also used to raise general awareness of the existence of transphobia and of the disadvantaged lives led by many transgender people.

Planning for the day was carried out, as usual, by representatives from (in alphabetical order), the City of Sydney, the Gender Centre, the Inner City Legal Centre, the NSW Police Force and Trans Sydney Pride.

The proceedings were held outdoors in the park although several marquees had been erected by police volunteers,

to provide shelter if required. The weather, however, could not have been better and we were able to enjoy a perfect Spring evening.

The Police Brass Quintet supplied a background of music as people started to arrive and by the official start time (7.00 pm) there were more than fifty people seated on the chairs which had been supplied and set up by GLLOs (Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers) and other police volunteers. The Quintet also played musical interludes between the keynote speakers.

Kaya Wilson was the Master of Ceremonies for the day and introduced the keynote speakers with just the right amount of information about them, their previous history and the topics on which they were speaking.

The first speaker was Rachael Wallbank, an activist lawyer with a brilliant record in the Family Court, which has become her specialty. Rachael was the lawyer who successfully ran the Re Kevin case in

2001 on the validity of marriage for transsexuals.

On this occasion she spoke of the Re Kelvin case which had been brought by the father of a transgender man who sought the removal of the necessity for Family Court approval for

the administration of Stage 2 medication for transgender people younger than eighteen, provided the



**Rachael Wallbank**

transgender patient was supported in this procedure by the relevant medical experts, the transgender person's parents or guardians and, of course, the transgender person him- or herself.

Rachael set her speech in the context of a philosophy of compassion and understanding called Ubuntu. An edited version of Rachael's talk is to be found later in this issue of *Polare*

The next speaker was Alex Greenwich, Independent MLA for the electorate of Sydney in the NSW Parliament, who spoke eloquently of the legislative advances that have been made or are in the process of going through the parliamentary processes. both Federal and State.

Since TDOR same-sex marriage has become a reality but there are still areas of disadvantage for transgendered people in society and Alex Greenwich and some of his parliamentary colleagues are constantly working for recognition of our human rights and equality in all kinds of social situations.



**Moo Baulch**

information about the effects of domestic violence on transgender

people, who are liable to mistreatment from parents, siblings and even their own children. All such violence is unjustified, often results in mental as well as physical damage, and in extreme cases may lead to suicide.



**Alex Greenwich MLA**

Moo made the point that we are much better at talking about violence but, despite improvements, systems still don't recognise the nature and dynamics of violence used against trans people. We still function in a world where sometimes the institutions that are supposed to support and nurture victim-survivors are the cause and perpetrators of the violence (systems abuse). We have come a long way but we need to become better at looking after each other. We should be "**good** bystanders".

After Moo Baulch's talk, members of the audience were given candles for the vigil. They then walked to Taylor Square, where a crowd estimated at over 200 had already gathered.

The Gay & Lesbian Choir greeted them with a brilliant rendition of "Over the Rainbow". Colleen Windsor of Trans Sydney Pride addressed the gathering and the evening concluded with the Gay & Lesbian Choir's stunning performance of "Now Is The Hour", a lament for the departing and the departed. □□□

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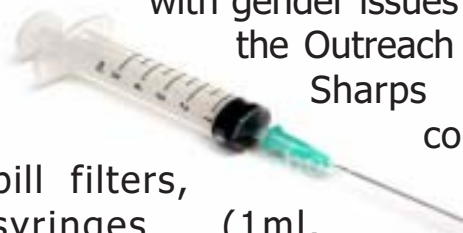
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# Through Struggle to Success by Bobby

I am Bobby, a third gender woman, and I live in Nepal. I was born in a remote part of Nepal called the Kavre District, east of Kathmandu. My ethnic community was called the Tamang. I grew up in small village, knowing nothing of the city.

All I knew was the river and the jungle and the hills and a small community of friends and family.

As I grew up people restricted my innate feminine behaviour, but I was unable to stop myself from feeling feminine with all my heart and soul.

I hardly ever played with the boys but mixed with the girls and played their games. When I reached adolescence people would tease me, calling me “Chaklka” and “Hijada”, derogatory terms applied to people who show transgender behaviour.

Because my family was poor I did not attend school and decided to leave my village following unpleasant treatment from my family and the neighbourhood in general. I went to the capital of Nepal, Kathmandu, and worked in a hotel as a cleaner and general help for almost five years. Even there I felt I was being discriminated against in my workplace.

I had no GLBTI friends and nobody I could talk to about myself. I had no idea about human rights, although I felt I was being discriminated against. Because I did not know I had rights I kept all my rebellious thoughts bottled up inside me.

There was a park called Ratna Park, close to the hotel, famous for cruising by gay and transgender people and one day I decided to visit it. I saw some people like myself and started to mix with them.

This was in the year 2000 and LGBTI people were starting to organise in Nepal. I became involved in the



**Ratna Park, Kathmandu**

movement and attended meeting and training groups. I was self-empowered to leave my job at the hotel and take work with the Blue Diamond Society as peer educator. My task was to educate people so that they did not contract HIV and STIs. I distributed condoms and lubricants, seeing them for the first time in my life.

I gathered gay and trans-gender friends and organised them to attend training sessions, workshops and meetings.

I left my job at the hotel and started on a new journey in my life. As I am uneducated I could not obtain any employment with sound financial rewards so I became a sex worker.

In the daytime I worked as a volunteer peer educator and at night I was a sex



worker. As a sex worker I suffered a lot of harassment which led me to place more emphasis on working with the police.

Gradually the harassment aspect of my involvement with the police became less, although I had one very bad experience of being arrested and locked up for thirty-nine days in 2004.

From that time on I decided to work for the rights of sex workers and have spent my time since then reducing police harassment of transgender sex workers as well as cisgender female sex workers. I visit them in jail, provide food and Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART), hormones and other medicines inside the jail.

I am also involved in advocacy meetings with the police and the National Human Rights Commission of Nepal on behalf of transgender sex workers.

Sex work is not easy in Nepal because although there are no laws against sex work the police arrest sex workers using the Public Offences Act. When sex workers are arrested they are forced to pay high amounts of bail.

My activism has expanded from HIV work to advocacy and sensitisation. I contribute to the reduction of HIV infection among my transgender friends and help to free them from jail. I also advocate for our case with the policy makers. I am empowered, I know my rights and I share my expertise with my peers and friends. That helps me do more for my community and motivates me to take on more hard work.

Now we have an ART clinic to supply ART medicine and to provide a CD4 (T cell) count and viral load testing. These services help them to increase their healthcare awareness and behaviour.

I think I have achieved a lot, starting from my base as an uneducated transgender person to become an educated person.

I am proud of what I do and who I am. Now I have no regret at being transgender and want to devote my life to the betterment of my community.

Many people have won scholarships to international conferences in the sexual health area by writing excellent papers and being selected for participation in international forums.

I would like to take part in these international forums but I do not have the necessary financial support. I would like to participate in the International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam in 2018 as I would like to share my story about grass roots level people in our community becoming involved in the campaign for human rights and the recognition of health issues. I believe my story would encourage others like me to become policy makers, donors and stakeholders and to work hard for the community.

