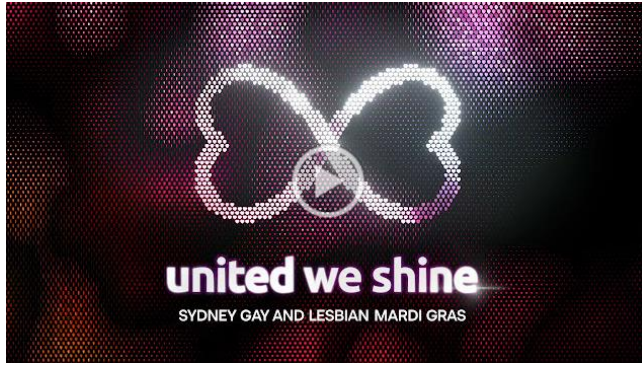


	<p>Here are the minutes for the Soul Fly Band meeting on 29th October 2021.</p>
	<p>The Soul Fly Band held the meeting on Zoom.</p>
	<p>The people that came to the meeting were: Audrey, Stavros, Alex, Lachlan, Nalyn, Joni, Jack, Bec & Chelsea.</p>
	<p>First, we each shared some good news from our lives!</p>
	<p>We then spoke about Mardi Gras 2022!</p>



Applications to be part of the 2022 parade have now opened.

The theme this year is “United We Shine”



Soul Fly Band talked about the different ways that this theme could apply to Gig Buddies.

One idea was “Gig Buddies: We Stand As One Family”



Some other ideas about this were:

- We bring out the best in each other
- We are diverse, and welcome everyone regardless of sexual preference or gender
- We help each other out
- We allow each other to be ourselves
- We are united through community



Soul Fly Band also came up with some quotes that we could put onto signs. These were:

- Dream Big, Sparkle More
- Shine Bright
- We Will Shine Like Stars In The Sky
- Nothing Can Dim The Light That Shines From Within



We also talked about dress code ideas – such as:

- Sparkly
- Punk Rock
- Pom Poms
- Encourage people to dress how they would like to express themselves.



The Gig Buddies team will put together an application for the 2022 Mardi Gras parade based on these ideas!

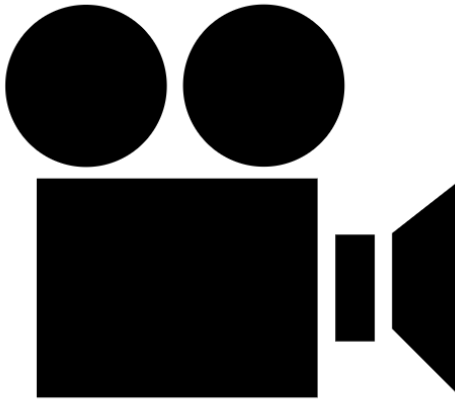


We also talked about things we could have done differently from our 2021 parade entry.

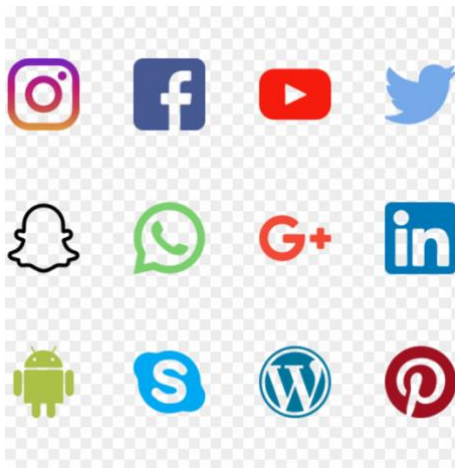
The main idea was the encourage attendees to eat beforehand, so that they avoid long wait times for food at the Sydney Cricket Ground.



Finally, we talked about Gig Buddies taking a stand against sexual harassment and domestic violence, and how we could share this message.



Soul Fly Band came up with an idea to create a video, showcasing what types of behaviours are not acceptable.



Gig Buddies could promote the video over social media and the website.

	<p>SFB also talked about including different scenarios and what people can do if they find themselves in an unsafe situation</p>
	<p>They also talking about promoting listening without judgement, having someone to report incidents to, and providing information like helplines to call.</p>
	<p>Finally, Soul Fly Band thought it would be a good idea to put together a video of the highlights of 2021!</p> <p>The Gig Buddies staff team will chat about this.</p>
	<p>Next Soul Fly Band Meeting: November 2021, Day to be decided.</p> <p>Thanks for reading!</p>