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GOLD COAST PRIDE
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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO GOLD COAST PRIDE



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THE GOLD COAST'S LGBTIQ+ SPECIALISTS

Welcome to Gold Coast Pride, the Gold Coast's hub for all things LGBTIQ+.

Gold Coast Rainbow Communities is the only Not For Profit LGBTIQ+ Incorporated community organisation on the Gold Coast. We host quality LGBTIQ+ community events from sport and wellness activities to day trips, BBQs, picnics, yacht cruises and our annual Pride Festival featuring Australia's very first Pride Beach Walk.

Our community has over 1300 members* (*1.3K in our Facebook group as of April 13, 2021).

EVERYONE is welcome to join our community, and we welcome you as our valued supporter.



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LOVE

THE LGBTI COMMUNITY



Gold Coast Rainbow Communities is the leading organisation for gay, lesbian and gender diverse people on the Gold Coast. Gold Coast Rainbow Communities began in 2020, rising from the ashes of Covid, and we've held a number of events to very positive responses from our community since then. We are called both GCRC and Gold Coast Pride.

We believe in the value and validity of same-sex attracted people, and we celebrate and embrace diversity and inclusion across our LGBTIQ+ communities on the Gold Coast.

Our work revolves around meeting the needs of our communities through advocacy, education, counselling and support, and acting as a point of contact for LGBTIQ social connection and wellbeing.

We hold regular events for our community, ranging from club events, drag queen trivia and bingo, picnics, bushwalks, tennis and swimming events, and our flagship event, an annual Pride festival.

ABOUT GOLD COAST RAINBOW COMMUNITIES AND GOLD COAST PRIDE

CELEBRATE

ABOUT GOLD COAST PRIDE FESTIVAL 2021 SUNDAY 30 MAY, KIRRA BEACH

Launching at 11am . LGBTIQA+ people will be skydiving and landing on the beach where their partner will be waiting. Once landed, the partner will propose and then they make their way up to the festival area.

Other members of the LGBTIQA+ community will also skydive, raising the profile of gender-diverse people on the Gold Coast with an exhilarating demonstration of the Festival theme of "blue sky thinking". This will be a major media event that highlights the beauty, inclusiveness and liveability of the unique place that is the Gold Coast.

the Festival will feature market stalls, food trucks, a bar area, community

stalls and DJs on the main stage. The DJs will be spinning a curated selection of contemporary dance anthems and "blasts from the past" with lots of family-friendly disco hits from the 1970s and 1980s.

There will be roving circus performers, a free jumping castle and activities for the kids. Gender-questioning, gender-diverse and transgender teens will be supported with a designated space featuring bean bags, decorations and soft drinks.

GOLD COAST PRIDE FESTIVAL

BEACH

PARTY

MAY 30TH | 11AM-6PM **GOLD COIN**

FOOD TRUCKS, MARKET STALLS, COMMUNITY STALLS, KIDS PLAY AREA, LICENCED BAR, ROVING ENTERTAINMENT

ROUGHTON PARK, KIRRA BEACH, QLD

DJs: DJ BOLT, DJ SAMMY, DJ ASHE, DJ BIG FURR, DJ VINCIBLE

Performers: CARMEN TAYKETT, TRIXIE GNASSIS, DAME LIZ TAYLOR, ROXY HARTE, LADY SAINT DIVA, COOKIE CARTELL, MISS GOLD COAST



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DIVERSITY

GOLD COAST PRIDE FESTIVAL - MISS GOLD COAST DRAG QUEEN PAGEANT



*Ready for the
First Miss
Gold Coast?*

Join us at our Rainbow Beach Party for the first ever Gold Coast Pride Festival Drag Pageant. The winner will receive:
A Crown and Sash, +
3 nights accommodation for 2 people staying at Turtle Cove Resort, Port Douglas.

