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Midsumma Festival
Welcome to Midsumma 2015: your 27th festival, the 20th Pride March and the first year Pride March will be run by Midsumma. 2015 will have [138] events at [85] venues in Melbourne and regional Victoria. We are proud to have so many previous Midsumma events returning and excited by the prospect of so many new ones.

2014 was successful for Midsumma on a range of fronts. Not least of which was your first Midwinta festival including an incredibly successful Gala Ball; a black tie event for 580 people at the Grand Hyatt. We hope to repeat this in winter 2015 and planning has already commenced.

Also in 2014, Midsumma introduced an honorary role of “Festival Champion” to provide a face for Midsumma and recognise those who have made a significant contribution to reducing homophobia. Our 2015 Festival Champions are former Australian Medical Association President and human rights speaker Professor Kerryn Phelps AM and former Australian of the Year in Victoria and anti-bullying campaigner John Caldwell.

Midsumma could not exist without its staff, volunteers, sponsors, patrons, event producers and other supporters. I would like to acknowledge in particular Helen Papadomanolakis (Carnival Producers), Alan Drummond (web dude and near full-time volunteer), City of Melbourne (Principal Partner), City of Port Phillip, NAB, Yarra Trams and Arts Victoria (Major Partners).

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Midsumma’s on-going volunteer board: Rat Simpson (Deputy Chair), Aaron O’Shannesy (Secretary), Jamal Hakim (Treasurer), Andrew Staite, Simon Malia, Adam Gardnir and Darren Donnelly.

Finally, I want to acknowledge three women who have worked tirelessly for, and made a huge contribution to, Midsumma over several years:

1. Monique Thorpe - Festival Manager 2012-2014.
2. Kate Wickett - board member since 2012 but stepping down after this festival to move to Sydney for career reasons.
3. Tennille Moisel – board member from 2013 to August 2014 when she stepped down to become Midsumma’s Acting Festival Director.

The theme for 2015 is Making Connections. Whether you meet someone new at Carnival, attend Pride March for the first time or attend something which expands your mind, Midsumma provides you with a unique three week opportunity to make and build connections. Midsumma’s [137] events will challenge, excite, engage and entertain you; make sure you don’t let this opportunity pass.

Happy Midsumma!

Aaron Hockly
Chair, Midsumma

Welcome to Midsumma 2015!
The Midsumma Festival is one of Melbourne’s great arts and cultural celebrations for which we are renowned. It is the perfect way to kick off the New Year in Melbourne with more than 100 activities across three weeks including visual arts, performing arts, live music, dance, film and sporting activities. Don’t miss the festival’s opening extravaganza – Carnival and T Dance – which will return to Alexandra Gardens this year. We expect more than 100,000 people to party along the Yarra and celebrate with our LGBTIQ community.

The City of Melbourne is proud to support this vibrant and inclusive event. I congratulate the organisers for their hard work and commitment to the festival and hope all attendees have a great time.

Robert Doyle
Lord Mayor

Festival Icons

Your key to the symbols in the Midsumma guide:

- Child/Family Friendly
- Food available
- Hearing Services
- Wheelchair friendly
- Over 18 Only
- Auslan Interpreted

Chair’s Pick

Check out the Midsumma Chair’s picks for 2015

2015 Midsumma Patrons

Rainbow ($500-$1,000)
Jenny Bygrave
Ian Gould
John Allan

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Barnaby Johnston
Gold Patron
Andrew Staite

The 2015 Festival cover image was developed in response to Midsumma’s Making Connections theme by artist Santtu Mustonen
santtumustonen.com

How to purchase your Midsumma tickets

1. Online at midsumma.org.au

Browse the Midsumma Festival program and book tickets 24 hours a day on a desktop, tablet or mobile device. Don’t forget to bring any Print at Home tickets with you to the event.

2. Over the phone on 03 9415 9819

Monday - Friday 11am - 4pm

3. At Carnival on 18 January

Tickets will be available all day at the Carnival Information Tent

Please Note:

All tickets sold through Midsumma Festival attract a $2.50 booking fee per transaction. This fee does not apply when registering for free events that require ticketing. Transaction fees may differ for external ticketing agencies, or when booking directly through the venue.

Proof of ID / Credit Card must be presented for any tickets marked “Box Office Collection” or “Door List” upon entry to the event/s.

For comprehensive ticketing information, including full terms and conditions, please visit www.midsumma.org.au.
Midsumma Carnival
18 JAN 2015

- Carnival Stallholders
- Information and Festival Tickets
- Food Vendors
- First Aid
- Wine Sales
- Bar
- Toilets

Midsumma kicks off our 27th festival again with Carnival and thanks to your feedback we return to Alexandra Gardens again to bring you five hours of free entertainment from our Main Stage, an opportunity to try out a new sport in the Beyond Blue Sporting precinct, cheer on the furry children on show at our famous Dog Show and connect with our partners, sponsors, community groups and stallholders. Food and drinks available on site so come along for our annual party in the park – there’s something for everyone and it is FREE thanks to City of Melbourne.

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Tram: any Swanston St tram to stop 14
Train: City loop to Flinders Street
18 Jan
Sun 11am – 5pm
Entry via gold coin donation

T Dance
As the day starts to fade, the Main Stage will be taken over by a team of amazing DJs and bands to generate the ultimate summa soundtrack as Midsumma transforms the Alexandra Gardens into the queerest party in town. If you were there last year, the first time that T Dance was free, you know what an amazing night it was. Midsumma are happy to announce that T Dance will once again be FREE. Come and join us to watch the sun set over the skyline of our beautiful city.

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Tram: any Swanston St tram to stop 14
Train: City loop to Flinders Street
18 Jan
Sun 5 – 10pm
FREE

Pride March
Pride March celebrates our 20th Anniversary in 2015. Come and join over 100 groups and individuals as we march down Fitzroy St in St Kilda. All the colour and excitement you have come to expect from Pride March Victoria with the added flavour of this special anniversary celebration. See the original marchers lead us out again and celebrate our first timers.

Register at www.midsumma.org.au by the 21st January 2015 to participate and start thinking about your outfit.

Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Cnr Fitzroy St & Catani Gardens
Tram: 3a, 16 or 96 to stop 133 or 12 to stop 143
1 Feb
Sun Assembly: noon at cnr Lakeside Dr & Fitzroy St
March: 2pm
After march festivities: till 7pm in Catani Gardens at completion of the march
FREE
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WE’RE COMING OUT (FOR MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL)

NAB
Out and proud partners
On behalf of all Telstra Executive Champions for LGBTI Inclusion and everyone at Telstra, we congratulate Midsumma and the artists on the 2015 Festival – and look forward to being part of this year’s myriad of events.

We’re proud to be supporting Midsumma as Technology Partner 2015-2017. We see supporting Midsumma as a natural fit to our purpose – to create a brilliant, connected future for everyone. We love that Midsumma provides the opportunity for our people to get involved as Citizen Reporters, promoting Festival events, and as volunteers at Carnival.

Being inclusive, by treating everyone with respect and dignity, is a part of our purpose – to create a brilliant, connected future for everyone. Diversity & Inclusion is central to our purpose at NAB, Do The Right Thing. As part of our focus on inclusion, via Pride@NAB we support our LGBTI employees, customers and communities; our commitment to Midsumma is one way that we demonstrate this support.

As we enter into the third year of our relationship, we are proud to be a major partner of the Midsumma Festival. From all of us at NAB, congratulations to all of those who make the Festival so successful – we wish you all the best for 2015.

Messages of Support

Yolande Foord
Executive Director Remuneration & Benefits – Human Resources
Telstra

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Being inclusive, by treating everyone with respect and dignity, is a part of who we are at Telstra. Look forward to seeing you at the Telstra stall at Carnival.

Steve Barrow
GM People - Products & Markets, & Executive Sponsor Pride NAB

We are committed to creating a culture that is inclusive for all of our people, that attracts the very best and then develops them. We aspire to have a diverse population of people that are reflective of the communities and customers that we support.

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Andrew Abbott
Director, Arts Victoria

More than a festival, more than a celebration, Midsumma has been making connections across the arts and the community for almost three decades.

This year Midsumma will once again kick off Melbourne’s festival calendar in style with more than 160 events - from performances and exhibitions to social events and activities for all ages.

