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PROUDLY DIFFERENT
Welcome back to Midsumma 2022!

There’s no better time to be more out and proud. After a challenging 2021, we’re looking forward to expressing everything that Midsumma has to offer in 2022. This is the tenth year that NAB have sponsored the festival, and each year we’re excited to participate and attend the many events on offer. Midsumma festival is always a great time of year to connect and celebrate with our LGTQIA+ community.

Welcome back to Midsumma Festival 2022.

As is tradition, the festival will kick off with the famous Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens followed by three weeks of queer arts and vivid cultural festivities.

Keep an eye out for must see events including readings from shortlisted plays as part of the national LGTQIA+ playwright competition and the finalist exhibition for the Midsumma and Australia Post Award.

Congratulations to the Midsumma team, and all the artists and volunteers involved, on another fabulous and inclusive program.

Here’s to a happy Midsumma ahead.

About Midsumma

Midsumma Festival is Australia’s premier queer arts and cultural festival, bringing together a diverse mix of LGTQIA+ artists, performers, communities and audiences.

Midsumma Festival expands over 22-days of summer, with an explosion of queer events that highlight hidden and mainstream LGTQIA+ culture. The Midsumma Festival program shares with you the lived experiences of those voices on the margins, the importance of queer history, and the celebration of new ideas that come to life through world-class art and performance.

Our festival program is made up of diverse art forms and genres, including visual arts, live music, theatre, spoken word, cabaret, film, parties, sport, social events and public forums. Featuring over 95 events in 2022, with involvement by over 500 culture-makers in over 119 different venues across Melbourne and wider Victoria.

Although the primary three-week festival is held in summer each year, we work year-round to provide artists, social-changers and culture-makers with support and tools to create, present and promote their work.

Welcome to Midsumma Festival 2022.
Welcome to Midsumma 2022!

The journey to get here, much like last year, has taken us far away from the well-worn paths of previous years. It has been a rocky, mountainous climb at times, inching along narrow winding paths and many abyss. So why is it that we do festivals? Because they bring people together, tell important stories and share vital perspectives. They open us up to new realities and previously unknown possibilities. Often at the very times we need it the most.

Midsumma has always been about diverse communities celebrating inclusion in the most meaningful of ways. The last few years have isolated, and drawn focus to the many differences between us, but also highlighted the importance of connectedness and understanding. This time has reminded us to not dwell in anger and pain but to look for light beyond shadows. It has encouraged us to have courage to reach out and bridge misunderstandings; to embrace challenges; to offer a hand in generosity, to sidestep mistrust, and to champion others’ experiences especially when they differ from our own. The journey has so much to offer us.

Midsumma Festival 2022! Welcome to Midsumma 2022!

The Night Cat, Melbourne
Fri 8pm
28 Jan 6hrs
$40 full | $30 conc

The Night Cat is once again, our artists and venues have sat empty and alone for so long in the depths of winter. They have been waiting for us.

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Stay in Touch
Keep your eyes on our social media platforms and subscribe to our e-news for ticket discounts, giveaways and more.

About
Acknowledgement of Country
Midsumma acknowledges that Indigenous Australians are the first peoples of these lands. We pay our respects to all Indigenous Australians past and present, and we recognise their continuing spiritual and cultural connection to the land. Midsumma takes place between High Summer and Late Summer according to the Wurundjeri calendar of seasons, on whose land much of this festival is taking place.

Cover Image
Gonketa (Jaycob Campbell), is a visual artist based in Melbourne who was born Deaf. There is a consistent theme of hands and gestures combined with bold colour palettes that runs throughout his work, paying homage to his first language – Auslan (Australian Sign Language). His artwork aims to raise awareness of Auslan and the Deaf community. Midsumma commissioned Gonketa to design the imagery for Midsumma Festival 2022.

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Bowie Ball
A One-Night-Only Celebration of David Bowie

Bowie Ball is back! Glam it up and get ready for anything—goes extravaganzanazza bringing together the best in music, art, fashion, and entertainment. Douse yourself in glitter at our makeover stand, take in the creation of Bowie-inspired art pieces, stop by the other-worldly photo booth, win a prize for best dressed, and dance along to the full Bowie catalogue performed live. Let your inner lightning bolt fly!

Symbol Key
- Wheelchair access
- English no barrier
- Auslan interpreted
- Open captions
- Audio described
- Closed captions
- Assistive listening
- Relaxed performance
- Tactile tour
- Over 18 only
- Family friendly
- Food available
- Visual rating
- Bar
- Three ticket discount

Use #midsumma in your own posts when you’re out and about at events so we can share your pics.

Disclaimer
Midsumma makes every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of printing, however, details are subject to change where necessary and without notice. Please check event listings at midsumma.org.au for up-to-date details. All rights remain with event producers, including moral rights. Midsumma Festival is an open access program and does not have direct control over many of the individual events, or changes made to these, within this program.
As society continues to evolve and become more accepting, there continues to be a lack of disabled representation in the arts, media and broader community.

The Deaf community has historically been rejected, suppressed and ignored. This continues today in 2021, however with the hard work and determination of the community working to advocate for Deaf rights, society is becoming increasingly aware of Deaf identity, and the importance of Auslan as a language which for many, is a primary form of communication.

This artwork visually communicates signs that depict various elements of Melbourne’s diverse community.

I liaised with various members of the Deaf community including persons who identify as LGBTQIA+ to provide insight into the formation of these signs and the evolution of their use. The use of bold, neon colours was a deliberate means of amplifying the positivity that Midsumma Festival embodies each and every year.”
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Midsumma Carnival

Kick-start the celebrations for Midsumma Festival 2022

A whole (fabulous) day celebrating the start of our 22-day festival! Midsumma Carnival showcases an array of artists, performers, things to do, eat, see, and immerse yourself into.

As you wander around the 55,250 square metres of Midsumma Carnival, you will experience three performance stages highlighting Midsumma artists, two food zones with a variety of choices, pop-up bars, and multiple stalls made up of queer friendly businesses, core community organisations and services for you to browse and even grab a free giveaway.

With pavilions equipped to entertain everyone (Yes, including a parade for your pooch!), you will find something fab to keep you entertained all day. We have safe and fun spaces for families, friendlies, queer kinds and groups to lead us into the evening of T Dance, featuring a fantastic lineup of sassy sounds and DJs.

Midsumma Carnival is a glass-free event and we’re conscious of our footprint on the environment (and the grass). So, bring your sustainable vessels and reusable straws. Slap on the sunscreen, sashay into your Sunday best and get ready for a full day of festivities.

No BYO alcohol.

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd
Melbourne

Sun 23 Jan

Midsumma Carnival
11am – 6pm

T Dance
6 – 10pm

FREE

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Midsumma Pride March

LOUD & PROUD
Fluff up those feather boas and put out your rainbow flags as we march with pride and solidarity through the streets of St Kilda! Midsumma Pride March brings us together to stand tall, be proud, and revel in the celebrations with family, friends, and allies.

This year, Midsumma Pride March will highlight the diverse humans, personalities, groups, sexualities, and experiences that make our queer communities so beautifully colourful. Everyone deserves to march, and everyone deserves to be heard, to feel safe, and to belong. We will remember that we are stronger as one and greater together!

Dykes on Bikes precede the marching contingent as per tradition, with the march itself led by Boon Wurrung Elders and a Rainbow Aboriginal Float, LGBTQIA+ youth and followed by the Premier of Victoria, Minister for Equality and the Creative Industries and Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality.

Rock up, frock up and fly your flags from 11am, as we embark on the kilometre-long fanfare along Fitzroy St, waving to the new Victorian Pride Centre, and into Catani Gardens for an afternoon of post-Pride festivities.

Post-Pride Celebrations
Catani Gardens
St Kilda
11am – 4pm
Sun 6 Feb
FREE
No BYO alcohol

Image: Midsumma Pride March by J Forsyth
Melbourne Pride
A Road to Pride

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria

Melbourne Pride is a State Government initiative, delivered by festival partner Midsumma (of course!), to commemorate 40 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria. Melbourne Pride will be a full day of celebrations, with the streets of Fitzroy flickering in rainbow as we acknowledge the courage and resilience of our LGBTQIA+ community, celebrate the history, and build on the momentum for equality.

Melbourne Pride will showcase live performances, music, circus, speakers, activities, community stalls and interactive demonstrations. Street traders and local businesses will welcome us all with open arms and showcase all the fabulous things Yarra has to offer!

This commemorative event is intended to have a significant statewide impact with a livestream of the event celebrations. Celebrated far and wide, the statewide event will include activations and events across regional areas and every corner of Victoria leading up to the Melbourne Pride city-based street party event with contributions also captured and shared across the digital platform (see website for regional event details).

Melbourne Pride
Smith St and Gertrude St precinct
Melbourne Inner North

Livestream and Regional event info
midsumma.org.au/melbpride

11am – 9pm
Sun 13 Feb
FREE
No BYO alcohol

Image by Tanya McCulloch
AND/OR

Produced and presented by Midsumma

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Tranz Talkz
25 Jan
A structured conversation held online about public harassment for trans and gender non-conforming people led by artist Travis Alabanza.

Fun Home
7 Feb – 5 Mar

Queers in Science on First Nations’ Knowledge
3 Feb
This lecture features two Indigenous queer scientists, who will present their exciting research in their unique standpoints.

