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A PROJECT OF THE VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL/GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE
MELBOURNE'S COMING OUT TO CELEBRATE THIS SUMMER - IT'S THE 3RD ANNUAL MIDSUMMA GAY FESTIVAL

Just three years from our inception, the Midsumma Festival Association is delighted to announce to you the program for our 1991 Festival.

Our community is creative and clever, and reaches out through this program of events to our friends in this city, interstate and from around the world. This program belongs to our community, who have responded magnificently to the Association's call to contribute events that are diverse and celebrate the cultural contribution that gay men and lesbian women have always made to our society.

We particularly thank our many sponsors without whose financial support the Festival would not be possible; all those who have attended our fundraising parties; and the many volunteers whose efforts will ensure the success of the program.

While our community has been deeply affected by AIDS, the self reflection and self affirmation that comes from cultural expression will bring with it a new hope that those who are most bearing the burden will not have done so in vain. Our culture must capture and portray the compassion, the respect for others and love that is at the heart of any gay identity, because ours is an essentially civilising influence on a world desperately in need of it.

So join with us for two weeks of theatre, film, art, community events and parties, presented by one of Australia's most vibrant, cultural and creative communities.

Ron Thiele    Chair, Midsumma Festival Association Incorporated

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THE BIG SPLASH

Jump off the deep end at our
spectacular opening event
The Collingwood Leisure Centre will
never be the same as Midsomma
transforms it into an evening of fasci-
tating both inside and out for the out-
rageous Official Opening of the
1991 Midsomma Festival.

Theatre designer Michael
Anderson will engineer the back-
drop to a spectacular evening of live
entertainment showcasing upcom-
ing festival events and tapping the
vitality of Melbourne’s men’s gay par-
time.

• Don’t miss Miss Candy’s water
bullet spectacle
• Love that lady as she shows
her swimwear of the season.

• Be on the lookout for Merton in
Costume — and pearls!
• Flur Bob Doree and special
guests.

Bring your camera. Bring your
bonbons. Bring your friends.

Limited tickets, no bank early.
You’d be mad to miss this

Midsomma thanks the Xcharge
Hotel for financial assistance
toward this event.

THE BIG SPLASH
When: Saturday 26 January at 8pm
Where: Collingwood Leisure Cen-
tre, Darling Gardens, Clifton Hill
Tickets: $17
Available: SASS and Midsomma
office. Phone 950 9988 for details.
Note: 500 tickets only available!

LE GORE’S
SUBURBAN SAFARI

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Discover the twilight world of
the heterosexual
Midsomma hits the highways and
byways of Melbourne on Saturday
afternoon 26 January as Karrie Le
Gore takes you on a double-decker
narrator-beyond-the-red-maps,
carrying it up in the sububus.

• The sensationally famous emer-
gonboard at the Swagman is just
waiting for your pants to drool in
its direction
• Meet heterosexuals in their
native habitat — it’s a conversation
with one.
• Be treated like a guest at Spots.

Manel at the red cons briskly
exhibited at a display home miles
from you!
• Shop up a complex!

Don’t wait till the last minute to
buy a ticket. The buses
are bound to be booked out!

LE GORE’S
SUBURBAN SAFARI

When: Saturday 26 January con-
continued 1.30pm
Where: Meet at Xcharge Hotel
1pm
Tickets: $12
Available: Xcharge, Midsomma
office. Phone 620 9988 for details.
Note: Numbers are strictly limited
by bus capacity.

WOW II

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Women — it’s all yours
The first WOW party in January ‘90
surpassed all expectations. The
second on 26 January ‘91 is sure to
go even further. It’s the women
turn to get down and boogie in
Melbourne’s biggest rape for
women only Top DJs, wild lighting
and the chance to get together and
dance off that Midsomma madness
Brought to you by the ALSO
Foundation.

WOW II
When: Saturday 26 January from
8pm till late
Where: 10 Victoria Dock, Port
Melbourne
Tickets: $20 presale, $25 at door
and $15 ALSO & Midsomma
members
Available: Bertrudus, Shrew,
Vango Saloon, Central Stations,
ALSO and Midsomma office. Phone
620 1463 for details. An ALSO
event.
SOFTWARE 3

Bringing the gay experience centre stage

Software enters its third year as the theatrical centrepiece of the Midsumma Festival and with a national reputation as a key gay cultural event. Software is diverse, surprising, artistic and frequently funny, and all new, devised exclusively for Midsumma 1991. It is a singular opportunity for you to enjoy theatre that is devoted to the exploration of gay life and identity.

