NEWS LETTER





20th SEPTEMBER

Hold on to your seats!

Brief

A lot has happened since our launch way back in August, the event was a huge success with over 700 registrations and 200 turning up for the event (<u>read more here</u>). Community Concepts and Rainbow Communities have been working hard behind the scenes organizing the Biggest LGBTIQ+ festival to hit the Gold Coast.

Planning is underway for our Swimming Carnival and Pool Party in December (Covid Permitting). Gold Coast Rainbow Communities will be organizing the first Pride Swimming Carnival on the Gold Coast. Due to be held on December 12 at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in Southport. On the day there will be Djs, Drag Entertainment, Inflatables and so much more so stay tuned!

Gold Coast Rainbow Communities and <u>Universal</u> (a Gold Coast charity) are currently in talks with State and local Government to establish a Gold Coast LGBTIQ+ community centre and co-working space for community organisations, celebrating diversity and welcoming everyone inclusive of drop-in spaces, Bar and café, auditorium and multi-use function spaces.



Gold Coast Pride Festival

Colours of Unity

We are pleased to announce a Theme for the 2021 Gold Coast Pride Festival. Colours of Unity. The Theme describes that we are many colours under the rainbow and we all come together to form one big community.

While planning is still underway for the festival, we can announce our first major sponsor... HOTA, Home of the Arts and we would like to send our deepest gratitude.



Gold Coast Rainbow Communities Pride Festival is set to be a huge event and will draw tourism to the coast.

Out and About Gold Coast

Things to do on the Gold Coast

There are many things you can do on the Gold Coast for the LGBTIQ+ community. Here is just a couple and hopefully each month we can bring you something different.

On the last Saturday of the month, The Beach Side Bears have their BBQ or Activities day, Last month the bears went Bowling at Ashmore 10 pin bowling centre. There were approximately 20 Bears turned up and had a great day. This Month on the 26th September the bears will be having a free BBQ at the Hammerhead BBQ area in the Broadwater Parklands. Everyone is welcome. Gold Coast Rainbow Communities will be supplying all the food and drink for this event.

Stay tuned by subscribing to our newsletter at www.gcrainbowcommunities.com or follow-us-on-facebook



A Small Group of people have been getting together each Sunday at 3pm to go roller skating on the Netball courts in Runaway Bay. Everyone is welcome, however if you are a beginner, we suggest you to wear you pads because although the courts are smooth to skate on, they have been painted with grip paint.

Starting Monday 21st a group of us will be starting up swimming, not too much to begin with until we get better, just kickboard and flippers. We start at 0730am on Mondays.

Sunday Afternoons the Rooftop Bar at the Island resort has a great Sunday session and was the spot for our dinks at the festival launch. The Rooftop has Djs playing some great funky tunes and some delicious cocktails.





Community Concepts News

Good news for Community Concepts who have been in talks with the beach walking groups around the gold coast and has amalgamated them all under the Community Concepts Brand.

Open Water Swim Club is on hold at the moment due to a number of shark spotting in the area, they have decided to wait until the whale season is over before they resume swimming in the ocean. In the mean time they have moved to the Aquatic centre to do a little bit of squad training. Squads start at 0530, 0630 and 0730 Monday to Friday.







Are you a community group and need help to fund raise or would like to put on an event under the umbrella of Gold Coast Rainbow Communities? please send us an email. gcrainbowcommunities@gmail.com





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