



**ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN
GENDER ALLIANCE &
UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG**

Presents



**TRANS
AND
FRIENDS
FESTIVAL**

on Dharawal Country

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10th November 2024

PROGRAM

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Welcome to TAFFI 2024!

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance (ISGA) welcomes you to TAFFI 2024! It has been a busy year planning, and it is finally here. We have over 60 stalls, health and wellbeing sessions and workshops, lived experience panels, a dedicated youth space, entertainment all day long and a variety of food options to keep you satisfied.



Dharawal & Yuin Country

The TAFFI and ISGA teams acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Country on which we live and work: the Yuin (Shoalhaven) and Dharawal (Illawarra) peoples, and their ongoing connection and belonging to their lands, sky and seas. The University of Wollongong (UOW) sits upon ancestral lands of the Dharawal people and below the ancient teaching site of Djeera (Mount Keira), one of the Five island sisters.

We pay our deepest respects to Elders past and present, including the Sistergirl and Brotherboy Elders in community. We extend this respect to all First Nations LGBTIQIA+ peoples whose courage and activism are paving the way to a more inclusive future for all.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance is committed to working in solidarity with First Nations LGBTIQIA+SB communities, organisations and initiatives to mobilise address the inequities faced in this place. We honour the resistance of First Nations peoples all around the world.

This always was and always will be stolen Aboriginal land, and sovereignty has never been ceded.

Need help?

TAFFI is run by a big team of awesome volunteers.

We couldn't do it without you! Ask anyone in a black TAFFI T shirt with a pink vest for help- if you need a band aid, directions, physical help, mental health first aid, security, a quiet area or just someone to chat to.

The ISGA Registration tent has sunscreen, lanyards and TAFFI badges. If you do not want to be in any photographs, pick up a purple lanyard from the tent and if you see someone taking photos or videos without consent, please tell security or speak to a volunteer.

See the back pages for links to ISGA resources



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer



The sunflower is symbol of invisible disabilities. If you see someone wearing a sunflower, they may need some extra care or support. You can get a sunflower pin or bracelet at the ISGA tent.

Our Sponsors this year



The Aurora Group

Is an LGBTIQ+ community-led funding organisation. Donations to Aurora help to fuel Australian LGBTIQ+ organisations in their work towards equality and better outcomes for the most marginalised people within the LGBTIQ+ community.



Pride Foundation Australia (PFA – formerly GALFA)

Is a national philanthropic foundation specifically focused on funding lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, asexual and other (LGBTQIA+) community issues in Australia.



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University Of Wollongong

A special thanks to the University of Wollongong for hosting TAFFI 2024. The University of Wollongong has been recognised for its strong policies and practices on diversity and inclusion and support for the LGBTQIA+ community. Supporting the Festival to be held on Main Campus, supplying security, equipment, rooms and other amenities allows our community to enjoy the festivities in a safe space and a friendly environment.



Rainbow Fertility

Australia's first dedicated LGBTI+ fertility provider, we specifically cater to the unique needs of the LGBTI+ community. Rainbow Fertility, an initiative of City Fertility, has proudly assisted in creating over 18,000 babies since 2003. City Fertility is also part of CHA Medical Group, a leading healthcare operator and a premier global leader in fertility.



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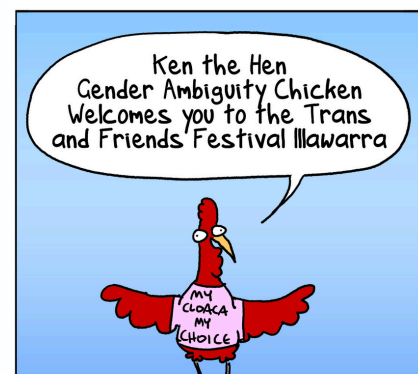
In Ballina produce high quality oestradiol implants for oestrogen therapy, as well as a range of other compounded products in their state of the art laboratory.



ACON

We are a fiercely proud community organisation. For our entire history, the work of ACON has been designed by and for our communities. Established in 1985, our early years were defined by community coming together to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in NSW, and we remain committed to ending HIV for everyone in our communities. We do this by delivering campaigns and programs to eliminate new HIV transmissions. Supporting people living with HIV to live healthy and connected lives remains core to our work.

A special welcome from the First Dog on the Moon!



Festival Shirt Sponsors



Twenty10 NSW

Is an LGBTIQ+ organisation that has been supporting LGBTIQ+ folks across NSW for over 40 years. Proudly located at the new Inner West Pride Centre, our vision is to build a safe and accessible hub for all folks across LGBTIQ+ communities. We're committed to providing a broad range of free, accessible mental health and psychosocial support programs, as well as creative and digital programs, events, safe spaces, and delivering specialist capacity building training all over NSW to continue building a world where LGBTIQ+ people of NSW are secure, connected and celebrated.



headspace Wollongong

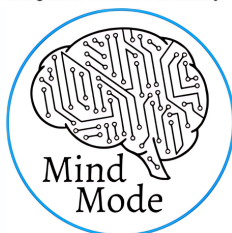
Is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. We began in 2006, and ever since we've provided early intervention mental health services to 12-25-year-olds. At the heart of our services is ensuring we meet the evolving and unique needs of young people and those who support them. That's why young people are at the centre of everything we do, and they play an active role in designing, developing and evaluating our programs.



Services for the trans
and gender diverse community

The Gender Centre Inc.

Is the peak state-wide multidisciplinary centre of excellence providing a broad range of specialised services that enables the exploration of gender identity and assistance with the alleviation of gender dysphoria. We support trans and gender expressive people at every stage of their journey as they explore and live their authentic sense of self.



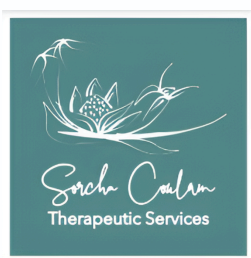
Mind Mode Psychology & Wellness

Mind Mode has 19 clinicians, each with their own personality and style, as well as interests and training. Mind Mode psychologists, counsellors, dietitians and support staff aim to build a community that supports clients towards empowerment and wellbeing.



Hashworth Psychology

We are a LGBTQI+ affirming practice located in Wollongong CBD. We support adolescents and adults to achieve recovery from mental health difficulties and create a life worth living. Our values include fostering autonomy, resilience, respect, hope, and empowerment, while ensuring safety, understanding, and flexibility.



Sorcha Conlan Therapeutic Services (SCTS)

Sorcha (She/Her) is an experienced Queer Clinical Psychotherapist, Supervisor and Credentialed Mental Health Nurse Clinical Consultant in private practice on Yuin country. She has over 20 years' experience and her roles have been in Clinical Psychotherapy and Therapeutic interventions, Clinical leadership & supervision, Reflective Practice, Consulting and Facilitation. SCTS Values: Justice informed, Gender and LGBTIQIA+SB affirming, Decolonising, Intersectional, Feminist, Violence-informed, Inclusive, Collaborative, Creative.

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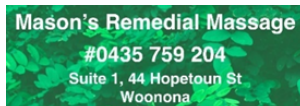
ISGA

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance is a community-driven initiative focused on promoting gender equality and inclusivity within the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions of New South Wales, Australia. This alliance brings together individuals, organisations, and stakeholders committed to addressing gender-based disparities and fostering a supportive environment for all genders. Through advocacy, education, and collaborative efforts, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance aims to create a society where everyone, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to thrive. Their work encompasses various areas such as workplace equality, education, health, and community engagement, striving to eliminate gender biases and empower individuals to achieve their full potential.



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Mason's Remedial Massage

Qualified Remedial Massage Therapist, assisting with post injury recovery, pain management, and good old relaxation. Operating from a multi-disciplinary clinic at the heart of Woonona



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Sock Drawer Heroes

Dedicated to gender euphoria, Sock Drawer Heroes is a trans and queer owned gender expression shop. We will be offering a selection of Binders, Gaffs, tape, LGBTQIA+ apparel, badges, lanyards and much more at TAFFI.



