

GALFA NEWS



Winter – July 2014

New GALFA funding priorities for 2014-2017

The GALFA Board has responded to clear feedback that we needed to develop funding priorities and focus our efforts. We will therefore set priorities for a three year period, and for 2014-17 fundraise and make grants specifically for projects that address two areas:

Healthy ageing and GLBTI people: GALFA will support projects that:

- increase the number of aged care services that commit to being inclusive of LBGTI people, and work with them to be more inclusive
- identify and overcome barriers to GLBTI people accessing inclusive aged care services
- develop and pilot strategies for ageing well that can be applied across diverse GLBTI individuals and communities
- reduce ageism by GLBTI people, and promote positive images of older GLBTI people.

Homelessness of GLBTI people: GALFA will support projects that:

- reduce the homelessness of GLBTI people of all ages
- better define the underlying causes of GLBTI homelessness and identify barriers to the provision of appropriate services for GLBTI people of all ages
- promote the availability of homelessness services amongst at-risk GLBTI people and those who support them, including development and piloting of new initiatives activities that advocate for, or increase the number of, homelessness services that are inclusive of LBGTI people.

Our first steps have been to develop a collaborative grant round with the Sidney Myer Fund, focusing on our ageing priority area. We are also developing links with key agencies including Homelessness Australia and Hanover Welfare Services, (see below for more information).

Growing GLBTI opportunities in philanthropy

GALFA also collaborates with GLBTI organisations and with mainstream philanthropy to improve mainstream philanthropy's understanding of GLBTI needs and to increase success rate of GLBTI applicants. Organisations we have recently met with include: Philanthropy Australia, Sidney Myer Fund, Philanthropy Squared, ANZ Trustees, Hanover Welfare Services, MidSumma and Minus18. We can offer limited assistance in these areas, and please contact Ian Gould (Treasurer@galfa.org.au) for further information.

Announcing our first grant round with the Sidney Myer Fund

The Sidney Myer Fund and the GALFA Board of Directors are pleased to announce our inaugural joint funding round, as part of the Sidney Myer Fund Poverty and Disadvantage Small Grants Program, to the value of \$15,000. The aim of the grant is to reduce social exclusion of older GLBTI Australians through nationally applicable projects. Projects can take the form of community development, education, applied research, events or conferences.



Applicants are to submit an expression of interest by email to GALFA using the appropriate form by Monday 18th August 2014. Those short listed will then be advised by the 1st September and asked to submit a full application using the Sidney Myer Fund online system by 1st October 2014. Details and forms are on the GALFA website at <http://www.galfa.org.au/funding/current-grant-round/>

