

Newsletter

March/April/May 2005

Metropolitan Community Churches Queensland – MCC Newsletter. This newsletter is produced by MCC Brisbane as a service to the glbti communities of CQ and South East Queensland.

Services in Brisbane

Services are held weekly at 7pm at the Quaker Meeting House 10 Hampson St Kelvin Grove. From May 1st on there will be a house group/informal service each Sunday morning 9-30am at 40 Redfern St Morningside. All welcome at either or both of these.

Services in Rockhampton

Services in Rockhampton are held on the first and third Sundays of each month at 6pm. MCC Rockhampton meet at the Access Recreation Meeting Room Allenstown. This is diagonally opposite the Allenstown school and behind the old RSPCA office on the corner of Caroline St and Upper Dawson Rd. All welcome.

A Note About the Newsletters

After this issue hard copies of the newsletter will be sent as usual to people in South East Qld and to people in CQ who have paid for copies. For other people in CQ copies of the newsletter will be sent in bulk to Rogalwots and Wayne Larson and will be available at shows, coffee club and church. Rogalwots now have an online newsletter at their website <http://groups.msn.com/ROGALWATSRockhampton>

This means CQ people have another resource for information about what is on locally, and Rogalwots contributions to the MCC newsletter have therefore been dropped. If you still want to receive a hard copy MCC newsletter and you live in CQ you can contact us with a \$6 donation and we will be happy to continue sending you your own copy OR you can make sure you pick one up at church, coffee club or show. Email copies of the newsletter will continue to be sent as usual.

Rockhampton News

Coffee Club

The Coffee club in Rockhampton has moved location and time.

The coffee Club now meet weekly at Bec's place in North Rockhampton. You can ring Bec on 043 195 7274 to get the details of where she lives in North Rocky. The Coffee Club is on Sunday evenings from 6pm to 8-30pm.

This gives the glbti community of CQ somewhere to meet weekly – give Bec a ring and go along and support this new venture.

Thankyou

Neville and Rosemary Kajewski ran ICONS at their home from August last year til the 11th March this year. This provided a valuable opportunity for the glbti community of CQ and

Rogalwots are grateful to Neville and Rosemary for this.

Library

The MCC Rockhampton library is now located at Bec's place and can be accessed on Coffee Club nights – ie every Sunday evening from 6pm til 8-30pm OR by arrangement with Bec on 043 195 7274 or Wayne on 041 777 9390.

Shows

Rogalwots organise Dance Party/Shows regularly at the Country Comfort Hotel - The Archer Room 1st floor. The doors open at 7-30pm and close at 12-30am. Cost is \$5pp. Shows this year are planned for 2nd April, 7th May, 28th May, 18th June, 30th July, 27th August, 24th September, 29th October, 26th November and 17th December.

The Rainbow Ball

The Rainbow Ball is being run by Rogalwots and will be at the Frenchville Sports Club on Saturday 9th July . This is planned as a very special event for the community so put that date in your diary now and plan to be there for this hopefully annual event.

A Word about Roles in Rockhampton

When Anne and Iris were in Rockhampton we were happy to provide a chaplaincy service to the whole community. We had the training to do this.

And we are happy still to support people via phone and Email and on our six weekly visits to Rocky.

Wayne Larson was not appointed to the same role as Anne and Iris held. Wayne is the Worship Coordinator- which means he is responsible for conducting the twice monthly MCC services in Rocky.

Worship Coordinators are free, like anyone else, to take on other roles within the community if they and the community wish it, BUT the only expectation MCC has of Wayne as worship coordinator is that he will run the twice monthly worship services.

Rockhampton News cont.....

Anne and Iris visiting-

Anne and Iris plan to visit Rocky together on the Anzac Day weekend. We will arrive on the tilt train on the Friday evening and leave on the tilt train on the Monday morning. We will be staying at the City Walk Motel in William St. We would be happy to spend time during this weekend with anyone who wishes to see us and we can be contacted at the motel, in advance on (07) 33 99 23 67 or by ringing our mobiles – Anne's 0401 434 564 or Iris's 0431 671 776

Pflag- Parents and Friends of lesbians and gays

Pflag meets on the first Tuesday of each month in **Rockhampton** . Meetings are held at the Community Health Centre on the corner of Bolsover and Cambridge Streets. Enter via the Cambridge St entrance and meet in room 2 at 7pm. Neville and Rosemary Kajewski lead Pflag in Rockhampton and they can be contacted on 49 287 275.