From the huge opening Carnival to the streams of people who take to the streets for Pride March, Midsumma brings together people from all walks of life for an inclusive and diverse celebration of queer culture right across the city, including Arts Victoria’s own backyard, Testing Grounds in Southbank.

Arts Victoria is proud to partner with Midsumma, providing support on behalf of the Victorian Government. We look forward to seeing you there!

Clement Michel
Executive Director Remuneration & Benefits – Human Resources

Yarra Trams

Yarra Trams is delighted to once again be a major partner of Midsumma, a festival that celebrates the diversity of cultures, genders and sexualities in Melbourne.

Catch any tram to your Midsumma events and you’ll experience some of this diversity.

The fun and excitement of summer serve as a great backdrop for this colourful festival that kickstarts Melbourne’s busy events calendar for 2015.

Yarra Trams is proud to support an event promoting the range of identities that make this city great. I wish you all a fantastic Midsumma!

Paolo Zotti
Durex Marketing Director, RB

Durex Australia is an immensely proud, lovin’ sponsor of Midsumma in 2015 and we hope everyone gets to love it as much as we do! Love [Same] Sex, Durex.

The Butterfly Club

5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts
Train: City loop to Flinders Street

22, 24, 25, 29, 31 Jan, 1, 5, 8 Feb

Thurs & Sat 10.30pm, Sun 9.30pm

$32 full, $28 concession, $25 group (min 8)

The Butterfly Club

5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne

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Train: City loop to Flinders Street

28 Jan – 1 Feb

Wed & Sun 6pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat 7pm

$25 full, $20 concession, $20 group (min 6)

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25, 27 & 28 Jan

Wed – Sun 7pm

$30 group (min 8)

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JIM MORRISON: KALEIDOSCOPE

Break on through to the other side as the one-man circus Luigi Lucente (ROCKY HORROR, WICKED, JERSEY BOYS) leads you through the mind of one of pop-culture’s most iconic sons, JIM MORRISON. Poet. Prophet. Showman. Shaman. Masterfully accompanying himself Lucente re-imagines the explosive 1960’s through the timeless genius of THE DOORS.

Matthew Mitcham’s Twists and Turns

Known for his Olympic gold medal (among other assets), Matthew Mitcham brings to the stage the ups and downs of a ‘perfect life’ in his one-man show. An uplifting story of recovery and gratitude, Mitcham shares tales about his mother, discovering trampolining, his move into diving, discovering gay life in Brisbane’s clubs and his challenge to balance his wild child partying with training for an Olympic sport.

Dolly Diamond Under A Big Top

A flamboyant and illustrious career on the stage has led Dolly Diamond to this, her most exciting Midsumma show to date. This year Dolly lifts the lid on a number of her untold stories and secrets. For three nights only Dolly Diamond will raise the roof of the Melba Spiegeltent with her fabulous four-piece band, sensational backing singers and a dazzling array of couture costumes. Don’t miss this limited season!

Jolene presents The Venus Xtravaganza

Drag monster, Jolene, has hit rock bottom. True Love is what she seeks, but her encounters with Earthing’s all have ended in STIs, bad poetry and destruction. Now she must blast off on a sweaty, psychedelic trip to the planet of love itself, Venus. Cum join her on this Interplanetary Sex Alien Space Odyssey. You have no choice.

Mommmie Queerest

It’s time for the Real Queer Housewives and House Husbands of Melbourne to open our closet doors and showcase our bling rings; from shimmering moments of rainbow filled parental perfection to the stuff that would make Joan Crawford cringe. Join Amanda Morris, Asphyxia, Paula Dowse, Michael Dalton, Kerry Gilmartin, Razz Berry Muffin and your hostess Kelly Parry as we celebrate the fabby and shabby glory of parenting queer style.

Odd Socks

Andy Johnston’s ‘Odd Socks’ made its Melbourne debut during the 2014 Fringe Festival to exceptional reviews. A no-holds-barred account of finding himself torn between the confines of growing up in a rural community and his growing desire for men, many men, mainly men. Odd Socks takes you on a journey from childhood to manhood as dreams are pursued, hearts are broken and one night stands are executed with the greatest of skill.

Please Don’t Look At Me

If you tell a joke and no one hears it, is it still funny? Cabaret comediene Dean Arcuri takes his tongue-in-cheek tones and serves them up in a fabulously dark twist, filled with comedy cabaret, musical mayhem, attention seeking madness and a few blindfolds. His band is back with special guests, let’s see what happens when the spotlight shines somewhere else! Don’t look at me, I dare you!

The 86

185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17
29, 31 Jan, 5, 7 Feb
9pm, Sat 7pm
$20 full, $16 concession

Hares & Hyenas

63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Train: 11 to stop 16 or 96 to stop 15
21 – 24 Jan
Wed – Sat 8pm
$20 full, $16 concession

Auslan interpreted: Thurs 22 Jan
PREMIER EVENT

**Black Faggot**

It's not easy being young, brown and gay - especially when God and your mother are watching. Black Faggot, the sensation of the Edinburgh, Auckland and Melbourne Fringe festivals will make Midsumma audiences laugh, cry and believe in the power of love, as colourful characters collide in a series of hilarious and poignant monologues.

"...a notoriously funny two-hander... a poignant and humane plea for tolerance..." - *The Age*

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Train: 1 to stop 31
3 – 7 Feb
Tues – Fri 9pm, Sat 4pm & 9pm
$32 full, $26 concession,
$22 group (min 8)

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**Cabaret**

**Show Stopper**

You’re down to your last cigarette, too drunk for another shot, but then he walks in. Long legs and a scarlet pout, he is Agent Cleave. The SHOW STOPPER. Buy him a drink but make him earn it - earn it with that body. Make him dance, honey. Go on, stay awhile. Stay for Agent Cleave, he’s a SHOW STOPPER.

Howler
7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick
Train: 19 to stop 21
Train: Upfield line to Jewell or Brunswick
21 – 23 Jan
Wed - Fri 9pm
$22 full

**Vinyl Viagra**

Starring Rhonda Burchmore

The fabulous Ms B unleashes the ‘Vixens of Vinyl’, channelling the sex appeal and songs of divas from Bassey to Katy Perry with just a hint of Berlin cabaret mixed with the boldness of burlesque. Join Ms B for an adventurous evening of ‘sublime sensuality’. Songs like - I Touch Myself, Smokin’ hot toy boys.

Fairfax Studio, Arts Centre
Melbourne
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Tram: any Swanston St tram to stop 14
Train: City Loop to Flinders Street
6 – 7 Feb
Fri 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm
$65 full, $30 under 30s
(limited availability)

**Tears Before Bedtime: A Live Art Exhibitionist**

Yana Alana and The Parana are back. Much-loved cabaret provocateur and divine diva, Yana, hasn’t slept in weeks. Join her in bed for an intimate live art cabaret experience to help get her through the night. Accompanied by the eccentric and steadfast Parana, Bec Beat of Circus Oz fame. Presented by Speakeasy in association with Theatre Works.

The Substation
1 Market St, Newport
Train: Werribee / Williamstown line to Newport
5 – 7 & 12 – 14 Feb
Thurs – Sat 8pm, Sat 14 Feb 7.30pm & 9.30pm
$57 catwalk seating,
$52 VIP full,
$45 VIP concession
$39 general seating full,
$30 general seating concession,
$25 peanut gallery

**Circus & Burlesque**

**Finucane & Smith’s Caravan Burlesque... Wilder West!**

The world’s most provocative variety show, direct from sell-out seasons in Brazil, Paris, London and Tokyo returns to get wilder in the West! Moira Finucane and her showgirls fly in with suitescases bursting with awards, sequins and six-inch heels, smokin’ songs, eye-popping burlesques, live art exotica and demon dance!

"Sumptuously demented" - Steamy Thongs

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**Men Getting Naked**

Cocks, balls and furry butts to make you laugh, turn you on, and tell a story. World renowned male burlesque performer Raven leads a mixed bag of the hottest performance artists in Australia, that have had audiences astounded from Berlin, to Tokyo, and New York City. These guys will be getting it off in ways you haven’t even imagined, but you’ll never forget. Happy endings for all.

The 86
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Train: 86 to stop 17
31 Jan
Sat 9pm
$20 full, $18 concession,
$15 group (min 10)

**An Hour of Touching**

Thomas, Fran and Charles have become excessively wealthy after the death of their billionaire partner. With this new obscene wealth, they’re debuting a musical spectacular for you to enjoy. Expect a night of comedy, songs, sketches, drag, and dancing. It’s an hour of touching - bring tissues.