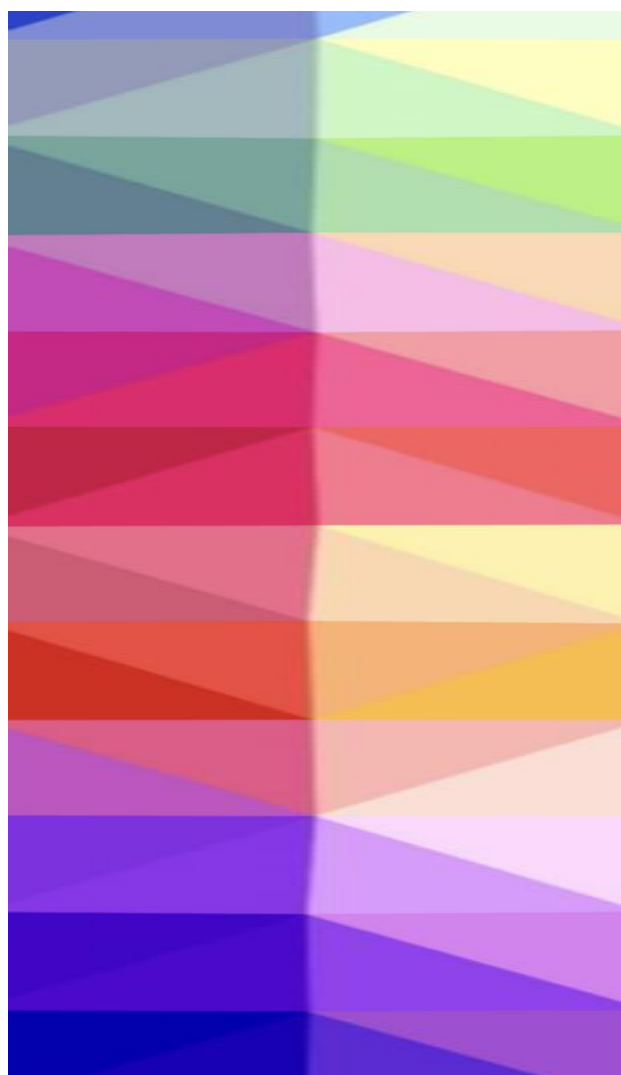
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**MISS GOLD COAST PRIDE
DRAG
PAGEANT
MAY 30, 2021**

Other prizes include:
Styler Wig
Make up packs
and other prizes TBA

**TURTLE COVE
BEACH RESORT**



The highlight of the day will be the first Miss Gold Coast competition, a beauty pageant featuring professional drag queens and transgender people, who will compete across three categories (gown, beach and social) for the title. Judging the Drag Queen Beauty pageant will be legendary drag queens Dame Liz Taylor and Trixie Onassis who in 2018 was inducted into the Queensland Drag Hall of Fame. Prizes donated from our sponsors include a stay for two in a Port Douglas resort, a tiara, styled wigs and make-up kits. The Drag Queen runway walks will be interspersed with drag queen performances by the glamorous host and MC, Miss Carmen Taykett and supported by leading Gold Coast drag queens Cookie Cartell and Roxy Harte.

Overall, the Pride Festival will cultivate a safe, festive and culturally sensitive atmosphere for the Gold Coast LGBTIQ+ community to feel included in, and to enjoy.

AWARENESS

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

VINCE SPEAKS FROM THE HEART



Hello, and welcome to the first ever GCRC Gold Coast Pride Festival. This festival has been a dream of mine for many years and now it has come true. After a long incubation period in which Pride ideas brewed in my head, the massive upheavals of COVID19 together with a collaboration with Gold Coast non-profit, Community Concepts - led to the birth of Gold Coast Pride and our parent organisation, Gold Coast Rainbow Communities.

Over the last year, we've had a drag show under the Surfers Paradise sign, an LGBTIQ+ club night, a pool party (with no pool!), a rainbow picnic and now The Gold Coast Pride Festival. And while the Festival is our pride and joy - the jewel in our rainbow crown - there are even more exciting times to come.