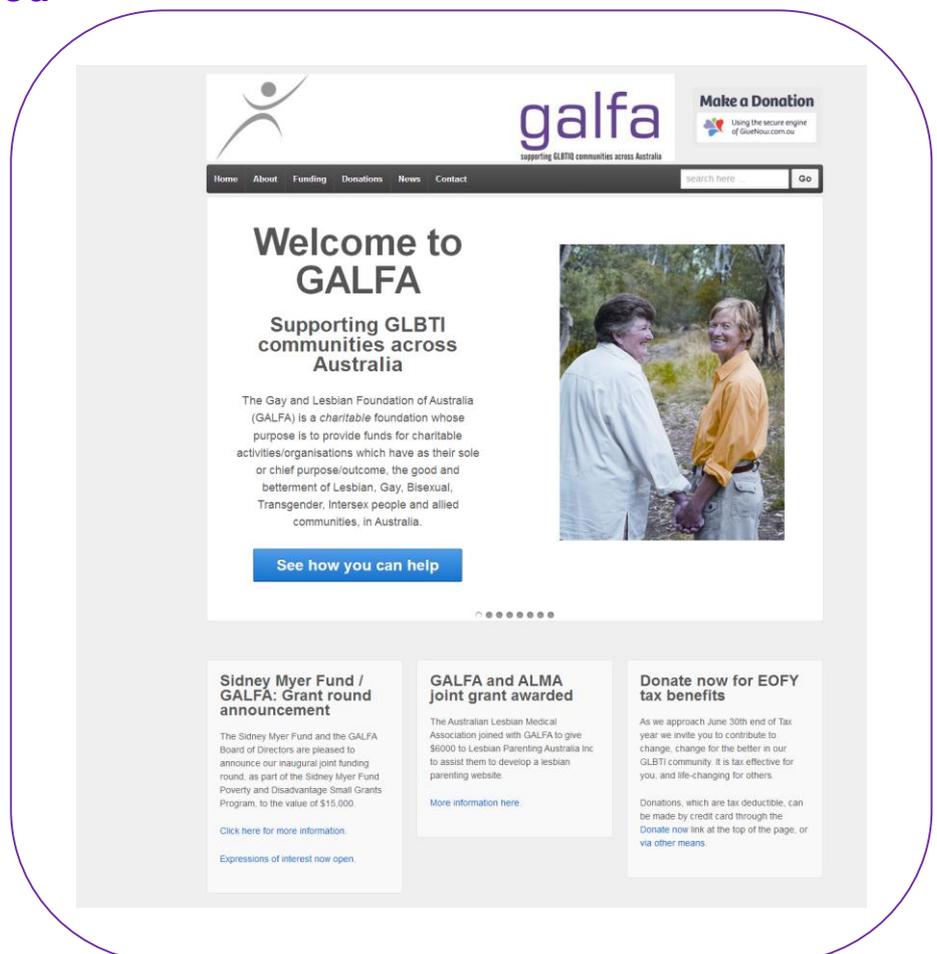
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GALFA website updated

Board member Damian Douglas-Meyer has recently updated the GALFA website. Thank you Damian.

This now includes archival materials such as previous newsletters, grant recipients, annual reports, as well as announcements; and information about how to donate, and how to apply for grants.

Make sure you visit www.galfa.org.au to stay up to date with the latest information.



Update on GALFA-ALMA joint grant recipient: Lesbian Parenting Australia Inc. Website www.lesbianparenting.com.au

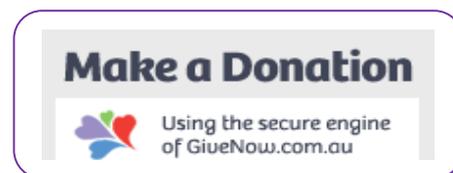


Lesbian Parenting Australia Inc. President Kris Rowe reports: With grateful support from GALFA/ALMA and our other funders, we are pleased to say we have completed the website design stage. We have a logo, byline, multi paged website design, sponsorship kit, tax templates, and web building is about begin. The site is gathering momentum, and doors are opening everywhere, with people offering to help, or give advice.

We have recently acquired an existing Facebook group to draw our community together, and are also attracting sponsors from 'gay friendly' businesses to ensure the site's longevity. We are currently researching content- a massive undertaking with every state and territory represented, and hope to launch the site on International Lesbian Day, 8th October 2014. Lesbian Parenting Australia is a not-for-profit charity set up to establish Australia's first national website for GLBTIQ women wanting to start a family. If you would like to be involved, or can offer sponsorship, please contact Kris Rowe on 0449 869 124 or kris@lesbianparenting.com.au

End of financial year donations

Thank you to all of our donors who have made very generous donations to support our work. A large proportion of this money will go towards the upcoming grant round.



Donations and bequests build a better future

GALFA is working on promoting an awareness and increasing the practice of philanthropy in our community, and on showing how donations and bequests to GALFA can build a better future in for those GLBTI people who suffer disadvantage and need. We will soon release a new Donor information brochure, which will be followed by a bequests information brochure. We are also developing a donor and community event, initially to be part of MidSumma 2015, and which can then be taken to other States.

To donate

It's easy to donate to galfa either on line via our web site, or by setting up a regular monthly contribution. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations either once off or monthly can be made via our website-go to www.galfa.org.au and hit the Donations button.

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