

Pride In Your Health: LGBTIQA+ Diversity and Inclusion Conference



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**Wednesday 21st June
Deakin University, Warrnambool Campus**



We are honoured to acknowledge and pay respects to the Peek Whurrong peoples of Gunditjmara Nations who hold custodianship of the land on which we meet today, who continue to hold strong connections to land, river and sea country. It is with deep appreciation that we acknowledge these connections, and pay respects to their Elders, past and present. We would also like to acknowledge any Sistergirls and Brotherboys who are with us today. We honour Indigenous sovereignty as it was never ceded.

About the Pride In Your Health Conference

WRAD Health, in partnership with local organisations, are delivering the Pride in Your Health: LGBTIQA+ Diversity and Inclusion Conference.

The purpose of the conference is:

- To highlight the issues of access to healthcare for members of the LGBTIQA+ community.
- Present current research around the physical, psychological and substance use issues that impact the LGBTIQA+ community.
- To increase practitioner knowledge of and connect LGBTIQA+ inclusive groups/services in the area.
- Encourage action to reduce barriers for LGBTIQA+ community.

Sponsors and partners



Conference program

12:00pm - Arrival/ Lunch

12:30pm - Opening

Mayor Debbie Arnott and Masters of Ceremonies Aidan Nicolson (He/Him)

12:45pm - Welcome to Country

Eastern Maar Traditional Owners of Southwestern Victoria

1:00pm - Key speaker: Anelyse Everill (She/Her)

Lived experience in gender diversity of the health system and participant in workshop stream 2

1:40pm - Key speaker: Holly Kercheval (She/Her)

Focus on youth health and participant in workshop stream 3

2:15 pm - Afternoon tea

2:30pm - Workshops

Workshop 1: Alcohol and Other Drugs / Mental Health

Workshop 2: Experiences of queering the community health system

Workshop 3: Youth specific issues in health care

Workshop 4: Organisational development - from Rainbow flags to action plans: embedding LGBTIQ+ inclusion in your organisation

4:00pm - Panel

Panel discussions facilitated by Lyn Eales (She/Her)

5:00pm - Conference close

5:00 - 7:00pm - Post conference networking

Guest speakers' biographies



Aidan Nicolson

Pronouns: He/Him

MC

Aidan brings an experienced approach to the role of MC combining both professionalism and comedy to create the right atmosphere for a serious discussion around the health needs and issues confronting the LGBTIQ+ community in Southwest Victoria.



Anelyse Everill

Pronouns: She/Her

Key speaker and workshop 2

Anelyse is a member of a multiple Consumer advisory committee's (Monash, SWH, Grampians, Barwon) and was an advisor with all of these establishments working on a project under Health Victoria to validate change of name and gender on Ipm/EMR intake form data. Last year she also helped Barwon Health develop an LBGTQIA+ specific hand book for palliative care. She has been a guest speaker on many occasions as a person with 30 years lived experience in the gender diverse community.



Holly Kercheval

Pronouns: She/Her

Key speaker and workshop 3

Holly has 21 years of knowledge, experience and qualifications in the Community Services Sector. This has included a significant time with youth in the areas of mental health, youth justice, homelessness, alternative education programs for youth, drug and alcohol facilitation, music therapy programs and youth in Out of home care.

Guest speakers' biographies



Awombda Cod | Thorne Harbour Health

Pronouns: She/Her

Workshop 1

Awombda is a gestalt psychotherapist and is an AOD counsellor at Thorne Harbour Health working with the LGBTIQ community. She has worked in the community sector for over twenty years and has designed and developed training and therapeutic groups. Her passion is facilitating change through therapeutic interventions and social justice.



Julia Packard | Thorne Harbour Health

Pronouns: She/They

Workshop 1

Julia is the AOD Counselling Practice Lead at Thorne Harbour Health. She has a background in occupational therapy and has worked across the sector in AOD, mental health, sexual violence and homelessness. At Thorne Harbour she provides one on one counselling, care and recovery co-ordination and facilitates therapeutic groups.



