



# LGBTQIA+ Reference Group Meeting Four Communique

**25 September 2024**

The fourth LGBTQIA+ Reference Group meeting was held on 25 September 2024 at Department of Communities (Communities) Boorloo Campus.

Interim Co-Chair arrangements, pending establishment of the LGBTQIA+ Peak Body, saw Kimberley Blak Pride representative, Tony Lee, Co-Chair the meeting with Communities as endorsed by the group at the first meeting.

## **Key outcomes of the Reference Group Meeting included:**

- Reference Group members continued to consider planning for community engagement and consultation to initiate Strategy development, including attendance at PrideFEST Fair Day, 17 November 2024.
- Further developing the principles and key messages to form the foundation for consultation and the Strategy.
- Agreement on a joint workshop on 3 October 2024 with the LGBTQIA+ whole-of-government Project Steering Group, consisting of 16 representatives across various State Government agencies and including Equal Opportunity Commission and Ombudsman.
- Reference Group members again referred to the importance of additional membership to better represent LGBTQIA+ communities across WA and expressed its disappointment that this had not yet occurred. Following the meeting, the Department of Communities was pleased to advise that the following three new members have all accepted membership on the Reference Group:
  - Professor Braden Hill, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students, Equity and Indigenous), Edith Cowan University.
  - PJ Menon, Co-Creator Queer, Transgender and Intersex People of Colour (QTIPoC).
  - Kay Lane, Co-Chair, Pride with Disability Network.
- The Reference Group also welcomed new members Michelle McGrath, Intersex Peer Support Australia; and Sam Gibbings incoming CEO, TransFolk of WA to their first Reference Group meeting and is looking forward to welcoming Professor Hill, PJ and Kay to the Reference Group.