Pflag in Brisbane is led by Shelley with the next meeting being the 9th April at 1-30pm. Shelley can be contacted on (07) 3017 1739 or Email pflagbris@hotmail.com

PFlag do a lot of good in advocating for the glbti community and in supporting family and friends of glbti people. In Rocky PFlag are also happy to support glbti persons 'coming out'.

Thankyou Neville, Rosemary and Shelley for all the good work you do .

BRISBANE NEWS

On Monday 2nd May we will be having a picnic out towards the Glass House Mountains. David L is finding just the right spot for this. Put this date in your diary and plan to join us. If you don't have transport please speak to Anne or Iris or a member of the BOD and we will organise for you to travel with someone else who is going.

Study Group

A group of us meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm at 40 Redfern St Morningside. We look at the gospel for a few weeks hence and work through what it might be saying to us. This assists the preacher for that Sunday and those who are part of the group will have noticed where the preacher has drawn on the group discussion in some of the things said in the homily. We spend about an hour on the reading and we follow this with supper together. ALL WELCOME.

House Group

The house group that met during lent has proved popular with people who find it hard to get to evening services. We are having a break during April and then from May 1st we will meet weekly again at the 9-30am time slot. We will have an informal service together – this lasts about 1 hr and is followed by morning tea together. ALL WELCOME.

BRISBANE NEWS cont.....

Board of Directors (BOD)

The BOD meet monthly and they make decisions about the running of the church – both here in Brisbane, and Rockhampton is also answerable to the Brisbane BOD. Any member of the church is welcome to attend a BOD meeting. Attending gives you a chance to have some input into decisions made (you have voice but not vote) and it enables you to keep up with what is happening. All MCC members are encouraged to attend BOD meetings which are mostly held on the first Monday night of each month at the pastors' place – 40 Redfern St Morningside.

Sister Speak

On Saturday, 12th February, an eclectic group of women gathered in Morningside to renew acquaintance after the Christmas break, and to plan activities for the rest of the year.

With a mixture of serious sharing and joyous frivolity, it was agreed that gatherings would alternate between public places and members' homes, with an understanding that newcomers would be invited to the public venues, to meet in mutual comfort and confidence, The March gathering was a BYO picnic in the Roma St parklands and the April meeting will be in a member's home – contact Claire on 3300 0152 for more precise details.

Zero Tolerance

MCC Churches, including MCC Brisbane and MCC Rockhampton have a zero tolerance policy towards sexual harrassment or predatory behaviour of any kind. This is true of any services and any social function organised by or for MCC.

If you need to talk about any bullying, sexual harrassment or predatory behaviour you have experienced you can speak with Rev Anne James or Rev Iris Sagers on (07) 33 99 23 67.

Metropolitan Community Churches in Queensland

These are MCC Brisbane and the Brisbane outreach of MCC Rockhampton.

The Pastor is Rev Anne James. The Assistant Pastor is Rev Iris Saggars.

The Worship Coordinator in Rockhampton is Mr Wayne Larson.

Anne and Iris can be contacted on (07) 33 99 23 67 or Anne's mobile 0401 434 564

Wayne can be contacted on (07) 49 381 214 or mobile 041 777 9390.

Anne's Email address is spaganne@iinet.net.au

Iris's Email address is isaggers@echidna.id.au

Anne and Iris in Brisbane and Wayne in Rockhampton are available as a 'friendly ear' or 'shoulder to cry on'. Anne and Iris are also available for Commitment Ceremonies, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement.

MCC Brisbane Address is PO Box 317 Fortitude Valley Qld 4006

MCC Rockhampton address is PO Box 4100 Rockhampton 4700

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Rockhampton services are held at Access Recreation Meeting Room cnr Caroline St and Upper Dawson Rd Allenstown.

ALL WELCOME AT ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SERVICES