Queer Playwriting Award Showcase
24 – 25 Jan
Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer focused theatre works.

Flying the Flag
23 Jan – 27 Feb
Contemporary British artist Annabel McCourt is ‘Flying the Flag’ for queer history.

Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party
29 Jan
Get ready for Pride and learn sustainable ways to re-vitalise your wardrobe with artist Abbey Rich.

A celebration of queer composers across time and place.

Groundhog Day
10 Feb
Punxsutawney Phil predicts an early spring for the LGBTQI community of Melbourne.

Queer x Midsumma
19 – 20 Mar, 26 – 27 Mar
Across two weekends explore queer histories, experiences and ideas within and beyond the museum walls.

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We are proud to introduce to you our Midsumma Hubs for the 2022 Festival. These Midsumma Hub venues are dedicated to providing you with a diverse showcase of events, across the 22-day festival, to enrich your Midsumma Festival experience. Never miss a beat, with Midsumma Hubs there is something to see or do every day or night of the week.

**Theatre Works Hub**

In 2022, Theatre Works’ Midsumma Hub will be bigger than ever with 9 shows across 3 performance spaces. A truly queer program that embraces and celebrates the whole rainbow. A year of risk taking, tenacity and rebellion. A non-binary pantomime escape room, lesbians in space, drag kings, asexual variety shows, the trans masculine experience and so much more!

*Theatre Works*
14 Acland St, St Kilda

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**Gasworks Arts Park Hub**

Gasworks Arts Park has been the south side hub for Midsumma Festival and a summer destination for high quality theatre, provocative art and fun nights out with friends, for over a decade. Midsumma at Gasworks is characterised by a diverse and inclusive program spanning visual art, drama, comedy, circus, music, cabaret and performance art. Support independent artists as they bring our two theatres and gallery spaces to life, and enjoy a drink on our outdoor Terrace nestled in our beautiful park.

*Gasworks Arts Park*
21 Graham St, Albert Park

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**Immigration Museum Hub**

Immigration Museum, in the historic Old Customs House, is a vibrant living multicultural centre for the exploration of identity, history and multicultural life in Melbourne and Victoria. Through rich collections, exhibitions, events, education programs and digital content, Immigration Museum explores the histories, stories, and contemporary issues of Victoria’s diverse communities, and what connects us all as humans.

Immigration Museum’s current major exhibition Becoming You: An incomplete guide and new series of large-scale photographic works, Atong Atem: To be real, continue to explore themes of identity, community and belonging.

*Immigration Museum*
400 Flinders St, Melbourne
Just four kilometres from Melbourne’s CBD, and spread over 16 acres, Abbotsford Convent is Australia’s largest multi-arts precinct. We work collaboratively with artists and arts organisations across all art forms to present a year-round program of contemporary work that engages, surprises and delights audiences, encourages investigation and learning, and sparks important new conversations.

In 2022, we’re very much looking forward to offering up a spectrum of creative output for Midsumma audiences, ranging from dance parties to creative rope workshops to sculptures to lip-syncing wrestlers. Children and families can get involved with the microscopic playground that is Mini Beast Disco, or anyone 18+ can hang around until a little later before diving into the world of the Composting Cabaret, presented by Dandrogyny, Betty Grumble and Andreas Lohmeyer. We can’t wait to see you!

Abbotsford Convent
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford

The Hare Hole Hub
The Hare Hole is Melbourne’s home of emerging artists, hybrid art forms and queer ideas. For 30 years Hares & Hyenas has embodied queer community engagement, giving a platform to intersectional communities and artists to provoke, question and be heard. Its open content policy combined with its values of providing a welcoming space encourages work that is fresh, relevant and vitally important. Our 2022 Midsumma program brings together speakers, artists and performers from multiple disciplines and numerous identities—from the emerging to the familiar and established, from those embedded in the queer community to those who defy classification. Supported by the Victorian state government’s Revitalising the LGBTIQ+ Sector fund, City of Yarra annual grants program, Hares & Hyenas, and Koorie Pride Victoria.

Hares & Hyenas
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy

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STORIES FROM THE NGV COLLECTION

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CLOSEST Convent Party
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The Hare Hole Hub
Image: Maude Davey by Suzanne Phoenix

18 MAR – 21 AUG 2022
FREE ENTRY

PRINCIPAL PARTNER SUPPORTERS
MEDIA PARTNERS
TOURISM PARTNER
Fringe Common Rooms Hub

Late night arty parties where you leave covered in glitter. Decolutely queer, totally inclusive. Nights to let go and be nothing but yourself. A safe, creative space to share ideas, explore and play. Where is this wonderland? It’s Fringe Common Rooms at Trades Hall, your brand new home(o)!

Located in Melbourne’s iconic Trades Hall in Carlton, the fully accessible Fringe Common Rooms is Melbourne Fringe’s year-round home for independent artists and people who like to party (that’s everyone, right?)! This Midsumma, the venue is packed with diva character comedy courtesy of The Pageant.

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Let Me Get Something Off My Chest
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MADDY’s time.
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22 - 26 Jan

Queen-xo
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Fringe Common Rooms
Corner Lygon and Victoria St,
Carlton

An Intimate Evening
With Granny Bingo
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11 - 12 Feb

Cold-Blooded
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Two Queers Walk into
A Bar
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4 – 5 Feb

Wash, Alyssa! and
Bestie A Bar
Pg 45
11 - 12 Feb

Fringe Common Rooms
1/86-88 Hopkins St,
Footscray

Midsumma Westside is a collaboration of Melbourne’s western region Councils in partnership with Midsumma. It is a lump-sum slice of Midsumma Festival that programs the wonderful array of events taking place in the west. With exhibitions, tea parties, live music, performances, storytelling, picnics and even a pageant show, the west is set to come alive. Midsumma Westside invites you to GO WEST this summer!

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Pride Pool Party in the Sunshine
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Rapid Eye Movement
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Improv on Beveld
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Run by Stephen
Laugh Apart
 Pg 40 | 1 – 5, 9 – 12 Feb

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Making Art, Words and Stories
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To Tell The World
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The stage is holy and this is how we pray

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"World class..." - What did she think

The Toff in Town, Melbourne CBD
3-6 Feb
Thurs-Sun 7:30pm | Fri-Sat 9:30pm
$99 full | $90 conc | $50 standing room
About nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights
Presented by Highways Robbery Productions
Image by Bodie Strain

4Play Royale - Kings, Queens & Drag Betweens!
Blurring the binary

Joining a couple of the cast of slaying sistas 4PLAY, are three of Melbourne’s kings, queens & drag between stars. Alexander McQueen is your technicolour dreamboat in peach fuzz, Jet Set has a passion to burn and the hardest working eyebrows in drag and Belial B’Zarr is the psychedelic wizard of the absurd and surreal that you didn’t know you needed.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
4 Feb
7:30pm | 10:30pm
$99 full | $90 conc
About nudity | Violence | Coarse language
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar & 4PLAY
Image by Cynthia Sobraty

5 STARS by Kissing Booth
A lovesick playwright and the beautiful actor who rejected him attempt to make art from the dismay. An officially fascinating trans artist makes his theatrical debut. The most handsome guy in your year twelve drama class just got cast in something absurd. Applause attempts to prove its value. Theatre might be the worst thing you’ve ever done to yourself. "Relentless and thoughtful, brutal and sensitive..." - theatreTweets

Theatre Works, St Kilda
26-29 Jan
Thurs-Sat 7pm
$30 full | $25 conc
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Presented by Theatre Works and Kissing Booth
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Fierce Friday fun

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"(On Cerulean) ‘It was fierce, it was bold, it was everything you ever wanted... we want more!’" - Blak Critics

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A party for grown-ups inspired by Mini Beast Disco’s research project. This Composing Cabaret is a joyful landscape of performance offering a spring from the collaborative creative process of the performers’ art and wisdom. A reflection, rekindling and revealing for our grown-up and maybe worn-out hearts. Dance floor, deep dive, disco destiny!

All-Star Drag Bingo Party!
Balls drop as four stars unite for one big bingo night! Footscray’s Famous Adult Bingo is a phenomenon of the west. For one night only it’s an all-star bingo stellar line up. All stars will pull up to the stage to compete for the most ridiculous drag bingo night. Hosts Hannah Al X and Aaron Meric will be joined by Abdi La Tere, Olga Fey, Scarlet Rococo, and Freddie Merkin. Win prizes. Get pulled up on stage. Eyes up and have a party with us!

A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds
Rareus unites with a group of queer and allied young people to explore the word ‘hero’ into a thousand pieces and save you from it. (sex music) Using verbatim text from 80s action films, ‘A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds’ is a simultaneous homage to and lambasting of Hollywood blockbusters.

And She Would Stand Like This Greek Ball Culture meets Greek Tragedy
A fierce and fabulous play that mixes ‘The Trojan Women’ with house/ballroom culture. Set in a hospital waiting room during a mysterious plague, this modern adaptation reimagines the Greek characters as queer bodies of colour fighting for survival. “Greek tragedy meets alien ballet scene. Fantastic!” - RPW

A Night of Comedy with Tom Ballard “unbelieving and uproarious....” - Chortle (UK)
One of Australia’s zingziing hot, politically outed comic talents. A new westside resident, Tom Ballard takes to the Pride stage for one night only. Mix drop right? The revolution comes to Footscray. Too bad it'll never make it to the just-right for Midsumma Festival.