This festival is for you, the community. We have designed our festival to welcome everyone, kids and adults alike.

It gives me great pleasure and I feel very honoured that we can put this on for the community.

Please enjoy the 7 nights of Pride.

Vince Siciliani, Director.

**THREE4
GROUP**



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EXPRESSION

FROM SURFERS PARADISE TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER

A Safe
Space
To
Party



DANNI'S DREAM

Folks, I want to extend a warm welcome to you to this, our inaugural Gold Coast Pride Week!

For a long time now, it's also been my dream to see LGBTIQ+ events for our rainbow family happening here on the Gold Coast. We need safe spaces where same-sex attracted and gender-diverse people - our beautiful rainbow community - can gather, mix, connect and be entertained.

We've put this festival program together with this in mind, with a mix of different types of events up and down our gorgeous Gold Coast.

Our goal of there being something for everyone, and we hope you all have a fantastic time.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Danni Zuvela, Director.



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COMMUNITY

GOLD COAST IS THE PLACE TO BE

STEPHEN SPEAKS OF UNITY

It's my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the Gold Coast's inaugural LGBTQI+ Pride Festival.

As a community organisation, it is the Gold Coast Rainbow Community's mission to promote and encourage all people of diverse sexuality and gender living on the Gold Coast and surrounds, and to provide a platform for the celebration of our community, diversity, culture and talent as we continue to champion our freedoms and rights.

The Gold Coast Pride Festival is one of the ways in which we will achieve our mission.

It will be an annual event that aims to unify our community and to leave a legacy of a vibrant and supporting community for the LGBTQI+ youth of the future.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Pride Festival.

Stephen James, Director



**GOLD COAST
SKYDIVE**



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FAMILY RULES

FOUR FAMILY EVENTS

FAMILY DAYS

GOLD COAST PRIDE FESTIVAL

26TH MAY, MOVIE WORLD

23RD MAY, GENDER FLUID FAMILY PICNIC

29TH MAY, PRIDE BEACH WALK

30TH MAY, PRIDE BEACH PARTY

Gender Fluid Picnic, Movie World Pride Beach Walk and Beach Party

Gold Coast Rainbow Communities believe the Gold Coast Pride Festival should be for everyone in our community including our beautiful Rainbow families



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GENDER FLUID PICNIC



THE FIRST EVENT OF THE PRIDE IS
AN INCLUSIVE PICNIC FOR KIDS,
TEENS AND ADULTS ALIKE



After our group walk, with members of the queer ecology group Seaweed Society, we'll gather for a picnic, kindly supplied by Carers QLD, and with circus activities led by non-profit diversity wellness organisation Community Concepts.

This event will be led by genderfluid, gender-diverse and gender non-conforming folks, and a special invitation is extended to those exploring, questioning and realising their gender in our community. Please join us as we appreciate and centre the magnificent wetlands from an LGBTQIA+ perspective and share time, activities and time in nature together.

All are welcome at this all-inclusive, all-ages, queer-friendly, family-friendly, mixed abilities event. Neurodiverse, differently-abled people and carers are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

- There are no toilets or drinking water in the park - nearest toilets are xxx. (We recommend you go before you arrive!).
- Dogs are not permitted in the Conservation area due to it being an important habitat for kangaroos, wallabies and koala
- The walking track and picnic area are flat level areas suitable for those with low mobility and in wheelchairs.

Where: Coombabah Reserve & Mangrove Walk entrance

When: 12-3pm

BYO: Hat, sunscreen, walking shoes, picnic blanket

Wheelchair accessible

A collaboration between Gold Coast Pride, Seaweed Society, Daniele Constance and Carers QLD - the NDIS Partners in the Community

MAY
26

MOVIE WORLD DAY



GET READY MOVIE WORLD, PRIDE IS COMING

PRIDE MOVIE WORLD DAY

Join us for a fun day out at a Movie World. Meet at 10am at the entrance for a photo opportunity under the big Movie World sign. Wear your rainbow colours and make a splash!

