



# HAMILTON PRIDE

Together celebrating and supporting  
the diversity of Hamilton's Rainbow community  
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## Hamilton Pride Festival 2009 Report

Hamilton Pride Incorporated (HPI) is an organisation committed to supporting and celebrating the diversity of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Takatāpui, Intersex and Queer (GLBTTIQ) communities of Hamilton and the wider Waikato district. Our main focus is an annual Pride Festival Week. The Festival helps build positive collective identities and self-esteem in our communities, promote pride, celebrate our diversity and promote safer sex messages to gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (msm). We work closely with the NZ AIDS Foundation. Our events help to establish Hamilton on the New Zealand map as an inclusive, diverse and safe community for all New Zealanders. Our main objectives are to:

- serve as a liaison between various community groups as Pride events are coordinated and organised;
- publicise Hamilton Pride events locally and nationally through various media;
- support various community groups as they come together to organise annual Pride events.

## Membership

There is a core group of committee members. Members that assisted with the 2009 Festival were: Geoff Rua'ine (Co-Chair), Lynda Johnston (Co-Chair), Stefan Mutter (Secretary), Luke van Helden (Co-Treasurer), Brad Arthur (Co-Treasurer), Duncan Matthews, Simon Hinchco, Sarah Lamont, Cindy Lewis, Nick Cavenagh, Kaye McLaren, Hamie Munroe, Phoenix Adamson, Dennis Patrick Ralph, Nan Seuffert, Shiv Ganesh, Lisa Stone, Russ Fenerty.

Committee members have affiliations with the following groups:

NZAIDS Foundation, Lesbian Social Group, GayLink, Askew - the Waikato University support group for GLBTTIQ students, Gaylink - Hamilton's GLBTTIQ community support group, The Lesbian Social Group, The University of Waikato, YWCA, The Waikato Queer Youth Group, The Students' Association of Waikato Institute of Technology GLBTTI Officer, Flat Out Pride! - Hamilton's radio show for the GLBTTIQ communities, Bi Women's Group, Agender Waikato, The Waikato Sisterhood of Drag, PFLAG Waikato, Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa, Body Positive Waikato - the local support group for people living with HIV, Waikato Sexual Health Service, GayNZ.com, Outline NZ.

## Planning

Planning for Hamilton Pride 09 began at the end of Hamilton Pride 08. During our debrief sessions it was decided to hold the annual festival at the same time as the University of Waikato Pride Week. It was decided to launch the festival on Sunday 13th September and finish on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 09. Following our 2009 AGM (4 April 2009) the committee met on the following dates to organise the 2009 festival:

1. 22 April 2009
2. 27 May 2009
3. 24 June 2009
4. 8 July 2009
5. 22 July 2009
6. 12 August 2009
7. 26 August 2009
8. 9 September 2009

Minutes of all meetings are recorded on file. A website - url [www.hamiltonpride.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonpride.co.nz) - and group email list is used to notify people of events and meetings. This continues to be a vital resource for HPI.

### **Community Engagement**

HPI continues to network with a number of local gay and gay friendly businesses to gauge support for Hamilton Pride. All pledged support in one form or another.

The Manager of Shine Nightclub, Tristan Laing, offered to host events. He hosted the closing party, as well as the Sex Toy Party (provided by the company Playful Adult Shop) and Transgender Stories. Askew (QueerSpace) and the University of Waikato hosted Camp on Campus event, as well as Games night, 'Stitch 'n Butch' craft evening, and a Movie evening. Hamilton City Council was receptive to our Pride Picnic with Pets event held at the Botanical Gardens. The University of Waikato sponsored the Pride-Politics-Policies workshops. Link House provides space for our regular meetings and a donation is given to show our enormous gratitude.

Other support from the community, including members of the committee, came from everyday people, passionate and committed to celebrating and supporting the diversity of Hamilton's Rainbow community, without whom Hamilton Pride would never have happened.

### **2009 Pride Festival Programme**

The 2009 Pride Festival programme aimed to reflect the diversity of our communities. The dates were chosen to fit in with the already planning University's Pride celebrations. Hamilton Pride was launched on 13<sup>th</sup> September with performances and speeches from Labour MP Charles Chauvel and Hamilton City Councillor Daphne Bell. The other events in the programme were developed by community groups and the Pride committee. We ended up with a full programme with at least one event on every day.