Highlights include:
• Trevor Patrick continues his series of smart and playful dance pieces with a work about living alone.
• Matthew Borgen and partner Ched Courtenay perform a vivacious and striking "Homosexuality" plus other new dance works with Melbourne dancers Michael Collins, David McBain, Brian Parker and David Oliver.
• John Arthur's perform a nervous monologue about life on the edge of the gay fast lane by Peter Anthony Ryan. Plus well-known Melbourne director Peter King. A typical bold new piece for five actors which examines the relationship between diagnosis and gay porn.
• Stellar Constellation meets Modem Butterfly in a banquet for the passion and politics of the year.

This year, Software moves to the Malthouse, probably Mel- bourne's best theatre, with its magnificent foyer and fully licensed bar.

Limited season only, book early!

SOFTWARE 3

When: Opening Thursday, 31 January... continues 2, 3, 5, 6, February at 7.30pm. Saturday matinees 3pm.
Where: Malthouse, 135 Sturt Street, South Melbourne.
Tickets: $15.00 ($12.00 concessions).

Exploring lesbian love

A performance of homosux for the whole family.

A delicious symposium for a world in conflict with same sex laws. Boys, Toys and Freud creates an atmosphere where gesture, image and movement justifies itself in the face of other being. Features in a love story and a bow to following Software 3 and performed by Sydney's innovative Same Body Co. as part of the 1990 Melbourne Gay Festival - the performance comprises six actors and two dancers. Sold out in Sydney and sure to do even better in Melbourne.

BOYS, TOYS AND FREUD

When: Opening Thursday, 31 January... continues 2, 3, 5, 6, February at 10.30am, Sunday matinees 3pm.
Where: Beckett Theatre, CUB Malthouse, 135 Sturt Street, South Melbourne.
Tickets: $10.00 ($8.00 concessions).

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FRAMEMARK

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EINE KLEINE FAGFEST MUSSIK

In the tradition of musical satire, Munich is proud to present the works of Brevett, Pirth, Coward, Saint Sains, Tchaikovsky and Novello - with a twist. Quality performances by four songers, two pianists and four harps and pianos are controlled by your favorite explorer of the inner 3rd 4th layers of those innocent experiences. How did their passions affect the material they wrote? Is there a new musicality from the camp to the simply tragic, an evening of thoughtfully whimsical entertainment. Munich's thanks are given for their financial assistance.

EINE KLEINE FAGFEST MUSSIK

When: Wednesday 30 January at 8.00pm.
Where: Melbourne Town Hall, Melbourne University, Parkville.
Tickets: $20.00 ($15.00 concessions).

Limited season only, book early!

DELORES STREET

Over 1500 tickets have already been sold for the world premiere of the latest production from Melbourne's leading gay theatre company, The Game Show. In Comfortable Shoes presents this exciting new play by Damien Stephen, directed by Peter King. A unique night of love and sex, comedy and pathos, friendship and war. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of Melbourne's best-kept secrets.

DELORES STREET

When: Wednesday 13 February, 1991. 6.30pm. 8.00pm.
Where: Theatreworks, 14 Acland Street, St Kilda.
Tickets: $15.00 ($12.00 concessions)

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EX-STATIC-TEXT

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PER-VERSE

Better the textual you know.

Familiar with The Golden Girls? A smash-hit in San Francisco, Melbourne's new theatre company, The Game Show presents this exciting new upbeat comedy, Delores Street, by Theresa Smith.

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MELBOURNE'S LEADING SAUNA

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PRACTISE SAFE SEX
Delight in seeing yourself positively portrayed by the best gay and lesbian film-makers at the charming old picture palace, the National Theatre.

A whole world of gay & lesbian entertainment

What was it like in Hitler's Germany when the body beautiful was a cult? What was it like to be gay during the Communist period? Desire will tell all.

Split your sides laughing at the hilarious Thai version of Neil Cowley's Boy in the Band. In Israel's first lesbian feature, It's That Age, the heroine starts a search for the man of her dreams and instead meets Michael.

LUCIOUS LUPPIES
Witty films depicting "Luppia" (lesbian ye-yo), Greta Garbo's lesbian past and the domestic bliss of an English lesbian couple sound so intriguing that the National is sure to be bursting at the seams.

