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What is Rainbow Tasmania?

Rainbow Tasmania is the home page of **Rainbow Communities Tasmania Inc.**, the incorporated body of organisations dedicated to achieving and maintaining inclusion and equity for rainbow people in Tasmania. The family of organisations that comprise Rainbow Tasmania aim to effect changes in societal attitudes and policies that ensure that sexual and gender diversity is acknowledged and valued. They also aim to encourage individuals to come out with pride and to live in their community with dignity as fully respected and participating members.

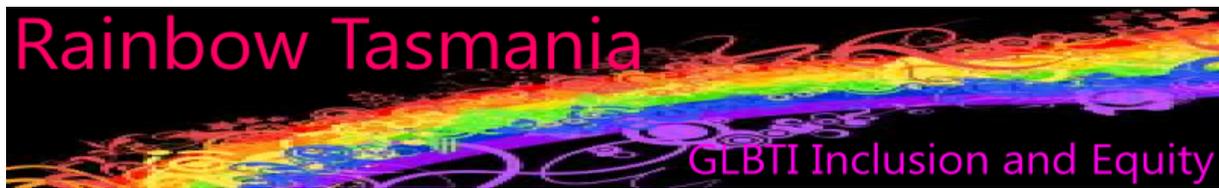
A key part of the Rainbow Tasmania family is The League of Gentlefellows. The League is an informal grouping of Tasmanian Gay Men and Lesbians and their friends, who meet in a social setting on a regular basis (in a non threatening and safe environment) to celebrate their lives and enjoy one another's company. The social events calendar includes separate male (League of Gentlemen) and female (TWIGS) events as well as joint functions (Gentlefellows) on an annual basis. The League was established by a group of people in a coffee shop commenting on the number of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex (GLBTI) people moving into Tasmania and the need to make them welcome.

While the League started in 2003 in the Huon area, there are now chapters or significant numbers of members in other areas of the State including the following:

- Kingston/Huon/Channel and Bruny Island
- Greater Hobart area including the Eastern Shore and Glenorchy
- Greater Launceston area
- West Coast/North West Coast
- New Norfolk/Collinsvale

There is also an increase in the number of expatriate Tasmanian members who meet in other States. LoG members meet at one another's houses (or one of the local restaurants or local parks and BBQ areas) to share a meal together and enjoy one another's company in the unique setting of the many small community settings of the State's regions. Besides one another's company (about once a month) we also enjoy discovering the food, wine, history, craft, and beauty of the local areas. There are also significant gay and gay-friendly business ventures in all the areas that provide a meeting venue and support.

League members pay no fees, charges or subscriptions and the group has no rules other than respect for one another. We have no political, welfare or other affiliation agenda and no expectation other than to enjoy each social occasion. Members from all chapters who are registered on the State Contact List are invited to all the events run in the various chapters. LoG also has a strong associate membership base of family, friends, and GLBTI people who share in a variety of open functions, e.g. film nights, general celebrations, art exhibitions, etc. The LoG importantly supports and partners other GLBTI organisations in general community events.



LoG members enjoy raising finances by raffles, auctions, etc. for the Coming Out Proud Program (COPP). The aim of the Coming Out Proud Program (COPP) is to provide strategies that will enable GLBTI people in all Tasmanian regions to “come out with pride” and live in their community with dignity as fully respected and participating members. While the LoG specialises in men’s and women’s individual or joint space celebrations, it also shares in and supports other gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex functions run by associate organisations.

Patrons

Individuals or Groups who are interested in the ‘good works’ that LoG supports e.g. COPP and The Rainbow Awards or special campaigns e.g. ‘Keeping Us Safe’ Nth West/West Coast/North’ can support the particular initiatives they are interested in by direct donation. Any Donation over \$500 will be recognised on the web site as a Principal Patron or under as a Support Patron.

Sponsorship on the Rainbow Tasmania Web Site

The Rainbow Tasmania Website at www.rainbowtas.org presents an opportunity for GLBTI-friendly businesses to present their logo and business title on the site alongside any special discount offered to LoG (over 900) members. This will alert members to a supportive, GLBTI-friendly and safe-space business from which to purchase products or services. LoG Members have alerted the organisation that they have a strong preference for ‘doing business’ with organizations that are understanding and respectful of their clients’ diversity.

Part of the Coming Out Proud Program (mentioned above) is to encourage and support local business to improve their services or products in a ‘GLBTI-friendly way’ and it is intended that regionally-conducted forums will facilitate this alongside ‘safe-space’ concepts and practices.

How to Become a Sponsor on the Rainbow Tasmania Web Site

Simply complete the attached form and provide us with an electronic (or hard copy) of your logo. Graphics should ideally not exceed 580 pixels by 180 pixels.

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