

The Tango Project Survey

We want to prevent the difficulties (including abuse and discrimination) lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) elders aged 65 years or more experience on the basis of their LGBTI identities. To do this we need to understand the difficulties better; so we are asking LGBTI elders (or their advocates) to share their experiences with us by phone or by using this survey.

We launched the Tango Project Survey in October 2016 and will continue the project until October 2018. The project team is led by Dr Catherine Barrett, Director of Alice's Garage and Ro Allen, Gender and Sexuality Commissioner for Victoria, and includes a number of LGBTI Elders. A project advisory group includes a number of Commissioners and Advocacy Groups.

The survey focuses on difficulties (including abuse or discrimination) that occurred between 1st October 2016 and 1st October 2018 in Victoria – that were experienced by LGBTI people aged 65 years or more, on the basis of their LGBTI identity.

For more information about the project or the services you can access if you have experienced difficulties (including abuse or discrimination) go to the project website at: alicesgarage.net/tango-project or contact the project coordinator Dr Catherine Barrett by:

- Phone: 0429 582 237
- Email: director@celebrateageing.com

There are six questions in the survey and it may take you around 15 mins to complete. The survey can be completed by LGBTI elders, or their family, friends and service providers.

Questions

1. **Which of the following best describes the person who experienced the difficulty, (including abuse or discrimination)** (please circle one of the following options)

- Lesbian elder
- Gay elder
- Bisexual elder
- Trans elder
- Intersex or gender diverse elder
- Other (please describe)

6. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey.

Please contact Dr Catherine Barrett if you would like to discuss your options for responding to difficulties (including abuse/discrimination) using the details below.

If this survey has raised issues for you and want to talk to a professional, there are a number of counselling services that you could consider:

- Switchboard provides a free, confidential and anonymous telephone counselling, referral and information service for LGBTI people and their supporters in Victoria. Phone: 1800 184 527 from 3:00pm to midnight seven days.
- *beyondblue*: creates mentally healthy environments and supports people across Australia – whatever their age and wherever they live. beyondblue has a tailored approach for specific groups – including LGBTI people, and a 24 hour/7 days a week hotline: 1300 22 4636.
- Lifeline: a national charity providing all Australians experiencing personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis and suicide prevention services. Phone: 131114

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