I am therefore requesting that if you wish to help me to attend the International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam you should email me at: [sanjayatamang40@yahoo.com](mailto:sanjayatamang40@yahoo.com). Thank you. ☐☐☐

# Transmen and Cervical Screening by Maggie Smith, *Clinical Nurse Consultant*

Cervical screening has changed in Australia. The Pap test has been replaced with a new Cervical Screening Test. The recent changes to the National Guidelines may make it easier for a transman to have this test.

The changes mean it may be possible for a transman to self-collect a swab for testing. If a man has had a total hysterectomy (removal of uterus and ovaries) then he no longer needs to have cervical screening. If ovaries have been removed (an oophorectomy) as part of affirming surgery, but the uterus and cervix have been left in place, or if the uterus has been removed but the cervix has not (partial hysterectomy), then a man needs cervical screening.

Cervical screening is used to detect the presence of strains of the human papilloma virus (HPV) that are known to be linked to cervical cancer. In the past cervical screening required a sample of cells being collected by a clinician using a speculum inserted into the vagina (front hole) and samples taken from the cervix. Testing now is directly for the presence of strains of HPV and a swab can check this.

For best results it is still recommended that a clinician collects the swab using a speculum, but if the thought of this stops a person having cervical screening, then there is now the option

to self-collect. Note, however, that if there have been past abnormalities or if the self-collected swab shows any abnormalities, then there will need to be further examination and investigation by a clinician.

The frequency or how often a person needs a cervical screen has also changed. The time between tests has gone from every two years to every five years. The age to start having cervical screening has gone from eighteen years of age to twenty-five. People aged between seventy and seventy-five will require one final test before no longer requiring them.

As cervical cancer is caused by HPV, sexual activity is the main risk factor. Certainly, having receptive vaginal or front hole sex increases the chances of getting HPV in a cervix, but any genital-to-genital skin contact could put a person at risk. Cervical cancer is preventable and early detection through screening is the best way to avoid any problems.

If you have never had a cervical screen, are scared about having one or have found them too uncomfortable in the past, please discuss this with a clinician. That clinician could be your regular doctor or staff at a sexual health service.

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*James Lyons*



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# News Items of Interest

## TRANS LIFE AND NUMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES

In some areas the United States has been a leader in transgender recognition and progress, with Christine Jorgensen being the first widely publicised case of gender affirmation, and significant medical progress having been achieved through the numbers of transgender people who made themselves known after the first pioneers and trailblazers had shown the way.

There have been inevitable reactionary pendulum swings against transgender progress, sometimes resulting in random acts of violence against transgender women, particularly sex workers and transwomen of colour.

These reactions have not been helped by resistance from the military and half-hearted attempts to allow transgender people to serve in the armed forces as long as they kept it secret.

“Don’t ask, don’t tell” was a peculiarly juvenile way to avoid facing facts, and the suggestion that transgender people (and gay and lesbian people) could not serve with honour and distinction has been disproved time and time again.

There is even an organisation of transgender ex-servicemen and women active in the United States. Some of them have adopted the slogan “I fought for your right to hate me.”

Under President Barack Obama “Don’t ask, don’t tell” was scrapped and transpeople were allowed to serve in the military without impediment.

The unpredictable President Trump has reversed that position, however, stating that transgender people may not serve in the United States military “in any capacity”. Since he has not turned this into a direct order the armed forces have so far ignored his weird and inconsistent statements. Trump also reversed Obama’s ruling that transgender students could use the toilets, change rooms and bathrooms appropriate to their innate genders.

A recent article from the Williams ‘think tank’ in California claimed that 0.6% of Americans are transgendered, or three out of every 500. This is triple the number that Lynn Conway (Univ. of Michigan), Femke Oslager (Ghent Univ.) and Sam Winter (Hong Kong Univ.) established in earlier studies.

Sadly, fewer than half the States in the USA ban gender-based discrimination and tg workers are four times as likely as the rest of the population to be earning less than \$10,000 a year.

It is said that forty-one per cent reported attempting suicide, compared to 1.6 per cent of the general population.

Twenty-six per cent reported having lost a job due to being transgendered and twenty per cent had been evicted or denied accommodation. Clearly the United States still has a way to go and we should not always expect them to lead the way. Australia is ahead of many countries in transgender progress and we should continue to set an example. □□□

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# 2018

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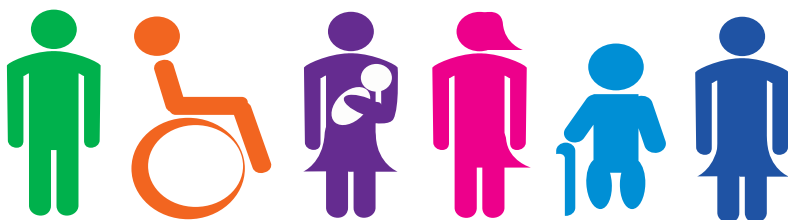
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# Transgender and Cancer

Among the health issues faced by transgender people, cancer has received little scientific attention.

Until very recently, no long-term health-tracking studies have focused specifically on cancer in transgender individuals, and the few that are now under way will require years, even decades, to yield useful information.

One focus of these studies will be whether hormones taken to transition from one sex to another could increase the risk for certain cancers – breast cancer in transgender women, for example.

There is reason to think that they may, but without hard scientific data, the extent of that risk is impossible to pin down.

A recently launched \$5.7 million, five-year investigation, led by the National Institutes of Health, will track the health of young transgender people over the course of their lifetimes to monitor the effect of hormones on cancer risk, among other health concerns.

Regardless of risk, research has pointed to several factors that might inhibit transgender people from seeking or receiving timely cancer care.

One of these is fear of discrimination. Nearly a quarter of those who participated in the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey, for example, reported that they did not see a doctor

when they needed to because of fear of being mistreated as a transgender person.

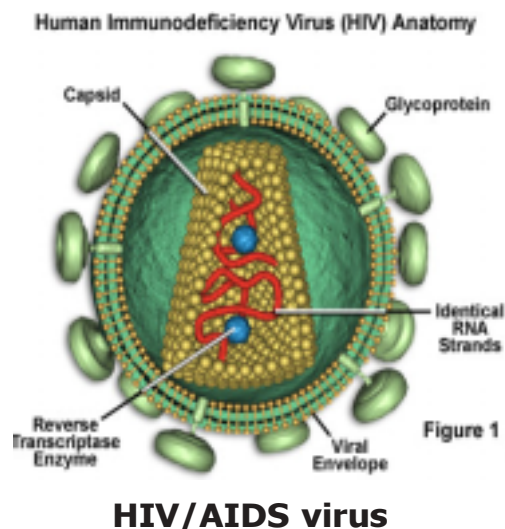
One-third of the respondents who had seen a health care provider in the previous year reported having at least one negative experience related to being transgender, such as being refused treatment, verbally harassed, or having to teach the provider about transgender people in order to get appropriate care.

The survey, which gathered data from 28,000 respondents, is conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE).

“As *The Lancet Oncology* has pointed out, it may be psychologically difficult for transgender patients to address health concerns associated with reproductive organs retained after transition,” said Daniel Morganstern, MD, a specialist in breast cancer and cancer genetics and prevention.

Morganstern is one of many physicians with a special interest in treating and caring for LGBTQ patients. “To provide care that is both compassionate and comprehensive, health care providers need to be cognizant of these factors as well the barriers that exist to accessing care.”

