

Lifesavers with Pride - Making Your Surf Club More Inclusive



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1 Why LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Matters

- Many LGBTQIA+ people are already involved in surf lifesaving – they just may not feel safe or supported enough to be visible. By showing inclusion and support, your club sends a strong message to all members and to the wider community: Everyone is welcome here.

2 What Is Lifesavers with Pride?

- Lifesavers with Pride (LWP) is a national LGBTQIA+ support and advocacy group made up of current and former surf lifesavers. Their goal is to create safe, inclusive, and welcoming environments in every surf club.
- They provide:
 - Support and education for clubs
 - Community engagement ideas
 - Events like **Rainbow Beaches**
 - Connections to lived experiences within lifesaving

3 Simple Steps for Clubs

- **Policy & Language**
 - Use inclusive language
 - Include diversity in committee roles
 - Follow SLISA's Member Code of Conduct
- **Raise Awareness**
 - Acknowledge Pride Month (June) on socials
 - Share key dates and events
- **Listen to Members**
 - Encourage open, respectful conversations
 - Create safe spaces for feedback
- **Connect Locally**
 - Reach out to local LGBTQIA+ groups
 - Invite them to try Nippers or club events
- **Support Trans & Gender Diverse Members**
 - Use correct names/pronouns
 - Refer to the SLISA Fact Sheet
 - Ask LWP or SLSQ for advice

Rainbow Beaches

- **What is it?**
 - An annual patrol event (February) where clubs display rainbow flags to show support.
- **How to join:**
 - Register online
 - Receive a free kit
 - Display it on patrol
- **Goal: 58 QLD clubs by 2026 (15 joined in 2023)**

Key Resources

- [SLSQ Diversity & Inclusion Hub](#)
- [Lifesavers with Pride](#)
- [Rainbow Beaches Factsheet - SLSA Guideline](#)
- [Language & Terminology - Pride in SportPride in Sport](#)
- [Guideline for the Inclusion of People with Diverse Genders and Sexualities \(LGBTQIA+\) in Surf Life Saving](#)