

# Connection, support, education for gender diverse families

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A SUPPORT group for parents, families, and carers of trans and gender diverse people has been formed in Wangaratta.

The Wangaratta LGBTQIA+ Family and Friends Support Group is a friendly and welcoming group that provides an opportunity for family or carers of LGBTQIA+ people to connect and share experiences with support from the Grit and Resilience Program and LINE Wangaratta.

“The Grit and Resilience Program are proud to be able to support this much-needed group for our community, and we encourage people to come along to the monthly meetings,” Grit and Resilience Program coordinator, Bek Nash– Webster, said.

Lorraine Wisener, who is a parent of a trans daughter, did not have anywhere to go other than Transfamily in Melbourne to get information and support.

“To have a local support group is very important,” Lorraine, who has become a member of the Family and Friends Support Group, said.

“We look forward to welcoming new members.”

The group meet in Wangaratta on the second Thursday of each month from 5.30pm, at varied locations, over a bite to eat.

The next get together will be on Thursday, November 10 at the Wangaratta Library and will include an information session on LGBTQIA+ inclusive language facilitated by LINE Wangaratta.

If you would like more information, get in touch with the Grit and Resilience Program Team via [gritandresilience@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:gritandresilience@wangaratta.vic.gov.au).

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