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# Ally Network Newsletter

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[LGBTIQ community - University of Southern Queensland \(unisq.edu.au\)](https://unisq.edu.au)



Dear Allies,

Well, here we are in August 2022 after a couple of recent events which have occurred and some exciting events coming up. There have been both face to face and online ALLY training sessions with the sessions being interactive and a space for learning, sharing stories, confirming, and broadening knowledge and asking those curious questions you might have been pondering.

The two Natters evoked thoughts, shared views and both interesting speakers had plenty to share. We really appreciate the guest speaker's time and wealth of professional and personal knowledge and experiences. So, a BIG thanks to Dr Leigh Dale who discussed her interest in gender, sexuality, and difference in the context of universities and rural communities. In July, Mickey Berry shared her experience of being the first non-binary candidate to stand in the Groom electorate advocating for the LGBTIQ+ community in Toowoomba.

Please remember if you have an idea or can contribute to a Natter or the newsletter, please email [Ally@usq.edu.au](mailto:Ally@usq.edu.au)

## Ally Network Natter

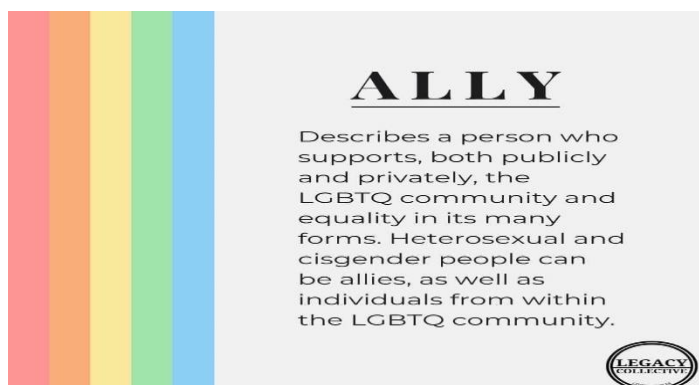
UniSQ Ally Network Natters are intended to be a safe and inclusive space for discussion and relaxation for members of the LGBTIQ community and their supporters within UniSQ. Details of the next Natter will be sent to the Ally network – so watch out for the next Natter announcement soon to be scheduled in October to highlight Intersex Awareness Day with Dr Annette Brömdal 🌈

## Become an Ally

While our sessions for the year are full, you can go on a waiting list.

For session details and to register:

[Access \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)



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## What's going on at UniSQ?

### WELCOME - PRIDE Collective @UniSQ

Well, there is a very exciting initiative developing at UniSQ and it is the creation of UniSQ Pride Collective. Here is an introduction to the brains trust behind Pride Collective who will have a regular spot in future newsletters.

*"The Pride Collective is a new LGBTQIA+ club at UniSQ, that offers a respectful, safe, and educational space for LGBTQIA+ students, staff, and allies. The Pride Collective's aim is to make the queer life and community at the university more visible, provide a platform for LGBTQIA+ students and staff voices to be heard, and provide resources and assistance where support is needed. The Pride Collective will hold activities, events and services for all students and staff to enjoy!"*

*The Pride Collective is run by students Zoe Jones-Drennen and Carly Marie, both are currently in the Student Representative Committee and are the LGBTQIA+ representatives. Carly and Zoe are both in the LGBTQIA+ community and have always been passionate about creating a platform for queer voices to be heard. They've created the Pride Collective to create a sense of connection and support at UniSQ, where members will have a safe space to be themselves without fear of judgement and discrimination. "*

Hi Carly (on left)  
& Zoe (on right)



If you wish to contact the Pride Collective, please email- [usqpridecollective@gmail.com](mailto:usqpridecollective@gmail.com)  
And follow-on Facebook – UniSQ Pride Collective



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## Events

### Wear it Purple – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Wear it Purple Day is an annual LGBTIQ+ awareness day especially for young people, based in Australia. Supporters wear purple to celebrate diversity and young people from the LGBTIQ+ community. The Day is organised by Wear it Purple, a student run, not-for-profit organisation, providing presentations and workshops.