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Balls & Ballgowns Feelings dressed up in couture!
Following a sell-out Midsumma Festival premiere in 2021, isos Aris Loren returns to bring a bold and brighter ‘Balls & Ballgowns’ to Midsumma Festival 2022. Witness one messiahs admirer of a lone drag queen, hiding in the spotlight, enrooted in a few more moments and searing among to the cardboard cut out moon...

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Performance

Theatre
50 Years. Queers & Pioneers
Cracked Actors Theatre (CAT) presents
2022 will mark fifty years since PM John Gorton put forward a motion in Canberra that “in the opinion of this House, homosexual acts... should not be subject to the criminal law”. ‘50 Years. Queers & Pioneers’ will showcase all artists who will present their work for the chance to be selected for a fully produced season at CAT for Midsumma Festival 2023 to celebrate this milestone!

Comedy

Artemis: Usher Mess
Non-binary, Asexual, Biracial And Neurodiverse? Usher Mess!
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**Benchmarked by Jamila Malih**

A non-one performance that ruminates on athleticism within a disabled body.

Even the players on the bench get an orange slice. Pick up the ball, throw, or huddle and take a seat. Jamila Malih invites you to join her on the bench for an intimate moment of conversation on storytelling, reflecting on athleticism, childhood, and disability.

"Jamila has a delightfully feisty powerlessness of talent" - The Advertiser

**Beyond Rainbows**

How show in town

A spectacle that has never been seen under a Bisport Marquee, by combining circus, cabaret, stage, performance and dance into one all-male and world class entertainment show.

Performers from all walks of life, locally and internationally. Such a diverse reading part delight sm, inspired by the process of adaptation and the balancing act of visibility and privacy.

Coarse language | Smoke/haze

"Hugely entertaining" - Daily Review

DGAF Dame. ALL are welcome in women. Now she's becoming one. brassy (mostly ginger) older & Specks) grew up idolising bold, Burchmore. Vivienne Westwood not.

"One of the first moments. Anyone who thinks 'bottom' in the bedroom means a tragic third date, Willy asks if

Locked in his bathroom during Bums, Beyoncé and burnt fish Bottom by Willy

A one-on-one performance that ruminates on athleticism and sexuality through patchworked Shakespeare.

"Would you have me false to my nature? Rather say I play the man I am."

Drawing from Twelfth Night, Coriolanus and the broader Shakespeare canon, Closed Drama is a (not) reading part delight sm, inspired by the process of adaptation and the balancing act of visibility and privacy.

Coarse language

"True improv comedy - hilarious and chaotic" - Theatre Travels

**Bowlie Ball**

A one-night-only celebration of David Bowie.

Bowie Ball is back! Glam it up and get ready for an anything-goes extravaganza bringing together the best in music, art, fashion, and entertainment. Dazzle yourself in glitter at our make-up stand, take a trip in the creation of Bowie-inspired art photoshoot, win a prize for best dressed, and dance along to the full Bowie catalogue performed live. Let your inner lightning bolt fly!

**Cockatil**

The award-winning début of Newcomer Charlie Lewin (MCF 2021).

Charlie never felt like a magpie. Which is probably a good thing, because they’re all full of shit.

From Catholic boy’s school all the way to Drinky, Cockatil is a hilarious and heartfelt snapshot of the life of a queer kid trying to find his place.

"We’re here. We’re queer. Snap up a ticket, quick!" - The Age

**Cold-Blooded**

Australia’s favourite queer improv duo.

Cold Blooded is an hour of flawlessly improvised sketches, characters, and monologues completely made up on the spot and inspired by the audience and a special guest comedian. Come see Shale deliver their signature scarlet, underground park rave. Full of hilarity and chaos. A piercing analysis of Melbourne’s party culture.

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**Cabaret**

Diana: An Original Cabaret

In his latest cabaret work, through song, monologues and tributes by the likes of Elton John, Jack Lynch shows a new light on one of the most important figures of the 20th century, Diana, Princess of Wales. He hopes to capture through heart and humor the remarkable legacy of the ‘People’s Princess’: the glitz, the glamour, the heartbreak, the tragedy and most importantly, the love and profound impact she had and continues to have on the world.
Divas Live
By the creators of ‘After Dark’
CM Entertainment is proud to present Divas Live, a Vegas-style production extravaganza inspired by some of the world’s most famous pop stars! Join us for a fun filled night and be dazzled by high energy drag shows influenced by divas such as Britney Spears, Beyonce, Katy Perry, Adele, Kylie, Freddie Mercury and many more! Divas Live will be a Midsumma Festival event not to be missed!
Chasers, South Yarra
11-13 Feb
Thu-Sat 7pm | Fri-Sun 3pm | Sat 1pm
$55 full & $40 student
& Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing
Presented by CM Entertainment
Image by Kenny Sempio

Do Black Boys Go To Heaven?
A play by Gideon O. Wilonja
Do Black Boys Go To Heaven? is a story about a queer Black boys journey to fighting the power, set in a small town where nothing magnificent happens, a town where gentrification is taking form in ‘betterment of society’, where hatred hides its ugly face behind God’s name and legal authority crosses boundaries with extreme policing of basic human rights.
Wyndham Cultural Centre, Werribee
3-5 Feb
Fri 7:30pm | Sat 2pm | Sun 7:30pm
$30 full | $20 conc
Artist in Conversation: Fri 4 Feb 3-4pm
References to suicide & sexual violence
Presented by Mwangaza Theatre Company
Image: By Gideon O. Wilonja & Wani

Drag Trivia Bonanza with Abril La Trene
Drag trivia evening, with Pride of our Footscray’s Abril La Trene
Buckle yourselves in for a night of fun, gags and glam with Queen of Drag, Abril La Trene! Tiz yourself up and put your thinking caps on for a special trivia night hosted by Abril as part of the Midsumma Festival. Join us at the library for an event that will be sure to leave you smiling! Presented in partnership with Pride of our Footscray.
Melton Library and Learning Hub, Melton
28 Jan
Fri 7pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Melton City Libraries

Dragstrology and the Crystal Ball
The draggiest 2022 predictions. Things can only get better! Right?
The astrological camp night out you have been predicting. Melbourne’s Queens of the Cosmos, Dragstrology’s Freida Commitment and Madilla Mercury, dive deep into their crystal ball and give us the T for 2022! There will be shade, comedy, shows, guests and prizes. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, sometimes at the same time.
Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
10 Feb
Thu 8pm
$27 full | $21 conc
Presented by Dragstrology & Pride of our Footscray
Image by Azcadelia

ELEPHANT
An experiment in liveliness and embodiment, playing with projection, reflection, multiplicity and disappearance. Directed and performed by Sarah Marmaros, created in collaboration with Ingrid Voonrent and Alana Hoggart, ELEPHANT explores the space between life and death. Part installation, part dance performance, part film experiment, ELEPHANT fuses and confuses live and screen presences - shrinking and expanding, emerging and dissolving.
ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab, Melbourne
5 Feb
Sun 5pm | Sun 3pm
FREE

DRAG A THON
The day of non-stop drag.
The event that set a Guinness World Record in 2017 is back for 2022. The 86’s annual ‘day of drag’ returns with 9 hours of drag commencing from 2pm with an ‘open stage’ session where anyone can perform. Performers may choose to also compete for a spot in the evening show and battle it for the bonus cash prize. Open to all drag styles and people - just be ‘bright, bold & big’. Limited performance spots - Register now!
The 86 Cabaret Bar, Fitzroy
13 Feb
Sun 2pm-12am
FREE
Presented by The 86 Cabaret Bar
Image: by Suzanne Balding

ELEPHANT
Evie’s One Night Stand-Up
A selection of local and queer artists bringing all the laughs you’re looking for after one hell of a dry spell.
Evie’s will host a gang of g Wellington’s comedy community to help you give an afternoon delight you’ll never forget, performing in your bedroom. Don’t forget to wash your hands and we’ve got you covered! We’ve got a killer playlist!

Finucane & Smith’s Travelling Dance Hall
The Midsummer Festival mix!
Finucane & Smith’s smash-hit Travelling Dance Hall barnstorms Midsummer Festival packed with queer icons, performance art, glittering vintage fashions, old disco, go-go & scintillating strangeness! Moira Finucane, Maude Davey, Maika Alii, Jade Jita, Giselle Pilias, Piaa Dannergren & Willow Sizer! Dress up & get down, we’ve back, and we’ve got you covered!

Comedy

Footscray Laughs ft. Beastie Girls & Friends
A queer comedy night!
The fabulous Beastie Girls headline a night of queer comedy and sketch! Supported by the incredible Aysha Buff et and salacious Hot Friends ft. Beastie Girls &

Theatre

Footscray Community Arts Centre - Performance Space, Footscray
18+ event
11pm
$20 full | $15 conc
Coarse language | Strobe lights
Presented by Footscray Community Arts
Image: featuring the Beastie Girls

From All Who Came Before
A story of loss, love and redemption.
Three friends connect through their shared queer lens as they explore life and its inevitable highs and lows. This two-hander is filled with a rich musical score, and within the heartbeat of its sound lies a world of life and its inevitable highs and lows. "The finest direction of a solo work seen in some time" - The Barefoot Review

Music

Muck Up
An unforgettable night of song by female artists.
Midsummer Festival’s premiere women’s music event. Join us for another unique and scintillating line-up: al all stage together - as Jo Blankenburg, Michelle Chandler PJ Stewie, Monique Kennedy and Ruth Wild. Experience the magic of Muck Up with your original tunes. Expect spontaneous harmonies, storytelling and much laughter. Book a table, have a meal and enjoy a great night’s entertainment. Don’t miss this!