Mermaid&Me Bowtique

Will be offering Bows, Lanyards, Coin Purses, Tiaras. Handmade with love at this year's Festival, drop by and show some love.

Opening Ceremony Duckpond Lawn 10:00am



Opening Remarks from MC – Ellawarra (She/Her)

Ellawarra (she/her) The Queen of the South Coast! One of the Illawarra's premiere showgirls. Working her Diva, Icon, and Legendary Star status from Wollongong to all corners of the country, this infectious queen is sure to bring beauty, grace, and let's not forget about that Bass! Ella is a recording artist, proud trans woman, and the host of all your most beloved events right here in Wollongong such as Drag Queen Bingo and Drag Race Down South.



Welcome to Country – Dr Joyce Donovan (She/Her)

Dr Joyce Donovan, or Aunty Joyce, is a highly respected Dharawal elder and Gerringong resident, a health and human rights campaigner and the driving force behind establishment of the Aboriginal Medical Service in Wollongong. Aunty Joyce has travelled thousands of miles conducting healing ceremonies for victims of domestic violence and bringing her message that it takes a whole community to raise a child. Aunty Joyce Donovan welcomed the community to TAFFI 2022 and 2023 and we are extremely proud to have Aunty Joyce welcome us to Dharawal Country for TAFFI 2024.



Welcome from the University – Senior Professor Sue Bennett, Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (She/Her)

Sue Bennett has more than 30 years' experience teaching in Australian universities. She started out in science, completing an honours degree in physics, followed by a Masters degree in science communication, later moving into education with a graduate certificate and PhD. She has worked as a writer, programmer, educational designer, higher education teacher and university academic. Sue's research has explored living and learning with technology, working with multidisciplinary teams across the life course from the early years through to adulthood. She is committed to working collaboratively with practitioners and organisations, and disseminates the findings of her work to researchers, teachers, students, higher education leaders and policymakers. She is currently Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Student Life) at the University of Wollongong and Deputy Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for The Digital Child.



Welcome from the UOW Pride – Dr Jonathon Mackay (He/Him)

Dr Jonathon Mackay (he/him) is the Chair of the UOW Pride Network: a community of over 500 staff and students who aim to make UOW a more inclusive and caring place for work and study through visibility, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTIQ+ staff and students. Jonny is passionate about LGBTIQ+ causes and has a demonstrated track record of advocacy outcomes in higher education, including being part of the team that negotiated one of the sector's highest gender affirmation leaves for trans and gender diverse staff at the university. Jonny is a queer man and is a strong believer in the power of care and community and is honoured to welcome everyone to the third Trans and Friends festival on behalf of the UOW Pride Network and wider university.



Welcome from the Greens NSW - Dr Amanda Cohen (She/Her)

Dr Amanda Cohn MLC (she/her) is a member of the NSW Legislative Council and is the Greens NSW spokesperson for Health, including mental health and LGBTIQ+ issues. Amanda is a GP, past deputy mayor of Albury and queer woman who has worked extensively in gender affirming care and reproductive health and is a fierce advocate for the rights of all LGBTIQ+ people including young trans and gender diverse people.



Welcome from ISGA and TAFFI - Claire Murphy (She/Her)

Claire is the President of ISGA and TAFFI Convenor. She is working towards better health and services for Trans and Gender Diverse people within the Illawarra Shoalhaven area. Claire has a proven track record of juggling competing priorities and helping to make change. Her passion is community and bringing trans and gender diverse folk together and she is involved in many social and community groups to help promote safe spaces for trans people. Claire is currently a Community Consumer Advisory Council member with Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Area Local Health District as well as sitting on the Steering Panel and Consumer Group working toward implementing the NSW Health LGBTIQ+ Strategy into local services.



Opening Performance by Kiama Illawarra Pride Choir – 10.30

TAFFI is so excited to welcome back this eclectic and inclusive choir. KIPC started in 2021 as a choir for the local Illawarra Shoalhaven LGBTQIA+ community and our allies. KIPC intentionally creates a safe space to connect, sing, socialise and perform. We are welcoming members of all musical abilities and ages - beginners to experienced singers. We are a non-auditioned choir and believe that everyone has a voice which should be celebrated. We are welcoming of new members, anytime and would encourage all to experience the joy of singing by joining the choir.

TAFFI Talks Timetable

JUSTICE - BUILDING 14

11:00 - 12:45pm ISGA Plenary - Trans Justice and Advocacy

Chair: Kate Toyer, Panel: Cass Best, Jackie Turner. Chris McAllister, Niamh Joyce, Amao Leota Lu

1:00 - 2:00pm Trans Healing and Liberation (Young people and parents) - Ari Heart

2:00 - 3:00pm Moving the Rock: Building the movement for trans justice - Jackie Turner

3:00 - 4:00pm Birth Certificates - Legal Rights & Gender Markers - Trans Legal Services

LIFE - BUILDING 35 - G20

12:30 - 1:30pm Boundaries - Cathy Hayes

1:30 - 3:30pm Lived Experience Panel Chair: Dr Carla Hope with Michaela, Diesel, Face and Cass

3:30 - 4:30pm Lived Experience: Young people Chair: Dr Kate Bowles with Aurora and Adam

HEALTH - BUILDING 35 - G45

11:00 - 12:15pm Keep it in Your Pants: Packing 101 - Sock Drawer Heroes

12:30 - 1:45pm Binders for Trans People - Lily and Bang Bang

2:00 - 3:15pm Chest Surgery - Dr Robert Knight

3:30 - 4:30pm Ask A Doctor Chair: Dr Martina Gleeson, Panel: Dr Alison Rutherford, Dr Brooke Quigley, Dr Lisa Brown.

CELEBRATION - BREEZEWAY (BUILDING 35)

11:00 - 12:30pm Choir Workshop Southern Vocal Academy - Danny Benn (*choir performs at lunch*)

1:00 - 2:30pm Song Writing Workshop - Suze Pratten (*Help write the TAFFI Theme song*)

2:30 - 4:00pm Mindful Consent - Grace Newman

CONNECTION - COURTYARD (BEHIND BUILDING 14)

12:00 - 1:30pm Drag and Trans Makeup workshop - Roxee Horror and Ellawarra

1:30 - 2:30pm Voices of Influence - Queer Youth Network Katrina Beretov

2:30 - 4:30pm Trans Community Resilience and Resistance - Trans Vitality Program (Transhub)

STORY - COURTYARD (OUTSIDE UNI BOOKSTORE)

Drag Story Time - Pluto Savage

12:00-12:30pm Under 10's

1:30-2:00pm & 3:00-3:30pm Over 10's

1:30pm - Weaving Workshop – Meet at the TAFFI Tent

TAFFI Talks – Buildings 14 & 35 & surrounding Courtyards

JUSTICE – Building 14

11:00am ISGA Plenary: Justice and Advocacy



[SLIDO - click on this link or scan the QR Code to ask a question](#)

Guest Opening Speaker:

Dr Amanda Cohn MLC (She/Her) – The Greens NSW

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Chair:

Kate Toyer (She/Her) - Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance

Kate graduated from Sydney University with a BVSc in 1995 and started working in private practice. In 2015 she transitioned genders, the first veterinarian to do so in Australia, and as far as she is aware the first in the world to do so whilst still owning and working full time in private clinical practice, making her the “oldest” transgender veterinarian in the world currently practising. Outside of the veterinary industry Kate has been involved with numerous organisations including Equality Australia and The Trans Justice Project. Kate currently serves on the ISGA board.