The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne
Train: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts
Train: City loop to Flinders Street
21 – 25 Jan
Wed & Sun 6pm, Thurs – Sat 7pm
$28 full, $24 concession,
$22 group (min 8)
Every Greyhound Has a Story

Make one apart of your story.
Adopt a Greyhound.

gap.grv.org.au
Jonathan Duffy is a versatile filmmaker and stand up comedian. As an accomplished actor, award-winning filmmaker and stand up comic, he has discovered that sometimes being gay in show business isn’t as fabulous as it might sound.

**LESBIAN COMEDY GALA - A Celebration of our Pride and Joy**

Join Australia’s finest and funniest gals, in a night of hilarious frivolity. Bring your girl, bring some pals and roar laughing at this showcase of comic talent! The first event to sell out last year, so don’t miss out. Warning: this show contains a lot of lesbians, and occasional gay friendly comedians! Food & bar open from 6pm! A fundraiser for Matrix Guild.

**The Laugh Out Loud Big Gay Comedy Night**

Now back for its eighth fabulous year, LOL Comedy brings you the brightest and freshest comedy talents as well as showcasing your favourite stars from radio, stage and screen. A nightly showbag of the best in Australian G-L-B-T-I and G-L-B-T-I-friendly comedians. A weekly mix including Fiona O’Loughlin, Geraldine Hickey, Thom Jaspers, Dolly Diamond and more!

**The Sparrow Men**

Marcus and Andy are going to take you on an improvised adventure if you like it or not. It’s going to be fun, sweaty and totally made up. Using your audience suggestion, they will create a never-to-be-repeated show. Soy sauce, marbles, novelty lamps, small wooden sculptures of horses. Anything could happen. Come and see for yourself.

**Denuded**

DENUDED re-questions the relationship with the audience through a feedback loop that causes a significant transformation of the artist’s body. Bypassing classical staging, his body is in the middle of the space, enhancing the sculptural aspects of his performance.

**Doors Open - Bryan Smith with Shane Tonks**

Part of every human journey is the struggle to find an identity. How much of our identity do we mask or unmask with our body? What we reveal and what we conceal are negotiated on a daily basis – sitting on a tram, walking into a meeting, waiting to cross the road. With Shane Tonks (aka Barbara QuickSand), Bryan Smith presents a programme of new works examining how the body speaks, is spoken to or spoken about.

**A High St Summa Session**

After a huge response to last year’s Sessions, A High St Summa Session returns for Midsumma 2015 to tantalise and tease your ear drums with the musings of six of Northside’s finest female-fronted bands. A non-stop evening of hot musical delights to keep you cool far into the night, featuring i vagabonid!, Queen Beaver, The Monday Project, Plastered Bastard Sisters, Wiley Red Fox and Hayley Couper.

**West Space**

Level 1/225 Bourke St, Melbourne
Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts
Train: City loop to Flinders Street
4 – 5 Feb
Wed – Thurs 8pm
$30 full, $18 concession, $22 group (min 10)

**The Butterfly Club**

5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne
Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts
Train: City loop to Flinders Street
27 Jan – 1 Feb
Tues, Wed, Sun 8pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9pm
$28 full, $24 concession, $22 group (min 4)

**The Imperial Hotel**

2 – 5 Bourke St, Melbourne
Train: any Bourke St tram to stop 9
Train: City Loop to Parliament
22, 29 Jan, 5, 12 Feb
Thurs 8pm
$25 full, $20 concession, $18 group (min 6)

**Train: South Morang line to Preston
Tram: 86 to stop 42
Train: South Morang line to Preston
Bus: 552 to stop Cramer St/High St
31 Jan
Sat 7.30pm, doors open: 6pm, after-party: 11pm
$45 full, $35 concession, $35 group (min 6), $30 current Matrix Guild members. After party included

**5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne
Tram: 3a, 16 or 96 to stop 134
Train: City loop to Flinders Street
20 – 25 Jan
Tues, Wed, Sun 8pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9pm
$38 full, $34 concession, $30 group (min 8)

**THE SPARROW MEN**

22, 29 Jan, 5, 12 feb
$22 group (min 4)

**Bar 303**

303 High St, Northcote
Train: 86 to stop 32
Train: South Morang line to Northcote
31 Jan
Sat 6 – 11.30pm
$24 full, $18 concession, $20 group (min 4)

**Train: City loop to Flinders Street
27 Jan – 1 Feb
Tues, Wed, Sun 8pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9pm
$28 full, $24 concession, $22 group (min 4)
PREMIER EVENT

**Edi Donald and the Transients**

Six-piece Edi Donald and the Transients present their luscious audio-visual show, which immerses the audience in the theatrical and epic soundscapes of Edi’s songs. Layered vocals, strings, accordion, electronic beats, percussion and incredible visuals carry stories of queer identity and the liminality of place delivered by Edi’s stunning voice.

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**Harvey Milk the Opera in Concert**

Presented in association with the Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus as part of the Melbourne's most exciting operatic talents, Left Bauer are proud to present the Australian premiere concert performance of Stewart Wallace and Michael Korie’s ground breaking opera Harvey Milk.

**Narelle Byrne: Live Music and Art**

Narelle Byrne is a singer, songwriter and visual artist, Narelle Byrne Gallery, located in the heart of vibrant Williamstown, showcases and promotes visual art as well as providing a performance space for music performances; a conveniently located center for artists to network and enjoy art and music while appreciating the scenic surrounding landscapes. Narelle is about to launch her debut album.

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**Homophonic!**

Homophonic, an evening of new classical music by queer composers. Celebrating sapphic symphonists, homosexual harmonies and the long and proud tradition of composers being as gay as the day is long.

We’re bringing the disco ball to the concert hall! Come along to hear some of Melbourne’s most in-demand classical musicians play some outlandishly fabulous music, and experience the sound world of the LGBT composers of today.

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**2015 Word is Out**

International guests Janet Hardy and Ryan Conrad join local talents in a season of spoken word, panels, an intimate multimedia installation and performances. 2015 Word is Out presents writers, artists and performers from all genres and career stages. Highlights include Mommy Queerest, Who the F**K is Daniel Witthaus, Rapid Fire, Quippings and Under the Skin #3.

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**Park Lounge**

Kelly Park will be transformed into a magical outdoor lounge right in the heart of Werribee CBD. Featuring Monique Brumby and her band alongside great local talent (and some incredibly cheesy disco tunes). There’s also lots of fun for all ages – live art, a “car booty” sale, tasty treats from the best trucks in the West and something special at the local RSL. Celebrate GLBTIQ community and culture in #melbswest!

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**ALGA’s Queer History Walk**

Fitzroy. Melbourne’s first suburb and the site of some very queer goings-on over the years. And who better to show you those sites than the gang from the Archives. From grand mansions to boarding houses, from coffee shops to ACTUP, from gay lib to the gay lion.
Premier Event

Jumpers for Goalposts
By Tom Wells
Directed by Tom Healy

Meet team Barely Athletic. They’re part of the gay, lesbian and transsexual football league in Hull. Luke wants Danny, but Danny has a secret. Joe is happy in goal but Geoff wants a headline gig. Viv just wants to beat the lesbians to the league title. Game on. Jumpers for Goalposts is a blissfully funny romantic comedy about friendship and finding your way. This endearing and poignant play further confirms Wells’ reputation as one of the UK’s most outstanding young playwrights.

The Wheeler Centre
176 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne
Train: City loop to Flinders St
Tram: any tram along La Trobe or Swanston Sts
Train: City loop to Melbourne Central
2 Feb
Mon 10am – 4pm
$180 full, $130 Writers Victoria member, $120 Writers Victoria concession member

Jewish Museum of Australia
26 Alma Rd, St Kilda
Train: 3 or 67 to stop 32
5 Feb
Thurs 7:30pm
$15 full, $12 concession, $12 Jewish Museum members

Arts Centre Melbourne
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Train: any Swanston St tram to stop 14
Train: City Loop to Flinders Street
20 Jan – 7 Feb
Tues – Sat 6pm
$30 full, $25 concession, $25 group (min 10), includes bubbles!  

