



# LGBTIQ<sup>+</sup> COMMUNITY FORUM

*Join us for a discussion, with guest speakers sharing research and lived experiences with a focus on Self-Care - how and why it's so important. This is an opportunity to ask questions and hear about the LGBTIQ<sup>+</sup> local community.*

**MARCH 25, 2021 | 5:30-9:00PM**  
**137 ROOKE ST, DEVONPORT**  
**PARANAPLE CONVENTION CENTRE,**  
**LEVEL 3 - TORQUAY ROOM**

**Free Entry** - Registration required for catering purposes. Please register your attendance via Eventbrite by visiting the website below or scanning the QR code.

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/136749438251](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/136749438251)



## For More Information

Please contact Garry Wakefield at [queerlifestories@outlook.com](mailto:queerlifestories@outlook.com) or 0418 439 734.

Please also advise of any dietary requirements by contacting Garry before 17/03/2021.



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**5:30pm** Welcome/Free Time

**5:50pm** Acknowledgement of Country & Housekeeping

**6:05pm** River of Risk Overview

**6:20pm** Writing Themselves In & Private Lives Latest Research Data  
(Jo Corvinus-Jones)

**6:35pm** Geof Beck (Lived Experience Speaker)

**6:50pm** Mental health... of people with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and sex characteristics in rural Tasmania  
(Tamara Reynish)

**7:05pm** Break / Free Time

**7:35pm** - Sharon Corvinus-Jones (Lived Experience Speaker)

**7:50pm** - Bi+ Australia Research  
(Jo Corvinus-Jones)

**8:05pm** - Charlie Anderson (Lived Experience Speaker)

**8:20pm** - Panel Discussion and Questions

**8:30-9:00pm** - Closing Remarks / Free Time

**Tamara Reynish** is a counsellor with *The Blue Door*, a member of the UTAS Ally Leadership Group, and a founder of the recently created Pride Society of UTAS. Through a PhD at UTAS, Tamara is exploring the impact of stigma and discrimination on the mental health of LGBTIQA+ people, sex workers, and BDSM/kink-oriented people in rural Tasmania. She will be sharing her research findings on the mental health statuses of LGBTIQA+ people; barriers and facilitators to help seeking; and risk and protective factors, including self-care.

**Sharon Corvinus-Jones** identifies as gender non-conforming. She shares her lived experience of gender identity and sexuality and her Self-Care strategies.

**Jo Corvinus-Jones** is a Program Development Officer for *Kentish Regional Clinic Inc* who also facilitates the Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES) and LGBTIQA+ professional development programs.

**Charlie** lives under the bi-umbrella. Charlie will share some experiences of self-care and the bi-umbrella, what has worked well and some other possibilities.

**Geof Beck** is a local gay man who overcame adversity in his life. Growing up knowing he was "different", he got married and had children. After separating from his wife, he discovered his true identity; however still felt trapped with a feeling that he had betrayed his ex-wife and family, while also fearing coming out while working for a Christian family business. Geof is looking forward to sharing his story and his self-care strategies.

**Garry Wakefield** is a local advocate and producer/host of local podcast *Queer Life Stories*, which records and shares real stories of LGBTIQA+ people.



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