A lack of awareness about their unique health needs can also deter transgender people from being screened for certain cancers.





Transgender men and women remain susceptible to cancers of reproductive organs that no longer match their gender identity, a 2015 editorial in *The Lancet Oncology* noted.

People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery retain a small amount of tissue from their original reproductive organs and these can produce the same cancers they might have generated in their original state.

A transwoman, therefore, may be at risk of prostate cancer, while a transman may retain a risk of ovarian cancer.

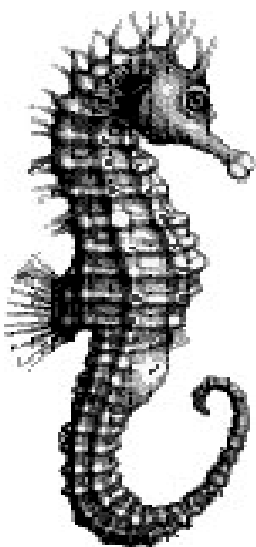
Not all transgender people are adequately informed about these risks, potentially leading them to neglect standard screening tests.

Another factor, is that transgender people are more likely than the general population to smoke and to drink alcohol, and are more likely to contract HIV and the human papillomavirus – all associated with greater risk for certain cancers.



Transgender individuals also are more likely not to have health insurance, which decreases their access to effective health care. □□□

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# Rachael, Kevin, Kelvin and Ubuntu: TDOR 2017

## speech by Rachael Wallbank

My primary purpose today to acknowledge and consider the plight of the diverse people who have experienced difference in sexual formation or gender expression, who have faced and continue to face discrimination, vilification and harassment in the course of their everyday lives and have been victims of hate crimes, in some cases resulting in their deaths, as the price to be paid for their courage in honestly living their lives and reading themselves aloud into the social fabric and consciousness of Australia and throughout the world.

I also seek to extend our remembrance beyond those of us who have lost their lives by violent acts, but also to include those whose suffering arises from the harm suffered to their mental health and their ability to work and live their lives to their fullest and proper potential – but who live on, enduring their suffering.

We only have to remember our friends, loved ones and the people we have met in this community, or to simply look within, to know the truth of the loss of the precious human potential of the lives of transgender and gender diverse people degraded by the mental and physical violence of their upbringing and their experience of personal, family and social dissociation occasioned by their affirmation of their true selves.

### *Ubuntu*

Me/Us and Other. I'm convinced that all such suffering and loss of life results from human fear of Difference



Rachael Wallbank

- the fear of the Other – and the endemic cultural prejudice thereby created.

The remedy to this fear and prejudice is perhaps best encapsulated in the South African ethical philosophy of Ubuntu.

Desmond Tutu described it in the context of the very ambitious process of South African post-apartheid reconciliation: “It refers to gentleness, to compassion, to hospitality, to openness to others, to vulnerability, to be available to others and to know that you are bound up with them in the bundle of life...”

Ubuntu is not an idealistic wish, but is based upon a very practical view of the human condition. Nelson Mandela explained that fundamental human cultural truth of Ubuntu when he said: “a person is a person because of

other people. You can do nothing if you do not have the support of other people”

I believe this concept or realisation points to both the problem of the present predicament of transgender and gender-diverse people as a misunderstood marginalised minority community and a practical path forward if transgender human rights are to evolve to an understood and integral aspect of mainstream Australian culture.

### *Reflection*

I live a fairly privileged life these days on a farm north of Newcastle and enjoy being a member of the general community rather than a member of a minority. But I know what it's like to live day by day hiding in isolation and secrecy, including from my family and friends, with the untreated excruciatingly painful mind/body conflict of transsexualism.

I know what it is like to suffer from untreated transsexualism, isolation and shame as a child and adolescent; certain that if my family or best friends were to know the real me I would be shunned and rejected.

I know the terrifying exhilaration of going out in public in my female persona for the first time. I remember abseiling backwards down the steps of the old Taxi Club in very high heels and then running to catch a cab to escape some aggressive heavies.

I found out that alcohol is a dangerous medication for someone like me and I was fortunate to eventually find long term recovery.

The benefit of my age is perspective. I have seen a lot of change - within and without - born in 1956, admitted to practise law in 1980, sober in 1992, transitioned in 1994 and gender reassignment surgery (GRS) in 1996. My life bridges ‘them and us’.

I was conscious of being ‘one of them’ and ‘one of us’ when I stood before the Justices of the Family Court of Australia as both a woman of transsexual background and a legal advocate in the 2001 *Re Kevin* case - when that court chose to defy the Howard government and declare the law of Australia to be that my client, ‘Kevin’, was legally a man and was entitled to marry as a man in his affirmed male sex notwithstanding that he had been born predominantly female-bodied and had not undergone complete GRS.

I believe that a significant reason for the success of the *Re Kevin* case, which gained for transgender and traditionally termed intersex people the right to be recognised at law in Australia in their affirmed sex, was that my client insisted that he was a man - not a ‘trans-man’ or ‘trans’ or someone wanting to be treated as a man when he was not.

We coined the phrase “man of transsexual background” for the case so that the judge could understand my client’s clear perception of himself, shared by his wife, was simply that he was a man. My client did not merely base his case on a social justice basis, but used expert evidence to prove that transsexualism was an example of diversity in human sexual formation

and that such diversity was the norm and not the exception.

Justice Chisholm's decision found that Kevin was legally a man and entitled to legally marry as such, as well as the associated findings that: At paragraph [270]: 'I am satisfied that the evidence now is inconsistent with the distinction formerly drawn between biological factors, (meaning genitals, chromosomes and gonads, and ... "psychological factors" and on this basis distinguishing between cases of intersex (incongruities among biological factors) and transsexualism (incongruities between biology and psychology)'.

At paragraph [272]: 'In my view the evidence demonstrates (at least on the balance of probabilities) that the characteristics of transsexuals are as much "biological" as those of people thought of as intersex'.

*and*

At paragraph [315]: 'the fundamental task of the law ..., in a legal and social context that divides all human beings into male and female, is to assign one category or the other, including individuals whose characteristics are not uniformly those of one or other sex.'

*Re Kevin* was a personally satisfying experience because I felt that the judgement showed that my client's experience of transgender was received and thoroughly understood by an Australian superior court – with the result that the court found that he, and those like him, were entitled to the same legal and civil rights as other Australians of their affirmed sex.

Another example of the capacity of Australians to embrace the difference of transgender is that of a pupil of a New South Wales Catholic junior school in the Newcastle archdiocese where, after a brief programme of education about transsexualism, the young student was able to transition to live in her affirmed gender role with the approval and support of the senior regional cleric, the local parish priest and, especially, the school community.

Long term feedback revealed that parents, teachers and students felt that the school was a better and safer place for all students and that the school community had been enhanced through the act of supporting the young affirmed female student member of that community.

### *Discussion*

I believe that these examples confirm the result of the recent marriage equality postal survey – that the Australian ethos of the 'fair go' is still alive and well and that the average Australian is heavily biased to acceptance of 'Other' and inclusion. I think that Australians understand that in truth we are all different and that we are all at risk in a society ruled by fear, discrimination and prejudice.