In summary, there were 15 festival events: Tramp, Picnic, Launch, Stitch 'n Butch, Waikato Queer Youth meeting, Transgender Stories, Sex Toy Party, Camp on Campus, Lesbian Quiz Night, Movie night, Games Night, Rocky Horror Picture Show, Pride-Politics-Partying workshops, Dance Party Finale, and Sunday Brunch.

Three events ran with minimal cost to HPI (less than \$25). These were: Transgender Stories, Rocky Horror Picture Show, and the Dance Party Finale. The Festival Launch cost \$871.53 and the Dance Party Finale generated \$464 in donations.

Five organizations hosted nine events in the festival: GayLink Waikato (Tramp), BiGroup (Picnic), Askew (Stitch n Butch, Camp on Campus, Movie night, Games, Brunch), Waikato Queer Youth (regular meeting), Agender Waikato (Transgender Stories), Lesbian Social Group (Quiz Night).

Five events ran with cooperation between HPI, community, and business members: Festival Launch, Sex Toy Party, Rocky Horror Picture Show, Pride-Politics-Partying workshops, Dance Party Finale.

Eleven other organizations were involved with, or supported, HPI Pride Festival 2009: Shine Nightclub, NZ Lottery Grants Board, OutLoud radio / Community Radio, NZAF, Patrick's Hairdressing, Campus Cuts, Auteur House, Bennetts Book Shop, GayNZ, and University of Waikato's Cultural Committee, Waikato Print Shop, Waikato Students Union.

(See Appendix 1 for the Hamilton Pride 09 Programme.)

## **Publicity and Promotions**

Most of the publicity was arranged through HPI committee members. Tristan Laing (Shine Nightclub) designed our brochures and posters. Various individuals and groups printed and distributed these posters in venues and shops in the Hamilton CBD as well as the local GLBTTIQ community networks.

Press releases and articles appeared in local papers: *Hamilton Press*, *This Week*. And national gay media: *GayNZ.com*, *Express*. We tried hard to get an article in the *Waikato Times* but to no avail! *Nexus* student magazine printed a Pride Week issue. The University of Waikato advertised Hamilton Pride in the 'what's on' e-mail listserver. They also printed an article in the staff magazine after the festival ended. In addition, our festival was mentioned in the 'City News' of Hamilton City Council's newsletter and our week was found in their online 'what's on' database. Last but not least, there were announcements of our festival in the community news on MoreFM radio. Flat Out Pride on Hamilton's Community Radio promoted the week and interviewed people prior to, during, and after the festival. We also advertised on social networking sites such as Facebook, plus regular emails were sent to community groups. Our webpage [www.hamiltonpride.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonpride.co.nz) kept people up to date with events.

NZAF supplied condoms in the new 'Get It On!' jacket and these were distributed at Shine Nightclub during our Festival Party. The South Side Girls and local Drag Queens performed at the Party.

## Hamilton Pride Festival 09 Budget

HPI received financial support from NZ Lotteries Grant Board \$3,000 in November 2008. Donations at the Dance Party Finale came to \$464.80.

The total cost for Hamilton Pride Festival 09 came to **\$1622.10**. More details follow:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Outgoings</i>	<i>Incomings</i>
Pride Picnic with Pets	Food and games \$22	Paid by Kaye	
Launch	Food Venue Gifts for speakers	\$373.50 \$346.08 \$151.95	
Stitch 'n Butch	Snack food & refreshments \$40	Paid by Askew	
Queer Youth Meet	No cost		
Transgender Stories	Venue supplied by Shine at no cost to the cte. Food	\$22.86	
Sex Toy Party	Venue supplied by Shine at no cost to the cte		
Camp on Campus	Stage, audio, props, GLBT burgers, trophies & prizes supplied by Askew/WSU/Bennetts 400 free cookies from Cookie Time	Paid by Askew/WS U	
Movie Night	\$40 for food	Paid by Askew	
Lesbian Quiz Night	Venue & prizes. Paid by LSG \$150	Paid by LSG	
Games Night	\$70 for pizza, nibbles & drinks	Paid by Askew	
Rocky Horror Picture Show	Prop bags and Venue 48 tickets sold @ \$15 each	\$749.21	Ticket sales \$725.00
Pride, Politics and Partying Workshops	Food venue & gifts \$346.08 Food \$763 book voucher/gifts	Paid by Uni Cultural Cte	
Hamilton Pride Party	Flowers for Tristan	\$25.00	
Brunch	Metropolis (individual cost for brunch)		
Printing & publicity costs	Brochures, posters, adverts	\$678.50	
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$2347.10</u></b>	<b><u>\$725.00</u></b>

