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Chairperson's message



Our National LGBTIQ+ Law Association provides a rare and powerful opportunity for individuals to see their identities reflected within the legal profession. Pride in Law creates space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer or questioning, and asexual (LGBTIQ+) people to connect with one another and with allies, while fostering meaningful conversations, visibility, and education.

The importance of these visible opportunities cannot be overstated. For many of us, they are deeply affirming and profoundly meaningful.

Since the passage of marriage equality legislation in 2017, Australians have taken meaningful steps towards breaking down stigma faced by the LGBTIQ+ community. However, despite these advances, homophobic, biphobic, and transphobic behaviour continues to occur in workplaces, and there remains a significant lack of visible LGBTIQ+ role models within the legal profession. Research highlights discrimination and unfair treatment remain common experiences for LGBTIQ+ professionals, with many still not feeling safe to be out at work.

New research from [Diversity Council Australia](#) underscores why this work remains both urgent and necessary. In 2025, nearly half of LGBTIQ+ workers in Australia reported experiencing discrimination or harassment in the workplace, increasing from 2024. Subtle but persistent forms of exclusion, including microaggressions and social isolation, continue to undermine wellbeing and professional confidence. While progress has been made in visibility, fewer than four in ten LGBTIQ+ employees are out to everyone at work, and a significant number remain entirely closeted due to concerns about safety, acceptance, and professional risk.

Within the legal profession, these challenges are amplified by the limited visibility of senior LGBTIQ+ role models, reinforcing the need for intentional leadership, structured education, and visible allyship to ensure the profession reflects the diversity and integrity it seeks to uphold.

When I founded Pride in Law in 2017, the intention was simple: to help a small group of friends feel more included within the legal profession. Today, Pride in Law has grown into a national organisation with members across Australia.

Over the past eight years, Pride in Law has developed three core pillars to address these challenges. Central among them is our commitment to visible legal education. We pursue this by collaborating with law associations across Australia, engaging with First Nations communities, and advancing conversations around intersectionality and inclusion.

Pride in Law is dedicated to raising awareness, building capability, and strengthening belonging within the legal profession, both nationally and internationally. With members across the country, we are building a lasting legacy of inclusion and pride.

Pride in Law exists to help foster role models of the future and creating workplaces where everyone can bring their whole self to work. Our National LGBTIQ+ Law Association is entirely volunteer-run, governed by a formal Constitution, and driven by a shared commitment to inclusion.

There is much to be proud of and much to be excited about for the LGBTIQ+ community nationwide, and we hope you will join us in shaping this work at a more strategic level.

Thank you for your generous support of Pride in Law. With your support, we will continue to be *Law Focused, Pride Inspired*.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Clifford-Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dean Clifford-Jones
Chairperson

About Us

Pride in Law is Australia's national LGBTIQ+ law association.

We are a non-political association, aimed at connecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, and asexual (LGBTIQ+) members of the legal community and their allies. We formed as a law association to bring together the LGBTIQ+ legal profession across multiple disciplines.

Pride in Law is an essential resource for all legal professionals seeking to embrace their LGBTIQ+ community.

Our Key Objectives

VISIBLE LEGAL EDUCATION

Organise scholarly forums to engage lawyers and their allies in current LGBTIQ+ legal debates through visible events.

ADVOCACY IN THE LAW

Collaborate with a wide range of lawyers across multiple disciplines to confront pressing issues involving the LGBTIQ+ community and their allies.

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

Coordinate legal professional networking meetings. Pride in Law holds a diverse range of events from smaller socials to large-scale events.

Our Corporate Sponsorship

Pride in Law greatly values the support of our Sponsors.

Pride in Law is seeking passionate and forward-thinking sponsors to join us in championing diversity, inclusion, and equality within the legal profession. By partnering with us, you will play a pivotal role in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for LGBTIQ+ legal professionals and allies, helping to break down barriers and create meaningful change across the industry.

Your support will directly contribute to initiatives such as professional development programs, networking events, and advocacy efforts that empower individuals and promote a culture of acceptance and respect.

