



About GRAI

GRAI - *Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Rights in Ageing Inc* was formed in Perth in 2005 to protect the rights and well-being of older LGBTI people.

We are a not-for-profit community-based organisation, working to ensure that older LGBTI people will be safe and welcomed wherever they are.

The issues

Recent progress in LGBTI legal rights has been welcome and overdue. However, after a lifetime of homophobic discrimination, many LGBTI people continue hiding their identity for fear of persecution or poor service.

LGBTI elders have been largely invisible both in the aged care sector and in the community, their needs overlooked. This lack of an affirming environment can drive LGBTI elders 'back into the closet', which can have serious health effects, contributing to 'minority stress' and reluctance to access essential services.

Also, LGBTI elders are less likely to have family support, which further increases their risk of social isolation.

Supporting GRAI will help us continue to offer important services for LGBTI elders: raising awareness of their needs in aged care, and building a stronger, supportive community.

Key activities since 2005

Research:

'*We don't have any of those people here*', GRAI and Curtin University, 2010 - which researched attitudes towards LGBTI people in WA's residential aged care.

LBT women carers in WA 2023. Research on the support needs of Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans women carers.

LGBT+ and 50+ Loneliness and quality of life under the rainbow, 2024. Updated Research on the views and issues of LGBTI people in WA 50 years and over.

Training:

Since 2014, GRAI has delivered 'Right to Belong' LGBTI inclusivity training to the aged care sector, as part of the federally funded National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Training Project.

We also offer a 2-day Community of Practice course to support organisations to link the Aged Care standards with a Rainbow Readiness framework and assess their organisation's capacity to achieve LGBTI+ Specialisation Verification on My Aged Care.

Culturally Inclusive training, for community organisations providing services to LGBTI people 50+ years.

Community Events:

Events include: Three Games Hubs, Joondalup, Perth and Coolbellup, Intergenerational Queer Book club. Classic Book club, Queer Film club and social celebrations.

Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVSS)

Intergenerational volunteer visitor program connecting LGBTIQA+ people to LGBTI older people in residential aged care or receiving an age care package at home with a regular LGBTIQA+ visitor.

Pride Intergenerational housing project.

A supportive shared accommodation pilot linking older LGBTI people with a spare room to LGBTIQA+ university students.

www.grai.org.au



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What we do

GRAI works on many levels to promote LGBTI elders' rights, to improve understanding of their needs and celebrate their wonderful contributions!

We provide **SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES, TRAINING, RESEARCH** and **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**.

Importantly, our social inclusion agenda and connections with LGBTI elders motivates our work and keeps us abreast of current concerns.

Who we work with

Government agencies - advocating for law reform to improve policies and anti-discrimination legislation and making submissions to ensure LGBTI elders' needs are considered.

The Aged Care Sector - providing training to foster aged care services that are culturally safe and LGBTI-inclusive.

The LGBTI community - organising social events to strengthen intergenerational and peer friendships and build community connections.

National and international researchers - collaborating to improve knowledge about LGBTI ageing issues.



Membership Form

Personal Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All GRAI communications are sent by email.

Gender: (please tick your answer)

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary
- I wish to not disclose
- Other (please describe): _____

Pronouns:

Age (please circle your age bracket):

18-30 | 31-50 | 51-65 | 66-80 | 80+

Sexual Orientation: (please circle your answer)

Lesbian | Gay | Bisexual | Asexual |
Queer | Heterosexual | I wish to not disclose

Other (please describe): _____

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Membership Details:

This is a: (please tick the boxes which apply to you)

New Membership **OR** Membership Renewal

- Individual Community Membership - **Free**
- Corporate (Community) - \$50
- Corporate (Other) - \$250
- Donation \$ _____

donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible _____

TOTAL \$ _____

In applying for or renewing membership I agree to abide by the objectives of GRAI as set out in the constitution (available at www.grai.org.au).

signature: _____ Date: _____

Email submission will suffice instead of a signature.

Method of Payment:

DIRECT DEBIT to BSB 016 307 A/C 434253945
(Please include your name)

Please mail your completed form to:

GRAI, PO Box 350 Mt Hawthorn 6915

Or scan & email to: eo@grai.org.au

We sincerely thank you for your contribution.

