



# Communiqué

**Meeting date:** 18 July 2024

The Queensland LGBTQIA+ Roundtable (the Roundtable) of the 2023-2025 term met for the sixth time on 18 July 2024.

The Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts (Minister Enoch) and Rebecca Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Council for LGBTI Health, co-chaired the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Roundtable community members Mr Brenton Creed, Mrs Charmaine Tolhurst representing Rainbow on the Reef, Ms Grace Sholl, Dr Kirstine Hand, Mx Kris Sargeant, Mx Li-Min Lee, Ms Matilda Alexander representing Rainbow Families Queensland / LGBTI Legal Service, Mr Matthew Higgins, Dr Michelle Jeffries and Miss Stephanie Saal.

Community members were joined by senior staff from the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts (DTATSIPCA); Queensland Health, Department of Justice and Attorney-General; Department of Education; Queensland Human Rights Commission; Queensland Police Service; and the Queensland Public Sector LGBTIQ+ Steering Committee.

Following discussion, members at the meeting agreed that the name of the Roundtable is updated from LGBTIQ+ to LGBTQIA+ to include asexual people and to be more inclusive of all LGBTQIA+ communities.

Members shared a moment of silence for the late Mr Phillip Carswell OAM, who passed away on 17 March 2024 while serving as a member of the Roundtable. His significant contribution to supporting LGBTQIA+ communities in both Victoria and Queensland over several decades was recognised.

Discussion at the meeting focused on Queensland's first LGBTQIA+ Strategy, *Pride in our Communities 2024-2032* and *Action Plan 2024-2026* that were announced through a combined media release on 29 June 2024 by the Hon. Steven Miles, Premier, the Hon. Grace Grace, Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing and Minister Enoch. Included in the public announcement was the allocation of \$1.035 million grant funding for an LGBTQIA+ Alliance to be established and \$200,000 grant funding to Brisbane Pride to support grassroots LGBTQIA+ organisations across Queensland.

Minister Enoch was also joined by fellow Ministers to make the historic announcement at Brisbane Pride's 63<sup>rd</sup> Queens Ball Awards on 29 June 2024 where several Roundtable members were in attendance.

The three key impact areas outlined in the Strategy and Action Plan are: inclusive culture; stronger communities and connections; and responsive, inclusive and accessible services. The Action Plan includes 65 actions across Queensland Government including nine whole-of-government actions that demonstrate the shared commitment to LGBTQIA+ communities and consistent approach, founded in the Strategy's principles, across all Queensland Government agencies.



The Strategy and Action Plan can be viewed on the department's website at: [www.qld.gov.au/pride](http://www.qld.gov.au/pride).

The Minister expressed her gratitude to Roundtable members for their contribution throughout the development of the Strategy including attending out-of-session meetings and consultations and sharing their stories.

Roundtable members heard detailed presentations from the representatives of Queensland Government agencies present about the approach and status of their actions, and discussed the important role of the Roundtable community members in monitoring and driving the implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan through to 2026.

The Roundtable provides an effective engagement mechanism for Queensland's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, plus (LGBTQIA+) communities to discuss issues, challenges and opportunities with the Queensland Government and to strengthen outcomes for LGBTQIA+ communities.

The Roundtable assists the Queensland Government to ensure development and delivery of services, policies, programs and strategies is inclusive of, and responsive to, the needs of people with innate variations of sex characteristics, and people of diverse gender and sexuality.