This partnership offers a unique opportunity to align your organisation with a progressive and impactful cause, demonstrating your commitment to diversity and inclusion while connecting with a network of like-minded professionals and leaders who are shaping the future of the legal sector.

Together, we can make a lasting difference.

Sponsorship - Inclusions

The FY2026-27 Corporate Sponsorship rate is **\$1,000** providing you with the following inclusions.

| | Corporate Sponsor |
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| Branding | |
| Corporate logo and weblink included on Pride in Law website prideinlaw.org/sponsors/ | ✓ |
| Authority to include Pride in Law logo on Corporate website | ✓ |
| Social media platforms | |
| Pride in Law will do 1 post on its social media platforms announcing the Corporate as a Sponsor including Corporate logo | ✓ |
| Events | |
| Corporate will be given first preference to host an event (on request) | ✓ |
| Recognition at Pride in Law events for being a Sponsor | ✓ |
| 2 x complimentary tickets to one Pride in Law event (on request) | ✓ |
| Services | |
| Pride in Law representative can attend your workplace to provide remarks at an event or participate in workplace event or meeting (on request) | ✓ |
| Pride in Law can assist with LGBTIQ+ content for Corporate newsletter and communications (on request) | ✓ |
| Collaboration with Pride in Law to create a resource with Corporate logo included (on request) | ✓ |

Sponsorship - Requirements

We encourage you to proudly utilise our Pride in Law logo and incorporate it into your organisation's initiatives.

To strengthen our partnership, we kindly request the following from our Sponsors:

- Nominate a dedicated contact person based in your Australian office to serve as the primary point of communication with our Association, and
- Provide the details of your office's primary equality and inclusion officer, who will champion your organisation's diversity and inclusion initiatives.

By taking these simple steps, we can foster stronger collaboration and work together to create a more inclusive and supportive legal profession.

Our Governance

Pride in Law is a Company Limited by Guarantee for a Charitable Purpose (ABN 1936236991).

Pride in Law is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACN 634059037).

Pride in Law is governed by a Constitution and acts to represent the rainbow legal community as a unified National LGBTIQA+ Law Association. Each State or Territory (Chapters – the Constituted Bodies) is governed by an enacted Rules and Regulations document as well as several policies, which enables our State and Territory teams to advocate on behalf of their local branch members.

Pride in Law is run by volunteer National Directors.

Each year, Pride in Law obtains public liability insurance, which can be provided on request.

Each year, Pride in Law publishes its annual information statement, and financial report, publicly available on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission website.

Read more about Our History on our website: prideinlaw.org/about-us/history/.

Our Board

At a national level, Pride in Law is wholly run by a volunteer Board of National Directors.

The board includes the Chairperson, Secretary, and portfolios of Finances, Governance, External Affairs (Advocacy), Sponsorship, IT & System Support, and Marketing & Communication.

Information on the board and how to contact respective Directors is available on our website: prideinlaw.org/board/.

Our Chapters

While Pride in Law serves as a national LGBTIQA+ law association, we are divided into sub-committees ('Chapters') corresponding with the relevant State or Territory in Australia.

Pride in Law's Chapters operate in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, and Western Australia.

Information on Our Chapters is available on our website: prideinlaw.org/chapters/.

Our Events

We hosted several socials and events in 2025.

Below is a snapshot of recent large-scale events from each of our Chapters.



18 September 2025: Allyship in Action *Queensland Chapter*

The Queensland chapter hosted a panel discussion on “Allyship in Action”. Panel of speakers included Amelia Otton, Ren Shike, Jessica Cunning and Julia Alexander who shared their insights and experiences on how we can be better allies in the workplace, including what it means to show up, speak out, and stand alongside others in meaningful ways.

20 February 2025: Family Violence in the LGBTQ+ Community *Victorian Chapter*

The Victoria Chapter held a CPD panel event, to shed light on the issue of family violence within the LGBTQ+ community, providing a platform for legal professionals to better understand the challenges, responses, and support systems available.