THE ISSUE OF OUR TIME
A powerful collection of AIDS films gathered from all over the world which present the gay community's response to AIDS. The Pink Pajama and the World is Sick are sure to turn heads and hearts, with their humor and compassion.

WE ALL LOVE A UNIFORM
Gays and lesbians served their country and searched for adventure in the British forces in World War II. Blackouts in London spawned opportunities and intimacies. Romantic assignations abound in this witty film Coronades in Arms.

PARIS IS BURNING!
It took five years to make but you'll love the description of New York's voguing trend. Travel with gay blacks and Latinos as they leave their roles as messenger, welfare recipients and prostitutes to join the House of Cherelle, the House of St Lavnet, the House of St. Lave and the House of Nota.

LESBIAN AND GAY FESTIVAL

WARROL / GERHRT RETROSPECTIVE
Our provocative and trailblazing ir, retrospective includes Genet's only film where he seeks to understand his sexuality and how to portray it. Warhol's Divine and Dalsander's loving on a western rampage in the hilarious Compromising Cowboy, and his Blow Job transfers you to the core of that experience.

DAZZLING SHORTS
"Who's up Next?" Just as well the venue is large this year: All of Melbourne will turn out for Wai Buge Bunny Gay?

Dick Fontaine is so excited that Melbourne is showing his '90s cult film Munchausen from Outer Space he offered his original print so that we could see it with authentic color and sound.

Plus the original wit of Tom Rubins' video Wigwag, a crazy portrayal of New York's Mardi Gras.

Note: Program details were correct at time of going to press. A special detailed program will be released in early January.

INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY FILM FESTIVAL
When: Opening Night - Friday 1 February, continue nightly to 14 February
Where: National Theatre, Barking Street, St Kilda
Tickets: Same session pass available for $70.00 (non-resident $96.00). A This lavender (Gay) Pass or Purple (Lesbian) Pass includes entry to all films of your choice. Call the Midsumma office on 650 5968 for other pass details.
Send your cheque or money order to Midsumma International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, P.O. Box 1093, St Kilda South Vic. 3122.
MIDSUMMA CONFERENCE
Speak up, speak out, listen together
A day of discussion, debate, discourse, diatribe and deliverance.
A series of presentations in seminar and workshop format on questions that concern us all as lesbians and gays.
- Anti-discrimination and equal opportunity: How can we get what is rightfully ours - equality in the eyes of the law?
This will really be a day to get you thinking and talking, a day for everyone to have their say about the shape of tomorrow's gay community.

The Melbourne STD Centre provides testing, treatment and counselling services for AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. All our services are entirely free and confidential - you do not even need your Medicare card! We also operate the only needle exchange in the Melbourne CBD. We are open 9.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday - Friday. Why not call now for an appointment!


Best wishes for a happy and SAFE Midsumma
CONDOMAN SAYS:

DON'T BE SHAME
BE CARE
## TUESDAY 23 JANUARY
- 8pm - Fitzroy
  - Art is Not Enough (see p.16 & 17)

## WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
  - Art is Not Enough (see p.16 & 17)
- 6pm - Fitzroy
  - Midsunma Visual Arts Show opens (see p.16 & 17)

## THURSDAY 25 JANUARY
- 10am-9pm - Fitzroy
  - Midsunma Visual Arts Show (see p.16 & 17)
- 10am-9pm - Fitzroy
  - Art is Not Enough (see p.16 & 17)
- 7.30pm - South Yarra
  - Lipstick Rock (see p.15)
- 8pm - Fitzroy
  - Par-Vera (see p.6 & 7)
- All day - South Melbourne
  - Exposures (see p.6 & 7)

## FRIDAY 26 JANUARY
- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
  - Midsunma Visual Arts Show (see p.16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
  - Art is Not Enough (see p.16 & 17)
- 6pm - North Carlton
  - Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition opens (see p.16 & 17)
- 8.30pm - South Yarra
  - Wet X Men (see p.15)
- All day - South Melbourne
  - Exposures (see p.6 & 7)