SPOKEN WORD

Line Up, Sign Up, Muck Up
A triple serving of DJ sets and spoken word
First, a curated Line-up of spoken word extraordinaries warm up the intimate open mic. Later, an unpredictable spectacle of improvised sonic shock wonders featuring collaboration in words and beats - the three sets carved through the magic of Harrielle McPherson’s director of Wesleyville. DJ Hiphop Hoo, Live streaming and chill-out space.

Get Bent Fest
Return of the smash-hit festival hosted by award winning comedian Lou Wall!
Jump back in the tub for the return of the 2021 Midsummer Festival favourite with an all new line-up! A 3-hour gala extravaganza serving you a taste of the Midsummer Festival program plus our dearest and queerest performers from beyond. After selling out last year to rave reviews, Get Bent vaults back into the ballroom presenting you a night of comedy, drama, drag, DJs and more!
**Theatre**

**Long Live the King**

Drag King Shakespearean cabaret

Jealous Richard of Gloucester wants to be King of England and manipulates, lies and murders to become King Richard III.

Long Live the King takes its inspiration from the nationalistic, Shakespearean narrative of Richard II. An ensemble of drag kings, glitter bands and all - to expose the manipulations of powerful men brought to their knees, hegemonic decline, death, betrayal and manipulation on the path to glory.

**Maybe Later**

Inside the walls of an ordinary apartment, a run-of-the-mill, everyday relationship is taking place. The two bodies share the space; walking the line between comfortable symbiosis and crippling codependency. They have a to-do list and plenty of things to do in the lists... so why is nothing getting done? Maybe Later appears to the innate struggle for freedom in a world overrun by conflicting opinions, how we interact and what we learn for fear.

**Menace Ridge**


20-something couple Tess and Maud are off on a camping weekend for some much-needed respite from their busy lives. But with a roguish animal on the loose, ominous weather warnings and a strange man hanging around their campsite, what begins as an idyllic couple get-together becomes Menace Ridge. The trip from hell. Menace Ridge will take audiences on a heightened, irreverent and guttural adventure.

**MKA: The Monster’s Kind**

By Ty Liebelt (whalespiel)

A clock turns backwards. A baby has lasers for eyes. A talking horse is connected to the Matrix Guild. A new theatre piece by MKA: Trash Pop, Butterflies, Dance Paradise.

**MKA: Trash Pop Butterflies, Dance Dance Paradise**

by Maki Murata

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**Interactive Performance**

**Performing the Monster**

An assortment pack of luminous queer monstrosities

A visual and auditory celebration of the monstrosity of queer bodies.

**People Who Throw Themselves In Front Of Trains**

Over 24 hours, three stragglers’ lives will top speed, all hurrying towards the same intersection. June’s on a train and she wants to bolt. Blue’s on a bus for $300 an hour. Max is in a car he can’t afford. They’re driving in circles. Over the course of 24 hours, will they hit top speed, all hurrying towards the same intersection: a dark country road on a Friday night.

**Promiscuous/Cities**

By Lachlan Philpott

An energetic symphony of a night in a big city where each of us frantically tries to maintain the myth of ourselves we’ve created with rhythmic drive and poetic force. promiscuous/cities provides multiple lenses on the experience of living in a major city: migration to it, displacement from it, melancholia, gentrification, loneliness and the loss of place, in particular how social media has re-wired our ways of connecting.
Queer Comedy Gala
Several of Australia’s funniest queer comedians unite to help us get over a rather unfunny 2021!
The biggest, loudest and proudest comedy show of the Midsumma Festival! Enjoy some of Melbourne’s queer comedy superstars all in one place for one night only, including Whoo Alyssa, Frankie McNair, Patrick Collins & Hot Department.
IT’ll be a great night of laughs in the most inclusive space of the West!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
27 Jan 7hr 55m
Thu 8pm
$29 full | $21 conc
8+ Coarse language
Presented by Pride of our Footscray and Footscary Comedy Club
Image by Azcadelia

Queersofjoy
A celebration of trans and gender diverse identities.
Queersofjoy is a regular sold out show from Sydney made by and for the trans and gender diverse community and allies. Committed to welcoming all identities it’s a place to be seen, safe and affirmed. For two nights only come on a journey of celebration and appreciation for our community and trans magic.

Vau d’vile - Showroom, Fitzroy
2-3 Feb 3hrs
Wed, Thu 7:30pm | Aug 7:30pm | Audio Described 3 Feb 7:30pm
$35 full | $25 conc
8+ Nudity | References to drug use
Presented by Queers of Joy
Image by Sarah Malone

SICK
Reframe the debate
A collaborative, cross-generational dance performance by Ryan New and Philip Adams, revealing the beauty and awkwardness of two disparate bodies moving and failing together. Join this immersive visceral experience, designed to shift perceptions around the capabilities of artists with disability. With glam-shock meets rhinestone-biker-trash design by Jake Preval.

Temperance Hall, South Melbourne
3-7 Feb 1hr 10m
Wed-Sat 7:30pm | Post-show Q+A: 11 Feb 7:30pm | Audio Described 7 Feb 7:30pm
$35 full | $30 conc
8+ Coarse language | Smoke/haze
Presented by Genna Roach
Image by Jeff Busby

Interactive Performance
Queer Playwriting Award Showcase
Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer theatre works.
Join us over 2 nights to hear fresh excerpts from our top 8 finalists. Night 1: Emmanuelle Mattana, Andrew Undi Lee, Raeuber James, Bravo Arts. Night 2: Rory Godbold, Alice Tovey, Guy Stephen Webster, Emily White. Experience new work, hear queer issues and voices on stage, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2022 Award selection.

Gasworks Parks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park
24-25 Jan 1hr 45m
Mon, Tue 7pm
$15 + $10 Conc | $10 Coarse language | References to drug use | Suitable references
Presented by Gasworks and Midsumma Festival

Run by Stephen Laughton
"It’s awful, honest and deeply romantic, whilst still being devastating" - Exeunt Magazine
Yoni’s devoutly religious family is preparing for the weekly Sabbath, but he can think only about his schoolmate, Adam. As the evening’s events unfold - some of them real, some of them imagined - an endearingly cocky 17 year-old Yonni learns what it means to love, to lose, to rebel & to grieve.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray | Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park
1-5 Feb 8pm 1hr 10m
Bluestone Church: 1-5 Feb 8pm | Bronte: 2-3 Feb 8:30pm
$25 full | $20 Conc | $20 Group (min 6)
8+ Coarse language | Smoke/haze
Presented by Genna Roach
Image by Nick One

Comedy
Sit on My Face: An Intimate Night with The Harry Morrissey Official
There has arguably never been a better time to sit on someone’s face.
60 minutes of intimate, up-close and personal time with The Harry Morrissey Official. A fusion of dance, comedy and drag for short attention spans. It’s extra, OTT, poignant, pointless and sure to have thirsty for round two.

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
31 Jan-5 Feb 9hr
Mon-Sat 8:30pm
$35 full | $30 conc
8+ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights
Presented by Busy Busy Productions
Image by Harry Morrisomy
**SLUTNIK**

Lesbian Space Cannibals

Part lip-sync, part fighting montage, part opni mic night... a queer glitthembomb! There’s fourteen days till it all! And motherboard has initiated your very training before their intergalactic travels. The International Fleet of Lesbian Space Cannibals hasn’t given away their location... but rumour has it that wherever they are, they’re living on the flesh of selected political officials.

*"Lot us out funny, daring and wild, simply phenomenal.* - The Plus One

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**SMASH: The Drag Show**

Full of fine First Nations talent, POC power and queer icons, SMASH has the dancing diva and dapper dudes to jolt the space. We are taking our classic Royal Kings of the Drag awards and finding new theatrical direction, with a floating WWE storyline. It’s a dramatic love story of homoeroticism and drag in sports, this flock of wonderful characters get chucked into the ring to battle it out. They must now perform and compete for the crown.

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**SOLID**

Let their bodies speak for themselves we are.

SOLID is an ensemble work on how we view masculinity, how masculinity feels physically and mentally through different gendered perspectives.

A visually staggering, contemporary image-based performance SOLID investigates masculinity through the bodies of trans, nonbinary and cis people and the objects that reflect the binary we are expected to live in.

**South East Soiree**

We shouldn’t have to leave the suburbs to be who we are.

Look no further than the South East suburbs to find the queer cabaret entertainment that can only be found in the city.- we’re bringing the party down town!

After the “soldout success” Rainbow Community Picnic in April 2021, local drag performer Magnus in South East Soiree. Selandra Community Hub bring you a glamorous cabaret that caters to the needs and wants of local queer people in the City of Casey: the South East Soiree!

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**Sweet SixDEAN**

Never been...?