Once inside, we'll explore together. Join a group, make new friends - or take in the sights and sounds at your own leisure. You may want to take the kiddies to Looney Tunes Land - or if you like the thrills, why not tackle the DC Rivals Rollercoaster, aka the largest rollercoaster in the southern hemisphere? And join us for lunch at the Wild West café.

Everyone welcome: Family-friendly and wheelchair accessible, Pride Movie World Day is a great way to meet new people in our community.

Bring your annual pass, or you can buy your tickets at the door, or online at <https://movieworld.com.au/tickets>

MAY
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DRACULA'S DINNER



Polite conversation, sophisticated society, and serious political discussions... You won't find any of these here.

BUT, if you want a comedy show where you laugh until your head falls off (potentially literally) as you're wowed by a crazy live cabaret club show with singing, dancing, burlesque, magic, juggling, and aerial performances, then step inside our maniacal lair for the ride of your life.

After all, you're not dead... yet.

COME ALIVE AT DRACULA'S!

6:30pm: We meet at outside the Dracula's gates, then check in and take the ghost train inside to our seats.

Tip: Leave your car at home or hotel as there's a tram stop practically out the front. You won't want to drive after having a couple of their signature cocktails! (We hear the fish bowl is pretty good.)

A yummy three-course meal will have you satisfied & all dietary options are available (just tell them in advance).

MAY
30

WIN A SKYDIVE

RAINBOW SKYDIVING COMPETITION!

Just tell us why, in 25 words or less, and you could be one of the lucky ones to win an unforgettable marriage proposal!

Email admin@goldcoastpride.com

WIN A SKYDIVE / GET GAY MARRIED
/ HAVE FUN!!
ENTER NOW!!!

We are looking for 5 couples for a proposal with a difference.

Throw your loved one out of a plane to show just how much you love them!

Seriously, they will love for it.

If you decide to take the plunge too, you can hand the ring over to one of our professional staff members who will be there throughout the whole process to take care of your proposal. You will land first next to the "Will you marry me?" sign. You'll have the ring handed to you as your chosen songs plays on the beach as your partner lands next to you, so you can get down on one knee. And you can toast with French champagne for you to enjoy once it's all official.



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PRIDE BEACH WALK

FLY YOUR RAINBOW FLAGS WITH PRIDE

2pm: We'll meet and mingle at the water's edge on Surfers Paradise Beach, opposite Elkhorn Ave. Then, at 3pm, we'll make our way south along Surfers Paradise Beach and up to the Surfers Paradise sign and through Cavill Mall, finishing along the boulevard.

This will be a Pride march/parade, so wear your rainbow colours! March in a group or in our rainbow community. Carry your banners and fly your rainbow flags.

You are officially encouraged to dress up, carry signs - and carry on!

It's a protest march in the true gay tradition, and it's also a celebration of all the colour and diversity of our amazing LGBTQIA+ community here on the Gold Coast.

This is an all-inclusive event for all sexualities and genders. Free event with donations towards Pride Festival welcome.

Then join us for a low-key Parade Afterparty that evening at Surfers Paradise Surf Lifesaving Club.



PARADE
AFTER
PARTY
MAY 29

Free for Parade Participants
\$15 Door general admission

GOLD COAST RAINBOW COMMUNITIES PRESENTS

FREE PRIDE BEACH WALK

SATURDAY 29TH MAY 2021

Registrations are open to everyone! Bring music and I speakers. Fly your flags and banners as we walk down the beach. Free entry into the after party.

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MAY

24 & 25

PAINT & SIP



Does one ever need an invitation to paint & party? - Well darling, for this one you do but you're going to love it. We promise! 😊

Join us for a few truly outrageous nights over the 24th and 25th of May from 6pm - 9pm filled with bubbles and more.

Queens, laughter, entertainment and painting - what could possibly be better, Gold Coast?

Paint Juicy, located in Burleigh Heads are opening the doors and throwing their very first Paint N' Sip with a dazzling twist for Pride Festival Gold Coast.