Red Stitch Actors Theatre
2 Chapel St, St Kilda
Train: 5 or 64 to stop 32 or 78 to stop 42
Train: Sandringham line to Windsor
19 – 25 Jan
Mon – Fri 8pm, Sat – Sun 2pm & 8pm
$30 full, $25 concession

Bar Nancy
61 High St, Northcote
Train: 86 to stop 27
Train: Hurstbridge line to Westgarth
29 Jan
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$18 full, $15 concession, $12 group (min 4)  

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La Mama Theatre
205 Faraday St, Carlton
Train: 1 or 8 to stop 112
21 Jan – 1 Feb
Wed – Sun 2pm
$15 full, $15 concession

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From Whore to Eternity
Slip on your stilettos and your best leather mini as Ruth Katerelos and Heidi Weatherald pay tribute to the ladies of the night, with some of the best songs ever written about the world’s oldest profession. From Sweet Charity to Les Mis, Maxine to Roxanne. Written by Cerise de Gelder, directed by Graham Clarke and including special guests Maude Davey, Dolly Diamond and Gabriel Farrugia. Don’t miss it!

The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne
Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts
Train: City loop to Flinders Street
4 – 8 Feb
Wed & Sun 6pm, Thurs – Sat 7pm
$32 full, $28 concession, $25 group (min 8)
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Loving Repeating
Following the life of Gertrude Stein from University till her death, this musical is a celebration of poetry, art and being gay in the 1930s and beyond. With plenty of skin to see, this raunchy staging won’t leave much to the imagination. This powerful musical will open your heart and your mind as you listen to the complex yet simple poetry of Gertrude Stein.

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BAD ADAM/ONY
Two short performances that question sex, sexuality, power and pleasure through theatre and dance. BAD ADAM, produced and performed by Dosh Luckwell, explores sexuality through poetry and theatre as Luckwell transforms into Eden’s Snake. PONY is a dance work that explores the challenges in constructing a male sexual identity when growing up in Australia. Witness Robinson transform from wide-eyed Pony to grown up Stallion.

THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

The Jacobbeans
From the creators of “Bushpig”, the smash hit and “hands-down most intriguing show” (Heckler, 2013) to appear at the Adelaide, Sydney, and Melbourne Fringe Festivals, comes “The Jacobbeans”, a wickedly satirical foray into the dark heart of human history. Characters from all corners of time and space find themselves trapped by a force beyond their control preparing to sweep them into a strange and inconceivable future.

The Jolly Good Show
A lesson in build-your-own imagination. This powerful and provocative comedy about the Dark Ages we lived in, and the one we still inhabit.

Being Dead: Don Quixote
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**Transgender Seeking...**

**“Sold out shows & rave responses in Europe, the USA & Canada”**

Jimmy is trying to quit romance, cold turkey. An exposing, funny and tender look at queer and trans relationships including run-ins with the anti-monogamy police, online dating mishaps and figuring out whether to throw out or reinvent mainsteam relationship ideals. This smart, fast-paced take on dating in an age of social media and technology features visually stunning highly interactive projections and sound.

**Premier Event**

**P.S I’m Fabulous!**

Returning to Gasworks after a sell-out season “P.S. I’m FABULOUS!” is a dance and musical theatre tribute to five iconic female entertainers whose careers, passion and drive have made them household names and shaped the life of our fabulous host & lead performer. Supported by an exceptional, professional and overall fabulous cast, “P.S. I’m FABULOUS!” promises to glitter, humour, entertain and have you singing in your seat.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram: 1 to stop 31
5 – 7 Feb
Thurs - Sat 7pm
$28 full, $25 concession

**Sexy Dead Schoolboys**

His haircut looks more expensive than your car. His arms are shaped by helping his father with farm work. His eyes are lazy winter lakes. His skin is creamy autumn yoghurt. His legs meet at a fairly fabulous juncture. His blazer fits him like a fever dream. It would’ve taken a lot less than that to kill him. But it did. The debating team will never be the same.

Second Storey Studios
159 Sackville St, Collingwood
Tram: South Morang/Hurstbridge line to Victoria Park
2 – 6 Feb
Mon - Fri 7.30pm
$20 full, $15 concession

**Silvertop Ash**

Hamish is a 17 year old from rural Australia, whose parents don’t understand him. Silvertop Ash is the story of gay teen suicide and one boy’s struggle for acceptance. In its Sydney premiere, “Silvertop Ash” was called “The best of the year so far and will be hard to top” (Aussie Theatre) and “This is a very, very well written play, as taut and spare as any in the playwright’s considerable cannon” (Australian Stage). Written by Wayne Tunks and Josh Karlik.

La Mama Theatre
205 Faraday St, Carlton
Tram: 1 or 8 to stop 112
18 Jan – 1 Feb
Wed 6.30pm, Thurs - Sat 7.30pm, Sun 4pm
$25 full, $15 concession

**Stop Kiss**

After Callie meets Sara, the two unexpectedly fall in love. Their first kiss provokes a violent attack that transforms their lives in a way they could never anticipate. A poignant and funny play about the ways, both sudden and slow, that lives can change irrevocably.

Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre
270 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Tram: 19 to stop 21
Train: Upfield line to Jewell
22 Jan – 7 Feb
Wed - Sat 8pm
$28 full, $25 concession, $25 group (min 10)

**Queen Bee**

After a sell-out season at Midsumma 2014, Queen Bee returns for four shows only with the extraordinary story of the ‘White Queen of Soul’, Dusty Springfield. Featuring stunning renditions of some of Dusty’s best-loved songs, experience her tempestuous relationships with women, her immense popular music success, and her spectacular decline and eventual re-emergence as an adored gay icon.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram: 1 to stop 31
28 – 31 Jan
Wed - Sat 7pm
$28 full, $23 concession, $23 group (min 6)

**Softly Pouting While Walking Into Breezes**

When Ben met Toby, his life was changed, like, completely. When Toby broke up with Ben, his life was ruined, like, completely. It was a love and a heartbreak that only Taylor Swift could understand. Softly Pouting While Walking Into Breezes follows Ben as he tries to convince himself and others that he’s really truly over Toby. Because they broke up like three years ago. It’s totally cool. It’s fine. A MUST remount, written by Jake Stewart.

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The Art of Being Still Part Two: The Gathering of Vampires
From writer Steven Davson and award-winning Out Cast Theatre comes the powerhouse sequel to his ground-breaking play. An 80s tale of love, friendship, loss and triumph as six friends journey through the plague years. From camp site crisis, show tunes and saunas to boot-scooting, funny funerals and more. Funny, sexy and moving. The story of our lives. Warning: contains nudity.

The Fastest Clock in the Universe
Prolific Australian director Robert Chuter takes on Philip Ridley’s contemporary classic, ‘The Fastest Clock in the Universe’ for Four Letter Word Theatre. This twisted production takes a dark look at the human condition through one man’s obsession with youth and beauty. This nod to Oscar Wilde’s Dorian Gray is carried through this contemporary gothic text, which is at the same time comedic and horrific, romantic and violent.

The Queer Revue
The Sydney University Queer Revue 2014 is proud to present The Best of 2014 Queer Revue! Dark plans orchestrated by shady queers culminate in the most sinister night of the year. Come join us for an evening of heavy sarcasm, heavier stereotype parodies and full frontal fun. Sketches! Musical extravaganzas! Romance? Political satire, self-deprecating humour and good clean fun for the whole rainbow.

The Big Gay Cruise
Alex and Ben are engaged to be married. But before they do, they’ve decided on a last gasp of sexual freedom before they tie the knot in the United States - a month-long bucks party aboard ‘The Pacific Queen’. Lounging in the sun all day and partying well into the night, it’s every bit as fun as they thought it would be. However, they soon discover that the journey towards their nuptials is not such easy sailing.