Celebrating 25 years of Midsumma Festival entertainment; cabaret comedian and community darling Dean Arsicur is coming of age with a two act entertainment extravaganza not to be missed. Belting out ballads & performing cheeky yet heartfelt monologues, join him along with his band, special musical guests and drag divas for a singing, wisecracking cabaret phenomenon of no other. “Quick, sharp and smart, silly, fun and just a bit irreverent.” - Arts Hub

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**The (Sour Gilch) Two Step Refusal**

A vicious non-binary room experience.

Players and protagonists, They and Them are locked in a 60’s office bnaal corporate workroom. Bierce, banal and brutal. The prize is recognition. The payoff, the watercooler drips slowly. No room for coming. There’s been a murder on the workplace. They (and Them) have one hour to solve the mystery and make an escape.

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**The Burlesque of Bathsheba**

Sickly sexy & supremely stupid

“1. I like concepts that have a dash of poison in them” says Bathsheba. Melbourne’s bad-ass of drag, who’s been entertaining punters at Pride since 2018. Bathsheba will portray femme fatales and lustbunny Pembins for your viewing pleasure. Expect aplace of Bacchic culture reference and uniquely twisted delights. With guest comic drag queen Sanders and everyone’s favourite drag starlet Sam Thompson.

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**The Demographic Dance OFF**

In association with Grandville’s Demographic Dance OFF, a celebration of diversity and community.

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**The Defiant**

Powerful fierce circus

Joyful and emotive, The Defiant is a celebration of rebellion and fierceness told through an explosion of acrobatic feats and phenomenal live music. Bringing together world class athletes and acrobats. The Defiant presents a dystopian circus that is exhilarating, exciting and full of rage. The Defiant explores force, energy and power through bold contemporary circus and a live rock soundtrack.

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The Pagant

A children's pageant mostly definitely not for children.
Backcomb that big hair, glue on the giant lashes and prepare to snatch that crown!
Your hosts Victoria Beaunoir and Roger Seahorse have a mission to bring children's pageants to the new Australia. Melbourne- y's turn. It's the beauty pageant to end all beauty pageants - a hugely entertaining evening of hilarity!

Melbourne Arts

The Shy Manifesto

By Michael Ross

"In its strongest moments, the play does well to articulate the real pain of being a teenager." - The Age

Melbourne Arts

Two Queers Walk Into A Bar

Join the Two Queers and their very funny friends as they return to Melbourne in 2022!
Since starting TQWIBA (catchy, we know) in August 2019 in Sydney, these queers have created a safe and inclusive environment for the queer community, as well as featured some of the best acts in the LGBTQIA+ comedy scene. Previous acts have included Jen Fricker, Zoe Coombs Marr, Jordan Raskopoulos and Nina Oyama.

Melbourne Arts

Thrive: Queer voices, out loud

An original work of verbatim theatre

Thrive is the story of the trailblazers and future-makers of LGBTQIA+ Victorians, young and old. Real life, larger than life and in their own words.
This is the story of planting the seed. This is the story of watching it grow. This is the story of how to thrive.

Melbourne Arts

Trans Showgirls Summer Spectacular

The Trans Showgirls are a unique performance group in Australia. They celebrate talent, glamour, fun and diversity as they perform wonderful routines to all your favourite songs. From Adele, to Madonna, to Abba, the Showgirls will take you on an epic trip of music, dance and costume.

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Melbourne Arts
Music

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Pride and Joy
A celebration of queer composers across time and place.
The voices of LGBTQIA+ composers can be heard in music throughout history, yet this is often omitted from historical retellings, and so from our collective memories. Join the musicians of Orchestre Victoria as they celebrate queer luminaries of the past, and contemporary voices lighting the way into the future.

QUEER, TRANS, AND GENDER DIVERSE INCLUSIVE CHOIR @ RMIT

Voices don’t have a gender! Join the RMIT Occasional Choral Society for four weeks of Queer, Trans, and Gender Diverse Inclusive Choir sessions as we come together to sing.

We welcome singers of all genders in all vocal part sections and encourage everyone to be themselves.

MARY! It's time.
This one is for the true queer diva in you.
MARY! is just a wee bit excited to present her first Midsumma Festival party in the hallowed halls of Melbourne's iconic Trades Hall. DJ’s the Sugar Plum Fairy, Mr Weir and your naughty hostess Firefox will be joined by a cast of performers from Melbourne’s iconic Trades Hall.

OUT PROUD & COUNTRY

Contemporary Country album launch with a kick-ass band
A country boy with a bohemian heart and city smarts, Willow is a contemporary country singer-songwriter who embodies the diversity and colour of a life well-lived. Breathing fresh air into the genre, Willow and his band perform a high energy, uplifting set of songs that will linger in your memory and have you humming the tunes long after you have left the building.

Picnic at Forest Glade
Enjoy a picnic in the beautiful gardens at Forest Glade, Mount Macedon with other members of Melbourne’s gender and sexually diverse community.
On the 26th Jan public holiday, pack a picnic rug and gourmet picnic hamper, beer, wine and chocolates to enjoy the music of Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus and The Beavers. The Beavers are back for one night only, with new tunes celebrating the struggles of being queer and an authentic music experience which produces nothing less than musical utopia” - Stage Whispers

WCB: Sigil
Descriptions internationally as “Dark and unnervingly sexy” - Stage Whispers

Folk

SEAMANT! THE SEA SHANTY SPECTACULAR
Melbourne’s newest cult choir take on TikTok’s #1 viral trend
Winner of two Melbourne Fringe Awards! Join the newest cult choir sensation for a bawdy celebration of songs and nautical nothings.

Inspired by TikTok’s #1 viral trend which saw sea shanties catapulted back into popular culture, ten of Melbourne’s finest indie pop performers are putting a modern pop spin on these folk classics.

Electronic

WCB: Sigil
Dark and unnervingly sexy
Described internationally as neo-soul, R&B, electronica and trip-hop, “emotional and soulful”, “with a distinct moodiness”. “WCB: Sigil” combines WCB’s love for music, visual storytelling and movement, providing an authentic representation into the struggles of being queer and an artist.

Artistic director Nell Ormstein - 2021 Newcastle Fringe Award
Vote for your favourite Art in Australia’s leading queer arts award, Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award 2022. In its 7th year, the exhibition will be made available to the public for voting during Midsumma Festival at No Vacancy Gallery.

Find the Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award event on pg 51 of this guide for full exhibition details.

Across the Bridge
An art exhibition exploring authentic stories beyond labels.

Cinderella and the game of hard choices. The poetic destruction of an ideal self. Traditional flowers growing in new soils. Clay figures musing the dilemmas of the self. Performance that parodies the rules of ‘nature’. Photography that distills the essence of it all!

Coming from diverse cultural backgrounds, you might experience similar identity, gender, or social dilemmas. Come to visit and reflect!

Signal, Melbourne
4-6 Feb
Fri-Sun 12-4pm | Launch: Fri 4 Feb 7-9pm
FREE
Presented by Story is Connection, Supported by ART Grant from YACVIC, the City of Melbourne through SIGNAL, AGMC and Share Some Journey.

Image: by Thi Phuong Anh Ngo

Exhibition
Colours of the Rainbow in a Diverse Community
A unique rainbow installation!

Register for a creative challenge to be part of a rainbow installation in the Joel Gallery at the Louis Joel Centre. Open to all artists, emerging artists and creatives who have a connection to Hobsons Bay, Wyndham, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, or Moonee Valley. Proudly supported by Hobsons Bay Council.

Image: Carlos Almenar

Exhibition
Fabulous and Impossible
A Portrait of Leigh Bowery
Based on photography by Fergus Greer 2020
**Visual Arts**

**Exhibition**

Dioramas - Ross Watson Exhibition

World first launch of new painting series.

Watson’s new series ‘Diorama’, demonstrates an exciting development in the artist’s work, and explores personal themes relevant to his experience of the global pandemic. Artsworks from Watson’s 1992 ‘Self Series’ also feature to coincide with his artwork included in the NOV Queen Exhibit. “Let’s go to a real contemporary realism.” Sir Alan John

**Every Word We Write Is Panacea**

Part of Midsumma Festival

During Midsumma Festival, come participate in the latest iteration of ‘Every Word We Write Is Panacea’, the third installment of the collaborative writing work by artist Matt Watson at Altona Civic Centre in Altona.

**Fabulous & Impossible: The Cult of Leigh Bowery**

Featuring a collection of new and pre-existing works, Christopher’s beautifully bomb and subtly strange portrait and video work celebrates the impact of Leigh Bowery, especially by Leigh Bowery, on his contemporary arts practice. For lovers of meticulous work celebrates the impact of Leigh Bowery, especially Leigh Bowery, on his contemporary arts practice. For lovers of meticulously made things which glory in the uncomfortable and underground and the shock of the spectacular.

**Flying the Flag**

Contemporary British artist Annabel McCourt’s ‘Flying the Flag’ for queer history.

Annabel McCourt creates flags to represent queer histories. Starting with a downward-pointing triangle, this flag series brings to attention relevant elements from Lincolnshire’s history (the artist’s home county), as well as major moments within LGBTQIA+ community. As an outcome of the artist’s ongoing queer practice, the flags will be filmed highlighting McCourt’s celebrated queer work, Electric Fence.