Dr. James Lucas | Deakin University

Pronouns: He/Him

Workshop 2

James is a Queer Mental Health Social Worker and Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Deakin University, Geelong Australia. His social work clinical practice covers complex care-coordination across acute, subacute, and community health service delivery. His research has evolved from his clinical experience and his Queer identity and lived experiences. He seeks to foster greater belonging and social connection on all fronts by building a collaborative, interdisciplinary, methodological diverse research program.

Guest speakers' biographies



Dr. Priscilla Dunk-West | Deakin University

Pronouns: She/Her

Workshop 2

Priscilla's scholarly interest is in intimate and family life which includes sex and sexuality, relationships including separation as well as post separation parenting. Her approach to research problems includes appreciative inquiry which centres on underrepresented populations in research and takes a stance against the pathologisation and medicalisation of people. Priscilla is an experienced researcher in interview methods, focus groups, ethnography, and creative methods.



Ethan Bloom

Pronouns: He/Him

Workshop 3

Ethan is a friendly, resilient young leader who has used his lived experience to become a role model and community advocate for younger LGBTIQ+ young people. He has been involved in the Yumcha Safe Diversity Group for 5+ years, and has participated in community celebrations and days of awareness. These include raising the rainbow flag for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), and designing art that is reflective of self that has been part of the Traffic Signal Box campaign and 16 days of activism. Ethan is passionate about creating new ways for young people to be involved in the community.

Guest speakers' biographies



Teresa Lombardo | Meli

Pronouns: She/Her

Workshop 4

Teresa is the Inclusion and Diversity Advisor at Meli. She is a change champion and driven to support organisations to drive real and meaningful actions that help to build inclusive environments for all people. Teresa proudly lives and works on both Bunurong Country and Wadawurrung Country.



Emma Schuberg | Meli

Pronouns: She/Her

Workshop 4

Emma is the Quality, Risk & Compliance Officer at Meli. She is a committed LGBTQIA+ ally and is privileged to live and work on Wadawurrung Country. Emma has experience working to secure Rainbow Tick Accreditation for an organisation, including the required evidence and actions, audit and compliance processes, and the vital importance of an operational commitment to embedding true inclusion.



Alicea Yu | Deakin University

Pronouns: She/Her

Workshop 4

Alicea is the Coordinator, Training and Capacity Building in Deakin University's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team. She develops and delivers training to staff and students to build their capacity to contribute to making Deakin an inclusive, safe and respectful environment. Alicea is passionate about inclusion, particularly increasing understanding of LGBTQIA+ identities, and the experiences of Asian and other culturally diverse people.

Community reference group members

- **Tamara Holmes** (She/Her) Deakin University
- **Brooke Coleman** (She/Her) Wellways
- **Amy Skene** (She/Her) Wellways
- **Jane Campbell** (She/Her) Wellways
- **Lyn Eales** (She/Her) Brophy Family & Youth Services
- **Courtney Guy** (She/Her) Meli
- **Rachael Gleeson** (She/Her) Warrnambool City Council
- **Lexii Marquardt** (She/Her) Southwest Healthcare
- **Jesse Beavis** (She/Her) Glenelg Shire Council
- **Jordan Lockett** (He/Him) Moyne Shire Council
- **Deb Brevis** (She/Her) Southwest TAFE
- **Sadha Spence** (She/Her) Southwest Healthcare
- **Matt Dixon** (He/Him) WestVic Primary Health Network
- **Mark Powell** (He/Him) WRAD Health
- **Brock Bowman** (He/Him) WRAD Health
- **Sarah Finnerty** (She/Her) WRAD Health
- **Zita Tattersall** (She/Her) Deakin University
- **Anna Pike** (She/Her) WRAD Health
- **Alicea Yu** (She/Her) Deakin University
- **Anabel Mackenzie** (She/Her) Meli
- **Teresa Lombardo** (She/Her) Meli
- **Jackie Wallis** (She/Her) Wellways
- **Joel Willoughby** (He/Him) WRAD Health

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and community reference group!**

