

Rachel Evans She/Her/Them/They

(Nominated by Skip Blofield)

Lived MG DNA.	Governance	Finance/Accounting	Human Resources
4 - Extensive	4 - Extensive	4 - Extensive	4 - Extensive
Risk Management	Arts/Event Sector	Legal	Business Strategy
4 - Extensive	4 - Extensive	4 - Extensive	4 - Extensive

I am a long term LGBTIQ+ activist who aims to reinvigorate the spirit of 78ers back into Mardi Gras. I am involved in trans solidarity campaigns, struggles to defend public housing, First Nations justice and environment campaigning. I am a journalist for Green Left, a disability support worker and a secondary teacher student.

Trans youth and sex and gender diverse teachers and early childhood educators are under attack. Bigotry and prejudice stalk the rainbow community through misnamed religious freedom bills. Both the major pro-corporate political parties - the ALP and the Liberal Party answer to right-wing christian interests over the rainbow community. For our loved and honoured trans friends, surgery and transitioning is still a demeaning and expensive process. Sex workers, many LGBTIQ+, face discrimination and oppression. Police are continuing to harass our community, while corporations are commodifying our precious spaces and events. As the marriage equality - 13 year long campaign - showed, we need people's power and protest to win our rights. As a leader of this grassroots struggle, I will bring the experience of winning this campaign into the Board. As a current campaigner around housing justice, trans rights and environment battles, I can bring these winds of important change into the Board.

LGBTQIA+ alliances

Mardi Gras, Pride In Protest, Action for Public Housing, Water for Rivers, Socialist Alliance, Teachers Federation, Media Arts Entertainment Alliance (MEAA)

Rachel Evans CV

A statement on behalf of Pride In Protest in relation to the request from Mardi Gras Board about a CV.

As LGBTIQ+ activists, we refute the assertion that placement on the Mardi Gras board should meritocratic and based on presumed qualifications.

All Pride In Protest activists are appropriate for a role on the board on the basis that we are queer people, engaging with the queer community, and engaged in struggles for social justice.

We strongly recommend that Mardi Gras members vote for the following candidates in the following order:

Skip Blofield
Mikhael Burnard
Levi Hu
Rachel Evans