





DIVERSITY SERIES 2020

THE WORLD POST-MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Issues affecting rainbow families and the LGBTIQA+ community today

VWL invites you to the first event in our Diversity Series 2020, held in conjunction with Nicholes Family Lawyers.

Please join us for an engaging discussion on issues affecting rainbow families and the LGBTIQA+ community in Australia that have arisen following the Australian same-sex marriage postal survey in 2017.

DATE

Wednesday 11 March 2020

LOCATION

Nicholes Family Lawyers Level 12/460 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000

TIME

5.30pm: Registration **6:00pm**: Panel discussion

7:15pm: Networking

8:30pm: Event concludes

COST

Members - Free Non-Members - Free

RSVP

By 3 March 2020 at vwl.asn.au/events-3 **ANNA BROWN OAM** is a lawyer, activist and CEO of Equality Australia and former Director of Legal Advocacy at the Human Rights Law Centre.

She played a critical role in the campaign for marriage equality cochairing the Equality Campaign and running the challenge to the postal plebiscite in the High Court. Anna has been instrumental in hard fought battles to secure federal LGBTIQ+ discrimination protections, remove discriminatory laws across the country and right historical wrongs by establishing schemes to erase historical homosexual offences.

MICHELLE SHEPPARD "Mama Mish" is a highly respected presenter, advocate, and trainer in the gender equity space. As a transgender woman, she appreciates the difficulties within the grey created by the gender divide and not only traverses them herself, she willingly takes others on the ride with her.

Some of her high profile media engagements include JOY 94.9, AFL, ANZ, BMW, and Channel 9. She embodies dignity, grace and the change that is needed to make a positive difference in others' lives, empowers women and challenges barriers to inclusion, discrimination, and harassment.

DR JUDY TANG is a Neuropsychologist and President of the Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council. She is an advocate and keen educator on issues and equality barriers for people who identify as multicultural and LGBTIQ – both within the LGBTIQ community and within the multicultural and multifaith communities. She is additionally a committee member of the Victoria Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, and the National Convenor of the Australian Psychological Society's Psychology and Culture Interest Group.

She has been appointed a Multicultural Champion for 2018 by the Victoria Multicultural Commission as well as LGBTI Person of the Year at the Globe Awards.

JAC TOMLINS is a writer, trainer, speaker and advocate with more than 30 years' experience working in the LGBTIQA+ field. Jac was a leading advocate for Marriage Equality for fifteen years after running the legal case in 2004 that prompted the then Howard Government to amend the Marriage Act, and which kick-started the Marriage Equality campaign.

Most recently, Jac coordinated VincentCare's successful 'Rainbow Tick' Accreditation, the first Catholic organisation to achieve Rainbow Tick. She has also published two books of non-fiction and chapters in anthologies, and researched and written a series of guides for rainbow families.