They're a part of Juicy Online Media Group: your local friendly marketing agency who are totally 100% LGBTIQ+ owned, run and they're super proud foundation sponsors of the Pride Festival Gold Coast.

Your fabulous night will be hosted by a local talented Gold Coast artist, alongside some extra mischievous Drag Queens ready to provide the sass

and a whole lot of ball-dropping laughs.

Oh and it's BYO alcohol, sugar!

No Picasso talent required, just a creative mind + pooches are most certainly welcome.

Don't miss out! Tickets are \$55 and includes: your paint, easel, plastic palette, canvas (to take home) - and a seat at the very first Juicy Paint in Burleigh Heads.



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MAY
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WHITE PARTY

DRESS UP IN WHITE TO IMPRESS

All aboard our glamorous Pride sunset cruise and dance party! We fire up as we watch the sun go down over the misty Hinterland and across the shimmering waves of the Broadwater.

Come and board the luxury party Super Yacht, the YOT Club, and dance the night away to the tune of the Gold Coast's best DJs, DJ Sammy and DJ Bolt. With special surprise guest show, we are sure to have an unforgettable evening.

Dress code: White LUX

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- GOLD COAST PRIDE FESTIVAL -

WHITE PARTY

DJ SAMMY / DJ BOLT

ENTRY : \$59 / VIP\$89 / MARINA MIRAGE / BOARDING 5PM

28 MAY

YOT CLUB

VIP PACKAGES

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DRESS TO IMPRESS. STRICT DRESS CODE



Moving from the packed clubs of Sydney to the sunny shores of the Gold Coast, DJ Bolt has quickly become one of the hottest DJs around.

You know his style from big parties like UP/Rise & Shine; the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras main stage; Laletch and much much more.

Known for his impeccable selections of high-energy house and commercial club mixes, DJ Bolt sure knows how to electrify a crowd and will quickly become a Gold Coast Pride Festival favourite!



**DJ,s SET TO
TURN THE
DANCE FLOOR
ON FIRE!**



DJ Sammy is from the Gold Coast music scene and catching the eye of some of the industry's biggest names.

Sammy had an ear for music from an early age, and he recalls the moment he heard Klass' – "Where's Your Head At" as first sparking the passion that would come to fuel his DJ career. He purchased his first set of decks as a youngster and began to teach himself and perfect his art. In 2010, Sammy performed to his first crowd at MP's Nightclub on the Gold Coast, securing a weekly residency within two months.

Fast forward and a little over 5 years later and his experimentation and self-taught skills have allowed Sammy to claim his place on major dancefloors all across the country, playing Family Nightclub, The Beat Megaclub, The Wickham Hotel, and Element Nightclub in Brisbane; through to Sin City and Escape Bar & Club on the Gold Coast; and down to ARQ, Stonewall Hotel, The Midnight Shift and The Imperial Hotel in Sydney ... & everywhere in between.

A mainstay of The Sydney Mardi Gras, & Brisbane Big Gay Day Main stage, and favourite of Ski Week New Zealand, DJ Sammy is no stranger to the festival crowds.

The dancefloor becomes body-hugging when Sammy enters the booth, playing big room, electro house, house, the latest anthems, and anything with that deep, satisfying, gay bass. This DJ knows exactly how to drive a crowd into a frenzy! It's no surprise that he's earned a growing army of ardent fans.



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DRAG QUEEN

MAY 9
& 23



FU MANCHU
ORIENTAL

CARMEN TAYKETT
EVERY 2ND SUNDAY
GAMES + FUN + PRIZES

- WARNING -

May contain traces of nuts!

FULL BOOK
\$20

HALF BOOK
\$10

SPECIAL \$12 COCKTAILS



3:00pm

RESERVATIONS: fumanchuoriental.com SERVICE : BINGO



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TODAY**



**TURTLE
COVE**
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MISS GOLD COAST PRIDE D **RAG** **PAGEANT** *MAY 30, 2021*

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