In so many reports following the wonderful success of the Marriage Equality postal survey and its aftermath, I have been concerned by the reports of the emotional toll this disgraceful abrogation of parliamentary responsibility has taken on GLBTIQ Australians, and especially the transgender young; weaponised



as cannon fodder by the extreme elements of the NO campaign, as well as by the characterisation by both extreme activists for ‘GLBTIQ’ people and the radical religious right of the ongoing conflict between the “YES” and “NO” Australians as a “war”.

In my view it will be far more effective for transgender and gender-diverse people to claim and build upon the depth of the national victory for “YES” rather than join any ‘war’.

The radical religious right should not be honoured with war, but clearly assigned to their true religious minority status.

GLBTIQ Australians are entitled now to speak with the authority of the dominant culture and to presume inclusion, to meet the calls for anachronistic trashing of well established Australian State and Federal Anti-Discrimination law by demanding that those advocating for it sensibly make out their case.

A healthy culture makes the most of each citizen. Just as occurred with multi-culturalism, Mabo and each step we take as Australians to welcome and incorporate all of us into our culture as vibrant, creative, contributing parts of our nation, so too the complete and equal inclusion of GLBTIQ Australians into our nation can only result in a healthier country – which encourages the potential of and makes the most every one of its people.

In my view, the better challenge for transgender and gender diverse people to take up is that of better explaining the complexity of who they are and their diverse experiences and needs to other Australians; and this should start with the old challenge of language and terminology.

We should not hand over this challenge to ideological extremists, but develop practical, community supported solutions.

For example, we really should be able to come up with language that is both inclusive and able clearly to convey the fact that for those transgender and

**“A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed.”**

*Desmond Tutu*

gender-diverse people who experience transsexualism, genital reassignment surgery is

essential and life-giving.

The special medico/legal needs of both children and adults who experience transsexualism need clear advocacy if they are not be lost in the discourse of the majority of transgender and gender-diverse people who do not experience that condition.

This is the predicament of a minority within a minority. Yet it is disgraceful, and degrades the lives of many, that it is now more difficult and expensive for those Australians living with the condition of transsexualism to obtain genital reassignment surgery in Australia than it was in 1996; with many citizens forced to obtain this

essential therapeutic medical treatment overseas.

At the same time, adolescents living with transsexualism and their families are hoping that the recent decision of the Full Court of the Family Court of Australia in the case *Re Kelvin* [2017] FamCAFC 258 finally brings to an end the uniquely cruel Australian regime of compulsory court authorisation for adolescent hormonal sex affirmation treatment introduced by the court with the then support of members of the medical profession by the case *Re Alex* (2004) FLC 93-175. We face the challenge of better educating our fellow Australians about what it means to experience the life of a transgender and gender-diverse Australian from cradle to grave.

*To Forego Passing ... To Read Oneself Aloud ... to Write Oneself into the Australian Story*

The fact is that a significant proportion of Australians who experienced difference in sexual formation or gender expression, including transgender and gender diverse Australians, still live lives where the fact of their difference is a secret, even from partners and friends, for fear of rejection and vilification.

When the TV cameras come to life or the Australian Human Rights Commission or a GLBTI association holds a 'Community Meeting', these Australians living in the general community are neither seen nor heard.

In her seminal essay, 'A Post Transsexual Manifesto', first published in the 1991 book *Body Guards*, Sandy Stone wrote:

"Under the principle of passing, denying the destabilising power of being "read", relationships begin as lies - and passing, of course, is not an activity restricted to transsexuals. This is familiar to the person of color whose skin is light enough to pass as white, or to the closet gay or lesbian ... or to anyone who has chosen invisibility as an imperfect solution to personal dissonance... I could not ask a transsexual for anything more inconceivable than to forego passing, to be consciously "read", to read oneself aloud - and by this troubling and productive reading, to begin to write oneself into the discourses by which one has been written - in effect, then, to become a (look out - dare I say it again?) posttranssexual...". [p.298-99]

Here Stone describes the risk-filled act of reading oneself aloud as a powerful act of cultural change and transformation. The act of living difference truly and openly in the world demands the attention and the recognition of the dominant culture – and challenges their understanding of the world.

Faced with such honest, courageous and risk-filled visibility of a minority of difference, the members of the dominant culture have ultimately just one choice – either to seek to destroy the minority as an act of fear or seek to understand it and incorporate it into their culture – thereby creating a new, more complex and far richer one. But not all of us can afford to risk the act of reading ourselves aloud. It can be dangerous. It can even be fatal. Those courageous enough to do so in

Australia and around the world deserve our thanks - for their coming out is as generous as it is personally dangerous.

My wish for all transgender and gender-diverse people, and all Australians, on this Transgender Day of Remembrance in 2017, and for the future, is that we be filled with the spirit, not of battle or war, but of the realisation of our generosity, vulnerability and need for each other's help that is to be found within the meaning of Ubuntu.

We gather each year on the Transgender Day of Remembrance to remember and honour the martyrs to

our cause, and we do so to ensure that on the future day in Australia and the world when experiencing difference in sexual formation or gender expression is not a life-sentence to second-class citizenship, a future when we won't get isolated and punished in our home, in the playground, at work and in the street for our difference and when we will be taken home to be introduced to the beloved's family as readily as any other lover, it will be because those before us have had the courage to pay their life's price to live their truth and to read themselves aloud into the fabric of Australia and the world. □□□

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## Transgender Teen Nominated As Young Australian of the Year

Georgie Stone who, at the age of ten, was the youngest person in Australia to be granted court permission to take puberty blockers, has been named the 2018 Victorian Young Australian of the Year.

Georgie is a tireless advocate for the rights of transgenders and she has been deeply involved in the recent decision to allow access to puberty blockers without going through the Family Court.

Her media appearances have been used in schools and by other organisations, including the NSW Police as training and education aids in trans areas.

Georgie has a (formerly) identical twin named Harry, who supports his sister strongly and always has done.

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## Victims' Services Website

The Victims Services website has information on how to access counselling, financial assistance and victims rights. A section called Justice Journey provides practical advice to help you navigate your way through the justice process and has contact details of service providers.

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## Contact us

Victims' access line 1800 633 063  
Aboriginal contact line 1800 019 123

Hours: 8.00am-6.00pm, Mon-Fri

Email: [vs@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vs@justice.nsw.gov.au)

Fax: (02) 8688 9632

Website

[www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au)

Street address: Level 1, Justice  
Precinct Offices,  
160 Marsden Street,  
Parramatta, NSW, 2150

Address mail to:

The Commissioner of Victims Rights  
Victims Services,  
Locked Bag 5118,  
Parramatta, NSW, 2124

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## A.C.T.

### **A GENDER AGENDA**

works with the sex and gender diverse community. This includes transsexuals, transgender people, intersex people, cross-dressers and other non-gender conforming people. We acknowledge the important role that partners, family members and allies play and these people are specifically welcomed as part of our community.