Panel:

Cass Best (They/Them) – On Behalf of BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation & Settlement Services International

Yaama! My name is Cass Best (they/them), I am a proud Kamilaroi Mari from Gunnedah. Raised on Kamilaroi and Darkinjung land, I am non-binary with lived experience as a person with disability and neurodivergent. I was diagnosed with ADHD at an early age and Autism level 1 as an adult. At the age of 24 I was involved in a motorbike accident that left me with a permanent disability and took me years to recover and learn how to walk again. I actively advocate and engage with Mob and LGBTQIA+SB community, by supporting them with a wide range of culturally appropriate social activities to help them build their capacity. I have achieved this in past roles as a board Director for BLAQ Aboriginal corporation and Aboriginal Community Development Officer for NDIS Participant. I’m currently the Cultural Safety, Engagement and Partnerships Lead, Settlement Services International Limited, to support and educate on important issues such as Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander and LGBTQIA+SB representation, Mental Health, Disability awareness and Cultural Inclusivity.

Amao Leota Lu (She/Her) – Community advocate and leader

Amao is a proud Samoan fa’afafine and Indigenous Pasifika trans woman who has worked extensively as a trans and gender diverse advocate and consultant both here in Australia and internationally. She has worked in the fields of community health, education, employment, the arts and radio over the last 31 years. Amao is currently a director, board and advisory member, ambassador for various trans and LGBTQIA+ organisations. She is best known for infusing and weaving the tapestry of intersectionality of race, culture and gender identity within her talks, presentations and performance works.

Jackie Turner (She/Her) - Trans Justice Project

Jackie is the Director of Trans Justice Project, the first trans-led national campaigning organisation. She is passionate about community power, developing the leadership of trans and gender diverse people, and building movements that can win. Over the last 10 years as an organiser and campaigner she has led national mobilisations, trained and mentored hundreds of volunteers, and run campaigns across movements for climate and economic justice. When she is not campaigning, she enjoys horror movies, cooking, and camping with her wife.

Niamh Joyce (She/They) – Trans and Gender Diverse Legal Service: Inner City Legal Centre

Niamh is a solicitor at the Inner-City Legal Centre and runs the Trans and Gender Diverse Legal Service. They have worked extensively in the community legal sector, including the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre, and volunteer work with the Aboriginal Legal Service and the Immigration Advice and Rights Centre. She has a specific focus on working with migrant LGBTQTIA+ folks as well as sex workers and has a passion for trauma-informed legal services and law reform work.

Chris McAllister (They/Them) - Trans Pride Australia

Chris is a trans masc non-binary advocate and board member of Trans Pride Australia. In their role they curate and facilitate trans and gender diverse workshops, focusing on connection and storytelling. Chris runs a monthly peer to peer non-binary support group and has been partnered with a group of queer refugees in Kenya since 2021 to raise awareness and advocate for their protection and resettlement. Committed to creating safe spaces and driving meaningful conversations about transgender rights, Chris also runs Queens of Joy, a performance night that platforms trans and gender diverse artists. Chris is known for using humour and storytelling to connect with allies. They have worked with organisations like Equality Australia and Headspace, as well as performing as a stand-up comic to talk about trans issues in a way that is unique to them. Their Sydney Fringe Comedy show, Trans Christian Anderson and Friends was a hit and sold out this September. Chris is dedicated to bringing trans and gender diverse people together to thrive as a community.

1:00pm Workshop: Trans Healing and Liberation

Ari Heart (They/Them) - Trans Wellbeing

A pep talk for trans people who can't imagine a future for themselves, and a pep talk for their parents, who worry about how the world will treat their children. Ari is a psychotherapist, an educator, a parent, a trans non-binary person, and Co-Founder of Trans Wellbeing. Trans Wellbeing provides support, education and group programs for parents of trans people, and training for mental health practitioners working with trans clients. Ari seeks to transform the cultural narrative of trans people - from one that centres suffering and dis-ease to one that acknowledges the challenges and honours the incredible gifts and the courage of those who connect with themselves and others authentically.

2:00pm Moving the Rock: Building the Movement for Trans Justice

Jackie Turner (She/Her) - Trans Justice Project

This workshop will teach you how to build power in your communities, approach potential allies, and move people to action to fight for trans lives. Jackie Turner (she/her) is the Director of Trans Justice Project, the first trans-led national campaigning organisation. She is passionate about community power, developing the leadership of trans and gender diverse people, and building movements that can win. Over the last 10 years as an organiser and campaigner she has led national mobilisations, trained and mentored hundreds of volunteers, and run campaigns across movements for climate and economic justice. When she is not campaigning, she enjoys horror movies, cooking, and camping with her wife.

3:00pm NSW Birth Certificates – updating your name and gender/sex marker

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LIFE – Building 35 – G20

12:30am Boundaries

Cathy Hayes (She/Her) - Mind Mode

A workshop on what we might not see about ourselves and this might affect our ability to set boundaries. Cathy will talk through several metaphors to help you better explore your self-identity and boundary setting with yourself and others. Cathy is a clinical psychologist and started her psychology & wellness clinic 'Mind Mode' 6 years ago. Cathy has been passionate about creating a safe and welcoming space for the rainbow and neurodiverse community, as well as other vulnerable populations such as domestic violence survivors and people with disabilities. Cathy loves relationship work and believes relationships are core to wellbeing, especially the relationship you have with yourself!

1:30pm Lived Experience Panel

Chair: Carla Hope (She/Her)

Dr Carla Hope identifies as a female with trans experience. Carla has a diverse academic background in science and psychology. Carla will be sharing her journey along with trans panel members. This year for the first time Michaela will share her perspective on what it's like to be a trans person's partner.

Panel:

Cass (They/Them)

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Diesel (He/Him)

I started my journey in my own head back in the early 90's but it didn't come into fruition until 2019. I'm definitely a late bloomer. I have lived my entire life masculine of centre being a full on tomboy in my youth. Working in the male dominated security industry my entire career made me feel unsafe to transition. Being gay was acceptable but I wasn't sure how being transgender would be received. With the unconditional love and support from my family I finally had my top surgery in Feb 2019 and commenced T injections in May that year. Founder of WAQK- Women and queers of kink education and play parties and founder of Get Strapt, a new innovative packing swimwear coming to you this summer.

Face (They/Them)

I never fit the rigid & narrow ideas dictated to us via mainstream culture on gender, and strongly believe, nor should I. Identifying as non-binary (amongst other things), I have lived a life of an everyday activist, challenging the norms purely by existing, for decades. As someone who has been fortunate enough to dwell on the fringes of society.....exploring and being nurtured by so many countercultures over my adult lifespan, I feel so very grateful for the opportunity that has availed me to access greater expansion & acceptance of the fullest, most accurate me....I have immersed myself in queer culture as a provocateur, and performer, an advocate and an activist. I have always felt very protective over our community and continue to be driven to serve it in many ways I can. The latter, by providing a safe, private local space called The Mound, where we all have the opportunity to expand, both individually, and as a community. Strong IN solidarity xx

Michaela (She/Her)

I'm a mum to 4 beautiful adults, 3 sons and 1 daughter. While raising my family on the Sunshine Coast hinterland, I worked in a local library and taught music. It was not until I was in my 40's that I retrained as a midwife and nurse and now work in a private hospital in Sydney. I introduced my friends and family into my queerness in my late 40's. Since then, I have been embracing life, but one piece of the puzzle was missing. Recently I found the trans woman of my dreams who I want to spend the rest of my life with. I would like to share my experiences of being a trans woman's partner.

3:30pm Lived Experience Young People

Chair: Dr Kate Bowles (They/Them)

Kate works at UOW and as a consumer and community practitioner with the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. Kate is an ally and advocate for inclusive systems change in health and education.

Panel:

Aurora (She/Her)

Aurora is a caseworker with the Gender Centre based in Sydney, and is also a Wollongong Uni student studying social work, which involves a commute to campus that she loves very much. She has been attending on campus study since 2020. Aurora has much to share on the experiences of her trans inclusion and acceptance as a student at UOW.

Adam (They/He)

Adam (they/he), 17. Nonbinary, transmasculine (FTM), bi, aroace. Proud LGBT+, mental health, and disability advocate for the last 6 years. I am the proud co-founder of Ulladulla High School's LGBT+ club, 'A-Z', which was started by myself and a friend in 2020. I run a community group called MUCK Up (Milton Ulladulla Community Kindness), which is a youth-led initiative. I was an ABC 'Heywire' winner in 2024, and I shared the story of creating MUCK Up and A-Z as a way to give younger students a more positive school space than what I had.

