

WELCOME TO THE NINTH EDITION OF OUR

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LGBTI LEGAL SERVICE INC

PRIDE FAIR DAY 2021

Pride Fair Day 2021 is on Saturday 30 October 2021. Pride Fair Day is a day to celebrate all things LGBTIQA+. The Pride rally and march will begin at 10am on the corner of Ann St and Brunswick St and finish at New Farm Park for more festivities at the Fair. During Pride Fair Day, there will be performances, games, music and all things that bring the community together. The LGBTI Legal Service will be running a stall at the fair so come down and say hi! We will be selling a range of awesome LGBTI merchandise including; hats, earrings, tattoos, badges and a lot more! We hope to see you at Pride Fair Day on October 30!



MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Night

with
LGBTI Legal Service Inc

Save the Date

Thursday
4 November
From 5.30pm
New Farm
Cinemas

We will be hosting a movie fundraiser on 4 November to mark the release of Marvel's new movie 'Eternals', which stars Brian Tyree Henry as Marvel's first ever openly gay superhero. The movie also showcases Marvel's first ever LGBTQ relationship and gay family, with Haaz Sleiman playing Brian Tyree Henry's onscreen husband who he has a child with. The movie is especially ground-breaking as it will feature Marvel's first onscreen kiss between a couple in an LGBTQ relationship. The actors involved have spoken in interviews about this ground-breaking step, explaining the emotion and support felt on set. The film has been said to approach the topic in a very thoughtful, beautiful, and significant way, highlighting how loving and beautiful a queer family can be. We decided to highlight 'Eternals' at our charity event due to the amazing work that the cast and crew have done to help further LGBTQ representation on the big screen. Harry Styles also makes a cameo appearance! We are incredibly excited about the release of this movie and hope to see you there!

You can purchase tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3bapPIF>



TRANS RIGHTS PANEL WITH PRIDE IN LAW

On 14 October our valuable team member and young solicitor, Ellie, sat on a panel which discussed trans rights. The event was held by Pride in Law and was aimed at educating the wider community on how to be more inclusive of trans people. The Chair, Jasmine, a trans women and solicitor based in Melbourne virtually drove the discussion. Questions were not prepared in advance which enabled a more authentic and emotional discussion. Topics of discussion included; how to educate people on trans issues that arise in workplaces, how can people and workplaces be more inclusive of trans people and how can we normalise being trans for the next generation to prevent future discrimination.

Many thanks to Ashurst for providing the space in the middle of evolving restrictions. Thank you to the Chair, Jasmine, and to the powerful speakers Stevie, Ellie and Anna-Maria. Your insights, experience and inclusivity created the perfect atmosphere for this ongoing conversation.

The LGBTI Legal Service continues to educate and advocate for the trans community and we wish to attend more events like this in the future!



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LGBTI Legal Service pay our deepest respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and live. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ Sistersgirls & Brotherboys community and recognise the ongoing battle for visibility and inclusivity.

We pay respect to Elders past present and emerging. We acknowledge the wisdom, strength and truth telling of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In the spirit of reconciliation, we are committed to fostering a culture of shared knowledge and learnings with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing justice.



DUTCH ROYALS CAN NOW MARRY SOMEONE OF THE SAME SEX WITHOUT FORFEITING THEIR RIGHT TO THE THRONE

On Tuesday 12 October the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte, ruled that an heir to the Dutch throne would not have to forfeit their position if they wished to marry someone of the same sex. Although same sex marriage has been legal in the Netherlands since 2001, this was not applicable to the royal family due to concerns about how an same sex marriage would affect succession to the throne. This has led to some royals forfeiting their crowns to marry same sex partners without Parliamentary approval. This issue has also arisen in other nations where some heirs have concealed their sexuality for fear of being disowned and dethroned.

Although there are some logistical concerns regarding the succession to the throne, particularly for a couple's children, Rutte claimed that the decisions around succession would depend, "too much on the facts and circumstances of the specific case, which, as can be seen with hindsight in the case of the family law, are not the same as in the case of succession". Therefore, decisions around succession are to be determined in the future, based on the nature of individual cases.

The ruling was made in response to a book titled *Amalia, Duty Calls* suggesting that the next heir to the throne had demonstrated some signs of resistance in terms of accepting the crown and argues that outdated laws in the Netherlands would not permit a same sex couple on the Dutch throne. The ruling ultimately seeks to be more accommodating and inclusive of the LGBTI community in the Dutch royal family which may lead to better representation of the community in the future, a practice which will hopefully be adopted by other nations.



SUPERMAN'S SON COMES OUT AS BISEXUAL IN DC COMIC



DC comics has recently revealed that Jon Kent, the new Superman on Earth and son of Clark Kent is openly bisexual. Fans of the comic have been particularly excited by this development and the growing representation of the LGBTIQA+ community in the DC sphere, adding Superman to the list of other characters who identify as being LGBTIQA+. Other characters include; Robin, who is bisexual in 'Batman: Urban Legends', Batwoman who is a lesbian in the recent television series 'Batwoman' and Harley Quinn and her best friend Poison Ivy who are romantically involved in Harley Quinn's second season. This development has led to emotional reactions from fans as people of the LGBTIQA+ community can begin to see themselves represented by one of the most powerful and popular superheroes.

