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TW: transphobia & trans exclusionary behaviour

We heard about what has been happening with [Wet on Wellington](#) and it was alarming enough to bring us out of hibernation. We wanted to share this community statement that has been created by members of the trans masculine community in response to recent incidents at Wet on Wellington (a sex on premises venue in Melbourne).

Transphobia is never okay. We stand with those who have been hurt by the decisions of the management team at Wet on Wellington and we urge people to read and share this post. This is a time for our cis allies to step up.

This is a call to action to do two simple things:

1. Please share this post and tag [Wet on Wellington](#) to raise your concerns about their actions. We call on all people, trans and cis to speak up in support of this statement.

2. Please contact [Wet on Wellington](#) direct by writing to their management to express your concerns about the harm that is continuing to occur and request that they listen and take this





Image description: The two images are photos of the statement, black text on a white background. The statement reads as follows:

Community Statement: regarding Wet on Wellington's recent trans-exclusionary actions

On the 6th of April, 2021 a number of members of the trans masculine community from various backgrounds came together to discuss the impact of Wet on Wellington's discriminatory actions related to the rejection of entry of some trans masculine people, the recent creation of a transphobic survey and their subsequent decisions to manage the consequences of the survey.

Those in attendance noted that trans masculine people have a long history of attending Wet on Wellington and other similar venues around Melbourne, but that the recent actions of Wet on Wellington's management have directly led to making a previously enjoyable experience feel unsafe and inaccessible.

As a result of discussions at that meeting, those in attendance agreed on the following statements:

1. The Wet on Wellington survey was transphobic and caused significant harm to our community. It was unethical and discriminatory and we do not accept that it was a reasonable mechanism to build an inclusive environment. We request that the survey results be destroyed and for Wet on Wellington to discontinue referring to or sharing the results.
2. We do not accept Wet on Wellington's recent online apology, especially given the following:
 - a. that trans masculine people have recently been ejected from the venue and are still being refused entry on the basis of being trans;
 - b. trans masculine people continue to be told that it is a venue for cis men only; and
 - c. that the venue continues to refer to and share the survey results.
3. We do not support the establishment of Wet on Wellington's 'Trans and Gender Diverse Inclusion Reference Group' because it is unsafe for trans community, was not co-created with trans community, is not consultative, is not listening to trans advocates and is not being led by trans people. We will not participate in it and we call on cis allies and other organisations to stand with us on this.
4. We require a trans-led process, that first requires Wet on Wellington to respectfully listen to and meaningfully engage with trans people.
5. We expect Wet on Wellington to issue a proper apology that has meaning and is accompanied by concrete actions to improve, including the following:
 - a. Wet on Wellington management and staff to undergo training in both their legal obligations (from the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission) and best practice trans inclusion more broadly (from Transgender Victoria)





c. Wet on Wellington to engage in a restorative process with individuals who have been directly impacted and discriminated against, if those individuals wish to engage.

The group also expressed thanks to the cis individuals and organisations who have stood as allies with the trans community on this issue. We respectfully request that going forward all allies support and advocate for the actions detailed in this statement, and refrain from enabling or participating in any processes, groups or activities that are not aligned with the those detailed above.

We would also like to pay respect and express gratitude to Sally Goldner AM for kindly donating her time to facilitate our meeting, and to express our solidarity with trans women and trans feminine and non-binary people who often experience similar exclusion and discrimination, including the recent experiences of those seeking to access the McIver Women's Baths in Coogee.

Signed -

- Aram Hosie (Member, Victorian LGBTIQ+ Taskforce; co-Founder PASH.tm; former Board Director Thorne Harbour Health)
 - Chris Rohr
 - Dee Chrissy Mallos (Founding Committee, FTM Shed; International Mr Transgender Leather, 2014; Awarded Special Service Award, Thorne Harbour Health, 2020)
 - Felix Oni
 - Florin Risley Douglas
 - Gabe Curtis
 - Jeremy Wiggins (Victorian LGBTI Person of the Year 2018, Churchill Fellow 2016, Co-Founder of PASH.tm)
 - Jo McMahon
 - Dr Julian Grace (Member, Australian Professional Association for Trans Health Education Committee)
 - Lex Townsend (Queer Officer, University of Melbourne 2013 – 2015)
 - Mary Fox
 - N.K Madden
 - Nevo Zisin (Author, Finding Nevo (2017) & The Pronoun Lowdown (2021); transgender awareness trainer)
 - Ted Cook (Vice President, Australian Professional Association for Trans Health; co-Founder PASH.tm)
- (A further 2 people who attended the meeting also support this statement but wish to remain anonymous.)





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Wet on Wellington

A recent post from Wet:

A couple of months ago, Melbourne Saunas were approached by a member of the Trans community, a young man who generously shared his experience with the intention of improving safety and access for Trans folks in our venues.... **See more**

Like Reply 47 w



Lance DeBoyle

I have just emailed Star Observer to ask where their editorial is on this matter. Very sad other LGBTIQ+ media are silent on this issue. 🇺🇸

Like Reply 49 w



Bonnita Travers

So sad to hear this.

Like Reply 49 w



Bill O'Loughlin

Good.



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Markus Anthony Benjamin
 Lance TV has also been covering this issue
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Dee Chryssomallos
 Any comments from WoW?

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PINNED POST



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10 October 2019 · 🌐

PASH.tm was established in 2014 after four queer trans guys got to talking at the AIDS2014 conference in Melbourne about the invisibility of guys like us (trans men into other men - trans MSM) in the Australian HIV response.

We immediately set about developing a plan and this involved:

- 1 - finding more trans guys to join us
- 2 - getting our name out there... **See more**



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Thank you all for the amazing much needed pioneering work you have done. You've helped people and changed lives.

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Kai Schweizer

You all rock! The grunt campaign means so much to so many of us. 😊 Thank you for all your hard work

Like Reply 2 y



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Anthony K J Smith

Thanks team - you did such an amazing job on 'the smell of an oily rag'. I learnt so much from your early data collection guidelines and was able to use it to promote change back when I worked in WA. The GRUNT campaign was also so important in educatin...

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