



Queer(y)ing Alice: Mapping Queer Rural Lives

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INFORMATION SHEET

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Before consenting to participation in this study, it is important that you read and understand the following information. This form describes the aims and procedures, benefits, and risks of the research, as well as information about the Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee. This statement includes information regarding the extent of your consent and clearly outlines your right to withdraw from the study at any time. Please read this information carefully. Your consent to participation in this study is entirely voluntary.

Purpose of this research

This study aims to understand what life is like for LGBTQIA+ residents of Alice Springs. Questions about belonging, community and inclusion for LGBTQIA+ residents of Alice Springs will be canvassed.

Research procedure and what you will be asked to do

LGBTQIA+ residents of Alice Springs will be involved in semi-structure interviews of approximately one hour. Questions asked will be around the participant's background in the town, the factors that they like about the town and what they would change about the town if they could.

The expected benefits of the research

Direct: Participation in the research will provide the opportunity to actively reflect on your experiences of living in Alice Springs.

Indirect: This research will inform contemporary research on LGBTQIA+ inclusivity with the goal of supporting LGBTQIA+ belonging in rural Australia.

Research Results

Research results and findings will be reported in an academic dissertation. De-identified findings from this research may be presented at academic conferences and to state/ city social policy makers, as well as the public. These findings may be shared via presentations, journal articles, academic colleagues, radio commentaries, newspaper, magazine articles and books

Risks to you

Low Risk - No more than discomfort

This study involves reflecting on your experiences in Alice Springs as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. Reflecting on experiences can be difficult, unpleasant, upsetting, and stressful at times. If you believe you might be vulnerable to experiencing stress and or emotional turmoil in regard to this, please do not contribute to this research.

To seek help managing mental health and emotional well-being please contact these free support services:

LifeLine: 13 11 14

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

Headspace: 1800 650 890

QLife: 1800 184 527

Your participation is voluntary

You have the right to choose whether or not to participate in the study. If you do choose to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time and this will in no way affect the services you may or may not receive from Griffith University.

Your confidentiality

Your identity will remain confidential at all times. Your identity will be **de-identified** and you will be provided an alias in the reporting of the research.

Deductive disclosure occurs when traits or experiences of individuals are identifiable in research due to a reader's knowledge of the community not presented in the report. **Please be aware that the information divulged to the student researcher may infer your identity.** To mitigate the risk of deductive disclosure all participants will be de-identified. Discussions of data use and confidentiality between student researcher and participant will not be limited to the start of the research relationship but may be ongoing. The audience of this research report is important to disclose to respondents to ensure they can make informed choices about the use of their information. De-identified findings from this research may be presented at academic conferences and to state/ city social policy makers, as well as the public. These findings may be shared via presentations, journal articles, academic colleagues, radio commentaries, newspaper, magazine articles and books. Research findings will also be made accessible to all participants who contribute to the research.

Data collected will remain digitally and securely stored on Griffith University's active research drive. This service is in line with the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018. Information is stored on local servers (not overseas), which is encrypted when its being transferred and "at rest" on storage devices, is monitored for malicious attack and security breaches, and has a complete audit logs of user activity. All audio recordings of interviews will be erased after transcription. Interview transcripts will be retained on Griffith University's research drive for a five-year period before being destroyed.

Questions / further information

If you have any further questions you may contact either:

Professor Barbara Pini: b.pini@griffith.edu.au

Dr Margaret Gibson: m.gibson@griffith.edu.au

The ethical conduct of this research

Griffith University conducts research in accordance with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*. If potential participants have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project, they should contact the Manager, Research Ethics on +61 (0)7 373 54375 or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au.

Feedback to you

If you provide an email address, a report of the findings will be compiled and sent to you in mid 2023.

Privacy statement

The conduct of this research involves the collection, access, storage and/or use of your identified personal information. The information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. A de-identified copy of this data may be used for other research purposes, including publishing openly (e.g. in an open access repository). However, your anonymity will at all times be safeguarded. For further information consult the University's Privacy Plan at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/plans-publications/griffith-university-privacy-plan> or telephone (07) 3735 4375.

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By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understood the information package, and the purpose of the research project has been explained to me. In particular I have noted that:

- I understand that my involvement in this research will involve being interviewed;
- I have had any questions about the research project and my participation answered to my satisfaction;
- I understand the risks involved.
- I understand that I may not directly benefit from taking part in the project;
- I understand that my participation in this research is voluntary;
- I understand that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time, without comment or penalty;
- I understand that if I have any additional questions I can contact the researchers;
- I understand that I can contact the Manager, Research Ethics, at Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee on +61 (0)7 373 54375 (or research-ethics@griffith.edu.au) if I have any concerns about the ethical conduct of the project;
- I agree to participate in the project.

I consent to this interview being digital recorded and then transcribed and I understand that this will be de-identified.

Name of participant (please print):.....

Signed:.....**Date:**.....
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I have explained the study to the participant and consider that they understand what is involved.

Researcher's signature and date:.....