HEALTH – Building 35 G45

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11:00am Keep it in Your Pants: Packing 101

Erin Spencer (They/Them) - Sock Drawer Heroes

In this interactive session, Erin (they/them) from Sock Drawer Heroes - Australia's leading trans-owned gender expression store - will cover all the basics of packing. This session will cover what to consider when choosing a packer, different methods for packing, and caring for your packer. Erin will show a range of different packers ranging from foam padding to realistic silicone prosthetics. You will be able to handle the packers and compare different options. Please note that this session will include anatomical terms such as 'penis' and will feature realistic flaccid penis prosthetics.

12:30pm Binders for Trans People

Lisa Winnett (She/They) & Adam Mcinerney (He/They) - Lily & Bang Bang

Don't miss this popular session! Learn tips and tricks for a safer and more comfortable binding experience. Engage your senses - touch and feel the difference! We will bring a small clothing rack and a pop-up change tent for the session.

2:00 pm Chest Surgery

Dr Robert Knight (He/Him)

Dr Robert Knight is a specialist plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgeon with super speciality interests and post graduate fellowships in craniomaxillofacial, reconstructive, paediatric and aesthetic plastic surgery. He has a special interest in gender affirming surgery and spent a considerable amount of time with the FACIAL Team in Spain consolidating his skill set with respect to gender diverse patients and their specific needs. Dr Knight consults at Illawarra Specialist Plastics and Aesthetics <https://www.ispaclinic.com.au/>

3:30pm Ask A Doctor! Panel - 1 Hour

Have you got a question on medical care for trans and gender diverse folk to ask our panel of expert doctors? Ask our panel anything! Submit your questions online or bring them along to this interactive session.



SLIDO - click on this link or scan the QR Code to ask a question

Chair: Dr Martina Gleeson (She/Her)

Dr Martina Gleeson (she/her) is a GP who has been working in the Sutherland Shire for 30 years. She provides gender affirming care in her GP practice, and is passionate about upskilling GPs, all patients can find the care they need close to home. Dr Gleeson will be joined by a panel of gender affirming local doctors.

Panel:

Dr Brooke Quigley (She/Her)

Is a well-known and highly-regarded specialist General Practitioner with over 18 years of experience in the Wollongong area.

She provides holistic, non-judgemental, and evidence-based healthcare - embracing people of all genders, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. Brooke is passionate about helping everyone live as their authentic selves - however that may look.

Dr Lisa Brown (She/Her)

Is a GP at Ochre Thirroul, Headspace Wollongong and also works for the Illawarra health district voluntary assisted dying team. She strongly supports bodily autonomy and personal choice, with special interests in sexual and reproductive health and gender affirming care.

Dr Alison Rutherford (She/Her).

Is a co-founder of ISGA. She is a sexual health physician at Illawarra Sexual Health Service. Alison established a public clinic for gender affirming care in the Illawarra in 2019, which successfully ran for 4 years before being paused. Alison continues to provide consultancy services to local GPs caring for patients and to provide sexual and reproductive health services to the trans community. Alison is a cisgender queer woman who loves gardening in her spare time. She is an advocate for LGBTIQ+ health and is super proud and passionate about ISGA and TAFFI.

4:30pm ISGA Clinical Network Gathering in Foyer

Are you a clinician of any kind interested in or providing gender affirming care? Come and meet your colleagues at an informal meet and greet for the ISGA Clinical Network and the ISGA Board. We look forward to meeting you.



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CELEBRATION – Breezeway Building 35

11:00am Choir Workshop

Danny Benn (He/Him) - Southern Vocal Academy

Let Danny from Southern Vocal Academy show you the ropes and harness your singing potential. After the workshop participants are offered an opportunity to perform on TAFFI centre stage at lunchtime. A wonderful opportunity for all- find your singing community at TAFFI!

1:00pm Song Writing Workshop

Suze Pratten (She/Her)

More than 20 years as a singer, performer and music educator, with buckets of enthusiasm and a big passion for the joys of rhythm and harmony. I just want to share the music and the love!!! Let's write a song about TAFFI...together, we will create a song to celebrate our community and the love & acceptance we find within it. We are planning to perform our song on stage later in the day!

2:30pm Mindful Consent

Grace Newman (She/Her)

The Mindful Consent model, created by Grace Newman. The Consent Consultant offers a powerful framework to guide your decision-making process and cultivate awareness of your own embodied experience when giving consent. In a world where societal messages and power dynamics often undermine our own instincts, this model empowers you to make decisions that align with your authentic self.

CONNECTION – Main Courtyard (behind Building 14)

12:00pm Makeup Workshop

Ellawarra (She/Her) & Roxee Horror (She/Her)

Ella and Roxee will be demonstrating on a model all thing Makeup! Both will demonstrate on a model- one side drag makeup, the other side everyday glam makeup and how to work with masculine features and feminise them. You will be able to ask questions on best makeup and other tips to help along the way.



1:30pm Leading with a Love Ethic and Intersectional Storytelling

Katrina Beretov (She/Her) Voices of Influence - Queer Youth Network

The session aims to deepen your understanding of love beyond conventional notions, exploring its intersectionality with race, gender, sexuality and more. Through discussion and reflection, we'll critique patriarchal influences on relationships, promote self-love and care, and discuss how love manifests in various contexts. Together, we'll examine the transformative power of love and its role in fostering empathy, dialogue, and social change. Get ready to challenge norms, cultivate protocol consciousness, and envision more just and loving futures.

2:30pm Trans Community Resilience and Resistance

Yesim Karasu (They/Them) & Arani Ahmed (He/They) Transhub - Transvitality Program

This interactive workshop led by ACON aims to help trans and gender diverse adults identify their individual and collective strengths as trans people. With art-based activities created by and for trans people of all genders we will touch on the magical parts of being trans as well as the very real aspects of dealing with transphobia.

STORY – Courtyard (opposite main courtyard)

12:00pm 1:30pm & 3:00pm Drag Story Time

Aurora Arsenic (she/her) Aurora is a Trans Showgirl Drag Entertainer, has been on the scene for over 8 years. Originally hailing from QLD, she recently moved to Wollongong and is keen to show Sydney and the South Coast what she is made of! Her versatile stance while performing is the reason why she was one of QLD's most in demand performers. Her tight lip sync performances are a highlight of Aurora's stunning personality. From conveying raw emotion through a ballad to cheery pop numbers, there is nothing Aurora cannot do! Aurora will be reading a selection of books to cater to under 10's in the morning and over 10's in the afternoon. Come get comfortable on a rug and enjoy Drag Story Time with Pluto. Stories at 12 pm, 1:30 pm and 3 pm.

Youth space - Jugglers Lawn adjacent to TAFFI tent

The Youth Space will be buzzing this year! There will be a space for young people to hang out together, a space for younger kids to play and a parent space. Here's a taste of some of the activities.

Badge Making Workshop – All Day

Hosted by Twenty10. Twenty10 will be hosting a badge making workshop all day during the festival. Learn how to make a badge, make a badge to take home, bring a friend along, or meet up with others. See you there!

3:00 pm Zine Workshop

Hosted by Twenty10. In this workshop folks will be guided through the process of making a six-page zine! Exploring collage, illustration or even poetry, makers will craft their own pocket-sized stories.

Beaded Jewellery Workshop - All Day

Hosted by Headspace. Come relax with headspace and make your own jewellery. Running all day, the headspace stall will have supplies to make beaded bracelets, necklaces, or anything else your imagination allows. Both coloured and lettered beads will be available. Come along to have some fun and meet others- we can't wait to see you there!

The Gender Centre Parents Group – All Day

Come along and meet other parents of trans and gender diverse kids, chat, discuss some of the hurdles you are facing, find solidarity and form new friendships. Lisa Cuda and her team will be on hand to answer any questions along with peer support from other parents.