## Summary of each event

### Tramp

Date & time held	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.00 pm
Venue	Taupiri
Contact person/cte	Luke
Cost to run	Nil
Attendance	3
Funds raised	Nil

This was an easy grade tramp and an enjoyable day outdoors with friends in good weather. The low attendance was disappointing. For future tramps an afternoon option may be more popular, as well as tramping on flat terrain. A tramp that ends with a hot pool may also draw more people to the event. It is recommended that the meeting point is published two weeks prior to the tramp.

### Pride Picnic with Pets

Date & time held	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 12.30 - 4.30pm
Venue	Hamilton Botanical Gardens, dog zone
Contact person/cte	Kaye McLaren
Cost to run	\$22 for gifts
Attendance	50
Funds raised	None

It worked well to bring people together before the official festival launch. Brochures for the week's events were given to picnic attendees which meant many of the picnic goers also went to the Launch that evening. The games were fun and people enjoyed sack races, egg and spoon races, and gumboot throwing. We were lucky with the weather.

The area that we were using was not opened to vehicles which meant it was difficult for people with disabilities, as well as unloading supplies. Apart from this, it was a very good location.

### Launch

Date & time held	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 - 8.30 pm
Venue	Te Whare Tapere Iti
Contact person/cte	Luke, Lynda, Stefan
Cost to run	\$871.53
Attendance	70 +
Funds raised	None

The launch went extremely well despite our guest speaker - Georgina Beyer - last minute cancellation due to bereavement in her family. We were very fortunate that Labour MP Charles Chauvel was able to step in and he gave an excellent speech. Miss Gloriasole emceed and performed a song. Other entertainment was provided by Sknox and Mittens (two comedy sketches). The Mayor had accepted an invitation to speak at this event, but cancelled at very short notice. Councillor Daphne Bell spoke in his place. The venue was excellent and a small bar was set up in one corner of the room, audio equipment on hand, and good lighting. The venue is expensive, however, and events on the University campus may mean that some people will not attend (out of town and too formal?).

### **Stitch 'n Butch: Monday 14 September**

Date & time held	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 7pm
Venue	QueerSpace, University of Waikato
Contact person/cte	Nick Cavenagh
Cost to run	\$40 Askew covered the cost to run this event
Attendance	17
Funds raised	None

There was very good attendance for this first time event. Most people attending learnt to knit with Nuck (with some assistance from Lynda).

### **Transgender Stories: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Date & time held	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 6 pm
Venue	Shine
Contact person/cte	Sarah and Cindy
Cost to run	\$22.86 for food
Attendance	40
Funds raised	Nil

Cindy and Sarah shared their stories about being transwomen. The audience was extremely appreciative and it was a very supportive environment. We arranged chairs around the speakers. Many of the people that attended stayed on for the next event.

### **Sex Toy Party: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Date & time held	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 7pm
Venue	Shine
Contact person/cte	Geoff and Phoenix
Cost to run	Event was run by Playful Adult
Attendance	70
Funds raised	Nil

This was a very good venue for the Sex Toy Party. It attracted a lot of people, those who were already in attendance from the Transgender Stories event, plus more that arrived specifically for the Sex Toy Party. It was great fun and nice to have an event run by a group outside of the committee.

### **Camp on Campus: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pride Week Olympics: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1 - 2pm**

Date & time held	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 1 - 2pm
Venue	Village Green, University of Waikato
Contact person/cte	Askew
Cost to run	WSU organised & paid for stage, audio, BBQ, tables, tents, trophies, wire standards. Askew organised & paid for handbags, hula hoops, giant rainbow flag. Bennetts supplied gifts
Attendance	200
Funds raised	Nil

This was an extremely successful event thanks to the enormous amount of support from WSU (particularly Shannon). Free GLBT burgers were a bit hit and the games (handbag throwing, hula hoop, and long jump) went very well. 400 free cookies were supplied by Cookie Time. The event was emceed by Miss Krystal Meth and Miss Souvenir. The village green was very colourful, loud and full of fun! A big article featured in the student paper Nexus, and flyers were distributed on the day all over the University. It was a lot of work was undertaken by very few people.