## SATURDAY 27 JANUARY
- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
  - Midsunma Visual Arts Show (see p.16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
  - Art is Not Enough (see p.16 & 17)
- 11am - St Kilda
  - Triathon (see p.9)
- 11am - Albert Park
  - Beatnik Tours (see p.20 & 21)
- 12 noon-5pm - St Kilda
  - Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition (see p.16 & 17)
- 1pm - Albert Park
  - Beatnik Picnic (see p.20 & 21)
- Late afternoon - Mystery location
  - Wankarama (see p.20 & 21)

## FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
  - Midsunma Visual Arts Show (see p.16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
  - Art is Not Enough (see p.16 & 17)
- 12 noon-5pm - St Kilda
  - Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition (see p.16 & 17)

## SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY
- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
  - Midsunma Visual Arts Show (see p.16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
  - Art is Not Enough (see p.16 & 17)
- 10am - Parkville
  - Midsumma Conference (see p.13)
- 12.30pm - Prahran
  - Car Rally (see p.11)

## OTHER EVENTS
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  - Risk Factors (see p.15 & 17)
- Max-U-Script (see p.15 & 17)
- 13 February - 6 March, 7.30pm - St Kilda
  - Delores Street (see p.8 & 7)
- 4-14 February, 7.30pm - St Kilda
  - Lesbian and Gay Film Festival continues (see p.8 & 9)
- 4-7 February, 8pm - Brunswick
  - Framework continues (see p.8 & 7)
- 5-6 February, 10.30am - Brunswick
  - Software 3 continues (see p.8 & 7)

## RIDE® AGAIN

**Wednesday Rides**

**INFLATION**
USE CONDOMS!

COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH, ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKERS OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND).
LIPSTIX ROAST

TWO FACED AT THREE FACES
Midsumma Festival and the fabulous Kerri LeGore roast the celebrities! As much as you'd just love some names, the victims can't be identified till negotiations break down with their lawyers. Enjoy dinner in the Balcony Restaurant and Showroom from 7.30 pm. Witness the squirming embarrassment of our participants.

LIPSTIX ROAST
When: Thursday 24 January
Dinner 7.30 pm. Showtimes 9.30 pm & 10.30 pm
Where: Three Faces, 143 Commercial Road, South Yarra
RESERVATIONS Three Faces phone 826 0933

RECOVERY PARTY
Rest your weary bones and come down softly after the exhilaration of all night excess at Red Raw. From 132 beats per minute to somewhere closer to a heartbeat, relax and enjoy the company of fellow-travellers at the Xchange Hotel.

XCHANGE
When: Monday 28 January from 7.00 am
Where: Xchange Hotel, 119 Commercial Road, South Yarra

LE GORE'S BACKYARD
Come along and relive those magic moments of the Suburban Safari Bus Tour on the big video screen at the Xchange. Cling with embarrassment and chuckle with delight as Kerrie takes you into places that the Melbourne for the Olympics Committee could only bear to mention in whispers behind closed doors. Drop in before heading off to the big party.

LE GORE'S BACKYARD
When: Sunday 27 January at 8.00 pm
Where: The X-change - of course, 119 Commercial Road, South Yarra

MISS CANDY'S MIDSUMMA NIGHT'S DREAM
An operatic extravaganza of MASSIVE proportions featuring Dame Candy, the exotic Hot Coco, and a host of heavenly angel dancers. This feast of fantasies, with more pucks than you can poke a stick at, will be a midsumma night's dream you'll never forget.

SEVENTH HEAVEN
When: Sunday 3 February, from 10.00 pm
Where: Cadillac Bar, Swanston Street, Carlton
**Visual Arts Show**

An exhibition showcasing work by young, innovative visual artists including the designer of the 1990 Festival poster, Gavin Brown. Brown's work features large-scale collage and through disposable imagery he builds striking pictures, with references to surrealism, cubism, and byzantine mosaic. Douglas McManus paintings depict the tensions between subconscious life and sexuality. Brought to you through the financial assistance of The Zipper Club.

**Midsumma Visual Arts Show**

**When:** Opens Wednesday 23 January at 6.00 pm. Continues daily from 24 January to 3 February (except Monday 28 January) from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

**Where:** Fringe Studio Space, 1st floor 184 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.

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**Man-U-Script**

**The Publication**

A publication which comprises a series of essays and reproductions of works by leading Australian contemporary artists on the subject 'Can the male body be conceived of critically?' The 1992 festival will see the culmination of this ambitious project in the form of a full-scale exhibition.

