ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

Black Rainbow
Black Rainbow is Australia’s first and only national Aboriginal and Torres Strait LGBQTI suicide prevention national advocacy platform and national touchpoint.
www.blackrainbow.org.au

Sistergirls & Brotherboys Australia
Closed facebook group for gender diverse Aboriginal Sistergirls and Brotherboys, family, friends and supporters.
www.facebook.com/groups/sistergirls.brotherboys

AGEING

Bent Twig Alliance
LGBTI Elders and Allies Social group (with City of Yarra). The BTA group meets fortnightly in Collingwood.
Enquiries: contact the City of Yarra Aged and Disability branch on 9205 5555, or for the group’s contacts, call the Willowview Centre on 9205 5276.
www.facebook.com/groups/327275498174519

LGBTI Elders Dance Club
A fabulous free monthly social event for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Gender Diverse, and Intersex elders and allies. Learn new dances, enjoy delicious catering and chat with fabulous people. No dance experience needed. All are welcome.
www.allthequeensmen.net/projects/lgbti-elders-dance-club

DISABILITY

Thorne Harbour HomeCare
Clients of the National Disability Insurance Scheme may apply to have home help services from the Thorne Harbour Home Care team. The team specialises in LGBTI-focused disability support.

Out & About (Switchboard)
Out & About is a peer service connecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex (LGBTI) people across Victoria. We are a free community visitors program run specifically for older members of the LGBTI community. We aim to reduce social isolation and loneliness by creating community connections and facilitating peer friendships.
www.switchboard.org.au/out-about

Rainbow Connection
Rainbow Connection is a new project aimed at reducing social isolation among older members of the LGBTI community.
Community Support volunteers can help in many ways, including visits to client homes, meal preparation, outings to see a movie or to have a coffee and a chat.
Any person in the LGBTI community who is aged 55 or over may apply for support from Rainbow Connection, whether they are living in their own home or an aged care facility.
For more information call (03) 9863 0426 or email support@thorneharbour.org
www.thorneharbour.org/lgbti-health/community-support
Pride Vic
Community based organisation embracing gender diversity and equality for people with disabilities from all communities, breaking down social and isolation barriers, regardless of sexual orientation. Offer support co-ordination, outreach, social programs and skills development activities.
www.pridevic.com.au

Rainbow Rights
Self-advocacy group run by and for people with an intellectual disability in the LGBTIQA+ community to support each other and to have their voices heard.

GENERAL SUPPORT

Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome Support Group Australia
Peer support, information and advocacy group for people affected by AIS and/or related intersex variations, and their families.
www.aisssga.org.au

Beyond Blue
Advocates for non-discriminating communities, systems, policies and institutions, and runs various LGBTI specific services and groups. Information and resources, helpline and on-line forums.

Family Planning Victoria
Sexual and reproductive health care, education and advocacy for all Victorians.
www.fpv.org.au

Intersex Human Rights Australia (IHRA)
‘Closed’ Facebook group for people with intersex variations, parents and family.
www.facebook.com/groups/intersexhumanrightsaustralia

Intersex Human Rights Australia (IHRA) (Previously OII Australia)
National body promoting human rights and bodily autonomy for intersex people. Information, education and peer support by and for people with intersex variations.
www.ihra.org.au

National LGBTI Health Alliance
National peak health organisation and alliance of organisations and individuals that provide health related programs, services and research focussed on lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex people and other sexuality, gender and bodily diverse people and communities.
www.lgbtihealth.org.au

Qlife 1800 184 527
Counselling and referral service for people of all ages who are LGBTIQ. Telephone and online chat support available.
www.qlife.org.au

Rainbow Network
Use the Rainbow Network ‘Find a Group’ feature to find a support group in your area. They also run free training sessions.
www.rainbownetwork.com.au

Seahorse Victoria
Support and social group for the transgender community.
www.seahorsevic.com.au

Switchboard 1800 184 527
Peer-driven support services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender diverse, intersex, queer and asexual (LGBTIQA+) people, their families, allies and communities.
www.switchboard.org.au
The Shed: Support for Transmen
A Melbourne based support group for trans masculine people, including people who are non-binary and those who are questioning or exploring their gender.
www.ftmshed.com

Touchbase
Information, support & services about alcohol and drugs, mental health and sexual health for the LGBITIQ community.
www.touchbase.org.au

Transgender Victoria
Aims to achieve justice and equity for trans or transgender people, their partners, families and friends.
www.transgendervictoria.com

Victoria Legal Aid
Support service providing advice and assistance, especially around LGBTI discrimination.
www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
Provide information and training on humans rights, equal opportunity and equality, workplace laws against discrimination and other topics.
www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au

With Respect 1800 542 847
Specialist LGBTIQ+ family violence support service and capacity building for specialist family violence services.
www.withrespect.org.au

Zoe Belle Gender Collective
Online service supporting the health and wellbeing of Victoria’s sexuality and gender-diverse community, with information and support. Includes a Q&A service for people seeking answers to their questions about sexuality and gender diversity.
www.zbgc.org.au

HEALTH SERVICES

Equinox
A peer led health and wellbeing service for the Trans and Gender Diverse community.
www.equinox.org.au

Monash Gender Clinic
Statewide service that provides individualised, consumer centred care for trans, gender diverse and non-binary people, their families and partners.
www.monashhealth.org/services/services-f-n/gender-clinic

Queerspace
Specialist mental health service providing affordable and affirmative counselling and support for people in the LGBITIQ community.
www.queerspace.org.au

