



**Welcome to the October 2020 version of INCLUSION!**

*A Few Words From Our VP of Member Services*

Greetings All:

I hope that this newsletter finds you all healthy and remaining safe during this very difficult time.

This month, I want to focus on the [gaygames.net](mailto:yourname@gaygames.net) email address that each of you have been assigned as a member of the FGG General Assembly.

As the AGA in January and the site selection process for choosing a host city for the 2026 Gay Games gets closer, it becomes more and more important that you access and use your assigned email.

This is the only way that you will be able to cast your votes for site selection, by-law changes, elections and other motions that come up before the Assembly.

If you need assistance with accessing and setting up your email, please contact *Ivan Yap-Officer of Membership* at [ivan.yap@gaygames.net](mailto:ivan.yap@gaygames.net).

We are all looking forward to the future and what it will hold for all of us. Please stay safe and remain healthy!

Sincerely,

William McManus  
Vice President-Member Services





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### MEMBERSHIP DUES 2020-2021 (Final Reminder)

Dear Members, we would like to remind you that some of you may have overlooked the Membership Dues Invoice that was sent to you in July 2020. The initial due date was set for the 31st of August, 2020. During the period of July-Sept 2020, we have sent numerous reminders.

By now you should have received the final reminder from PayPal and also a personal email from Ivan Yap, the Membership Officer, for members who have not yet made their payment.

We wish to inform you that FGG By-Laws stated :

*Clause 7.2 : Upon failure to pay dues, effective ninety (90) days after written notification of delinquency is given personally, by mail, or by electronic mail to the Member Organization. A Member Organization may avoid such termination by paying the amount of delinquent dues within a ninety (90) day period following such member's receipt of the notification of delinquency.*

In this case the dues must be paid by **October 31st, 2020**, or otherwise your membership will be lapsed, then all of your voting rights will be suspended!

Please act before the final deadline. You are welcome to reach Ivan Yap, Membership Officer, [ivan.yap@gaygames.net](mailto:ivan.yap@gaygames.net), for help if needed. Thank You.

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#### *2026 Site Selection*

This is an exciting time to be a delegate to the Federation of Gay Games. You should have just received the notice of meeting for the 2020 Annual General Assembly which will be presented virtually for the first time.

On November 2, the bids from the 8 prospective cities to host the 2026 Gay Games, Auckland, Brisbane, Guadalajara, Munich, San Diego, Taipei, Toronto and Valencia, will be available to all delegates and HLMs to review. Questions can be asked via an online forum to each city between November 2 and December 15. As in the past, we will be using a Google Form to submit questions, and ask that you check the repository of asked questions prior to submitting yours to ensure no questions are duplicates.

On January 1, videos will be available from each city showcasing their bid, with more questions being taken until January 15. On January 23 and 24, we will meet virtually for the 2020 AGA. Finally, on January 31, we will vote for the three city finalists to host the 2026 Gay Games. As in the past two cycles, we will be utilizing the same online forum (OpaVote) for the vote.

All documents and voting materials will only be available by using your [gaygames.net](https://gaygames.net) account. You can check your availability to access the Google Drive documents by reviewing the committee reports from the past month located here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HeFdTmJ6c7f9rodDkXjCpg6QHCutfTau?usp=sharing>

We look forward to having everyone involved in the 2026 Site Selection process.

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#### *Membership Updates*

Abanicos Sports of Ecuador.

*WELCOME! TO THE FEDERATION OF GAY GAMES FAMILY.*

We are excited to inform you that a new and first member from Ecuador has been approved by the Board at the recent meeting. More details about them will be published in the next newsletter. Stay tuned for the information.



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### *Get to Know Our Members*

Team Rainbow Inc, Australia : Member of The Federation since 2017.

*Mission* : To unite the region, by connecting Community and Clubs through Tourism, Business and Sport.

*Vision* : To host, promote, and participate in sporting and cultural events like the Gay Games. We also promote member businesses that are known safe spaces. Team Rainbow's wider intent is to unite the community and be inclusive in its practices.

### *How was Team Rainbow started?*

After extensive community discussions in 2016, a public meeting was hosted on 16 March 2017, to gauge interest, to form a new, inclusive organisation. A follow-up meeting was held at the same venue, on 12 April 2017, for those persons who completed an EOI Form as their commitment to formally join the new group. At this meeting, attendees voted to form Team Rainbow.





We help connect and promote member organisations that are non-discriminatory and welcome the participation of all people. We support inclusion and diversity. Team Rainbow is a not-for-profit organisation staffed by volunteers.

We achieve this objective by hosting and promoting events, eg the long running, Gay Games – the World's largest Sporting and Cultural Event of its kind; and, welcoming and encouraging new members.



Although there were over 10,000 participants, in Gay Games 10 Paris, Team Rainbow brought more participants than Japan and Singapore combined. We are demonstrating that small organisations from small communities can contribute to the education of inclusion and respect, across the wider community.





Although our region is small, quiet and peaceful, the area hosts an active, healthy, recreation loving population, in Queensland Australia. Team Rainbow has a record of hosting successful rainbow events, eg the first [Pride House](#), in Australia that was part of the Commonwealth Games, in 2018.



Some other sport activities





## Light and Sound Exhibition



Team Rainbow was represented at the **Change The Game Australia**, online Conference, on 21 May 2020, sharing positive stories about sports activities. Another Change the Game webinar was held on 25 June 2020, to discuss Women in Team Sport that was also represented by Team Rainbow Inc.



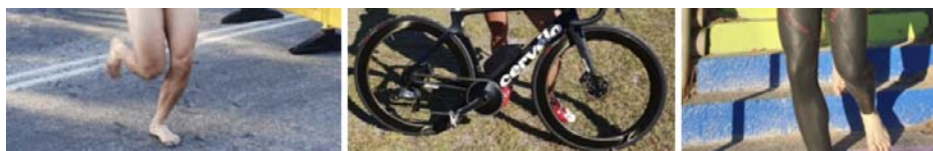
Irrespective of COVID fears, Team Rainbow was proud to welcome visitors on 1 August 2020, for a Running Festival:



On 8-9 August 2020, the annual Rainbow Double Triathlon was hosted:







The Rainbow Chess Tournament 2021 will be hosted by Team Rainbow Inc, a not-for-profit organisation that promotes inclusivity through tourism and sport, by providing a place to engage and find information and advice about the wider events and activities for Rainbow people. The event is intended to ultimately involve and build LGBTIQ+ participation in sporting and community events, by promoting LGBTIQ+ friendly sports clubs and initiatives.

Such Competitions will:

- celebrate;
- promote;
- welcome;
- collaborate; and
- include the LGBTIQ+ community in the celebration of a tournament, to inspire their engagement in other activities and sport both during and after the event.

Team Rainbow would like to see more organisations establish in regional areas, to attract a wider Rainbow Community and their allies to then grow.

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**Share your stories of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™ with the hashtag #gaygames**

Since the first Gay Games in 1982, the Federation of Gay Games mission promotes equality in and through sport and culture and ensures that the Gay Games, the world's largest sports and culture festival open to all, take place every four years under the founding principles of *Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™*.

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