11:30am and 1:30pm Circus Monoxide Workshop

Learn to spin plates, juggle and hoola hoop! This workshop is an interactive workshop teaching you the fundamentals of juggling, spinning and hooping. Offering 2 x half hour workshops fittingly on the Jugglers Lawn in the Youth Space

Kids' Uni- All Day

Bring your little ones along to the Kids' Space hosted by Kids' Uni. There will be games, playdough, colouring in and lots more!

UOW Table Top Society - Board Games- All Day

Hosted by UOW Table Top Society. Want to play some board games with some new friends? Come and challenge your new friends play at the UOW Table Top Society to a game or two.

UOW Allsorts Queer Collective

Is a social and support group run by queer people for queer people. Allsorts strives to provide a safe and comfortable space for LGBTQI+ students (and staff) at UOW by hosting events, providing support and resources, and overall increasing the queer presence on campus.

1:30pm - Weaving Workshop – Meet at the TAFFI Tent

Come along and learn how to weave baskets using traditional methods used on this land for 50,000 years. Wendy and Kylie will be finding and using native materials to demonstrate how to weave. Come along and join in the fun! Wendy and Kylie, mother, and daughter, are proud Wiradjuri women with links to the Lithgow and Gulgong areas. They have been blessed to live on Dharawal speaking Country for the last 50 years. Both women have a passion for sharing the knowledge of weaving that has been passed down to them through the generosity of Dharawal and Wiradjuri Elders.

Youth Space - Come and chat to TGD peers and young leaders, do something creative, play a board game, or hang out. **Kids area** – supported by Kids Uni, games, creativity and a play area.

Parents table – come talk to parents from The Gender Centre. Lisa Cuda

Come to meet - Headspace, Twenty 10, Pinnacle foundation, Voices of Influence, Trans Wellbeing. NSW Health - True Colours, Kids uni.

Activities - Face painting, Zine making, Badgemaking, Beading, Circus, hula hooping, Trans colouring competition and more. UNIQue – quiet zone for taking space.

Entertainment – TAFFI Tunes

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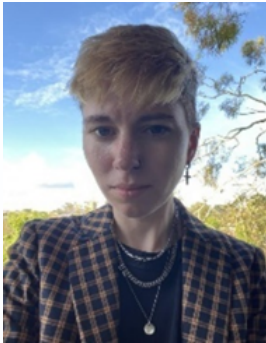
Pride Morris

is a new group that combines the joys of queer self-expression with the joys of traditional English Morris Dancing! They are a fun, energetic, all-ages dance group for queers and allies to dance in the sunshine, meet other LGBTQIA people, and most importantly be very silly. Historians and scientists agree that Pride Morris keeps you fit, happy, and loving life. Pride Morris welcomes new members of all dancing abilities and musicians to join their technicolour revelry.



Cassy Judy (She/Her)

is a prolific songwriter, performer and proud Transgender Woman. She has just released the multi-genre Soul Parts album on the heels of her hilarious Body Parts album. Cassy combines powerful statements on transgender identity, with heartfelt ballads and side splittingly funny lyrics and stage antics. She has performed at Broken Heel Festival, Coastal Twist and is a regular fixture of the Queer Music Scene. She is passionate about projects to increase transgender visibility and awareness. She is thrilled to be performing at TAFFI!

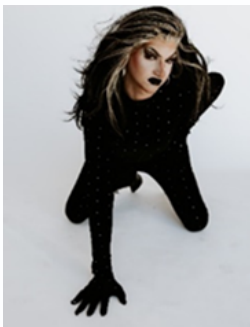


emm cee (They/Them)

Inspired by an eclectic mix of classic folk and modern neo-soul, Sydney-born and South Coast-based nonbinary musician and writer emm cee tells compelling stories through their music. emm cee grew up in a musical family where they were exposed to a range of diverse musical styles that have shaped their songwriting and musical expression; their favourite albums include Carole King's 'Tapestry', Silverchair's 'Diorama', Stevie Wonder's 'Music Of My Mind' and Frank Sinatra's 'In The Wee Small Hours', and they are especially fond of physical media and exploring the history and culture of popular music.

Phoebe Luna (She/Her)

I am Phoebe Luna, a multi-disciplinary artist from Shellharbour. I make music in multiple genres in the fields of rock and electronic, such as folk rock, ambient and house. My most recent music project is my dreamy, psychedelic rock album Voyager, released earlier this year, and I'm deep in the learning and creation process for new music to come in the future. Come along for the musical voyage!



Fancy (They/Them)

is a non-binary drag artist and vocal powerhouse. Originating from the Gomeri nation and now living on Dharawal land, Fancy is a proud Gamilaroi descendant. Her aesthetic is very pop star meets urban punk chic, while giving you enby drag excellence.

Blake Williams (She/Her)

Her energetic pop-punk stylings give the thrill of being at a festival, and the passion of being in a sweaty moshpit. Blake Williams is a young woman from Sydney's west who writes, records AND produces all of her own music. She has performed on national television, opened for iconic emo bands such as "The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus", and even got an endorsement from Tony Hawk?! In 2023, she returned to the stage, performing at BONEZ in Sydney. She also opened the first ever Transgenre Festival, as well as ringing in 2024 at AM//PM's New Year's Eve party. Blake's career is just beginning. And if you're a vinyl-collecting, iced-coffee-drinking, over-thinking emo.....she's definitely your next music obsession.



Waking Wolves

is an indie folk duo known for their dynamic performances and eclectic sound. Their poignant lyrics and soaring harmonies celebrate love, resilience, and self-discovery. Join them for a vibrant celebration of authenticity and solidarity.



Willie Shakesqueer (He/They)

is here to confuse and amuse. True to his name, he will shake things up in a very queer way. Willie doesn't grace the stage often, but you might have seen him performing in Genesis (Nowra), Wollongong Youth Centre and at the very first TAFFI. Willie is a drag thing because it feels like home to him, and his mission is to make you feel more at home as well. To thine own self be true!



Rachael Williams (She/Her)

is a spoken-word poet and writer from Darkinjung Country on the NSW Central Coast. She has featured at slams all over NSW and at Canberra slam, was a finalist in The National Youth Slam, and performed with the Bankstown Poetry Grand Slam for Sydney Town Hall. Williams is the current Australian Poetry Slam NSW State Champion and came 2nd place in the National Final of the Australian Poetry Slam 2024 in the Opera House, making her the Australian Poetry Slam National runner up.



Joe the Kid (They/Them)

With indie tones and vulnerable lyrics, Joe the Kid performs queer tunes based on their lived experience as a gender diverse, autistic lesbian. Their sounds have the major influence of indie folk rock and inspire a relatable vibe for the outcasts of society



4:30pm - 9:00pm After Party - Uni Bar

Fvneral (They/Them/Theirs)

Is the brainchild of trans non-binary songwriter, Tim Blunt, alongside their closest friends. Bursting onto the scene in late 2022, FVNERAL have garnered critical acclaim at home and abroad, with their two EPs hitting #18 and #27 in the US college radio charts and selling out each of their three headline shows. In the past year, FVNERAL have stepped further into the spotlight, touring with international heavyweights The Aces, Kevin Devine, Charlotte Sands, KiNG MALA and Teenage Wrist, plus local heroes Ben Lee, John Floreani, Bec Sandridge, Joan & the Giants and Late November. Far from resting on their laurels, FVNERAL's vision goes far beyond their own music with Tim founding and directing TRANSGENRE - Australia's first festival with an entirely trans lineup - all in the name of making the change they want to see in the world.