**Freedom Is Mine**

Photography Exhibition of LGBTQA+ Asylum Seekers

Freedom Is Mine is an extraordinary photographic portrait exhibition of LGBTQA+ people seeking asylum by Peter Casamento. Queer refuge and Asylum Seeker Peers is a growing and dynamic community group supported by Many Coloured Sky, the Queer Development Agency. Participants share elements of their stories and highlights the challenges they face in their journey to freedom and the chance to be themselves.

**Hey, I have something to say**

A group exhibition curated by Tegan Iversen featuring the work of emerging artists Bhatatit Mul, Sani Ross, and Chelsea Arnott. Choudhry which they explore facets of masculinity through photography. Curated by Ayman Kasae and presented by the inaugural exhibition at this new gallery space.

**Impossible Dance (iii)**

Part of Midsumma Festival Westside

“Impossible Dance (ii)” titled after Fiona Buckley’s 2012 queer world-building and dance-floor analysis PhD, is a collection of photographic images taken from over the last decade by artist Matt Lucas at Ross Watson’s photographic practice, on display at Laneway Gallery, an outdoor exhibition space in Lawnton during Midsumma Festival.

**Miss First Nation Exhibition**

Midsumma Festival

Miss first nation festival in Melbourne in 2021, it included a Miss First Nation competition. The winning model will be Miss First Nation, and the winner will be Miss First Nation.

**Looking for Adam**

A new outdoor exhibition at The Substation Billboard Gallery

Impossible Dance (iv) by Matt Lucas is a collection of black and white photographs which celebrate, commemorate and represent queer communities in a COVId world of nightlife, art and entertainment. Impossible Dance (iv) is the fourth iteration in a broader series of performance-based photography.

**Missy & Chandler**

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**Public Art**

**Looking for Adam**

A new generation investigation.

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**Visual Arts**

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The Melbourne Clinic is renowned as a leader in quality mental health care services. We take pride in offering inclusive, confidential, patient-centred care to all our patients. We offer inpatient, day program, and outreach services. If you are experiencing difficulty with depression, anxiety, eating disorders, addiction, or any other mental health condition, The Melbourne Clinic welcomes an opportunity to support and care for you.

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Accessible Events

**Relaxed Performances**
Relaxed performances, or Sensory Friendly performances, are designed to create a safe and welcoming environment for people with learning difficulties and/or social and communication challenges.

**Midsumma Festival Relaxated Performances**

- **A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds**
  - Pg 59
  - 10-12 Feb, 1:30-4:15pm, every 15 mins.

- **Narrator:**
  - Pg 50
  - 10, 12 Feb, 1:30-4:15pm, every 15 mins.

- **Wheelchair Access Variations:**
  - Wheelchair access symbol alongside event listing.

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  - Wheelchair access varies from venue to venue. To confirm their accessibility, please contact the venue directly.

- **Wheelchair Ticketing:**
  - Companion Card Holders qualify for a complimentary ticket for their companion. Please contact Midsumma Ticketing for further information about services such as Auslan interpreter services.

**Midsumma Festival Access Services**

- **Advance Request:**
  - For the use of a headset, captions or audio described performances.

**Midsumma Festival Site**

- **Website:**
  - midsumma.org.au

**Access**

**Wheelchair Access**
Wheelchair access varies from venue to venue. To check a venue’s wheelchair accessibility, look for the wheelchair access symbol alongside an event listing. Midsumma relies on accurate information provided by the venues; we recommend contacting the venue to confirm their accessibility.

**National Relay Service**
If you are Deaf, hard of hearing or have difficulty speaking, contact the National Relay Service on 133 677 or via relayservice.com.au, then ask for 03 9296 6600 during business hours. There is no additional charge for this service.

**Companion Card Holders**
Companion Card holders qualify for a complimentary ticket for their companion. Please contact Midsumma Ticketing on 03 9296 6600 and we can email or post them to you.

**Alternative Format Guides**
Large print, plain text and screen reader versions of the Midsumma Festival 2022 program can be downloaded on the Midsumma website midsumma.org.au/access. Alternatively, call Midsumma on 03 9296 6600 and we can email or post them to you.

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**Audio Described**
Midsumma interpreter services provide equal access to arts and entertainment for people who are Deaf, their friends and families.

**Midsumma Festival Audio Described Events**

- **Braille and Large Print:**
  - midsumma.org.au/access

**Captioned**
Captions are displayed on a screen, enabling the audience/viewer to read what is being said.

**Midsumma Festival Closed Captioned Events**

- **Captioned Events:**
  - midsumma.org.au/access

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QueerTech.io

Exhibition

QueerTech.io IRL Screening & Discussion
An online/offline exhibition
Curated by the QueerTech.io artist collective, works by artists identifying as both queer and disabled will be premiered online via the queertech.io website and offline at a special screening at ACH. Join the QueerTech.io artist collective following the screening, as they speak to some of the artists from the exhibition about their practice, current and future.

Midsumma Presents

ACMI, Melbourne Gallery
FREE
Wed, Sun 10am-5pm
Tickets
Presented by ACMI, Midsumma Festival and QueerTech.io

Exhibition

Rapid Eye Movement
Curated by Timnah Ball and Raina Peterson
In an unexpected time of closure, separated from bodies, place and community, sleep has new meaning and matterality. Catch these ideas in your waking hours at Wyndham Art Gallery. In an exhibition guest curated by Timnah Ball and Raina Peterson, Rapid Eye Movement presents the work of a range of artists exploring these possibilities.

Midsumma Presents

Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee
20 Jan-18 Mar
FREE
 PRESENTED BY WYNDHAM CITY

Exhibition

S/He

“Myfreny, lasciviousness, monstrous egotism... there are plenty of inconsistent circumstances and details; it could be toned down... but what for?” - Claude Cahun

ACU Melbourne Gallery
FREE
Thu, Sat 10am-3pm
Tickets
Presented by Jane Tengove and Susan Tindall

Image: State Library Victoria, Green Brothers Photography, c.1933-1936.

Exhibition

Solace

Winner of the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre Award at Midsumma Festival 2020
“... the ocean of lockdown, dark, deep and unison...” - Beat Magazine

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Bundoora
FREE
Wed-Sat 10am-4pm
Presented by Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

Image: by Selwyn Hoffmann

Exhibition

WHOLE SELF

WHOLE SELF is an exhibition that illuminates the overlapping spheres of queerness and disability as an intersection of infinite possibilities.

Midsumma Digital Event
16 Jan-25 Jan
24hrs
Tickets
Presented by Martha Ackroyd Curtis

Image: by Martha Ackroyd Curtis

Art Online

Tea and Bikkies

“Get ready to do what you want to” - Forêt

Incinerator Gallery, Altona
28 Jan-4 Mar (closed Monday)
Tue-Sun 10am-5pm | Openings: 28 Jan 6-8pm | (AUS) via advance request | Audio Developed via advance request

Presented by Incinerator Gallery

Image: Bon Mott and Sean Miles, 2020

Exhibition

Galentein’s Under the Stars

Grab your bennies for a twilight film screening celebrating the magical bonds of friendship and chosen family.

VIC Movies
11 Feb
$35 full | $30 conc | $40 VIP full | $35 VIP conc
Presented by Immigration Museum, Melbourne Queer Film Festival and Midsumma Festival

Image: by Tony Empire Collective

Film

MFFQ@ The Drive-In

Join us for a night you’ll never forget as we bring MQFF to the Drive-in.

Village Cinemas Coburg Drive-In, Coburg North
Fri 11 Feb
316-50-935pm | Food trucks, live entertainment and music will be available before the film.
$35 full | $32 conc
Presented by Melbourne Queer Film Festival’s 32nd year of LGBTQIA+ cinema excellence.

Film

WHOLE SELF

WHOLE SELF is an exhibition that illuminates the overlapping spheres of queerness and disability as an intersection of infinite possibilities.

Midsumma Digital Event
16 Jan-25 Jan
24hrs
Tickets
Presented by Martha Ackroyd Curtis

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Film

Preserving Queer Histories on Film: About Vivien and A Big Life

Two short Australian docos and a panel discussion explore gender diverse histories.

Melbourne Queer Film Festival
30 Jan
FREE

Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council

Image: by Vici Jones

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Film screening and panel

Join us for a screening of this short film, a lesbian coming-out story spanning fifty years. The film will be followed by a panel featuring the writer-director AP Pobjoy, and young LBGTQIA+ activists exploring continuity and change in LGBTQIA+ activism from the 1970s to today.

Altona Theatre, Altona
30 Jan
FREE

Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council

Image: by Vici Jones

Visual Arts

QueerTech.io

Exhibition

QueerTech.io IRL Screening & Discussion
An online/offline exhibition
Curated by the QueerTech.io artist collective, works by artists identifying as both queer and disabled will be premiered online via the queertech.io website and offline at a special screening at ACH. Join the QueerTech.io artist collective following the screening, as they speak to some of the artists from the exhibition about their practice, current and future.

Midsumma Presents

ACMI, Melbourne Gallery
FREE
Wed, Sun 10am-5pm
Tickets
Presented by ACMI, Midsumma Festival and QueerTech.io

Exhibition

Rapid Eye Movement
Curated by Timnah Ball and Raina Peterson
In an unexpected time of closure, separated from bodies, place and community, sleep has new meaning and matterality. Catch these ideas in your waking hours at Wyndham Art Gallery. In an exhibition guest curated by Timnah Ball and Raina Peterson, Rapid Eye Movement presents the work of a range of artists exploring these possibilities.