**Details:** Call Terry at the Midsumma office, phone 650 5966.

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**Art Is Not Enough**

**ACT-UP NYC and America's leading contemporary artists, including the late Keith Haring and Robert Mapplethorpe, translate the anger and urgency of big-city USA into compelling propaganda to awake America from its lethargy towards people living with HIV. This is unforgettable public art, engaging and engaged. And it's coming to Melbourne for Midsumma. Don't miss it.**

**The exhibition includes work by Gran Fury, a visual arts collective which, with ACT-UP, is fuelling the 1990's AIDS activist culture. Also included, work produced by ACT-UP Melbourne and the video 'Testing the limits - Part One (NYC).**

**Risk Factors**

**When:** 1 January to 31 January

**Where:** Spencer Street Railway Station pedestrian tunnel.

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**Risk Factors**

**When:** Opens Tuesday 22 January at 6.00 pm. Continues daily 23 January to 4 February from 10 am to 5.00 pm

**Where:** 200 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS

A self-documentary through photographs and autobiographical panels by people who live with AIDS. This informative and confrontational exhibition shows how individuals have actively addressed issues of isolation and discrimination in Australian society.

The exhibition is co-ordinated by Kathy Triffitt, and comes to Melbourne following a successful exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.

Financially assisted by the Victorian AIDS Council.

PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS

When: Opens Friday 28 January at 6.00 pm. Continues Wednesday to Sunday from 26 January to 17 February, from 12 noon to 5.00 pm.
Where: Victorian Centre for Photography, 671 Rathdowne Street, North Carlton.

EXPOSURES

An exhibition in the Malthouse foyer gallery of works by two innovative photographers. Keith Giles, of Adelaide, produces works of the male nude that synthesis a passion for sensuality and gentle physical strength.

Andrew Lehmanns' portraits present strikingly colourful and playful images that pop with shock.

Brought to you by the financial assistance of Three Faced - the total venue.

EXPOSURES

When: Opens Thursday 24th January. Runs for two weeks until Thursday 7th February.
Where: The Malthouse, 113 Sturt Street South Melbourne.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Support and development of new and existing sporting, social and cultural activities.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Financial support to other gay organisations, over the full spectrum of gay politics.

SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES
Providing personal needs, material welfare and financial assistance to those in need in the gay community.

HOUSING PROGRAMMES
Housing, rental assistance and group housing schemes.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

PARTY PRODUCTION
A non-profit party production team, available for use by other organisations for fundraising events.

TELEPHONE SERVICES
Gay Advice line - live, 0055 Information line, 0055 Accommodation line, ALSO help phone service for sick and elderly.

GAY DIRECTORY
An annual directory of gay services and businesses.

CREDIT UNION

NEWSLETTER
MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES
A full range of social and sporting events.

Are you a member?

THE ALSO FOUNDATION
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DISCO INFERNO

Kinky Show Extravaganza
Sunday 27th Jan
$7 entry 536 Swanston Street

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY

MIDSUMMA IN THE PARK

Not just any pool in the park. You won't find the three bears here but watch out for “Alice in Wonderland”. Our fabulous finale, and what a finish! Just get on our way a bang this year as Federation Park is transformed for a day of entertainment, music, activism and fun. Typical outdoor music, sandy shores, string quartets, an outdoor cinema, live entertainment and fun sports challenges. It all adds up to a day you won't want to miss. Bring a towel, drop out your bare legs, table tennis, meet with your friends and enjoy.

When: Sunday 2 February from 12.00 noon to 9.00 p.m.

CRUISE ON THE YARRA RIVER

Afternoon Twilight Cruise.
Cruise on the Yarra, as we take a Three-hour Twilight Cruise aboard Melbourne's most Yarra River vessel. As the sun sets slowly over the river, take in the amazing panoramic views of the city and suburbs.

When: Monday January 28, 8pm.
Where: Departure From, Bridge Station, Princes Bridge, Swanston Street.
Details: $15.00

CARS RALLY

Join us for the country side in the real, real mud, real world of the Midsomma car rally. Get a team together and prepare to end up somewhere over the rainbow. But there's some serious navigation between maps to calculate, so bring a packed lunch, a folding table or two, some chairs, a cheeky chortle and someone to share it with.