### **Lesbian Quiz Night: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Date & time held	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm
Venue	Upstairs at the Bank
Contact person/cte	Lynda
Cost to run	\$150 for venue and prizes (paid for by LSG)
Attendance	53
Funds raised	Nil

The quiz night was held upstairs at the Bank which is a fabulous venue. The Lesbian Social Group ran this event and covered the cost of room hire plus prizes. There was a charge of \$5 per person. It was very well attended - 53 people - and ran extremely smoothly with a lot of positive feedback.

### **Movie Night: 16<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**

Date & time held	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 pm
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Venue	QueerSpace, Askew, University of Waikato
Contact person/cte	Askew
Cost to run	\$40 for nibbles and drinks paid for by Askew
Attendance	11
Funds raised	Nil

Despite just 11 people attending, this was a good attendance compared to other Askew movie nights. This event doubled up with the LSG quiz. People stayed on after the movies.

### **Casino Royale Games Night: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm**

Date & time held	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 pm
Venue	QueerSpace, Waikato University
Contact person/cte	Askew
Cost to run	\$70 for food and refreshments paid for by Askew
Attendance	9
Funds raised	Nil

The size of the group meant that it was easy to build teams and all play the one game together. QueerSpace provides a nice atmosphere for smaller groups and this helps foster communication. There was a last minute change from Poker Night to Board Games due to the unavailability of the Poker 'dealer'. In the future, this person needs to be booked well in advance.

### **Rocky Horror Picture Show: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm**

Date & time held	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 arrive, 8pm start
Venue	Victoria Cinema
Contact person/cte	Lisa, Brad, Lynda (Alista Fow)
Cost to run	\$749.21 Patrick's Hairdressers donated prizes, the University of Waikato donated the prop bags
Attendance	48
Funds raised	\$725 (48 tickets sold at \$15 each)

We received excellent feedback on this event and all movie goers seemed to enjoy the event. We did have some trouble with the venue as the Manager didn't seem fully prepared for us and movie goers could not buy refreshments. Pre-selling tickets at Auteur House was an excellent initiative.

### **Pride, politics and partying workshops: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Date & time held	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 1.15 - 7pm
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Venue	Concert Chamber & VC Lounge, Academy of Performing Arts, University of Waikato
Contact person/cte	Shiv, Nan, Lynda
Cost to run	\$2500 paid for by University Cultural Cte
Attendance	3 workshops (1 <sup>st</sup> 44, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 46, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 32) A total of 55 people attended various workshops during the afternoon
Funds raised	Nil

We had excellent speakers and good feedback from attendees. There were some problems with the venue, for example: it was cold, the catering didn't arrive on time, the audio visual support was lacking, and preparation for an event in the adjoining rooms interrupted our presentations. The afternoon was long and we may need to think of a different structure for next year.

### **Dance Party at Shine: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 9pm- 3am**

Date & time held	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 9pm - 3am
Venue	Shine Nightclub
Contact person/cte	Several committee people
Cost to run	No cost to run thanks to Tristan organising posters, logos, flags
Attendance	Capacity crowd (300?)
Funds raised	\$464.80

The end party at Shine was very successful and attendance was excellent (some people having to wait half an hour to get into the nightclub. Having the South Side Auckland Drag Queens, as well as our local divas, was a real bonus for this event. The roster for collecting went extremely well. We were very thankful for Tristan for hosting this event!

### **Brunch: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 11am**

Date & time held	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 11am
Venue	Metropolis
Contact person/cte	Stefan
Cost to run	Nil
Attendance	20
Funds raised	Nil

20 people attended the Sunday Brunch at Metropolis. It was a great event to wind down after such a hectic week!

**What's next?**

HPI has several commitments over the next couple of months. We plan to screen *Bi the Way* film (this film is being sent to us from the U.S). We will hold a service on Transgender Remembrance Day (20 November 2009). We are planning events (film screening and public art display) for World AIDS Day (1 December 2009). Finally, we will give a donation to Link House for the on-going use of their facilities for our meetings.

## **Finally**

A big thank you to Hamilton Pride committee members, friends and whanau that make these events possible!

Report prepared by Lynda Johnston on behalf of Hamilton Pride Incorporated.