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## Profile: Daniel Witthaus

Author, Education Consultant, Inspirational Speaker, Storyteller Daniel has spent the past two decades challenging homophobia one cuppa at a time in schools, rural communities and developing countries. He is author of 'Beyond Priscilla: one gay man, one gay truck, one big idea,' adapted and performed as a play for the Midsumma Festival.

He has written 'That's So Gay!: Challenging homophobia in Australian schools' (2010) and the Pride & Prejudice educational package (2002, 2012) – which won three **Tasmanian Human Rights Week** awards.

In 2013 Daniel founded **Rural Pride Australia** - formerly the National Institute for Challenging Homophobia Education (NICHE)-which focuses on the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people in

regional, rural and remote Australia.

NICHE has had success with both the YourStory cartoon series and the Oi! Campaign, challenging rural homophobia.

Daniel has been a regular contributor at Sacrededge. He says "There is something magic happening down by the water in Queenscliff", as he reflects on the times he spent at the Sacrededge Festival.