When: Saturday February 2, 7:30pm
Where: Depart from outside 55 Porter St, Prahran. Ends at Fitzroy Swimming Pool in time for a barbeque before the Swimming Carnival (details below). A small entrance fee will be charged.
Details: Midsomma office, phone 650 5906 or 650 5906

ARCHIVES OPEN DAY

Gay men and lesbians are welcome to come and browse around the Gay Archive. It's full of material from the '70s, '80s and '90s. The material includes magazine, posters letters, photographs, tapes, films, videos, badges, newsletters and much more.

When: Sunday 27 January 2 pm - 5 pm
Details: Phone 419 6534 or 481 5304

ALLSPORTS SUMMA SPLASH / SWIM SPECTACULAR

Wet, Wet, Wet. Midsomma takes you outdoors to cool off your toes as the annual swim meet takes off for another year. Fun races, serious challenges, venue teams and swimming queens, pom-pom cheer squads. Tunnel of love race, rubber relay and much, much more. Check out all that colour...all that cheer!

Registration for events only on the night. An ALSO event.
When: Saturday 2 February 7.00 to 8.00 p.m.
Where: Fitzroy Pool, Corner Alexander Parade and Napier Street, Fitzroy.
Tickets: $6.00 at the pool.
Details: ALSO office, phone 650 1493

SPLASH/SWIM SPECTACULAR

TRIATHLON

SEA SAND AND BIKEPARKS

Melbourne's third gay triathlon - and this year, it's part of the Midsomma Festival. If you can swim, bicycle and run, then come on and be in it for a form and a job. Just watch out for those bike helmets.
When: Sunday 27 January 11 am
Where: St Kilda Beach, Meet at car park, St Kilda Pier.
THE ALSO FOUNDATION PRESENTS MELBOURNE'S

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The Reverend CLIFF Caronis, Dean of Australian Armenian Education, will preside on the positive attributes of being gay and Christian in the 1990s. Join in the special blessing of our community festival.

Blessing

When: Sunday, 27 January at 7:00 pm
Where: Metropolitan Community Church of Melbourne, 325 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne

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<th>BEATNIC</th>
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Don't beat around the bush - join the AIDS Council Beats Writer on a historical (hysterical?) cycling or walking tour of Melbourne's legendary public outdoor recreation facilities. Cycle 10 km to some of Melbourne's suburban beaches, or join the leisurely stroll through beaches along the beachside, Yarra River and Albert Park. Both tours converge at Albert Park for a huge Beatnic picnic. Bring a hamper - barbecue facilities provided.

Blessing

When: Sunday, 27 January at 11:00 am
Where: Meet at the hockey pavilion off Aupthe Pool at the St Kilda end of Albert Park (Motorway Sth, A7). Follow the Beatnic signs.
Details: VAC/GAHC office, phone Gary Ferguson on 417 1700

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These Aces Are Loaded! From beginners to card sharks from way back, they're watching every move you make, every step you take and tallying up those points to see who wins the crate of Sparkling Spumante! Don't turn your back on them. Black three, you bitch! This is also an intro to the Annual Canasta Carnival held each winter. Refreshments provided. An ALSO event.

Canasta

When: Wednesday 30 January from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm
Where: Carlton Club Hotel, 27 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
Tickets $15.00 at the door

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The Gay and Married Men's Association welcomes members of the gay community to their January gathering. Meet members of the group, find out more about GAMMA and browse through our extensive reference library. Guest speaker and supper.

GAMMA Gathering

When: Monday, 27 January from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Where: Collingwood Community Centre, the factory building, 514 Station Street, Collingwood (Fairly Street carpark)

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<th>WANKARAMA</th>
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You've heard about them; you've heard about them; you've heard about them. Now join in a private party in a large empty room. Its doors and details only available through RSVP.

Wankarama

When: Sunday 27 January, 10.00 am till 11.00 pm
Where: Call the RSVP "Hotline" for all details on 401 8984

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MIDSUMMA SEX EVENT

When: Thursday 31 January from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm
Where: Carlton Club Hotel, 22 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
Tickets: Minimum cost for the night - $5.00

The Victorian AIDS Council and Gay Men's Health Centre proudly sponsor Midsuma.

Enjoy yourselves with us at:

Self Documentation: Self imaging - People Living With AIDS
A photographic exhibition of sponsors by People Living With AIDS (Victoria).

Beatnic

Tour the beats by bike or on foot.

Sex Event

Ormond Hall, Prahran Sunday 3 February.

Support our team in the Alsports Summa Splash Swim Spectacular.
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