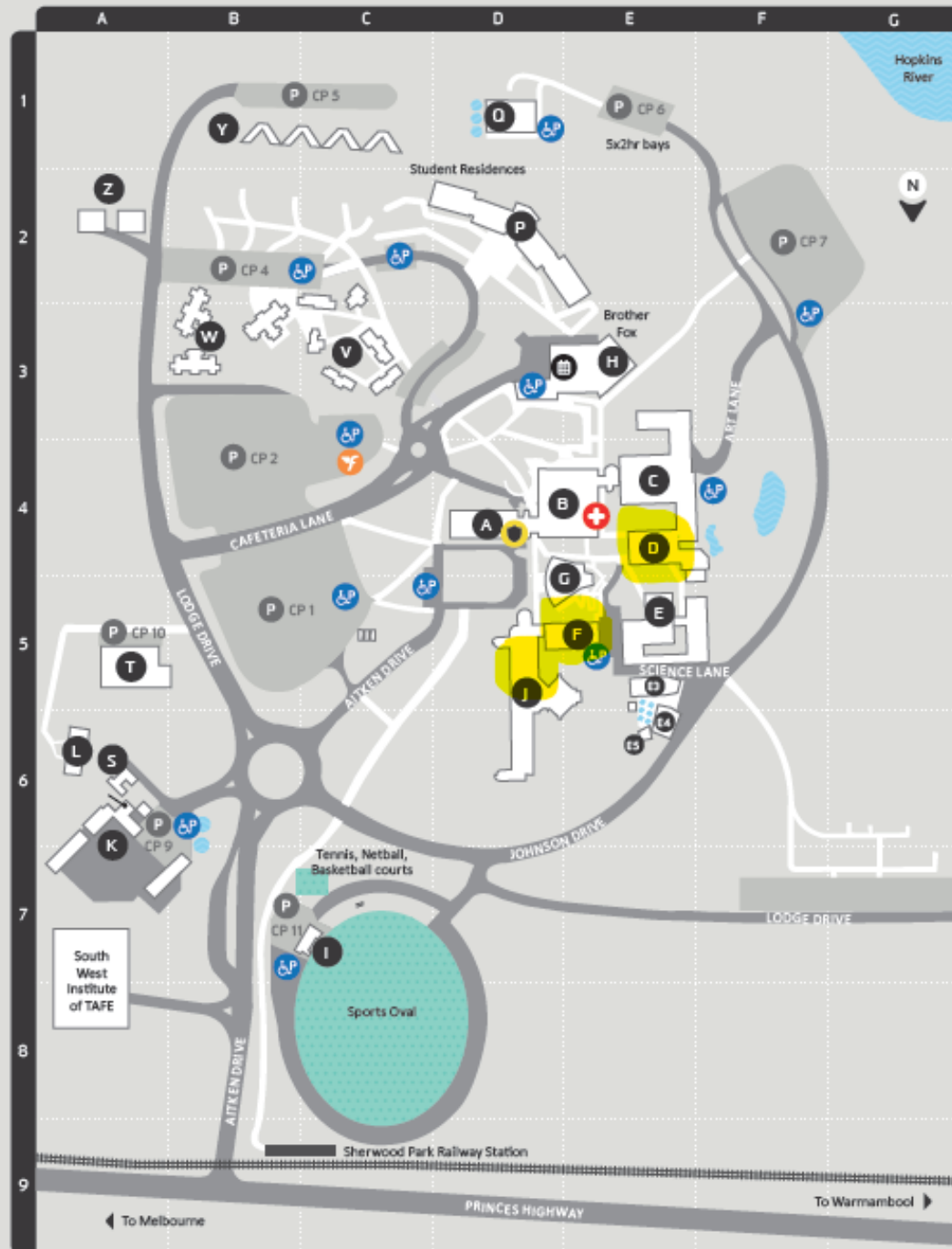


Map and directions

Warrnambool Campus Campus Map



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Princes Highway, Warrnambool, Victoria

Trimester 3, 2020

Directions: The rooms for the various presentations are highlighted in yellow. Rooms are Alfred Deakin Lecture theatre, D5. Percy Baxter theatre D5, F3.3 and J2.27.

Volunteers will be available on the day to direct you to the exact room. Allocation of the rooms for the streams will be done closer to the day of conference as depends on bookings.