



Silver Pride Advocacy Network

Amplifying the voices of LGBTI older people



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The Silver Pride Advocacy Network e-newsletter is brought to you by LGBTIQ+ Health Australia (LHA).

Each edition of this newsletter will let you know about opportunities to contribute your ideas about LGBTI ageing and aged care. It will also feature initiatives that enhance the lives of LGBTI older people. We hope these good practice projects will inspire you.

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LGBTIQ+ disability project: how to get involved

LHA and Inclusive Rainbow Voices (IRV) are working on a project for LGBTIQ+ people with disability. The project is being codesigned by and for LGBTIQ+ people with disability.

As part of the project, LHA and IRV have set up:

- a co-design group with 13 LGBTIQ+ people with disability as members
- an advisory committee for the project with 10 LGBTIQ+ people with disability and people who work in the disability sector.

Thanks to everyone who expressed interest in being involved!

LHA and Inclusive Rainbow Voices (IRV) are now looking for community members to be involved in their project through a survey and a carers and family group.

Survey- Experiences of care and support in the LGBTIQ+ disability community

LGBTIQ+ people with disability, their families, friends and carers are invited to fill in a short survey. It asks about experiences accessing (or providing) support for LGBTIQ+ people with disability. The survey is open to people of all ages until 30 September 2025. You can fill in the survey [here](#).

Carers and family group

Families, friends and carers of LGBTIQ+ people with disability are invited to join our Carers and Family Group. The group will:



- identify gaps in the knowledge of those supporting LGBTIQ+ people with disability
- guide the creation of resources to fill these gaps
- support the development of an innovative program championing the rights and lives of LGBTIQ+ people with disability and their families and carers.

LHA and IRV are looking for people across the country to join the group who are:

- family of origin of LGBTIQ+ people with disability
- chosen family of LGBTIQ+ people with disability
- carers of LGBTIQ+ people with disability
- LGBTIQ+ people with disability who are also family and/or carers of LGBTIQ+ people with disability
- First Nations family, carers, and community of LGBTIQ+ people with disability
- family, carers, and community of LGBTIQ+ people with disability from CALD backgrounds.

For more information or to express interest in the carers and family group, contact Charlie Zada. Charlie is LHA's Disability and Social Inclusion Project Lead. Phone: 0487 299 170 Email: charlie.zada@lgbtiqhealth.org.au



Caring for LGBTQ+ people living with dementia: research participants needed

Are you a carer, care partner or supporter of an LGBTQ+ person living with dementia?

If so, you're invited to share your experiences!

Dr Louisa Smith from Deakin University is leading a research project to improve care for LGBTQ+ people living with dementia.

Participation involves a two-hour online or in-person interview, with art materials provided to help share your story. A \$100 gift voucher will be given as thanks.

To learn more, email louisa.smith@deakin.edu.au or sue.taylor@deakin.edu.au.



Pride in our Work: survey

The *Pride in our Work* survey is open to anyone working, volunteering, studying, or visiting in residential aged care. It aims to understand the support, challenges, and inclusion of LGBTI+ people in aged care.

The survey has been launched by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University in collaboration with Southern Cross University and several leading Australian universities.

The researchers want to learn more about how people working, volunteering or visiting residential aged care understand and support people from diverse communities. Your insights will help shape a new rainbow-inclusive model of residential aged care.

Please share this survey with aged care staff, volunteers, and visitors in your networks. Your support will help aged care to be more inclusive.

Complete the survey [here](#).



The power of intergenerational connection: webinar

Meaningful Ageing Australia is holding an online webinar in early October.

An intergenerational panel will share their insights and experiences about ageism, increasing social connections and role of the Elder in First Nations communities. The webinar will highlight the power of connection and collective action to improve the lives of older people.

The webinar marks the United Nations' International Day of Older Persons on 1 October 2025.

It will be held on **Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 2:00pm AEDT**. The session runs for one hour and is free to attend.

Learn more and register [here](#).



Aged care reform community information sessions: community voices needed

Big changes are coming to aged care in Australia. From 1 November 2025, the new Aged Care Act will come into effect. It will have a focus on the rights and needs of older people.

The reforms are both significant and complex. You or someone you care about may be affected by the changes.

COTA Australia and the Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) are hosting community information sessions across the country.

These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to:

- learn about the new Aged Care Act and what it means in practice
- understand what will change in the aged care system
- ask questions and receive clear information
- share your views and experiences to help guide the rollout.

Older people must be at the heart of this reform. That's why COTA and OPAN are encouraging older people, their families, carers, and community members to attend and contribute to the conversation.

For LGBTI communities, these reforms present an opportunity to advocate for inclusive, affirming aged care that respects diversity. Your voice matters in ensuring aged care services are safe, welcoming, and responsive to the needs of LGBTI older people.

Find an in-person/online session and register [here](#),



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