This project was funded by FebFast and is brought to you by Queensland Association for Healthy Communities States of Mind project which address mental health and wellbeing and alcohol tobacco and other drugs in QLD LGBT communities.
This event is an artistic celebration of the States of Mind Project: an arts/research project investigating mental health & wellbeing along with alcohol and drugs in Queensland LGBT communities. QAHC established Q-ARTS, the creative component of the project and invited LGBT performers in Cairns to interpret the research themes in order to engage more directly with LGBT communities. And the result is “Cabaret Q Cairns”: A night of queer and quirky performance.

We have been overwhelmed by the response of QAHC staff and volunteers and wish to acknowledge their work toward the success of our celebrations tonight. Over the last six months we have been encouraging young queer emerging artists to team up with more established artists in the community, the outcome of which you will see tonight. Some of the works will directly address our findings while other works will reflect the artists’ contemporary concerns. For their contribution to your pleasure tonight a big thank you.

I’d also like to thank the Cairns LGBT Communities for their support and encouragement, and in particular the OUT Cairns Crew. And this event would not have happened without funding from FEBFAST.

**Shane Garvey**  
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**Christopher Ryan**  
Artistic Director
The Artists

Zelda Grimshaw as Slinky Sil: Your Host for the evening
Zelda has created the character Slinky Sil who will be our fabulous MC. Slinky Sil is a blues man and lady killer who will flirt with all and sundry. He is charming, terrifically handsome and available for you at Cabaret Q.

The Hot N Wet Sling Set
The Hot n Wet Sling Set is a cross dressing cabaret band from the jazz age performing filthy tunes from the golden age of jazz.

Ruth Gardner
Nana Bligh + Harm Minimization with the 1st Lady of Sin (eve)
Ruth Gardner has been performing for 20 years. She writes and perform comedy, plays guitar in the Lesbian Super Group and in Kristy Apps and The Shotgun Shirleys and co-hosts Dykes on Mykes radio on 4zzzfm Brisbane. She has been lucky to perform at various events both overseas and around Australia.

Ruth performs Nana Bligh essentially not as a mimic but as how she would talk and act if she were Anna Bligh. Drawing on elements of political double speak and misinformations all the while dressed in traditional Anna hard hat and safety vest, Ruth covers the current political topics of the day from behind Nana’s suitably queer safety goggles. Expect to hear a fracking good policy announcements or two and be ready to try and stump her at question time.

Tank Girls Down Under
Tank Girls Down Under is a social motorbike group for women based in Cairns, Queensland, Australia. All women are welcome regardless of age, orientation or bike size. We try to organise a ride or a social at least once a month but members are encouraged to arrange additional rides. The one rule of the group is respect - for each other and for road safety when on group rides.

Reef City Roller Girls
Founded in 2009 by SoeSueMe (Shelley Cross), The Reef City Rollergirls are the first derby league to come out of Cairns, Far North Queensland.

Our mission is to live, breathe and sweat derby whilst encouraging self expression and comradery. We pride ourselves on empowering women and supporting any female in an all female sport allowing amateur athletes to develop their derby skills. We promote strength, courage and confidence both on and off the track.

The Reef City Rollergirls are a community of skaters and volunteers who aspire to expand and build the profile of women’s flat track derby in Far North Queensland and Australia.

Renee Lees
Priscilla Ong
The Bakery of the Blissfully Bent
Jess Walker
Mentored by Angelo Panitteri.
Installation: Thank God for Mental Illness
Hallucination steals me, sending sucker sour shadows, I’m shaken sick, swollen, sore through the screen slowly shooting sound sends saving sedation, shapes shift back some sanity.

Holly Giblin
Rainbow Backlash: an audience participation canvass

Marianne Buchanan McNamee & Heidi Davis
Marianne has a long history in performing, directing and writing plays and has worked with Tropical Arts Theatre Association and The Cairns Little Theatre over the last 3 years and has recently joined the Out Loud Choir and performs as a Drag King with ‘Bust your Cherry’.
Heidi studied Drama through Adelaide Centre for the Arts, has performed with Tropical Arts and is currently studying teaching at JCU.

Confessions of a Lesbot Head
written by Marianne Buchanan McNamee
performed by Marianne Buchanan McNamee: ......................... Voice
Heidi Davis: .......................................................... Echo
- coming out and the obstacles faced when venturing into the world of lesbianism.

Adam Lambert
For your entertainment
‘...so hot out of the box can we pick up the pace, turn it up heat it up. I need to be entertained’
written by Marianne Buchanan McNamee
performed by Mazza Dazza the Drag King as Adam Lambet

OUT Loud – Cairns LGBT Choir
The Choir perform two songs for you tonight:
Favourite Things
I am What I am What I am

C.J.
C.J. performs three pieces for you tonight:
Housewife
Untitled
I once Loved a Man
SURVEY

Please go online and complete a survey about Cabaret Q. Your anonymous input will help us further develop creative events like Cabaret Q Cairns.

Go to: http://www.qahc.org.au/regional
(Please scroll down to find survey link)