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Paintings | Photography | Edition Prints

“Ross it’s absolutely stunning. Always one of my favourite Caravaggio’s - the cheekiness of the winged Eros combined with the nude is just irresistible. One of your absolute best!”
Stephen Fry

“Ross Watson’s paintings are obviously the work of a master of technique. The conjunction of modern naturalism and classic works makes it hard to believe one’s eyes.”
Sir Ian McKellen

“An outstanding realist artist like Ross Watson is just the right person to help teach honesty to our emotions in art, and the essential beauty of sexual truth.”
The Hon. Michael Kirby

Full proceeds of the Edition Print ‘Duo’ benefits EJAF

23 January - 8 February
11am - 5pm Friday to Sunday
Launch Event 3 - 5pm 24 January
ROSS WATSON GALLERY
465 Nicholson St, Carlton North
Preview at rosswatson.com
A Little Joy – by Ballys Creative
Sure to make you smile.
‘A Little Joy’ showcases the illustrated world of Paul Smith (Ballys Creative). Forest furries, colourful critters, sweet-toothed cuties and more all have a place in ‘A Little Joy’. Paul thinks that we can never have too much cute. You’ll feel all warm and fuzzy at this family-friendly exhibition. Plus, the prints are affordable, too. See more of Paul’s art at ballyscreative.com

Company of Men
Sex, Grunt and Disco Balls.
Get ready for the second instalment of the Company of Men exhibition. It will be larger and sexier than last year, featuring up to 20 local and interstate visual, performance and video artists. Heid again at BrightSpace in St Kilda, Rogan Richards will appear in his ‘Den’ for a new grunty performance. Keep track of the events leading up to and during the exhibition, like us www.facebook.com/CompanyofMenexhibition.

Two Lost Boys
20/2 Maddock St, Windsor
Tram: 5 or 64 to stop 32 or 78 to stop 43
Train: Sandringham line to Windsor
17 – 31 Jan
Mon – Fri: 6:30am – 4pm, Sat & Sun: 8am – 4pm
FREE

BRIGHTSPACE
Level 1, 8 Martin St, St Kilda
Tram: 3, 3a or 16 to stop 36 or 67 to stop 35 or 78 to stop 37
21 Jan – 7 Feb
Opening: Wed 21 Jan 6:30-9:30 pm
Exhibition: Tues - Sun noon - 6pm
FREE

Home Free
Selected artists will be exhibiting GLBTIQ-themed artworks that make them glad to be living in Australia right now. While Australia still has a long way to go in reaching equality for our GLBTIQ community, Australia still has a much higher level of community acceptance and inclusion than the 76+ countries with anti-homosexuality laws. Home Free will be a joyful celebration of our vibrant GLBTIQ community.

Gasworks Arts Park
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Tram: 1 to stop 31
20 Jan – 8 Feb
Daily 9.30am – 4pm
FREE

Love is the Bind
We are a dance of rope. We blend the intrinsic beauty, feel and form of Japanese rope with movement - Kinbaku. Art flowers from the Martial Arts, and has evolved to express sensuality and a tantric emotional connection working with the simplicity of being. “Love is the Bind” is a collection of carefully constructed works of art combining digital media, photography, paint, light, dance, poetry and you.

Brunswick Studios
cnr Ovens St & Ballarat St, Brunswick
Train: 19 to stop 23
Train: Upfield line to Brunswick
24, 25, 30, 31 Jan
Exhibition: Fri 6 - 9pm, Sat & Sun 12pm - 9pm
FREE

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Visual Arts

Walk with Pride
Walk with Pride is a photographic journey of 32 images from New York photographer Charles Meacham (NYC). The exhibition documents the fight for LGBTIQ equality through their pride events in Taiwan, Philippines, Australia, Lithuania, Belarus, Romania, Russia, Croatia, Turkey, UK, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Israel.
The images on display are a powerful reminder of how far the LGBTIQ community has come and how far there is still to go in obtaining equality around the world.

Incinerator Gallery
180 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds
Tram: 57 or 82 to stop 41 plus 10 minute walk along Maribyrnong River
30 Jan – 22 Feb
Opening: 30 Jan 6 – 8pm
Exhibition: Tues - Sun 11am – 4pm
FREE

Ross Watson Gallery
465 Nicholson St, Carlton North
Tram: 96 to stop 18
23 Jan – 8 Feb
Fri - Sun 11am – 5pm
FREE

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Train: 72 to stop 31 or 78 to stop 47
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
18 Jan – 8 Feb
Exhibition: Daily 10am – 5pm
Performance: Fri 23 Jan 10pm
FREE

What a Drag
A multimedia exhibition about the history of Drag in Melbourne from the 1960’s - now, with a display of photos, interviews, videos and costumes.
To coincide with the event there will be a special Drag Showcase Night on the Friday, 23rd of January at 10:00 PM with some of the best Drag talent in town.
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### 2015 Word is Out

- Carnival: 18 Jan, 21-23 Jan, 24-25 Jan, 26-27 Jan, 28-29 Jan, 30 Jan, 1 Feb
- A High St Summa Session: 17 Jan, 21-23 Jan, 24-25 Jan, 26-27 Jan, 28-29 Jan, 30 Jan, 1 Feb
- AFFLUENZA: 22 Feb
- A Queer History Walk: 25 Feb
- An Hour of Touching: 22 Mar
- Anton & Olaf - A Fruity Fairytale: 16 Mar, 21-23 Mar, 24-25 Mar, 28-29 Mar, 30 Mar, 1 Apr
- Adrenaline Performance Writing: 16 Mar
- BAD ADAM/PONY: 4-5-6-7 Mar
- Being Dead (Don Quixote): 3-4-5-6-7 Mar
- Black Fugget: 3-4-5-6-7 Mar
- corps(s): 20-21 Mar, 27-28 Mar
- Denuded: 4 Mar
- Dolly Diamond Under A Big Top: 11 Apr
- Doors Open - Bryn Smith with Shane Tunks: 14 Apr
- Edin Donald and the Transients: 29 Apr
- Finucane & Smith's Caravan Burlesque... Wilder West!: 12-16 Jun
- From Worht to Dignity: 18 Jun, 4-5-6-7 Jun
- Georgia with a G: 10 Jul, 28-29 Jul, 30 Jul, 1 Aug
- Harvey Milk in Concert: 17 Jul
- Homecoming: 27-28 Jul
- How's Your Friend and Other Niceties: 18 Jul
- Identification: 16 Jul
- Jim Morrison - Kaleidoscope: 11 Jul
- ODD SOX: 17 Jul, 29 Jul, 30 Jul
- P.S. I'm Fabulous!: 5-6-7 Jul
- Park Lounge: 17 Jul
- Painted: 18 Jul
- Please Don't Look at Me: 11 Aug, 29 Jul, 30 Jul
- Queen Bee: 20 Aug, 28 Jul, 29 Jul, 30 Jul
- Ssxy Dead Schoolboys: 20 Aug, 2-3-4-5-6 Jul
- Show Stepper: 12 Aug, 21-22 Jul
- Stop Kiss: 20 Aug, 22-23 Jul, 24-25 Jul, 26-27 Jul, 28-29 Jul, 30 Jul
- Transgender Seeking...: 20 Aug
- Vendra: Vagina Starring Rhonda Burningham: 12 Aug
- Writing Love Poems to Boys: 16 Aug

## Visual Arts

- Alex Zine Launch: 28 Jul
- An Anniversary: Ross Watson Gallery 10 Years: 22-24 Jul, 23 Jul
- Cartooning with pride: 30 Jul

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**Visual Arts**

**Michael Cook: Australian Landscapes**
In 'Australian Landscapes', celebrated Indigenous photographer Michael Cook explores the tonality of contemporary life; assumptions of culture, stereotype and reality. In his examination of the search for identity and place in today's society, Cook has placed the ultra-modern, city-Aboriginal, who practices drag back into the landscape where most people stereotypically expect an Aboriginal to be.

**Somewhere Between Walking and Sleeping**
An exhibition of art and stuff. Ever wondered what world artists live in? Where their heads are at? Well, wonder no more! 'Somewhere Between Walking and Sleeping' allows you to wander through this truly unique parallel universe. Step into the unsure, unreal and at times uncomfortable. Let the art guide you through this strange land.

**Sissy Blvd**
Lee Lai, Katie Parrish, Merv Heers and Sam Wallman are queer cartoonists based in Melbourne. Using The Substation's front gallery space and Transit Gallery billboards, this exhibition will examine remnants of gay liberation, reflections on contemporary queer assimilation and resilience, mincing the fine line between subtlety and obviousness. Supported by The Substation and Hobsons Bay City Council.

**The Laird presents Exposed: Andrew Li**
As winner of The Laird's Men on Men Art Competition for 2014, Andrew Li had his winning image grace the cover of Melbourne Community Voice and now he gets to expose himself for Midsumma 2015. The exhibition will run for over two weeks, starting with an open day where the whole community is welcome to check it out. Artworks will be for sale unless otherwise noted. Presented by The Laird and Midsumma.