The event brought together experts from Victoria Police, Legal Aid, and Thorne Harbour Health to discuss various aspects of addressing family violence, including law enforcement responses, legal interventions, and preventative measures.

20 November 2025: 2025 Year in Review Recap *New South Wales Chapter*

The New South Wales Chapter hosted its annual Year in Review event, in partnership with the College of Law.

A spectacular group of attendees joined the NSW Chapter to celebrate another fantastic year for Pride in Law and come together with colleagues, friends, and supporters across the legal industry.

The evening was made exceptional with the incredible line-up of speakers, hearing inspirational words from Chairman of the College of Law, Joseph Catanzariti AM, Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney, Zann Maxwell, and NSW President, Ben Koval.





28 November 2025: Official launch South Australia Chapter

Held at the historic Supreme Court Building in Adelaide, the evening began with a beautiful Welcome to Country by Kaurna cultural leader Adam-Troy Francis, who primed the lectern for an address by the Deputy Premier of South Australia the Honourable Kyam Maher MLC and the Honourable Chief Justice Chris Kourakis.

We were honoured to have a keynote speech by Judge Charlotte Kelly, who shared her reflections on queer progress, and her experience as a lesbian lawyer and Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia.

4 December 2025: 9th Annual Address

Pride in Law held its Annual Address at the Banco Court of Queensland.

The keynote address was delivered by the Honourable Justice Darryl Rangiah. Justice Rangiah shared his wisdom and experience on the Treatment of the Queer Community Under the Law: Past, Present and Future.

We also extend our warmest thanks to the inspiring Pride in Law award Recipient, Denise Maxwell, for her impactful speech.



December 2025: End of Year Cheers Western Australian Chapter

The Western Australia Chapter closed out 2025 with "End of Year Cheers!" - a collaborative end of year celebration co-hosted with our good friends at The Law Society of WA, Society of African Australian Lawyers Inc, the Asian Australian Lawyers Association, and the Association of Corporate Counsel Australia.

Pride in Law Award - Queensland

The Pride in Law Award is an independent award, assessed by a distinguished panel, that celebrates exceptional career achievements and significant contributions to the legal profession within our community. The award's selection criteria are carefully weighted, focusing on leadership, advocacy, and inclusion.

At Pride in Law, we believe that visibility is essential to fostering greater diversity and inclusion. Proudly supported by the Queensland Law Society, the Pride in Law Award aligns with these values, highlighting the achievements of the legal profession. It specifically recognises and rewards excellence in LGBTIQIA+ inclusion within the legal sector.

This award honours the dedication, professionalism, and impact of individuals in the legal profession who have actively championed LGBTIQIA+ inclusion. Each nominee has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to driving change, whether in workplaces, academia, the legal system, or broader social contexts.

The recipient of the Pride in Law Award is announced annually. Previously presented at our Queensland annual address, the award was integrated into the Queensland Law Society Excellence in Law Awards Gala in 2023. This change enhances the visibility of Pride in Law and provides a prestigious platform to celebrate the recipient's achievements.

Congratulations to the 2025 recipient, **Denise Maxwell**, who provided a short speech at the QLD annual address.

Denise, founder of Hensen Maxwell Solicitors, was honoured for her dedication to LGBTIQIA+ inclusion, including her work on same-sex parenting rights and providing, this source says, "unprejudiced legal advice".



Discover the winners from the 2025 QLS Excellence in Law Awards [here](#).

Past recipients include Christopher Peppel (2024), Jason Garrick (2023), Matilda Alexander (2022), Emile McPhee (2021) and Stephen Page (2020).

Our Digital Platforms



3,000+
followers¹

Post engagement throughout 2025

1,300+
likes/reactions

62,000+
reach



6,150+
followers¹

Post engagement throughout 2025

650+
search appearances

234,000+
impressions



3,900+
followers¹

Post engagement throughout 2025

3,300+
likes/shares

322,000+
views



950+
members¹

Strong engagement



7,500
Website visitors per year¹

Strong engagement



690+
followers¹

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¹ as at January 2026

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You make our work and greater inclusion possible.