The Royal Children’s Hospital (RCH) Gender Service
Aims to improve the physical and mental health outcomes of children and adolescents who are trans or gender diverse, offering various services.
www.rch.org.au/adolescent-medicine/gender-service

HOUSING AND JOBS

Family Access Network
Family Access Network will provide support to young people who are homeless and those at risk of homelessness. They are Rainbow Tick Accredited and have specific programs for LGBTI young people in finding employment.
www.fan.org.au

Fitted for Work: Transgender Program
Fitted for Work welcomes all women (trans and cis), including non-binary and gender non-conforming people and all those who identify as women, who have experienced disadvantage and are seeking employment.
www.fittedforwork.org
Gay Share
Gay and Lesbian share accommodation and flatmate service.
www.gayshare.com.au

LGBTI Jobs
Australia's National LGBTI job board.
www.lgbtijobs.com.au

Queer Housing Melbourne! (Facebook group)
A group for anyone looking for a queer housemate or a queer/queer-friendly house to post and check out housing notices.
www.facebook.com/groups/197952926992620

Trans Housing Melbourne (Facebook group)
Trans Housing Melbourne is a group for people seeking shared accommodation in Melbourne with trans or trans friendly people. The group can also be used to start a share house.
www.facebook.com/groups/1448801052032092

MULTICULTURAL
Australian LGBTIQ Multicultural Council
Peak body for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, queer individuals and community groups of multicultural and multifaith backgrounds. Find events, resources and support groups.
www.agmc.org.au

PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES
Parents of Gender Diverse Children
Provide direct support to parents or those parenting a trans or gender diverse person. Provide information, referrals, peer support and connections.
www.pgdc.org.au

Student Well Being Hub
Resources developed by the Safe Schools Coalition Australia’s (SSCA) for educators, parents and students.
www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au

Transcend
Provides parent/carer support, community connection, information, advocacy and fundraising for the families of transgender children in Australia.
www.transcendsupport.com.au

Transfamily
Melbourne-based group for friends and families supporting a trans and gender diverse person. Regularly run workshops and have guest speakers.
www.facebook.com/transfamilysupportgroup

REGIONAL AND RURAL
Diversity
Support and social group for LGBTI young people in and around the Shepparton area.
www.facebook.com/diversitygroup

GASP
Support and social group for LGBTI young people in and around the Geelong area.
www.gaspgeelong.net.au

Gateway Health Gender Service
For children, young people and their families
Support, information and referral for gender-questioning, trans and gender diverse young people aged 17 and under, parents, carers and family members and GPs and service providers in the Wodonga region.

Peninsula Pride
Support young people and their families, including information and pathways through to other support services; support schools including one on one support to rainbow youth and work with schools to assist staff with professional development, and supporting the establishment Queer Straight Alliance groups in schools; and provide LGBTIQA+ advice and support to the wider community.
www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Youth_Hangouts/Peninsula_Pride
Rainbow Connections Mornington Peninsula (Facebook Group)
Provide GLBTIQ mental health and wellbeing intervention that provides services both online and in person on the Mornington Peninsula and surrounding suburbs.
www.facebook.com/pg/Rainbow-Connections-Mornington-Peninsula-173307869732335/about/?ref=page_internal

WayOut Rural Victorian Youth and Sexual Diversity Project
Community Health program that aims to raise awareness about the needs of same sex attracted and gender diverse young people and the nature and effects of discrimination in regional Victoria, predominately in the Macedon Ranges area.
Wayout Wodonga promotes the rights, health and wellbeing of LGBTI+ people in Albury, Wodonga and surrounds.
www.gatewayhealth.org.au/services/wayout-wodonga

RELIGION AND FAITH
Acceptance Melbourne (Catholic)
www.melbourneacceptance.wixsite.com/home
Aleph Melbourne (Jewish)
www.aleph.org.au
Freedom2b (Christian)
www.freedom2b.org
Marhaba Melbourne (Muslim)
Email marhaba.melbourne@gmail.com
The Brave Network (Christian)
www.thebravenetwork.org

RESPITE
Yarra City Council Respite Services
Yarra City Council has been funded to provide respite care for carers who are either members of the LGBTI community or who care for someone who is. Successful applicants for the Support for Carers Program will be eligible for up to 20 hours of respite care per year.
To access contact Michelle Watson 9205 5442

SUPPORT GROUPS
City of Melbourne Carer Support Group
The City of Melbourne facilitates a monthly carer support group in Carlton (this is not LGBTIQA+ specific, however it is an inclusive space). The group provides support, respite and an opportunity to share experiences with other local carers.
To be eligible for the carer support group, either the carer or the care recipient must be a City of Melbourne resident.

Wingmen, Beyond Blue
Provides expert advice, resources and an online support for gay men who are worried their partner or friend may have anxiety or depression.

YOUNG CARERS
Healthy Equal Youth (HEY)
Healthy Equal Youth (HEY) is about supporting the health and wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ young Victorians. The first of its kind in Australia HEY brings together a network of partner organisations specialising in support and services for LGBTQIA+ young people.
www.yacvic.org.au/get-involved/hey-grants

Minus18
Australia’s national organisation for same sex attracted and gender diverse young people. Information, resources, advice, support and events.
www.minus18.org.au
Student Well Being Hub
Resources developed by the Safe Schools Coalition Australia’s (SSCA) for educators, parents and students.
www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au

Ygender
Social peer-based support group for trans and gender diverse young people in Melbourne.
www.ygender.org.au