**Out of the Closets, into the Streets**
As gay people found their voice in the early 1970s, artists, often at the very beginning of their careers, were there to capture meetings in lounge rooms, consciousness raising groups and street protests. The liberation movement meant ‘being there’, putting your body on the line.

**Pricks**
In this exhibition Dovey Dee presents her new set of paintings inspired primarily by her cactus garden (e.g. cactus spines=physical pricks). Other work includes local landscapes that remind her of home in Southern California. The exhibition includes a written piece of work published in “Sinister Wisdom”. Joan Nestle was the guest editor. One issue has the theme of women who are literally or figuratively living in exile.

**The Brotherhood of the Sacred Phallus**
Could the visiting of a cruise club for a bit of casual fun also be the participation in age-old rituals of phallic worship with other members of a secret brotherhood? This is the question that artist Tom Pender playfully poses in The Brotherhood of the Sacred Phallus, an artist-in-residence project at Melbourne’s (in)famous men-only cruise bar, Club80.

**The Marriage Act**
Marriage equality is coming and as we wait for our politicians to catch up with the rest of society, help us acknowledge the diverse range of relationship celebrations within the community with our wide range of Australian made “wedding” rings. The only question to ask is: do you wait until the Marriage Act is finally updated or do you commit to one another now?
Moments of Being

Moments of Being joins six artists working across a diverse range of contemporary practice whose work considers themes of otherness, health, gender variance, intimacy and longing. The work empowers its subjects whilst describing more than our whole identities, sensations and experiences.

Artists: Astrotwitch, Clinton Hayden, Jesslyn Moss, Maggie Gordon, Rose O'Shae and Karla Pringle.
Curator: Jesslyn Moss.

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The Rocky Horror Picture Show - Film Screening
Come up to the Hobsons Bay Library team, and see what’s on the screen - “I see you shiver, with antici...pation!” That’s right, Rocky Horror is back in town. Bring your pillow and snacks, wear your PJs or suspenders – enjoy a cult favourite in the comfort of your own community library!

Author Talk: Benjamin Law
Author of ‘Gaysia: Adventures in the Queer East’, shares the adventures he experienced during the compilation of this moving and entertaining book. Benjamin Law considers himself pretty lucky to live in Australia: he can hold his boyfriend’s hand in public and lobby his politicians to recognise same-sex marriage. But as the child of migrants, he’s also curious about how different life might have been had he grown up in Asia.

Daniel Witthaus – man on a mission
Gay rights advocate, education activist and author Daniel Witthaus is an extraordinary man with an extraordinary mission to eliminate homophobia in Australia (and change the world, one cuppa at a time).
Join Daniel for a cuppa and chat at the Footscray Library to speak on gay rights and issues, and reflect on his published works, including the very popular ‘Beyond Priscilla: one gay man, one gay truck, one big idea’.

Wellbeing Night
Health and wellbeing is key to living a fulfilled life. Come and join the local GLBTIQ community at our GLBTIQ Wellbeing Night: Share, network and discover valuable knowledge and support in your own backyard. Includes a therapeutic body percussion session and drumming demonstration.
How to find and keep a great partner

In this fun, innovative and free workshop, you’ll discover the secrets to both finding and holding on to, an amazing relationship. Run by Psychotherapist and Life Coach extraordinaire Matt Cooksey, you’ll gain the insights you need to banish your ‘spinster’ status for good!

More info: www.how2series.com.au

MJ loves Tina, Charlie’s chasing Harry

Mary Jane is 19 and has just bought her first Mardi Gras ticket. Harry just got called “Daddy” on Grindr and he’s not happy about it. Tina’s nephew Charlie has asked if she can score for him.

Rob Moodie and a panel will discuss queer pressures, pleasures, pain and how our community parties.

A hypothetical presented by VAC and City of Melbourne.

Midsumma Conversations

Join us as we chat with our 2015 Festival Champions about their roles as role models and leaders for our community.

Professor Kerryn Phelps and Rob Moodie and a panel of GLBTIQ members and friends to an action packed Western Region GLBTIQ Community Forum. Celebrate the wins of the west and hear about GLBTIQ inclusion strategies between western region councils, organisations and communities. Have your say about the opportunities and priorities for the future. Includes entertainment and an expo of supportive local services.

Out is In – Where to next?

Melbourne’s western region councils unite, inviting GLBTIQ members and friends to an action packed Western Region GLBTIQ Community Forum. Celebrate the wins of the west and hear about GLBTIQ inclusion strategies between western region councils, organisations and communities. Have your say about the opportunities and priorities for the future. Includes entertainment and an expo of supportive local services.

#QueerandA

#queeranda sees Australia’s leading brands come together on Twitter to talk about diversity in the workplace.

Despite Twitter’s short form, the Human Resources leaders at SEEK, Telstra, NAB, Yarra Trams and other notable companies will host an in depth discussion on the importance of creating inclusive environments that celebrate individual differences.

FORUMS AND LECTURES

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LGBTI asylum seekers: no pacific solution

Join ‘Young Liberty for Law Reform’ and a panel of advocates and experts on LGBTI and Refugee rights for a discussion of the issues facing LGBTI asylum seekers. We will address the resettlement of LGBTI refugees in countries where homosexuality is criminalised, and the assessment of LGBTI asylum seekers’ claims by Australian authorities. YLLR is an offshoot of Liberty Victoria – Australia’s oldest civil rights organisation.

FORUMS AND LECTURES

NAB Village

700 Bourke St, Docklands
Train: Any Tram down Bourke St to Southern Cross Station
Train: City loop to Southern Cross
27 Jan
Tues 7-9pm
FREE

FORUMS AND LECTURES

The Substation

1 Market St, Newport
Train: Werribee / Williamstown line to Newport
18 Feb
Wed open: 5:30pm, start: 6pm
FREE

FORUMS AND LECTURES

MIDSUMMA COMMUNITY FORUM

Midsumma will be developing their strategy plan for 2016 – 2020 and want to hear from you.

Come along to our open forum to discuss your favourite Midsumma moments, what you think Midsumma needs to preserve and what you would like to see added in.

FORUMS AND LECTURES

Northcote Town Hall
180 High St, Northcote
Train: 86 to stop 31
Train: South Morang line to Northcote
5 Feb
Thurs 7 – 8.30pm
$17 full, $12 concession
Talking GLBTIQ Identity
A panel discussion around the issues of GLBTIQ identity, focusing on people living and working in the western region of Melbourne. In particular, the panel will consider the intersection between gender, sexuality, culture, age and status. The event will include panelists from a diverse range of backgrounds - all welcome.

BonBOYage Boat Party
Bon BOYage is Melbourne's hottest “all boy” boat party. After a highly successful debut in 2014 we return sexier than ever this Midsumma. Join us as we cruise the summer night away with over 500 sailor boys. Hawaiian leis on arrival, four hours cruising on the water, two dance floors, finger food and snacks, Funky Trunk giveaways and prize packs for best-dressed sailor. Ticket includes an exclusive BonBOYage after-party.

GROUSE PARTY
Following on from Carnival & T-Dance, GROUSE PARTY presents a wild queer after-party at the Copacabana, for all those keen on hotting up the dancefloor after a day in the sun. Heading into their 8th year of bringing you parties, guest DJ sets & touring acts, you can bet it's gonna be yet another summer of grouseness in 2K15. Special guests to be announced. Stay tuned! www.grouseparty.com

Manhunt Pool Party
Manhunt brings you the most anticipated event of the Midsumma calendar each year - the Manhunt Pool Party! Eight hours of DJs so you can party poolside along with competitions, shows and giveaways. Downstairs by the pool and sundeck it's clothing optional and if you’re nervous about venturing upstairs, it's fine to leave your swimwear on! There’s no need to get your gear off, unless....

ABBAR
For two nights this Midsumma, we turn The 86 into a shrine of ABBA goodness. On Saturday join us for the ‘DANCING QUEEN’ party. A very campy night with drag shows & DJs playing all your favourite anthems. On Sunday, we present the massive tribute show ‘ABBA’ playing live. Have your outfits, wigs and shoes in hand and get set to dance your little Queen hearts out.