Members of the LGBTIQ+ community don't just need your support on the last Friday in August - [being an ally](#) is a life-long commitment. So how can you support the community every other day of the year? [Read more](#)



The 2022 Youth Leaders proudly present, for the second year running, WEAR IT PURPLE DAY TOOWOOMBA.

**Date:** Friday, 26 August 2022  
**Time:** 4pm – 6pm  
**Place:** Civic Square, Toowoomba

Don't forget to celebrate & wear PURPLE



### Coming up – Carnival of Flowers Grand Parade

Last year a wonderful group of LGBTIQ+ community members and Allies participated in the Carnival of Flowers Grand Parade in Toowoomba AND Won the Prize for the “Most Creative Float”. The good news is it is all happening again this year on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 !**

If you would like to participate in the parade, please register your interest by emailing [Ally@usq.edu.au](mailto:Ally@usq.edu.au). Your details will be forwarded to the organising committee, and you will receive all details how you can join in and support LGBTIQ+ community by being a visible and active Ally.



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## Coming up Brisbane PRIDE Festival –Fair Day 2022



If you are interested in marching in this year's Pride march or attending Fair Day with the Pride Collective - Please contact UniSQ Pride Collective on [usqpridecollective@gmail.com](mailto:usqpridecollective@gmail.com) and register your interest.

## What's going on outside of UniSQ? News



The Census data is being released, and LGBTI data still needs to be included however what we do know is many same sex couples have been able to marry since Australia said "YES" and it remains an issue around the world.

### Current State of Marriage Equality

There are currently 32 countries where same-sex marriage is legal: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Uruguay. [Read more](#)



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## Entertainment



If you are looking for some Queer film maybe look back on what was showing during Pride month, June 2022. [Take a look](#)

Neighbours may have ended but that does not mean that's the last we see of Georgie Stone on our screens. *The Dreamlife of Georgie Stone* tells the story of Georgie, an Australian transgender teen as she helps change laws, affirm her gender, finds her voice and emerges into adulthood. Silvi Vann-Wall interviews Georgie and the director about this documentary [read more](#)

## Opportunities



### Pinnacle Foundation

The Pinnacle Foundation provides educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTIQ+ Australians to realise their full potential and overcome challenges arising from their identity. Scholarships are awarded for fulltime study at public institutions of higher education in Australia, for the purpose of gaining an educational or vocational qualification in any profession, trade or the arts. [Read more](#)

### Applications open: State Library of Qld Rainbow Fellowship

Applications opened today for the State Library of Queensland's inaugural [Rainbow Research Fellowship](#). Among other benefits, the Rainbow Fellowship includes a \$15,000 stipend. [Learn more](#)



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## Supports

Lifeline Darling Downs and Southwest Qld Ltd, Safe Connections Toowoomba has been refunded for another 5 years and will continue providing support for the LGBTIQ+ community impacted by domestic and family violence. The program is also creating some exciting new resources, can provide inclusion and awareness training and continues to be in partnership with UniSQ regarding the recent health and wellbeing survey seeking to understand experiences and needs of LGBTQIA+ persons, Sistergirls and Brotherboys in the Toowoomba region. The results of this research are pending so watch this space. For further details regarding Safe Connections, [read more](#)

## LGBTQIA+ resources and referrals

Please remember that the UniSQ Ally Network keeps a list of LGBTIQ resources and referrals available for download on the [Ally website](#). Scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the downloadable list. This is a useful tool for you when supporting those who identify or who have people close to them who identify.

For support, please contact

- UniSQ Students can access [free confidential counselling](#)
- UniSQ Staff can access [EAP](#)
- LGBTQIA+ specialised support at <https://qlife.org.au/>
- For anyone experiencing violence in their family or relationship **1800 Respect 1800 737 732**

## SafeZone App

Safety is important for all of us. SafeZone is a free app that connects you directly with the University's Campus Security team or Emergency Services. SafeZone is available free for all staff and students. This is a safety app for your phone which allows you to request assistance from UniSQ Campus Security easily and discreetly. Download it, and log in with your uni email address! [MORE](#)



If you have any questions or concerns, please email: - [Ally@usq.edu.au](mailto:Ally@usq.edu.au)

Kind regards,

**UniSQ Ally Network**

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