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Happy Pride Month

GPA celebrates identity, diversity and inclusion for all.

What is Pride Month?

Pride Month is an annual celebration of LGBTQIA+ people and their history, recognising and **celebrating diversity** in sexuality and identity while **promoting equal rights for everyone**.

It began as a protest, it's now also a celebration of identity, diversity and resilience across the globe.

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Why is it in June?

June is Pride Month because it marks the anniversary of the 1969 **Stonewall riots** in Greenwich Village, New York City. From there the U.S. recognised June as Pride Month in 1999.

In 1978 Australia's LGBTQIA+ community heightened its fight for equality through a planned protest on "International Gay Solidarity Day" on June 24. This protest was the birth of the **Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras**.

Although the Sydney Gay and Lesbian now takes place in February and March to coincide with our summer, these protests in June 1978 were a vital part of queer liberation here in Australia and **why International Pride Month is so important.**

How can you celebrate Pride?

As an LGBTQIA+ person, pride month is an empowering chance to celebrate you, your identity, and you community! You might want to:

- Wear rainbows
- Wave the pride flag
- Attend local events
- Engage with your community

As an ally, some ways you could celebrate this month include:

- Attend a pride event
- Learn about LGBTQIA+ history
- Show visible support
- Support queer creators & businesses
- Read the KCV resource booklet

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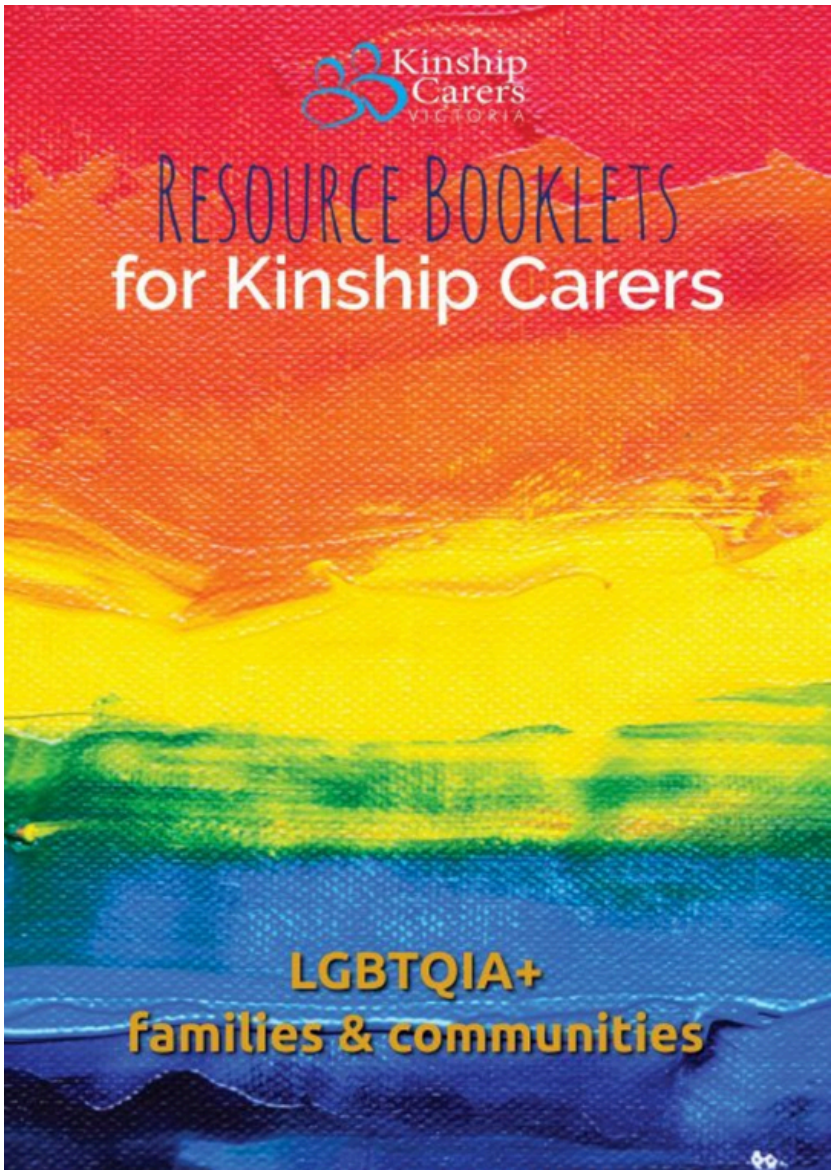

This resource booklet contains a range of Victorian and Australian organisations that support LGBTQIA+ children and families.

You might want to read more about them, reach out or just have a conversation with your family.

Find the resource on the KCV website or through the link in our bio.