Midsumma Presents

Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee
20 Jan-18 Mar
FREE
 PRESENTED BY WYNDHAM CITY

Exhibition

S/He

“Myfreny, lasciviousness, monstrous egotism... there are plenty of inconsistent circumstances and details; it could be toned down... but what for?” - Claude Cahun

ACU Melbourne Gallery
FREE
Thu, Sat 10am-3pm
Tickets
Presented by Jane Tengove and Susan Tindall

Image: State Library Victoria, Green Brothers Photography, c.1933-1936.

Exhibition

Solace

Winner of the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre Award at Midsumma Festival 2020
“... the ocean of lockdown, dark, deep and unison...” - Beat Magazine

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Bundoora
FREE
Wed-Sat 10am-4pm
Presented by Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

Image: by Selwyn Hoffmann

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Art Online

Tea and Bikkies

“Get ready to do what you want to” - Forêt

Incinerator Gallery, Altona
28 Jan-4 Mar (closed Monday)
Tue-Sun 10am-5pm | Openings: 28 Jan 6-8pm | (AUS) via advance request | Audio Developed via advance request

Presented by Incinerator Gallery

Image: Bon Mott and Sean Miles, 2020

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Image: by Vici Jones
Big Business Time Band
Tighten your tie, buckle your briefcase and puff up your shoulder pads!
Queer artists from the West, Tanjo Eve and Caito Zacharias are taking you on a musical journey of the Big Business Company’s past. Featuring songs ‘I Want To Be Employee Of The Month’ and ‘Don’t Leave Me In The Refrigerator’ from the original show Business Time. This gig is strictly for everybody! Dress Code: Best business attire. Don’t be late... there is work to be done!
Snuff Puppets, Footscray
Fri 15 Feb | Sun 17 Feb | Thu 21 Feb | Fri 22 Feb
$15 full | $10 kids
Presented by Zing Collective
Musical Stories: Introducing Teddy
Introducing Teddy is a gentle story about gender, being true to yourself and being a good friend by Jessica Walton. This new, interactive concert by Australian composer Christine Pan is a perfect first musical experience for young people, they’ll be singing and dancing all the way home!
State Library Victoria - Paizlee Garden Children’s Quarter, Melbourne
Sat 10 Feb - Wed 14 Feb
Thu & Fri 10.30am, Midday, 1.30pm & 3pm | Sat & Sun 3pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Orchestra Victoria with Midsumma Festival and State Library Victoria

Rainbow Family Picnic
Let’s celebrate families in all the colours of the rainbow!
Join entertainer and storyteller Jacqui Hoy, along with special musical guests for a picnic party bunting with song, stories, and pride.
Bring along your picnic rug and a snack and don’t forget your hat and sunscreen. Family friendly - all families are welcome here!
Newport Community Hub, Newport
Fri 5 Feb | Sat 6 Feb | Sun 7 Feb
Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council
Image: by @melbourneminor

Mini Beast Disco
Mini Beast Disco is a big-hearted, community-minded intergenerational eco-disco extravaganza, a wild, playful, youthful and green luminous burst for critters aged 5 to 9, hosted by proud and queer underground artists Betty Grumble, Dandrogyny and Andreas Lohmeyer. Part performance, part workshop, Mini Beast Disco undulates, squirms and worms into orbit; creating an expansive view of the natural world to foster deep empathy, understanding and a sense of awe.
Old Cheese Factory, Berwick
30 Jan - Sun 1 Feb
FREE booking required
Presented by Old Cheese Factory
Image: by Old Cheese Factory

Sing-a-long Dragtime with Miss Jay and Frock Hudson
Dragtastic Family Fun
Who doesn't love to sing along to your favourite songs from cartoons, movies and musicals? Join the fabulous Frock Hudson & Miss Jay, as they show you a whole new world of family fun, in a colourful dragtastic sing-a-long for all ages to enjoy. You, there’s no need to wish upon a star, just come along and be who you are!
Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy
2 Feb, 5 Feb, 11 Feb
Wed 8am, Sat 1pm
$10 full | $5 seniors, $30 family of 4
Presented by OldAlston

Rainbow Community Picnic
Join us for a fun-filled relaxing family day out celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community and allies in Melbourne’s Southeast. The Rainbow Community Picnic has something for everyone with food trucks, live performances, art and craft activities, and more.
Old Cheese Factory, Berwick
30 Jan
Sun 12-4pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Old Cheese Factory
Image: by Old Cheese Factory

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FREE booking required
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Image: by Old Cheese Factory


Image: by Mark Gambino
Youth

Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party

At long last, it’s finally time for us to dance the night away in person! Prepare for Minus18’s glorious return to RL pride events, celebrating our LGBTQIA+ youth community.

There’ll be LGBTQIA+ performers, competitions, snacks, glitter, pride vibes - and exclusive access to view the Immigration Museum’s Becoming You exhibition after dark.

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD
29 Jan 3hrs
Sat 6:30pm
FREE booking required
A LGBTQIA+ young people aged 16-18
Presented by Minus18, Immigration Museum and Midsumma Festival
Image by Theresa Harrison Photography

Stepping Out With Pride

Step out, stand out, make your mark!

Connect with your community at this workshop, experiment with airbrush techniques, stencils, glitter paint pens and 3D paint while you transform your shoes from drab to fab! Whether you’re marching, parading at Carnival, showing your pride at work, or being a supportive ally; these shoes will be with you every step of your journey. BYO shoes. All other materials provided. Strictly for young people 12-25.

Woods Street Arts Space, Laverton
25 Jan 3hrs
Tue 2pm
FREE
Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries
Image by Sowarinix

Queer Youth Clothes Swap and Artists’ Market

Bring along any pre-loved clothes, shoes, and accessories and sustainably find new outfits to express yourself. Support local queer artists and hang out with local queer organisations, or chill out with some art activities and library books!

In association with Queerspace and Pink Ember Studio.

Brunswick Town Hall, Brunswick
5 Feb 3hrs
Sat 12-3pm
FREE booking required
A LGBTQIA+ identifying, aged 12-25 years old
Presented by Moreland City Libraries and Moreland Youth
Image by Em C

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Community and Culture

Faith

A Summer Mass
A church that turns no one away.
Come join us as we celebrate God’s gift of our LGBTIQA+ identity with beautiful liturgy, vibrant music, thoughtful prayer, and stimulating words. St Mark’s - a safe place to be for nearly 50 years. Refreshments in the garden afterwards.

St Mark’s Anglican Church Fitzroy, Fitzroy
Fri 1 Feb, 7pm
FREE
Presented by St Mark’s Anglican Church

Fashion

Fast Fashun
An interactive, educational - DIY or DIE - fashion show!
A tonne of clothing and textile waste, otherwise destined for landfill, has been salvaged and a Fast Fashun wonderland in a pavilion in the Fitzroy Gardens is waiting for you to explore.
Fashion together an ensemble from the waste and then showcase it in a runway show happening every hour on the hour.
Open to all ages and all skill levels. Participate or sit back and watch.

MKA | Pavilion, East Melbourne
29-30 Jan
Sat, Sun 11am-4pm
FREE
Presented by Tenfingerz and Famous Artist Sebastian Berto

Gay Stuff Markets

Rainbow Pride
Gay Stuff Markets are back at Midsumma Festival for a 5th year!
Gay Stuff will be super proudful and celebrating everything queer with fabulous line up of over 20 amazing vendors and more!
Come get some Gay Stuff!
@gaystuffmarkets

Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy
30 Jan
Sun 12-5pm
FREE
Presented by Gay Stuff Markets

Social

GLOBE Community Awards
Highlighting the achievements of all Victoria’s LGBTIQA+ community
A glamorous gala event to recognise and celebrate the inspiring people and organisations that work to benefit LGBTIQA+ people. Held annually, the GLOBE Awards highlight the work of a diverse range of organisations and individuals that benefit and unite our communities.

Plaza Ballroom, Melbourne
11 Feb
Fri 6:30pm
$150 full
Presented by GLOBE Victoria

GROWING UP QUEER

Writers Alison Evans, Holden Shepard and Gary Lonesborough share their experiences of growing up queer. They tell us of the support and advocacy they received and what support they wished had been there for them. This is an event to acknowledge, inspire as well as inform and empower.

Newport Community Hub, Newport
9 Feb
Wed 6.30pm
FREE seating required
Day Out

**Midsumma Carnival**

Biggest event of Melbourne's annual queer calendar

Fun in the sun all day and late into the evening to celebrate the beginning of another fabulous Midsumma Festival. Enjoy performances, picnic with friends, and see the iconic Dog Show. With stalls, food, and live entertainment galore leading us into a warm summer evening of T Dance. We expect we will need to restrict our audience numbers, so check out the webpage to secure your attendance at midsumma.org.au/carnival

Day Out

**Midsumma Pride March**

Pandas, pride and party come together once a year in Melbourne's iconic march celebrating solidarity in gender and sexuality diversity. A chance to tie up your bootlaces, head off on your own, and join the spectacular act of unity that is Midsumma Pride March. Whether you join the fanfare by foot or by wheel, with friends or with lovers, you join the spectacular act of unity that is Midsumma Pride March!