PO Box 4010, Ainslie, ACT, 2602 Ph: (02) 6162 1924  
Fax: (02) 6247 0597  
Email: support@genderrights.org.au  
Website: www.genderrights.org.au

### **AIDS ACTION COUNCIL OF ACT**

The AIDS Action Council of the ACT provides information and education about HIV/AIDS, caring, support services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Havelock House, 85 North-bourne Ave, Turner, ACT 2612  
PO Box 5245, Braddon, ACT 2601  
Tel: (02) 6257 2855  
Email: contact@aidsaction.org.au

### **SWOP ACT (SEX WORKER OUTREACH PROJECT)**

Provides services for people working in the sex industry in the ACT.  
Westlund House,  
16 Gordon Street, Acton,,  
ACT, 2601  
GPO Box 229, Canberra, ACT, 2601  
Tel: (02) 6247 3443  
Fax: (02) 6257 2855  
E-mail: aacswoop@aidsaction.org.au

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### **NSW GENDER CENTRE**

#### **Counselling**

Provides counselling to residents and clients living in the community. For more information or an appointment contact the Counsellor on 9519 7599 between 10am - 4.30pm.

#### **Outreach service**

Available to clients in the inner city

area on Tuesday nights from 6.00pm-2.00 a.m. and on Thursdays 10.00am-5.30pm by appointment only. Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday: 10.00am-4.30pm. Also available to clients confined at home, in hospital or gaol - by appointment only. For an appointment contact Outreach Worker - 9519 7599.

Sex workers:

Safe sex aids, education and support. Outreach service: Wednesday nights 5.00pm-12.00 midnight

#### **Social and support service**

Provides social and support groups and outings, workshops, forums and drop-ins. For more information contact the Social and Support Worker. 9519 7599

#### **Resource development service**

Produces a range of print resources on HIV/AIDS, medical and other information relevant to people with gender issues and their service providers, including a quarterly magazine *Polare* and a regularly updated website at: www.gendercentre.org.au . For more information contact the Information Worker Wed-Fri 9519 7599

#### **Drug and alcohol service**

Provides education, support and referral to a broad range of services - By appointment only. For an appointment contact the Outreach Worker 9519 7599

#### **Residential service**

Provides semi-supported share accommodation for up to eleven residents who are sixteen years of age or over. Residents can stay for up to twelve months and are supported as they move towards independent living. A weekly fee is charged to cover household expenses. Assessments for residency

are by appointment only and can be arranged by contacting the Counsellor, Outreach Worker or 9519 7599.

#### **For partners, families and friends**

Support, education and referral to a wide range of specialist counselling, health, legal, welfare and other community services are available for partners, families and friends of people with gender issues. For more information contact the Social and Support Worker 9569 2366.

#### **For service providers, employers and others**

Advice, support and workshops are also available to employers, service providers, students and other people interested in gender issues. For more information contact the Manager, Gender Centre, 41-43 Parramatta Road, Annandale or PO Box 266, Petersham, NSW, 2049  
Tel: (02) 9569 2366  
Fax: (02) 9569 8200  
manager@gendercentre.org.au  
www.genercentre.org.au

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#### **ACON HEALTH LTD**

Information and education about HIV/AIDS, caring, support for living living with H I V / A I D S .  
41 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills, NSW 2011 or POBox 350 Darlinghurst, NSW 1300  
Ph: (02) 9206 2000  
Fax: (02) 9206 2069  
tty: (02) 9283 2088

#### **ACON-HUNTER**

129 Maitland Road or PO Box 220, Islington, 2296  
Ph: (02) 4927 6808  
Fax: (02) 4927 6845  
hunter@acon.org.au  
www.acon.org.au

#### **ACON-MID-NORTH COAST**

Shop 3, 146 Gordon St  
Port Macquarie NSW 2444  
Tel: (02) 6584 0943

Fax: (02) 6583 3810  
mnc@acon.org.au

### **ACON-NORTHERN RIVERS**

27 Uralba Street  
Lismore NSW 2480  
PO Box 6063  
South Lismore NSW 2480  
Tel: (02) 6622 1555

### **AFAO (AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF AIDS ORGANISATIONS)**

National AIDS lobby and safe sex  
promotion organisation.  
PO Box 51  
Newtown 2042  
Tel: (02) 9557 9399  
Fax: (02) 9557 9867

### **ALBION STREET CENTRE**

HIV testing, clinical management,  
counselling and support, treatment  
and trials for HIV/AIDS.  
Tel: (02) 9332.1090  
Fax: (02) 9332.4219

### **ANKALI**

Volunteer project offering emotional  
support for People Living with HIV/  
AIDS, their partners, friends and car-  
ers. One on one grief and bereave-  
ment service.  
Tel: (02) 9332.1090  
Fax: (02) 9332.4219

### **BOBBY GOLDSMITH FOUNDATION (BGF)**

Provides direct financial assistance,  
financial counselling, employment  
support and supported housing to  
people in NSW disadvantaged as a  
result of HIV/AIDS  
Ph: (02) 9283 8666  
free call 1800 651 011  
www.bgf.org.au  
bgf@bgf.org.au  
Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm  
Tel: 4226 1163: Fax: 4226 9838  
illawarra@acon.org.au  
47 Kenny St, Wollongong, 2500  
POB 1073, Wollongong, 2500

### **Mid North Coast**

Outreach project: by appointment  
Tel: 6584.0943  
Fax: 6583.3810  
4 Hayward Street, Port Macquarie,  
2444  
POB 1329, Port Macquarie, 2444

### **BREASTSCREEN**

Phone 132050

### **CENTRAL TABLELANDS**

#### **TRANSGENDER INFORMATION SERVICE**

Provides information and directions  
for anyone seeking medical or  
psychological assistance in changing  
gender. Provides information on  
gender friendly services available in  
the Bathurst, NSW Area. Provides  
support and understanding for  
families and friends in a non-  
counselling atmosphere.  
Operates 9 am - 8pm Mon - Fri  
Tel: 0412 700 924

#### **(CSN) COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK**

Transport and practical home based  
care for PLWHA. Volunteers  
welcome. Training provided.  
Sydney Mon-Fri 8.00am-6.00pm  
9 Commonwealth St, Surry Hills  
Tel: (02) 9206.2031  
Fax: (02) 9206.2092  
csn@acon.org.au

#### **PO Box 350 Darlinghurst NSW 1300 Western Sydney and Blue Mountains**

Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm  
Tel: 9204 2400  
Fax: 9891 2088  
csn-westsyd@acon.org.au  
6 Darcy Rd, Wentworthville, 2145  
PO Box 284, Westmead, 2145

#### **Hunter**

Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm  
Tel: 4927 6808\Fax 4927 6485  
hunter@acon.org.au  
129 Maitland Road, Islington, 2296  
PO Box 220, Islington, 2296

#### **MacKillop Centre - Hunter**

Training and development opportunities  
for PLWHA  
Tel: 4968 8788

#### **Illawarra**

#### **FTMAustralia**

Contact, support and information  
for all men (identified *female* at  
birth), their families, partners, and  
service providers. Contact  
FTMAustralia for more information:  
PO Box 488, Glebe, NSW, 2037.  
www.ftmaustralia.org  
mail@ftmaustralia.org

#### **GAY AND LESBIAN COUNSELLING SERVICE OF NSW (GLCS)**

A volunteer-based community  
service providing anonymous and  
confidential telephone counselling,  
support, information and referral

services for lesbians, gay men, bisexual  
and transgender persons (LGBT) and  
people in related communities.

