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**Welcome to Participate!, the newsletter of the Federation of Gay Games.**

Thank you for your continued support of the Federation of Gay Games and our mission of promoting equality in sport and culture.

It is with great pride that the 2022 Gay Games XI shortlist of cities was announced 1 March 2017; congratulations to Guadalajara, Hong Kong and Washington, DC! These fine cities will do their final presentations at the Annual General Assembly in Paris this coming October. We wish them the very best and appreciate their dedication to the FGG's mission and motto to "Change the World."

We encourage all to make plans and register today for Paris 2018 Gay Games 10 at [Paris2018.com](http://Paris2018.com).

With greatest respect,



**Joanie Evans**, Female co-president



**Sean Fitzgerald**, Male co-president

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## **PARIS 2018 GAY GAMES 10**

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#### **2022 GAY GAMES XI**



Congratulations to our three shortlisted cities for 2022 Gay Games XI: **Guadalajara**, ([Gay Games Guadalajara 2022](#)), **Hong Kong**, ([Gay Games XI Hong Kong 2022](#)) and **Washington, DC** ([Gay Games DC 2022](#)).

Our deepest gratitude to Austin, Dallas, Denver, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco for the monumental effort and interest in contributing to the Gay Games.

Press Releases and associated media here: <http://bit.ly/FGGMedia>



## FGG Honorary Life Member Speaks at Soccer Convention on LGBT Issues

Honorary Life Member Derek Liecty attended the annual convention of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in Los Angeles in January. The [NSCAA](#) is now the largest coaches organization in the world with 30,000 member, 10,000 of which were in Los Angeles. Part of the NSCAA's mission is to bring awareness of gay and lesbian issues within the sport of soccer. Two specific LGBT sessions were held at the convention where Liecty was able to speak about the Gay Games.



## Team Sydney News: Fair Day, 19 February 2017

by Kate Rowe

Fair Day is the most anticipated and fun day of the whole Sydney Mardi Gras festival, and it is held in a park in Newtown which is right in the centre of the LGBT community. Despite the danger of rain (which held off as the day proceeded, getting very hot by the afternoon), the crowds just kept on coming. Over 70,000 + enjoyed a mass of stalls and special events.



Team Sydney with its new sponsor PAS coordinated the Sports Village with over 25 clubs represented including new ones. Kate Rowe and Norm Mitchell, the Team Sydney delegates to the FGG, looked after the Paris 2018 stall and answered questions throughout the day.

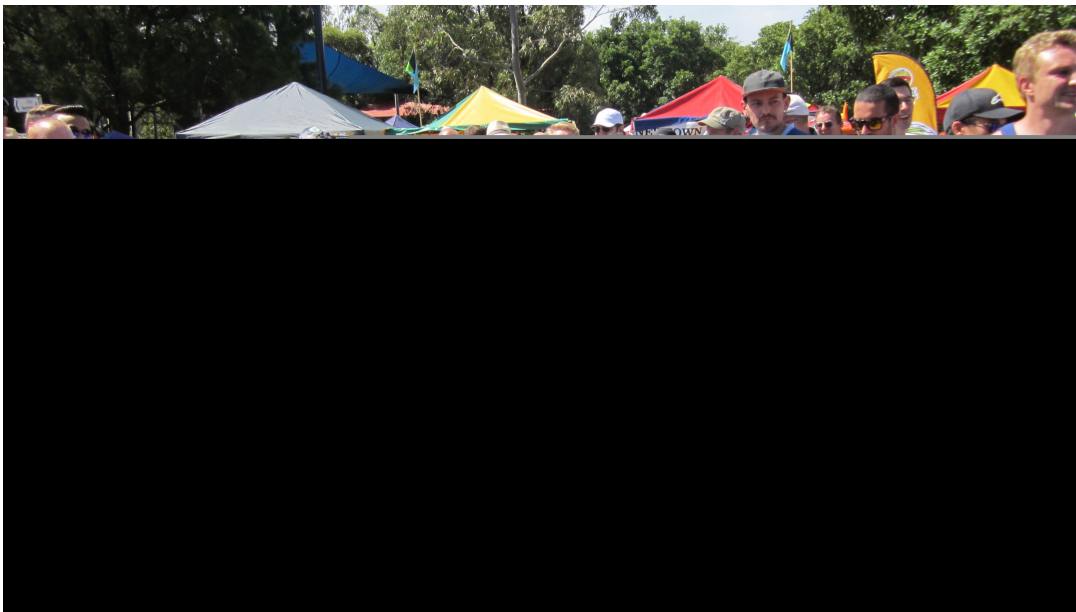
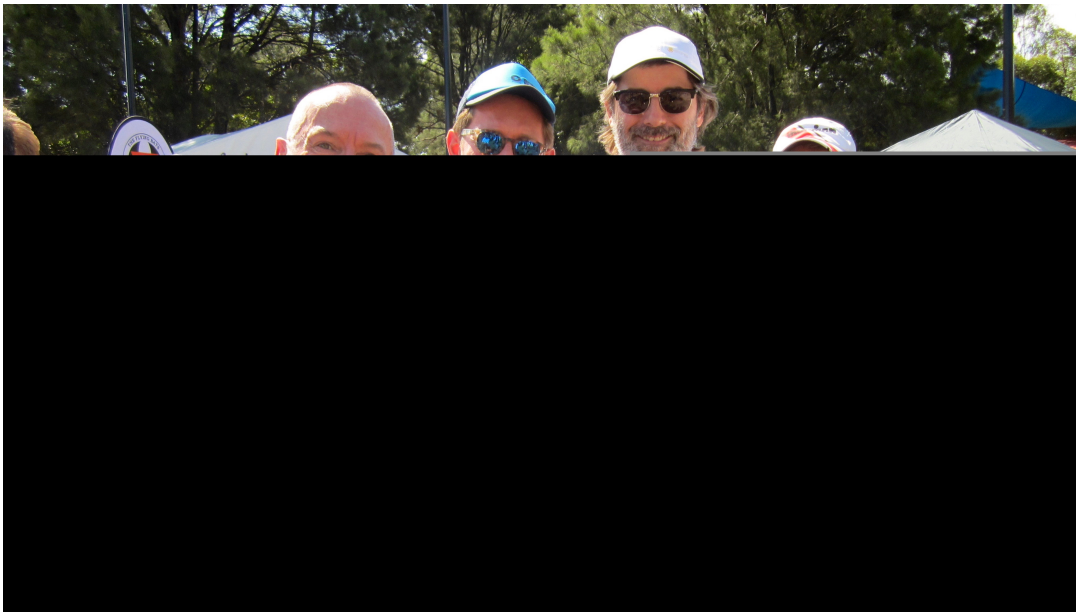