Princess Unit (She/Her)

Is a 5 piece post-punk, indie, nostalgic alt, nu wavey, art rock, emo tinged band out of Wollongong, Dharawal Country. Princess Unit carry a powerful band pedigree with them, and while this is their debut upload it's damn sure no novice. Managing to whip the dour mope of post-punk into starry-eyed dancefloor ecstasy, this is both statement of intent and warning shot, a thrill of dangerous energy

Heiresses to the Unit fortune!

monstahouse She/Her)

Is an indie rock band on Gadigal land (Sydney, Australia). The band's frontwoman, Su-Ann, writes songs about her life, from her childhood in Singapore, and the stress-laden and restrictive environment of Asia, to her personal experiences, relationships, mental health, and sexuality. With comments comparing their music to the Blondshell, Big Thief, and Mitski, monstahouse delivers songs that are charged with emotion and angst, churning out hits from their bedrooms to yours.

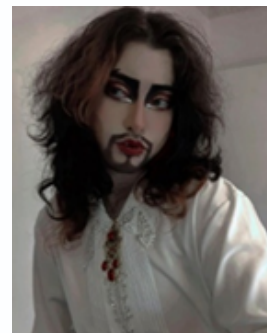


Sweaty Biscuit (They/Them)

Get ready to get sweaty. Sweaty Biscuit is the hottest, steamiest dance pop duo of the Leisure Coast. Their combined love for synths, Cher, and sweet treats inspired them to start this project to deliver sick beats with weird themes. Combining the forces of Jayne (Ruth Lorelle, Lady Denman) and Stephen (An Inconvenient Groove, Slagatha Christie), this funky fresh duo will pump up the jams and warm up your soul.

Sinn Vicious (He/Him)

Is slithering his way to the TAFFI stage for a showcase of spooktacular sights and vampy delights! Halloween isn't over for this lover of all things gloomy, but don't worry, the party he brings will be enough to wake the dead! Full of tricks and treats, be sure to catch him before he slips back into his tomb, I mean room.



Cherry Ripe (She/Her)

Cherry Ripe is Wollongong's sweet little secret. She's where punk rock scum meets red carpet glamour. When she's not violently thrashing her head around or smacking her lips to the beat of her lipsync she can be found drinking goon and scabbing cigarettes at Wollongong train station. Cherry has gained lots of experience since her debut Drag performance at 14 years old and has performed all over the East Coast of Australia for organisations like Minus18, Wear it Purple, Twenty10 and Jackaranda says NO to Bullying. Cherry has also produced her own events and assisted in producing large community events with performances by live musicians, drag queens, kings and things.

Including - Deer Gaze Dee Jaze

Magnus Opium (He/Him)

Is a triple-threat king with over 20 years of performance experience, frequently performing on Dhawaral and Gadigal land. The newly crowned winner of Drag Race Down South Season 2 and the reigning champion of the Shoalhaven's Genesis of Drag, Magnus is sure to thrill and delight with velvet vocals, electric lip syncs, dramatic operantics with a larger-than-life stage presence. Experience him- if you dare!



TAFFI Stalls - Located around Festival

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Your Host For TAFFI 2024



Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance Inc.

Registration Tent - The Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance is a community-driven charity that aims to promote gender equality and inclusivity within the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions of New South Wales, Australia. The alliance brings together individuals, organisations, and stakeholders providing opportunities for engagement, support, collaboration, education, training and advocacy. ISGA celebrates the diversity of the trans and gender diverse experience, supporting autonomy and respect for all bodies, identities and expressions.

The University of Wollongong - UOW Pride Network

Is a visible network of empathic people who are allies of gender, sex and sexuality diverse students and staff at UOW. The network provides a respectful environment where LGBTIQ+ staff and students can flourish, promotes understanding of LGBTIQ+ lived experience and leads cultural change at UOW. UOW aims to be a leader in gender, sex and sexuality equity in the higher education sector.



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UOW Security

Our role is to protect people and property on university properties. UOW Security operates in Wollongong 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year and responds to the Wollongong Campus, Innovation Campus and Student Accommodation and business activity across Wollongong.

Stalls in the Youth Space



The Gender Centre Inc. - Parent Space

The Gender Centre is the peak state-wide multidisciplinary centre of excellence providing a broad range of specialised services that enables the exploration of gender identity and assistance with the alleviation of gender dysphoria. We support trans and gender expressive people at every stage of their journey as they explore and live their authentic sense of self. The Gender Centre Parents Group will be available at TAFFI to chat with parents with trans and gender diverse kids. Pull up a chair and chat.



Twenty10 NSW

An LGBTIQ+ organisation that has been supporting LGBTIQ+ folks across NSW for over 40 years. We work with young people and provide crucial mental health, housing, social support, and advocacy services, as well as delivering LGBTIQ+ inclusivity training to schools, organisations, and government sectors. Proudly located at the new Inner West Pride Centre, our vision is to build a safe and accessible hub for all folks across LGBTIQ+ communities, through providing a broad range of free, accessible mental health and psychosocial support programs, as well as creative and digital programs, events, safe spaces, and delivering specialist capacity building training all over NSW to continue building a world where LGBTIQ+ people of NSW are secure, connected and celebrated. Twenty10 is also the official NSW partner of QLife, a nationwide telephone and web peer-based support service.

headspace Wollongong

headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. We began in 2006, and ever since we've provided early intervention mental health services to 12-25-year-olds. At the heart of our services is ensuring we meet the evolving and unique needs of young people and those who support them. That's why young people are at the centre of everything we do, and they play an active role in designing, developing and evaluating our programs



The Identity Clinic

The Identity Clinic was born out of a vision to create a sanctuary for the LGBTIQ+ community in Australia, a place where individuals could receive the affirming care they deserve. Our founders, deeply embedded in the queer community, recognised a profound gap in the healthcare system—a lack of focused, inclusive services that truly understood and respected the unique experiences and needs of LGBTIQ+ individuals.

UNIQUE UOW

UNIQUE is an inclusive society for UOW students who experience adversity due to individual disabilities and differences, such as physical disability, invisible disability or neurodiversity. Offering a quiet space this year around in the Youth Space, UNIQUE will also be bringing along sensory squishy toys and other items.



True Colours: Specialist Trans and Gender Diverse Health Service, NSW Health.

True Colours is a Specialist Trans and Gender Diverse Health Service providing holistic and multidisciplinary gender affirming care to young people aged 16 to 24

Mind Mode Psychology & Wellness

Mind Mode has 19 clinicians, each with their own personality and style, as well as interests and training. Mind Mode psychologists, counsellors, dietitians and support staff aim to build a community that supports clients towards empowerment and wellbeing.



Pinnacle Foundation

We are Australia's LGBTQIA+ education charity. Our flagship program provides educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTQIA+ Australians to realise their full potential. The Foundation awards multi-year scholarships nationally to students aged between 18 and 26 for fulltime study at public higher education institutions in Australia to achieve educational or vocational qualifications in any profession, trade or the arts.



Voices of Influence - The Q.U.E.E.R Youth Network

Is a community of young change makers that exists to connect, empower and up-skill young queer people to be advocates for themselves, as well as community wellbeing and unity throughout the LGBTQIA+ community and society more broadly.



Health

**Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District**

Illawarra Shoalhaven Drug and Alcohol Service

Offers a range of treatment and support services for people with problems from their alcohol, prescription or illicit drug use, and/or for their families and carers. All services are FREE, CONFIDENTIAL and NON-JUDGEMENTAL. We will coordinate and arrange the best treatment and support for you based on your needs.

Trans Wellbeing

Trans Wellbeing seeks to meaningfully contribute to the wellbeing of trans people and those who care for them. We do this through high quality educational content for parents and practitioners and facilitated group support for parents and trans people. We believe that the world needs a shift in how we understand gender diversity - from one that centres suffering and unease to one based on the deepest human need for authenticity and connection.



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Kids' Uni

Kids' Uni at UOW operates four Early Education and Care services and provides high quality care and education for children from 6 weeks through to 6 years of age. Kids' Uni also offers a service for children with additional needs.

Relationships Australia

Promotes the importance of respectful relationships for both individual mental health and general community outcomes, and through our advocacy we strive to influence policy, systems and services that empower everyone in Australia to build and maintain respect in all their relationships.

Our research is relevant and purposeful, and informs continuous improvement in the services and supports provided across Australia.