Counselling line open daily from 5.30pm-  
10.30pm daily (02) 8594 9596 (Sydney  
Metro Area - cost of local call, higher for  
mobiles)

1800 184 527 (free call for regional NSW  
callers only)

Admin enquiries: (02) 8594 9500 or  
admin@glcsnsw.org.au

website: www.glcsnsw.org.au

#### **HOLDEN STREET CLINIC**

Sexual Health Clinic is staffed by  
doctors, sexual health nurses, a  
clinical psychologist and an  
administration officer.

Mon, Tue, Wed. 9.00am-5.00pm

(closed 12.15pm-1.00pm for lunch)

Men's Clinic Thursday evenings  
5.00pm-8.00pm

Appointments preferred (02) 4320  
2114

Ground Floor 69 Holden St, Gosford  
2250

Tel:(02) 4320 2114

Fax: (02)4320 2020

#### **INNER CITY LEGAL CENTRE**

Available to discuss any legal matter  
that concerns you.  
Ph: (02) 9332 1966

#### **INTERSECTION**

Coalition group of lesbian, gay,  
transgender and other sexual  
minority groups and individuals  
working for access and equity within  
local community services and their  
agencies.

Christine Bird (02) 9525.3790

PO Box 22, Kings Cross, NSW, 1340

Tel: (02) 9360.2766

Fax: (02) 9360.5154

#### **KIRKTON ROAD CENTRE**

Needle exchange and other services

#### **Clinic Hours:**

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 10am - 6pm

Wed 12 noon-6pm

Weekends and public holidays, 10am  
- 1.45pm (NSP & methadone only)

Outreach Bus - Every Night

100 Darlinghurst Road

(Entrance above the Kings Cross Fire  
Station Victoria Street

#### **Clinic 180**

180 Victoria Street, Potts Point, 2011

Tel: (02) 9357 1299

Fax: (02) 9380 2382



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## **Clinic 180 open**

### **Monday to Saturday**

1.30pm-9.00pm

Needle syringe program

Condoms

### **Monday to Friday**

1.30pm-9.00pm

Sexual health screening HIV screening hepatitis C testing, hepatitis B testing and vaccination

First aid and wound care

Counselling and social welfare assistance

Drug and alcohol assessment and referral

## **LES GIRLS CROSS-DRESSERS GROUP**

An independent peer support group for transgender people. Free tuition, job assistance, friendship and socials, general information. Bi-monthly meetings.

Coordinator,

PO Box 504 Burwood NSW 2134

## **(MCC) METROPOLITAN CHURCH**

MCC Sydney is linked with MCC churches in Australia as part of an international fellowship of Christian churches with a social concern for any who feel excluded by established religious groups. MCC deplores all forms of discrimination and oppression and seeks to share God's unconditional love and acceptance of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, race or gender. 96 Crystal St, Petersham, 2049

Phone (02) 9569 5122

Fax: (02) 9569 5144

Worship times:

10.00 am and 6.30 pm

office@mccsydney.org

http://www.mccsydney.org.au/

## **MOUNT DRUITT SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC**

Provides free, confidential and respectful sexual health information, assessment, treatment and counselling.

Tel: (02) 9881 1206

Mon 9.00am-4.00pm

Wed 9.00am-1.00pm

Fri 9.00am-1.00pm

## **NEWCASTLE SWOP**

SWOP at Newcastle has a Mobile Sexual Health Team  
4927 6808

## **NORTHAIDS**

A community based organisation providing step down and respite care for PLWHA on the Northern Beaches.  
Tel: (02) 9982 2310

## **OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY OF CHRIST**

The Open Door Community of Christ is a church for everyone! We meet every Sunday at 6.00pm. Based in Sydney's west, at Cranebrook, the Open Door has been serving the LGBTIQ community for the past fifteen years. The Western Sydney Transgendered Support Group and the Western Sydney Coming Out Group are sponsored by the Open Door. Bj's cafe is held on Wednesdays from 11.00am-1.00pm. The Youth Is Knocking youth group is held monthly with accredited facilitators.

Contact Pastor Sue Palmer  
0411330212 or  
pastorsue@theopendoor.org.au  
for further information, or  
check the web page  
www.theopendoor.org.au

## **PARRAMATTA SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC**

provides free, confidential and respectful sexual health information, assessment, treatment and counselling.

Level 1, 162 Marsden (cnr. eorge St)  
Parramatta, 2150

Ph: (02) 9843 3124

Mon, Wed, Fri, 9.00am-4.00pm

Tue 9.00am-1.00pm

Fri 9.00am-4.00pm

## **PLWHA (PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS)**

PO Box 831, Darlinghurst, NSW, 2010

Ph: (02) 9361 6011

Fax: (02) 9360 3504

www.plwha.org.au

PO Box 187,

Katoomba, NSW, 2780

Ph: (02) 4782 2119

www.hermes.net.au/plwha/

plwha@hermes.net.au

## **POSITIVE WOMEN**

Can offer one-on-one support for HIV positive transgender women.  
Contact Women and AIDS Project

Officer or Women's HIV Support officer at ACON.

Ph: (02) 9206 2000

www.acon.org.au/education/  
womens/campaigns.htm

## **RPA SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC**

provides a free and confidential range of health, counselling and support services.

Ph: 9515 1200

## **SAGE FOUNDATION (Sex and Gender Education Foundation)**

A voluntary lobbying organisation made up of gender variant people to lobby the government to ensure equal treatment in all respects of life. SAGE is non-profit. All welcome.

Ph: 0421 479 285

Email:

SAGE\_Foundation@yahoo.com

## **SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NSW**

The Seahorse Society is a non-profit self-help group funded by members' contributions. Open to all crossdressers, their relatives and friends. We offer discretion, private monthly social meetings, outings, contact with other crossdressers, a telephone information service, postal library service and a newsletter.

PO Box 2193 Boronia Park, NSW, 2111 or Ph: 0423 125

## **(SWOP) SEX WORKERS OUTREACH**

### **TRANSGENDER**

### **SUPPORT PROJECT**

Provides confidential services for people working in the NSW sex industry. Lvl 4, 414 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills,

NSW, 2010

PO Box 1354

Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Tel: (02) 9206 2159

Fax: (02) 9206 2133

Toll free 1800 622 902

infoswop@acon.org.au

www.swop.org.au

## **SYDNEY BISEXUAL NETWORK**

Provides an opportunity for bisexual and bisexual-friendly people to get together in comfortable, safe and friendly spaces. Pub social in Newtown on third Sunday of every month followed by a meal. All welcome

Tel: (02) 9565 4281 (info line)

sbn-admin@yahoo.com

http://sbn.bi.org



**SYDNEY BISEXUAL PAGANS**

Supporting, socialising and liberating bisexual pagans living in the Sydney region.

PO Box 121, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

**SYDNEY MEN'S NETWORK**

Welcomes FTM men.

PO Box 2064, Boronia Park, 2111

Tel: 9879.4979 (Paul Whyte)

paulwhyte@gelworks.com.au

**SYDNEY SEXUAL HEALTH CENTRE**

Provides free, confidential health services, including sexual function, counselling and testing and treatment of STDs, including HIV.

Level 3, Nightingale Wing, Sydney Hospital, Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000

Ph: (02)9382 7440 or freecall from outside Sydney 1800 451 624.