Girls at Sea
All aboard Melbourne’s hottest “all girl” boat party, Girls at Sea. After a highly successful debut in 2014, the much-anticipated 2015 Girls at Sea boat party will set sail again with two dance floors, sailor girls, photo booth, food, prizes for best-dressed, Hawaiian leis on arrival and an exclusive performance by Dame DLA. Over 300 girls will cruise around the sites of Melbourne then be invited to the exclusive after party.

HEALTHY
Last year we slimmed your thighs and magnified your kundalini. Now we do it again but with a more ferocious vigour. HEALTHY Carnival after-party presented by Thursgay, is back. At the closing of carnival, walk into Transport Hotel and get off the wagon! Release your chakra khans with hedonistic DJs, droll queens and dramatic performance types galore.

Midsumma Ever After
Late night shopping in collaboration with LuLu Monsoon, the Market and Midsumma present – EVER AFTER.
An event with friends old and new to close off our Midsumma celebration of life and love. A top line of DJs, multiple rooms, live shows, EVER AFTER theming, extra sensational lighting and pumped up sound.
DON'T MISS THIS INTERGALACTIC CONCERT EVENT: J.J. ABRAMS' STAR TREK™ IN HIGH DEFINITION ON THE BIG SCREEN WITH ACADEMY AWARD®-WINNING COMPOSER MICHAEL GIACCHINO’S SCORE PERFORMED LIVE BY THE MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

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Midsumma WRAP Party
We would like to say ‘thank you’ to all the amazing people who donated their time and resources for the 2015 Midsumma Festival. Join us at Testing Grounds, behind the Melbourne Arts Centre, and unwind with us as the Midsumma Festival comes to a close. Pull up a seat and grab a feed while we look back on the hottest three weeks of summer.

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POOF DOOF presents The Official End of Midsumma Party
All good things must come to an end but rather than cry because its over, let’s dance because it happened. POOF DOOF is thrilled to be hosting the official Midsumma Festival Closing Party on Saturday 7 February 2015. Dance to a summer soundtrack by POOF DOOF legends Gavin Campbell, Kam Shafaati, Argonaut, Salvador Darling and Chris Wilson.

Chasers Nightclub 386 Chapel St, South Yarra
Tram: 72 to stop 31 or 78 to stop 47
7 Feb
Sat 10pm till late
$20 full

DineOut for StartOut
Celebrate Midsumma in style at Melbourne’s newest fundraiser with a difference. Do something awesome and join us for a stylish gala ball with all the usual finesse and trimmings except one thing - the ballroom. An outdoor summer spectacular in Treasury Gardens to raise money for StartOut Australia. Three course meal, drinks and entertainment.

Globe’s Midsumma Combined Fruits/Blend
Join your friends for drinks after work or make new friends at GLOBE’s Midsumma Combined Fruits/Blend. Everyone from the GLBTIQ community is welcome to enjoy some professional and social networking. Enjoy the spectacular views from the beautiful 28th floor of the Crown Metropol. Canapés provided. Drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Australia Day Picnic
This Australia Day, pack the car for a drive in the country and join the Melbourne Rainbow Band and the Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus for their annual picnic in the park. Take a stroll around 14 acres of stunning private gardens at Forest Glade, Mt Macedon, while the MGLC and MRB provide a musical touch. As the gardens are private property, no pets or BBQs are permitted.

Forest Glade
816 Mount Macedon Rd, Mount Macedon
No public transport
26 Jan
Mon 1030am – 2:30pm
$10 entry at the gate, children free

Ghosts of the Old City Ghost Tour
Explore King William’s Town, the original capital of Victoria, by lamp light. Steeped with history, apparitions, alleyways and lager; it was once a thriving town full of colourful ladies, drunken sailors and convicts.

Starting point: Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre
Cnr Nelson Place & Syme St, Williamstown
Train: Williamstown line to Williamstown
23 Jan – 7 Feb
Fri – Sat 8.30pm
$34 full

Pride March Official After Party
The GH presents our annual official Pride March after party. Show your pride into the evening as we present shows, DJs and more at Melbourne’s favourite GLBTIQ venue. A portion of proceeds from the bar will be donated to Pride March and entry is by gold coin donation to Pride March.

The GH Hotel
1 Brighton Rd, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16 or 67 to stop 35
1 Feb
Sun 6pm – 1am
Gold coin donation

DineOut
The ultimate pop culture party. Strap on some spandex & set your phasers to stunning - geek just got gayer. Melbourne’s Queer Geek Dance Party gets a sequel on the eve of the Australia Day long weekend!
The ultimate pop culture party. Join your superfriends for a night of capes, cocktails, Mario Kart & more. With a prize for best dressed, why wait for the cons to get your geek on! Dress code ‘Geek Chic’
**Golden Stiletto Rally**
Celebrating its 17th year, the DT’s Golden Stiletto Rally is a Midsumma icon. Join us for this camp and crazy excursion on foot around Richmond where you will collect clues and complete challenges. Bonus points of course awarded to people or teams who dress up. Earn additional points when you bribe the Manhunt boys at the challenge checkpoints!

Mark St Hall
1 Mark St, North Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 21
Train: South Morang line to Rushall
24, 31 Jan, 7 Feb
Sat 3pm
$15 full, $10 concession

**Group guided meditations for gay men**
Zen for Gay Men have created a number of guided meditations specifically for gay men. At these events, guided meditations will be held for gay men to enjoy. So gay men, sit back, relax, close your eyes, take a deep breath and enjoy the adventure as part of Midsumma 2015.

Midsumma at Melbourne Library Service
Join Melbourne Library Service from 18 January – 8 February as we celebrate the Midsumma Festival. There is a range of activities for all ages - there will be an Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives exhibition at City Library, queer talks, collections, and story times for kids.

All five Melbourne Library Service libraries
See MelbourneLibraryService.com.au for details
18 Jan – 8 Feb
See MelbourneLibraryService.com.au for details
FREE

**Midsumma at St Michael’s**
Executive Minister and author of The New Faith, Dr Francis Macnab, welcomes the LGBTQ community to a special Midsumma service at St Michael’s Uniting Church. Exploring how The New Faith gives unequivocal assurance that all of us are accepted regardless of our sexual preferences. That we can aim for a future for each other rather than a future fighting against each other.

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GOWEST brings together local organisations and artists supporting and representing GLBTIQ communities in the western region of Melbourne. Initiated by Hobsons Bay City Council, GOWEST has developed to become a western region collaboration of councils, community organisations and businesses supporting our GLBTIQ communities.

#gowest
www.facebook.com/gowestpride
Author talk by Benjamin Law  
**Wed 7 Jan, 6pm to 8pm**  
Williamstown Library Gallery  
104 Ferguson St, Williamstown

**GLBTIQ Wellbeing Night**  
**Tues 13 Jan, 6 to 8pm**  
Altona North Community Library  
Cnr Millers & McArthurs Rds, Altona North

**VISUAL ACTIVISM**  
by Zanele Muholi  
**14 Jan to 8 Mar, 9am to 5pm**  
Wyndham Art Gallery  
177 Watton St, Werribee

**Sissy Blvd**  
**15 Jan to 15 Mar, 11am to 5pm**  
The Substation  
1 Market St, Newport

**WESTANDPROUD**  
Screening  
**Fri 16 Jan, 7pm to 9pm**  
Altona Meadows Library  
and Learning Centre  
2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show**  
Screening  
**Thurs 22 Jan, 7pm to 9pm**  
Altona Meadows Library  
and Learning Centre  
2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows

**Ghosts of the Old City**  
Ghost Tour  
**23 Jan to 7 Feb, 8.30pm**  
Hobsons Bay Visitor Centre  
Cnr Nelson Place & Syme St  
Williamstown

**Rainbow Families Story Time**  
**Wed 28 Jan, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**  
Altona Library  
123 Queen St, Altona

**Miss Gay & Miss Transsexual Australia 2015**  
**Sat 31 Jan, 7pm**  
Yarraville Club  
135 Stephen St, Yarraville

**Team Melbourne Sports Festival**  
**Sat 31 Jan, 9.30am to 4.30pm**  
Footscray Park and Victoria University (Footscray Campus)  
Maribyrnong Blvd, Footscray

**Out at Twilight**  
**Sun 1 Feb, 5pm to 8pm**  
Kevin Wheelahan Gardens  
Devonshire Rd, Sunshine

**Author talk by Daniel Witthaus - man on a mission**  
**Thurs 5 Feb, 6pm to 7pm**  
Footscray Library  
56 Paisley St, Footscray