Many who have already registered came to say hello. The most popular questions were about running, soccer, aquatics, softball and cycling, but other clubs showed a keen interest in Paris. Michelle Ferris, an FGG ambassador and dual Olympic silver medallist was volunteering on the Women's Softball booth and deciding on which sport she will play in Paris.

Team Sydney will be very active organising uniforms for all participants in partnership with their new sponsor.

Nicolas Crozier, Consul General of France in Australia, dropped by to present the shield for the Tug of War winners, along with Jaime Fuller the Chairman of SKINS, also a sponsor of Team Sydney.





## PARTICIPATE!



Please help us promote Paris 2018 Gay Games 10 by sending an email of interest to [MARKETING@GAYGAMES.NET](mailto:MARKETING@GAYGAMES.NET).

We are looking for major sporting and cultural events with promotional possibilities: collaborations, marketing materials, social media, logos, etc.

## LGBT Women in Sport: FREE EVENT

15 April, 2017, Brighton, United Kingdom

Speakers from the world of sport - amateur and professional - will explore the issues and barriers that discourage LGBT women from participating.

We aim to find ways to support and inspire LGBT women to get involved in sport – both in organised and informal settings.

Welcoming delegates will be [Joanie Evans](#) and [Sophia Rodriguez](#). Joanie is Co-President of the



Federation of Gay Games and was instrumental in establishing the first lesbian football club based in Hackney, London. Sophia is chair of the FGG's Diversity Committee which has been examining the issue of increasing participation in the Gay Games.

Delegate places are available free of charge to interested women from the LGBT community and their straight allies.

[Information and registration](#)

[Tel Aviv Games 2017](#)



The first ever "[LGBT International Powerlifting Championships](#)" are happening 28th, 29th and 30th July 2017 in London.

Up to 60 of the world's strongest Lesbian, Gay, Bi Sexual and Trans athletes are expected to attend from all over the world in what promises to be a very special occasion.

The championships will be hosted by Gay Games Powerlifters Chris Morgan and Dominic Patmore with the assistance of Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club in London. Bethnal Green Weightlifting Club was established in 1926 and is well known for its strong commitment to diversity within the communities it serves. [Check out their Facebook event here](#). We are also proud and grateful that [Chris Morgan](#) is an active Gay Games Ambassador!

## ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY: PARIS 2017

26 October - 1 November 2017, Paris, France

Make plans today for our next AGA, taking place in Paris!

The "General Assembly" represents the voting members of the FGG, and this assembly meets annually to help advise and direct the Board of Directors, elect officers and vote on important matters.

In 2017, a highlight will be the voting and selection of the host city for Gay Games XI to take place in 2022. Many people believe this quadrennial decision is the most important one that the FGG makes.

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