(8.30am-5.00pm)

Fax: (02) 9832 7475

sshc@sasahs.nsw.gov.au

**SYDNEY WEST HIV/HEP C PREVENTION SERVICE**

Needle and syringe program

162 Marsden St, Parramatta, NSW 2150

Ph: (02) 9843 3229

Fax: (02) 9893 7103

**TOWN & COUNTRY CENTRE**

Drop In Centre - Weekly Coffee Nights - 24 hour ph line - regular social activities - youth services - information, advice and referral - safer sex packs and more! - for bisexual, transgender folks and men who have sex with men80

Benerembah Street, GriffithPO Box 2485, Griffith, NSW 2680

Tel: (02) 6964.5524

Fax: (02) 6964.6052

glsg@stealth.com.au

**TWENTY10 INCORPORATING GLCS NSW**

Twenty10 incorporating GLCS is a Sydney-based organisation supporting people of diverse genders, sexualities and intersex variations (LGBTIQA+) across New South Wales. We provide a broad range of specialised services for young people 12-25 including housing, mental health, counselling and social support. For adults, we provide social support and for people of all ages we offer

telephone support and webchat as the NSW provider for the national QLife project. We also offer inclusivity training and consulting for organisations and service providers across most sectors.

Intake and support: (02) 8594 9555

Rural support: 1800 652 010

Admin: (02) 8594 9550

Email: info@twenty10.org.au

Website: twenty10.org.au

**WOMENS AND GIRLS EMERGENCY CENTRE**

174 Redfern Street, Redfern

Tel: (02) 9319 4088

**National**

**(ABN) AUSTRALIAN BISEXUAL NETWORK**

National network of bisexual women and men, partners and bi- and bi-friendly groups. ABN produces a national magazine, houses a resource library and is a member of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA).

PO Box 490, Lutwyche QLD 4030

Tel: (07) 3857 2500

1800 653 223

ausbinet@rainbow.net.au

www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet

**AISS SUPPORT GROUP (AUSTRALIA)**

Support group for Intersex people and their families. We have representatives in all Australian States.

PO Box 1089

Altona Meadows, VIC, 3028

Tel: (03) 9315 8809

aissg@iprimus.com.au

www.vicnet.net.au/~aissg

**AUSTRALIAN WOMAN NETWORK**

Australian WOMAN Network is primarily a lobby and health support group for people who experience the condition of transsexualism, their families, friends and supporters. There are email discussion lists for members as well as a bulletin board for both public and member-only access.

www.w-o-m-a-n.net

**CHANGELING ASPECTS**

Organisation for Transsexual people, their partners and families. For information, please write or call.

email:knoble@inet.net.au

www.changelingaspects.com

**FTMAustralia**

Resources and health information for all men (identified *female* at birth), their partners, family and service providers. Contact FTM Australia for more information.

PO Box 488, Glebe, NSW, 2037

www.ftmaustralia.org

mail@ftmaustralia.org

**NATIONAL LGBTI HEALTH ALLIANCE**

Office: (02) 8568 1110

Fax: (02) 8212 9013

PO Box 51, Newtown, NSW, 2042

www.lgbtihealth.org.au

**QLIFE**

QLife is Australia's first nationally oriented counselling and referral service for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and/or intersex (LGBTI). QLife provides nationwide early intervention, peer supported telephone and web-based services to people of all ages across the full spectrum of people's bodies, genders, relationships, sexualities and lived experiences.

Open 3.00pm to midnight every day of the year. Call 1800 184 527 or visit qlife.org.au for web chat.

**TRUE COLOURS DIVERSITY**

True Colours represents young people who experience transsexualism and a network of their parents, families throughout Australia. Whether you are a parent, a family member, a carer, a friend or a young person experiencing the diversity in sexual formation called transsexualism, you have come to a friendly place. TRUE Colours offers mutual support and advocacy for young people with transsexualism and their families. We also offer a parents/caregivers email discussion group.

Web:www.trucolours.org.au

Email: Mail@truecolours.org.au

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## International

### **AGENDER NEW ZEALAND**

A caring national support organisation for Cross/Transgender people, their partners and families. For a detailed information pack, please contact:  
Email: [president@agender.org.nz](mailto:president@agender.org.nz)  
[www.agender.org.nz](http://www.agender.org.nz)

### **BEAUMONT SOCIETY**

Non-profit organisation for crossdressers throughout Great Britain. Social functions, counselling and a contact system for members. Provides a magazine - Beaumont magazine  
BM Box 3084 London WC1N 3XX England  
[www.beaumontsociety.org.uk/](http://www.beaumontsociety.org.uk/)

### **BEAUMONT TRUST**

The Trust is a registered charity, the aim of which is the support of transvestites, transsexuals, their friends and families. It fosters research into both psychological and social aspects of transvestism and transsexualism and can provide speakers to address other organisations. It produces literature and arranges workshops, develops befriending facilities and assists with conferences.

The Beaumont Trust, BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX,

<http://www.mistral.co.uk/gentrust/bt.htm>

### **CROSS-TALK**

The transgender community news & information monthly.  
PO Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365 U.S.A.

### **FTM INTERNATIONAL**

A group for female to male transgender people. Provides a quarterly newsletter - FTM.  
160 14th St  
San Francisco, CA, 94103  
<http://www.ftmi.org/info@ftmi.org>

### **FTM NETWORK UK**

A support group for female to male trans people. Provides a newsletter - *Boys' Own*  
FTM Network, BM Network, London, WC1N 3XX, England.  
[www.ftm.org.uk](http://www.ftm.org.uk)

### **GENDERBRIDGE Inc.**

Support and Social Society for people with gender identity issues, their families, partners and professionals involved in care, treatment and counselling.

PO Box 68236, Newton, 1145, New Zealand

Phone: (64) (09) 0800 TGHELP (0800.84.4357) (24 hrs)  
[www.genderbridge.org](http://www.genderbridge.org)  
[info@genderbridge.org](mailto:info@genderbridge.org)

### **GENDER TRUST (THE)**

A help group for those who consider themselves transsexual, gender dysphoric or trans-gendered. Provides trained counsellors, psychologists and psychotherapists and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists.

The Gender Trust  
PO Box 3192, Brighton  
BN1 3WR, ENGLAND  
<http://www3.mistral.co.uk/gentrust/home.htm>  
[gentrust@mistral.co.uk](mailto:gentrust@mistral.co.uk)

### **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ANDROGYNOUS STUDIES (IFAS)**

Support, information, advocacy and social events. An incorporated body established to advance the health, well-being, basic rights, social equality and self-determination of persons of any age or cultural background who are transgender, transsexual, transvestite or intersex, or who are otherwise physically or psychologically androgynous and gay, lesbian and bisexual people.

PO Box 1066  
Nedlands, WA, 6909, Australia  
Mobile ph: 0427 853 083  
<http://www.ecel.uwa.edu.au/gse/staffweb/fhaynes>  
IFAS\_Homepage.html  
[www.IFAS.org.au](http://www.IFAS.org.au)

### **IFGE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION**

Educational and service organisation designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by the Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Produces TV/TS journal - *Tapestry*.

PO Box 229, Waltham, MA 02254-0229 U.S.A.