CareSouth

What makes CareSouth unique is our commitment to service excellence. As a local community-based organisation with a big heart, we are bold, determined and innovative in our style. Through programs like Brighter Futures, Champions, Permanency Support and Foster Care, Specialist Youth Support Services, Residential Care, NDIS Disability Services and Family Connections we are committed to children, young people and families.

Stalls under the Library Awning

SOCK DRAWER HEROES

Sock Drawer Heroes

Dedicated to gender euphoria, Sock Drawer Heroes is a trans and queer owned gender expression shop. We will be offering a selection of Binders, Gaffs, tape, LGBTQIA+ apparel, badges, lanyards and much more at TAFFI.

Hashworth Psychology

We are a LGBTQI+ affirming practice located in Wollongong CBD. We support adolescents and adults to achieve recovery from mental health difficulties and create a life worth living. Our values include fostering autonomy, resilience, respect, hope, and empowerment, while ensuring safety, understanding, and flexibility.



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Trans justice project.

The Trans Justice Project

Is the first, trans-led, national campaigning organisation. Our mission is to build a powerful, trans-led movement standing up for freedom, justice, and equality for all trans and gender diverse people. We are working together with our communities, loved ones, and allies to bring about a future where all trans people are safe, celebrated, and free.

No Milk In My T

Trans-owned brand No Milk In My T are thrilled to introduce a groundbreaking initiative that is taking trans visibility to new heights. No Milk In My T focuses on bold visibility through design. 'No Milk' provides financial and social support for the trans and gender diverse community, focusing on one person and one story at a time.

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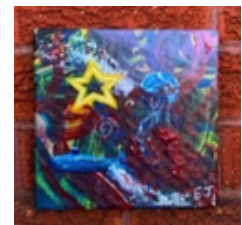


Bin Chicken You Out

A little bit of everything all rolled into one. At this stall you will find stickers, graphic tees, crocheted items, some second-hand clothes and who knows what else?

Art by Ted

Local artist offering some of their selection for the festival. Stop by for a chat about art.



TransHub Is ACON's digital information and resource platform for all trans and gender diverse (TGD) people in NSW, our loved ones, allies and health providers.

This platform is an initiative from ACON, NSW's leading health organisation specialising in community health, inclusion and HIV responses for people of diverse sexualities and genders.

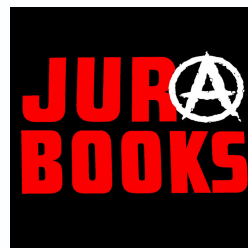


Nonbin Craft

handmade gay art for gay genders! trans lino prints, gay frogs and pride stickers

Jura Books

Jura has been open since 1977. The name commemorates a successful European anarchist workers organisation. We love it when people visit us. Browse the books, or come to one of our events. Better still, get involved! We need people to do shifts in the shop, come to working bees, organise events and more. Do as much or as little as you are able.



Anti-Fascist Action Wollongong

Anti-fascist Action Wollongong last year were one of our most popular stalls offering stickers and other information Anti-Fascist Action Wollongong

Inside Out

Is a grassroots network of LGBTIQ+ people both inside and outside prisons across so-called Australia. We aim to create a sense of community across the walls, amplify the voices of incarcerated queer and trans people, and provide access to information, community news and resources as of 2023, there are around 300 members of Inside Out who are in prison across Australia.



Peach Clinics

Offer electrolysis services in Sydney and Melbourne. Peach Clinics will be at TAFFI to offer advice on pre surgery electrolysis and permanent hair removal options. Call in and see their store and discuss options that are available to you

Women Illawarra

Is a not-for-profit, legally incorporated community association that operates from a feminist and social justice perspective for the empowerment of women. Based in the Illawarra and servicing from Helensburgh in the north to Gerroa in the South, we carry out activities that provide direct relief to women, girls and children to enable them to participate fully in the broader community.



LemonxDraws

I am a nonbinary and neurodivergent illustrator based in the Illawarra with a passion for character work and pop-culture! I specialise in bright and eye catching designs, character design and merchandise. I sell stickers, keychains and hand made items like dice bags and kandi/bracelets!! I also make pins and keychains to raise money for my top surgery!

Luckless Creations

nonbinary artist based in the Illawarra We appreciate all the support! Being a small artist is hard and we thank you for taking a little look! Have a lovely day/night!



Cosmic Bramble Crafts

Handmade goods by a young (20 y/o) disabled creator Handmade bracelets, earrings, lanyards, keychains, crochet, etc

Teddy Ink Collective

Is an arts and craft consignment stall featuring original fine art prints, stationery and other crafts made and designed by young artists in the Illawarra. The Teddy Ink artists are passionate about sharing their passions for (and are inspired by) comics and manga, video games, anime, pop culture and all things cute!



Artomaton

Digital art, watercolour, ink, gouache original art print

Queer liberation distro

Radical queer zines and stickers. Some comics too.

Stalls on the Duckpond Lawn



SWOP NSW

Australia's largest and longest established community-based peer education sex worker organisation with a mission to provide New South Wales sex workers with the same access to health, safety, human rights, and workplace protections as all other Australian workers. SWOP was established in 1983 as the Australia Prostitutes' Collective and in 1990 as Sex Workers Outreach Project became the first sex worker organisation in the world to be funded by government.

ACON

We are a fiercely proud community organisation. For our entire history, the work of ACON has been designed by and for our communities. Established in 1985, our early years were defined by community coming together to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in NSW, and we remain committed to ending HIV for everyone in our communities. We do this by delivering campaigns and programs to eliminate new HIV transmissions. Supporting people living with HIV to live healthy and connected lives remains core to our work.



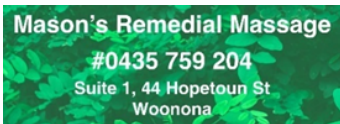


Caddyshack Project

Caddyshack Project is a sexual health program which promotes a positive approach to sex and sexuality for young people and the broader community. Our aim is to reduce the harms associated with STIs, including HIV & Hepatitis C, through partnerships with youth services, LGBTQI+ agencies & community groups. Caddyshack Project covers the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions on the South Coast NSW, Australia. We are proud to work and live on Dharawal and Yuin Country and we

Rainbow Fertility

Australia's first dedicated LGBTI+ fertility provider, we specifically cater to the unique needs of the LGBTI+ community. Rainbow Fertility, an initiative of City Fertility, has proudly assisted in creating over 18,000 babies since 2003. City Fertility is also part of CHA Medical Group, a leading healthcare operator and a premier global leader in fertility



Mason's Remedial Massage

Qualified Remedial Massage Therapist, assisting with post injury recovery, pain management, and good old relaxation. Mason operates from a multidisciplinary clinic in the heart of Woonona and is offering **free** massages at TAFFI! Get in quick!

The Greens Illawarra

Have a positive vision for the Illawarra: for a sustainable and fair society where we use the challenge of climate change to provide good jobs to people in our community.



Get Strapt

Founded by Nik Diesel, a non-binary member of the trans community, who intimately understands the challenges of living with body dysmorphia and the struggle of finding comfortable packing solutions and suitable underwear.

Dykes on Bikes

We love to socialise. There are weekends away (normally near a water hole, for fishing and swimming), day rides to locations outside of Sydney and short rides around Sydney, for those who don't want to travel too far. We also have a number of social events, like our meet & greet throughout the year and the Christmas party.



BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation

BlaQ is the peak organisation for Aboriginal Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer + Sistergirl and Brotherboy (LGBTQ+SB) Peoples and Communities in NSW.

As an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation, our vision is to achieve a society that nurtures, supports, affirms, and celebrates our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQ+SB community whilst promoting safety and inclusion for all.