**Talking GLBTIQ Identity**  
**Thurs 5 Feb, 5.30pm to 7pm**  
Bluestone Church Arts Space  
Hyde St next to Town Hall Footscray

**Finucane & Smith’s Caravan Burlesque... Wilder West!**  
**5 to 7 & 12 to 13 Feb, 8pm**  
Sat 14 Feb, 7.30pm & 9.30pm  
The Substation  
1 Market St, Newport

**Books, Fairybread and Flicks**  
**Sat 31 Jan, Storytelling: 2pm to 4pm Films: 5pm to midnight**  
Courthouse Youth Arts  
60 Little Malop St, Geelong

**Rainbow Dance Party**  
**Fri 6 Feb, 7pm to 10pm**  
Youth Resource Centre  
86 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

**Park Lounge**  
**Sat 7 Feb, 4 to 9pm**  
Kelly Park  
Cnr Synott St & Cherry St, Werribee

**Discover Sailing - Free**  
**Sun 15 Feb, 10am to 2pm**  
Altona Yacht Club  
WG Cresser Reserve, Cnr Beach St & Civic Pde, Seabrook

**Westside Derby Dollz**  
**beach skate and BBQ**  
**Sun 15 Feb, 11.30am to 3pm**  
Altona Yacht Club  
WG Cresser Reserve, Cnr Beach St & Civic Pde, Seabrook

**Out is In – Where to next?**  
**Wed 18 Feb, 6pm**  
The Substation  
1 Market St, Newport

**Pricks**  
**20 Feb to 1 Mar, 10am to 4pm**  
Joel gallery  
5 Sargood St, Altona
There will be entertainers, roving performers, a gay and lesbian choir, exhibits, stalls and information. Yummy food available. Join in and celebrate Pride in the West.
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Rainbow Dance Party
Rainbow Dance Party is a youth event for 14-21 year olds, celebrating sexual diversity. As part of GoWest, it’s hosted by Wyndham City’s Youth Services in partnership with Hobsons Bay City Council’s Youth Services. This Freeze-funded event is staffed by youth workers, security and the Q program committee members. This is a smoke, drug and alcohol free event.

Social Events

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Mollies Grill Bar
Level 1, 103-105 Smith St, Fitzroy
Train: 12 or 109 to stop 15
4 Feb
Wed
Register: 6.30pm
Start: 7.30pm
$18 full

Social Events

Rainbow Families Story Time
Hobsons Bay Libraries run story time and rhyme time sessions most days of the week throughout the year. As part of Midsumma Festival 2015, GoWest and Hobsons Bay Libraries are holding a story time focusing on Rainbow Families to promote family diversity. No matter who you are, come and enjoy stories and songs with your family and our welcoming community.

She Speaks Northside
Stay local this Midsumma and hear a panel of expert speakers share their knowledge and lead discussion at northside’s best LGBTI event. Enjoy an informative and inspiring evening with local women at the glamorous but relaxed Francesca’s Bar.

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Come pull up a deck chair and make camp in Northcote this Summer. The outdoors have never felt so good.

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**The Creators Market**

Can’t stay away from Etsy and Pinterest? Discover and support emerging designers and artists, from fashion to food and fine arts, at the first ever Midsumma Market. With stallholders, family-friendly activities and more, come for the afternoon or stay well into the evening. Bag yourself some great buys, attend a DIY workshop by Classie and celebrate our community’s creative talents.

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**To Give is Good**

The Gay and Lesbian Foundation of Australia (GALFA) and Midsumma Festival host an infotainment evening with guest speaker Prof Denis Altman, wine and canapés and the works of artist, Ross Watson. Come along to engage with a variety of our community’s philanthropic organisations and hear how they raise and distribute funds, what makes a worthy cause for funding and why you should consider becoming a donor.

For more information visit www.galfa.org.au.

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**Northside Clinic**

Northside Clinic is a specialised general practice proudly providing HIV management, sexual health care & GP services to the GLBTI community.

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HAPPY MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

from Australia’s leading LGBTI media and community partner, Star Observer.
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Australian Same-Sex Dancesport Championships
Dance Cats again host this spectacular ballroom event at the iconic St Kilda Town Hall. If you’ve enjoyed “Dancing With The Stars”, be a part of your own galaxy of the best same-sex couples competing in this unique event. Glamour, glitz, great music and your own chance to dance “cheek to cheek” with your guy or girl. Full bar and supper available (not included).

Les Rock indoor rock climbing
Social rock-climbing for beginners and experts. Les Rock is a social network of lesbian climbers and their friends. Our popular Midsumma events are back again for 2015, where our experienced climbers will literally show you the ropes. Conveniently located in the CBD, all you need is a sense of adventure - Hardrock rock-climbing gym will provide the rest. After our climbs, we socialise more over some food and drinks close by.

NOMADS Community Walk
Inner Melbourne in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s produced some great heritage residential properties. The tour samples a wide variety of these properties as we walk through Hawthorn to the city via Burnley Gardens, Toorak and South Yarra. BYO walking shoes, water, sunscreen and food for lunch.

Pitfit Bootcaaaaamp!
Just when you thought you’d seen it all with group training, PITFIT has officially changed the game. Introducing the #funnest and #gayest bootcaaaaamp ever! Dress up in whatever costume you like and workout to Kylie and her besties. Get hot for summer and laugh your booty on! P.S. Black means burpees so get that fluoro on!

Discover Sailing - Free
“The Owl & the Pussycat went to sea in a beautiful pea-green boat”. You and your pussycat are most welcome to sail with us on your next sea voyage. Enjoy the sun, the sea breeze and the gentle splash of waves at Altona Yacht Club’s free Discover Sailing Day.
Crew up or kick back on land to enjoy music, food and drinks with fellow sailors.

Melbourne Spiker’s Snowgum Summer Slam
The Melbourne Spiker’s Snowgum Summer Slam will see 20 volleyball teams from Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide compete in a day long tournament at Oakleigh Recreation Centre. The tournament is open to all participants of any level. Lunch is provided for all participants and if you would like to register a team you can do so by following the link on our web site.

NOMADS Cycling by the Bay
Join The Nomads for a leisurely and scenic 16 km ride, entirely on cycling paths, from Federation Square to Brighton Beach. We’ll stop for coffee in Port Melbourne then lunch at Milamos Restaurant overlooking Brighton Beach. After lunch, return by train (zone 1) or continue cycling a further 19 km to Mordialloc Railway Station (zone 2). Bookings essential via www.thenomadsinc.org.au - limit of 20 riders.

Team Melbourne Sports Festival
Team Melbourne, in conjunction with the Maribyrnong City Council, host Team Melbourne’s Sports Festival at Footscray Park. See over 16 LGBTIQ sports on the ultimate “give it a go” day. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience and ability, to try any of the sports free of charge. Festivities kick off at 9.30am, with a BBQ lunch available at approximately 1.30pm. Please see www.teammelbourne.org.au for the most up to date schedule.
**Social Events**

**VicTennis Midsumma Doubles Tournament**

VicTennis welcomes you to serve up an ace during the Australian Open. Players of all abilities, and spectators, are welcome. A BBQ with sausage-filled buns is provided - gold coin donation for non-participants. Grades: Open; A Grade; B Grade; and C Grade. Visit www.victennis.com for entry fees. Come along for some drinks, laughs and a bit of ball play. Get your game on!

25 Jan
Sun 9am – 5pm

See victennis.com/events for venue and ticketing details

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**Westside Derby Dollz beach skate and BBQ**

Join the west's only bouting roller derby league, the Westside Derby Dollz, for an afternoon of outdoor skating by the beach and a casual BBQ in conjunction with the Altona Yacht Club. Quad skates, roller blades, skateboards, and kids on bikes are all invited to take part in WSDD's first ever Midsumma event. Skate begins at noon, BBQ at 2pm. Gluten free, vegan and allergy-friendly food available.

All welcome.

Altona Yacht Club
WG Cresser Reserve, Cnr Beach St & Civic Pde, Seaholme
Train: Werribee line to Seaholme
15 Feb
Sun 11.30am – 3pm

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Festival Champions

Professor Kerryn Phelps AM - public health and human rights advocate John Caldwell - CEO, Australian of the Year (2014 in Victoria) and anti-bullying advocate
Friday Nights at Jean Paul Gaultier

Fridays until 6 Feb
5:30—9:30pm

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