<http://www.ifge.org/>  
[info@ifge.org](mailto:info@ifge.org)

### **IKHLAS**

IKHLAS drop in centre is a community program by Pink Triangle Malaysia. Provides an outreach project, HIV/AIDS information, counselling, medication, workshop and skill building for transgender people in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.  
PO Box 11859, 50760 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia  
Tel: 6.03.2425.593  
Fax: 6.03.2425.59

### **ITANZ INTERSEX TRUST AOTEAROA OF NEW ZEALAND**

Registered non-profit charitable trust to provide a number of educational, advocacy and liaison services to intersexuals, their parents, caregivers, family, friends and partners within the Community and those affected by the Community.  
PO Box 9196, Marion Square Wellington, New Zealand  
Tel: (04) 4727 386 (machine only)  
Fax: (04) 4727 387

### **PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE OF AUCKLAND - NEW ZEALAND**

PO Box 68 509,  
Newton, Auckland,  
New Zealand

### **PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE OF CHRISTCHURCH-NEW ZEALAND**

Provides a confidential service for trannies working in the sex industry.  
PO Box 13 561  
Christchurch,  
New Zealand

### **PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE OF WELLINGTON - NEW ZEALAND**

Provides a confidential service for trannies working in the sex industry.  
PO Box 11/412, Manner St Wellington New Zealand  
Tel: (64) 4382-8791  
Fax: (64) 4801-5690

Every effort has been made to include accurate and up-to-date information in this directory. To amend your listing fax (02) 9519 8200 or email the Editor on [resources@gendercentre.org.au](mailto:resources@gendercentre.org.au)

## RPA SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC

16 Marsden Street, Camperdown, NSW, 2050

Phone: (02) 9515 1200

### WHAT DOES THE SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC DO?

- Testing, treatment and counselling for sexually transmissible infections, including HIV.
- Gay men's sexual health check-ups.
- Sex worker health checks.
- Men's and women's sexual health check-ups.
- Advice on contraception.
- Pregnancy testing and counselling.
- Free condoms and lubricant.
- Needle and syringe program and sexual health check-ups for people who inject drugs.
- Hepatitis testing and vaccination.
- Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) for HIV.

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU VISIT THE CLINIC FOR THE FIRST TIME?

You will be asked to fill out a registration form. The information you give us will remain confidential and will be put in a numbered file. Keep this number and quote it for any test results and when making future appointments.

A nurse will determine whether you need to see a doctor or nurse for a medical issue or a counsellor to discuss information on sexual health, safer sex or relationship issues.

### SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need an appointment? *Yes, an appointment is preferable.*

Do I need a Medicare card? *No, you don't need a Medicare card.*

Do I need to pay? *No, all services are free.*

Do I need a referral from a doctor? *No, simply call 9515 1200 for an appointment.*

Interpreters  
available.

## Be Part of the Action!

Can you write? Would you like to write something for *Polare*?

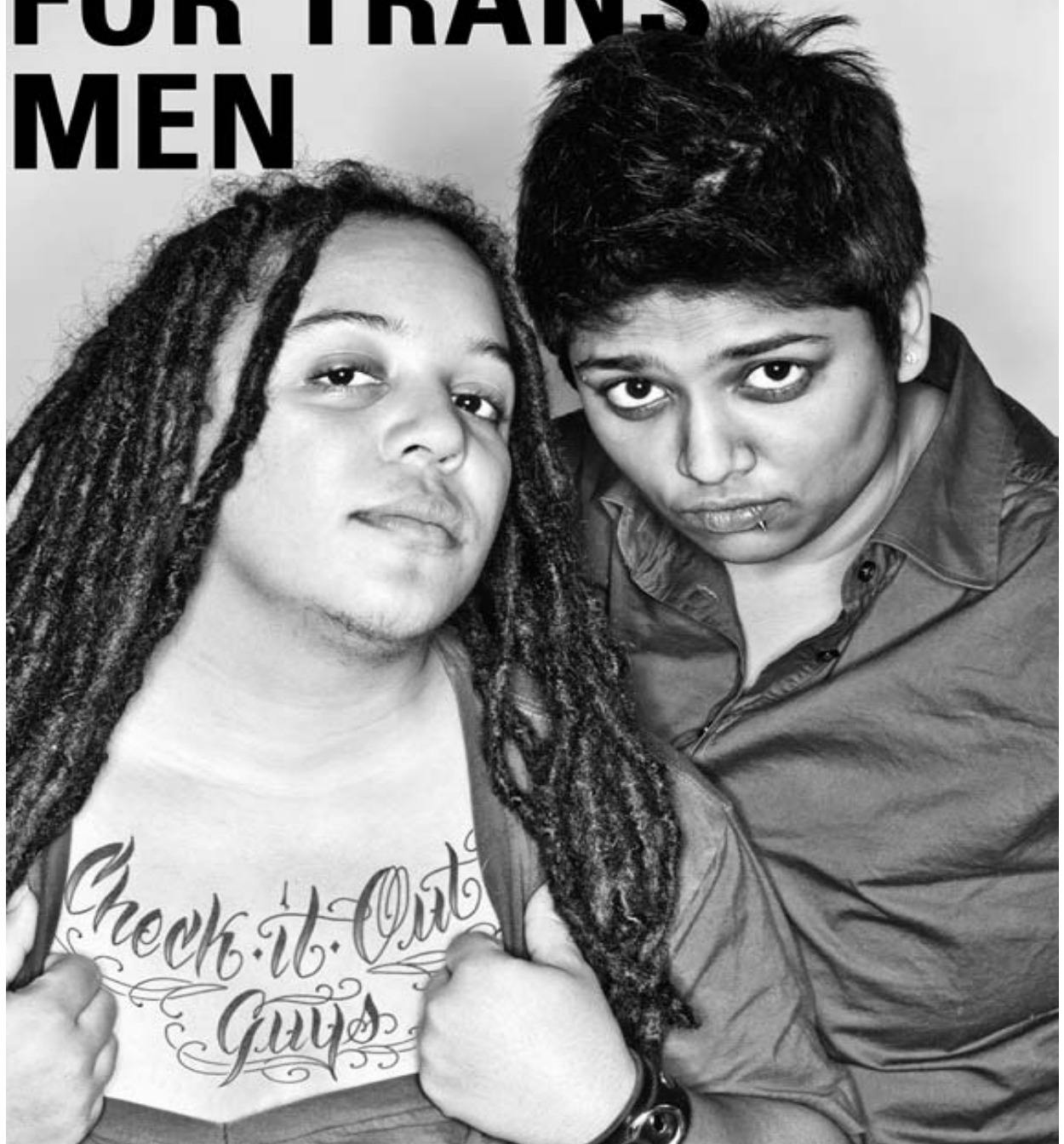
We are looking for writing that expresses some of the viewpoints we seldom see, like the views of younger gender-diverse people.

Email

[resources@gendercentre.org.au](mailto:resources@gendercentre.org.au) or call 9519 7599



# PAPS MATTER FOR TRANS MEN



If you've ever been sexually active in any way and have a cervix you need regular Cervical Screening Tests. For more information and tips on how to make getting a CST easier, contact the **Gender Centre** on **9569 2366** or **RPA Sexual Health Centre** on **9515 1200**. Note that the test is no longer called the Pap and can be self administered. For more information call one of the numbers shown above.

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