Lily and Bang Bang

Are the new place to buy binders in Australia. It is also home to Siouxsie Swim - sumptuous, supportive swimwear. You may even be lucky enough to snap up one of the very last Sue Rice Originals. call past and chat to the team at Lily and Bang Bang

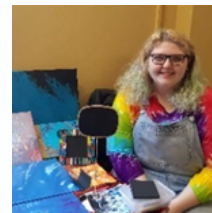


Pride Point

LGBTQIA+ Pride items including handmade paracord bracelets, flags, pins and badges. Pride Point is proudly trans owned and operated. Come along and show your support for our community.

Eren's Canvas

Upcycled earrings and art offering a large selection of pride jewellery and art, call past and visit Eren at the festival. Eren's Canvas



Dandy Loans

Hello! I'm Conor Workman, the person behind Dandy Loans, which started in August 2022. With a wealth of experience in banking and superannuation, I've guided professional families towards ethical home loans that match their values. Over the past decade, I've helped countless professional families secure their dream homes. The total value of these mortgages is a staggering \$200,000,000 and counting! But that's not all about me! My husband and I are plant-based and committed to promoting animal welfare and well-being. Fostering and rescuing dogs is our passion. We believe in making choices that benefit those beyond our species.

Mermaid&Me Bowtique

Will be offering Bows, Lanyards, Coin Purses, Tiaras. Handmade with love at this year's Festival, drop by and show some love.



For the luv of Dexter

Offering a selection of clothing and accessories embroidered and sublimation clothing all pop Culture inspired products. Plus, resins tumblers something for everyone here drop by and check out the designs. For the luv of Dexter

Lucille Designs

Graphic designer and plant mum from Wollongong. Offering a selection of stickers, tote bags and greeting cards.



Blind Luck Intuitive

Selling crystals, handmade earrings, second hand tarot decks, possibly tarot/astrology readings call past and say hello to Adj

Trans and Gender Diverse Cancer Support Network

A peer support network for trans and gender diverse people living with a cancer diagnosis. This project aims to meet the need for peer support, care, aid and advocacy for trans and gender diverse people living with a cancer diagnosis.

We are in the early stages of growing our community, so if you're someone who identifies as trans and gender diverse and is living with a cancer diagnosis, we'd love to connect with you.



Southern Lights Vocal Academy

Is an established studio, in the heart of Dapto, on the Illawarra's South Coast. The Studio provides both private tuition as well as community, award winning Choirs for students to join.

The team at Southern Lights are incredibly dedicated to creating the best guidance for a student's development both vocally as well as performing. Not only does Southern Lights Vocal Academy offer vocal tuition, we also provide piano lessons, guitar lessons, community bands, Kpop Class, drama classes and musical theatre classes.

Sophtsbeautylish

We pride ourselves in creating beautiful products to ensure we are delivering nothing but the very best to our customers and supporters. The Sophtsbeautylish Team

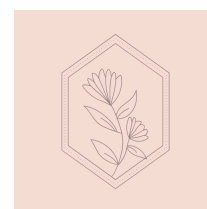


Rainbow South Coast

Aims to facilitate social connections for the LGBTQIA+SB community of the NSW South Coast, covering the Local Government Areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven, and Wingecarribee.

Nathalie's Made With Love

Local artist making wonderful jewellery. Call in and see what is on offer at TAFFI



Bead soup

Handmade, made to last jewellery & accessories created using stainless steel, sterling silver, pearls, and beads from around the world!

Fire & wick soy candles

Candles, melts, diffusers, bath bombs, bath fizz is a family-owned small business operating in the Illawarra.

Pixie Bits

Clothes and other items for sale

Food vans this year at TAFFI



MAIDO Okonomiyaki

Japanese-style pancake made by grilling a mixture of batter and ingredients such as chopped cabbage, meat and seafood. It is topped with special okonomiyaki sauce

Nani's Food

Selection of Indonesian food including some Vegetarian and Vegan options. Servicing the Illawarra from North to South



Your Dessert Station

Hong Kong No.1 Street Snack - Bubble waffles with ice cream and different toppings.

Hemmingway Café

Hemmingway Café is located on UOW main campus. Hemmingway is offering a large selection of scrumptious donuts for the festival. Call past our stall to grab one!



Mountain Road Merchants

Offering a selection of iced teas and cakes, Mountain Road Merchants is a proud LGBTQIA+ business that is locally owned and operated and a regular at all queer events. Come along and say hi to Ericka and their team. Organic single estate teas and tisanes along with small batch baking

Steve's Mobile Woodfire Pizza Oven

Catch Steve's Mobile Woodfire Pizza Oven food truck in its next pop-up location and enjoy freshly made pizza



Chloe-Eve Coffee

What's truly inspiring about Chloe's story is that she's achieved all of this before even reaching the age of 21. Her journey serves as a testament to the power of passion, hard work, and the audacity to dream big. So, whether you're seeking a delicious cup of coffee or a dose of inspiration, Chloe's mobile coffee trailer, known as Chloe-Eve Coffee, is your go-to destination.

UNIBAR

Burgers and nachos and wedges, oh my! From your favourites to something more fancy, UniBar has a delicious range of food and drinks to tame your taste buds. A menu with variety – yep, that's us. Our UniBar menu covers everything from the ol' chip and gravy roll to our delicious beef or vege nachos topped with sour cream and guacamole, and weekly specials that everyone is bound to love.

UNIBAR





Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance

Resource Page - Resources for Parents, Partners, Older People, Younger People, Health Professionals, Trans and Gender Diverse Health and Advocacy

Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance

Community Page - Find your people, scan the QR Code and click on the link to join Community groups, events and other activities happening in the Illawarra Shoalhaven areas



Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance

Facebook Community Group - Join the group and keep up to date on ISGA's developments and events planned for the future, active group with daily posts on news and local and international

Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance

Membership - Become a member of ISGA today for only \$5 a year, all members access ISGA events free, newsletters emailed monthly starting 2025, voting rights and opportunities to join the board or one of the many working groups we have



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Donations - ISGA relies on the Community and Organisations to help ISGA with their Clinical Network, Advocacy, Peer support, Events and Workshops. If you can help even a little we would appreciate any support.

TAFFI is held each year to Coincide with Trans Awareness Week and remember those we have lost on Transgender Day of Remembrance - 13th to 20th November



Transgender Awareness Week

13th - 19th November

Each year between November 13 – 19, people and organisations around the country participate in Transgender Awareness Week to help increase understanding about transgender people and the issues members of the community face.

Trans Awareness Week takes place the week before Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20. Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR), is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence that year.



Transgender Day of Remembrance 20th November

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death, and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

"Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to highlight the losses we face due to anti-transgender bigotry and violence. I am no stranger to the need to fight for our rights, and the right to simply exist is first and foremost. With so many seeking to erase transgender people – sometimes in the most brutal ways possible – it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice."

– Transgender Day of Remembrance founder Gwendolyn Ann Smith

Festival Map



Weather forecast for November 10 in Wollongong
 The day is warm and cloudy. Average daily high temperature is about 23 degrees above zero

Morning	Day	Evening	Night
+23°	+21°	+17°	+15°
Feels like +20°	+18°	+15°	+13°
Wind, m/s 5.5 ► W	5.5 ▲ S	4.8 ▲ S	3.5 ▼ SW
Gusts up to 11	up to 11	up to 9	up to 5

Today in 10 years of observation
 The day is usually warm and cloudy. Average daily high temperature is about 20 degrees above zero

Daytime temperature	+20°
Temperature at night	+18°
In 2017	+21°
In 2017, at night	+14°
Wind speed	5.5 m/s
Pressure	729 mmhg
Humidity	70%

**Remember to slip slop
 slap at TAFFI -
 Sunscreen available at
 the TAFFI Tent**



The Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance is a community-driven initiative focused on promoting gender equality and inclusivity within the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions of New South Wales, Australia. This alliance brings together individuals, organisations, and stakeholders committed to addressing gender-based disparities and fostering a supportive environment for all genders. Through advocacy, education, and collaborative efforts, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance aims to create a society where everyone, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to thrive. Their work encompasses various areas such as workplace equality, education, health, and community engagement, striving to eliminate gender biases and empower individuals to achieve their full potential.