Day Out

**Pride Cup Trivia Live**

The Australian Coping Edition

Join up at Pride Cup Trivia, our inclusive sporting club, connected and entertained online for the past two years and now they need our help getting back up and kicking again. This Midsumma Festival they’re back online with a twist, in a game show extravaganza where you play along at home to earn points and prize money for your favourite LBGTQA+ sporting club.

Join us for a Pride Cup Trivia like never before - and win!

Day Out

**Melbourne Pride**

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria

To commemorate the anniversary, Melbourne Pride will celebrate with live music, circus, interactive activities, community stalls, and demonstrations. In a contemporary display of festivities, we will embark on a journey through inspirational arts, community involvement, local vendors, food stalls, and live performances. *Visit website for regional activities

Day Out

**Queer Sporting Alliance Basketball Jam & Roll Disc**

GSA does sport a little differently. Get on down to our big ol’ queer basketball game followed by a roller disco aimed at beginners!

Featuring international DJ Andrew Montague, hosted by Mr McCloud's Finishing School. Half time entertainment by dance troupe Real Hot Cheer Bitches. MC’d by Frock Hudson. Stick around for our roller disco magic!

Day Out

**Pride Pasifika: The Rebirth Of The Cool**

Returning back revamped, re-styled and released from its humble beginnings as the hit event Pacific Essence: Tales From A Migrant Plantation. Join Vafa’s lineup host Amo Leo and a panel of queer Pasifika artists as they take up space, share experiences and resilience and tabindex by storytelling and performance and what it means to be woven into the rainbow tapestry of intersectionality.

Day Out

**Reconstruct (the) Normative**

Australian born photographer, Sonya Zaman spent three years travelling across the USA meeting and capturing the trans-masculine community from big cities to small towns. Zaman’s images and tender portraits intimately capture each person, providing viewers with a snapshot into their lives, personality, honesty and journeys across the trans-masculine landscape.

Day Out

**The Seven Ginz of Pride**

Will you spit or swallow? Explore exotic tastes & community spirits! Ginz distilled into seven spirits (literally) distilled into seven trans-masculine spectrum. Will you spit or swallow? A drag race at a steady pace. 

The Art Hunter presents, Twilight Salon

Hosted by David Hunt in front of a live studio audience.

Enjoy interviews, performances, and cocktails this is a must-see show!

David through The Art Hunter gives you a platform to hear the stories behind the faces of your favourite Artists & photographers with an important than these stories within the context of their work. We explore the complexity and diversity of queerness as an expression of sexuality and gender, a political movement, a way of understanding the now and what comes next.

Day Out

**QSA does sport a little differently. Get on down to our big ol’ queer basketball game followed by a roller disco aimed at beginners!**

Day Out

**Queer x Midsumma**

Across two weekends explore queer histories, experiences and ideas within and beyond the museum walls with local, national, and international queer artists, and leaders. Presented alongside NGV’s landmark exhibition Queer: Conversations, exhibition tours, performances, museums and exhibitions.

Supported by the UK/Australia Season Patrons Board, the British Council and the Australian Government as part of the UK/Australia Season.
Talks, Tours & Workshops

Artmaking for Zines
QVWC x Gems Zine Workshops
Queen Victoria Women’s Centre and Gems Zine will be hosting three creative workshops! Come as you are for zine making, painting and collage sessions aimed at developing skills for platforming your ideas and opinions. It’s about collaboration too so bring friends, grab a beverage and join us as we get hands on with creative communication. We welcome beginners through to the experienced.

Queen Victoria Women’s Centre - Exhibition Space, Melbourne
5 Feb, 10 Feb, 17 Feb
Thu 3.30pm
$30 full

Presented by Queen Victoria Women’s Centre

Clothes Revival Workshop
Get ready for Pride and learn sustainable ways to re-vitalise your wardrobe with artist Abbey Rich.
In this workshop you’ll use colour, pattern and imagination to create your own designs and print and paint onto pre-loved clothes, totes, banners - you name it! Suitable for all ages.

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD
5 Feb
Sat 10:30am | Sat Midday | Sat 2pm
$27 full | $23 conc

Presented by Immigration Museum

Expressions of Interest: Queer Gestures - where is the queer body in dance, now?
Join legendary artists Carly Sheppard, Joel Bray, Kiki Divine Drizc, Rama Peterson, Ground Pillai, Alexander Powers and Luke George (curator) in a discussion of queer embodiments, kinship and lineages between bodies and the queer spaces in which we dance.

Temperance Hall, South Melbourne
3 Feb
Thu 7pm
$20 full | $15 conc

Presented by Temperance Hall

Fabulous Fiction
A writing workshop by well-known award winning Australian novelist Andrea Goldsmith.
The imagination has always flouted convention, and the best of fiction is proof of this. But a good idea is only a start; shaping it into a compelling and original story that people want to read requires technique. This workshop will focus on some of the tools that transform an idea into fabulous fiction. Be quick, spaces are limited.

Hawthorne Melbourne, Fitzroy
12 Feb
Sat 2pm
$17.50 full | $15 conc

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Tickets include entry to the museum and exhibition ‘Becoming You: An Incomplete Guide’.
Talks from the Club to the Theatre: Panel Talk
Theatre artist Travis Alabanza is joined by an award winning panel of guests who all made their names on the queer club scene. In this revealing discussion they share stories of the journey from cabaret bars to some of the world’s most prestigious stages. Supported by the UK/Australia Season Patrons Board, The British Council and the Australian Government as part of the UK/Australia Season.

Impact Play
Down an’ Dirty Presents a special Midsumma Festival edition of their kink workshops
Join BJ from Eagle Leather as we explore the world of Impact Play. BJ is an accomplished BDSM top with a passion for everything BDSM and fetish. Down An’ Dirty will be on hand to facilitate open space for fun, safe, mindful exploration of kink and BDSM play including bondage, flogging, electro-play and more. GP George Forgan-Smith joins us to tackle any medical and safety concerns, hosted by The Laird Hotel. Spaces limited.

Making Art, Words and Stories
Emerging artists take the lead.
Four queer and diverse young artists each facilitate a workshop on their individual practice, intersecting at the ways in which they express their queer identities. Featuring ceramicists, visual artists, theatre makers and poets, drop-in and centred workshops are ideal for anyone aged 15-25 with an eagerness to get creative and connect with community.

Queers in Science - on Neurodiversity
The brain of every individual is unique, meaning not everyone learns or thinks the same way. This exciting lecture about neurodiversity will be presented by a neuroscientist and artist specialising in neuroscience. A panel discussion spotlighting the day-to-day experience of neurodiverent individuals will follow. Light refreshments will be served following the lecture.

Queer Me Your Head Workshops
These workshops offer LGBTQIA+ people an opportunity to participate in their own creative fixed querying. No art experience necessary! The art-making processes offered will be fun, accessible and empowering. Enjoy an afternoon of self-discovery in a safe and accessible space for queer and gender diverse humans. Together we will explore, express, share and celebrate the diversity of our queerly embodied minds.

Queers in Science - on First Nations’ Knowledge
It is important that we reflect on and celebrate the contributions of the Traditional Custodians of the land we live on, and acknowledge First Nations people as the first scientists. The fascinating research from Indigenous queer scientists, who is presented in this open space, will be facilitated from their unique standpoint. Light refreshments will be served following the lecture.

Tsekouras Arts - ‘Identity’ Collage Workshops
Come learn from the fabulous queer artist Nick Tsekouras. This workshop will teach participants how to effectively make a collage. We will explore the various techniques of collage as well as the meaning of ‘identity’. The workshop will be focusing on the theme of ‘identity’.

QueerTech.io Youth Workshop
Make some AI art in this workshop with Melbourne Artist BJ Tsekouras. Learn about Style Transfer, GANs and Generating images from text by working with Artificial Intelligence art generation tools directly from your browser. No experience required.

What we found when we looked for Victoria’s queer heritage...
Surprised even us!
In 2021, the Australian Queer Archives published a report, for Heritage Victoria, into the history of LGBTQIA+ Victoria in 100 places and objects across the state and as far back as the 1830s. The PMH Victorian History Library welcomes lead author and researcher Graeme Willett to take us through his fascinating process and findings.
A Gay On The Lawn 2022
Snags, drags, DJs and lawn bowls - the place to be after Pride March 2022!
POOF DOOF’s annual Pride March After Party is back in 2022 serving up a free afternoon of lawn bowls, gourmet BBQ and tunes to wrap up Midsumma! Whether you’re bowling, dancing or hitting the gourmet snags the soundtrack of summer will come from our POOF DOOF resident DJs and high energy drag. This is an 18+ inclusive event for the entire queer community.

St Kilda Sports Club, St Kilda
6 Feb
Sun 1-9:30pm
Tickets
Presented by POOF DOOF
Image by Niklas Baauer

ADAM
Melbourne’s world famous nude bar for guys!
Recognised as one of the friendliest bars on the planet, ADAM returns to Sircuit on Monday nights especially for Midsumma Festival! Join a remarkable bunch of guys socialising, enjoying a game of pool, and digging on tunes - all in the buff.

On Thursdays try ADAM + LUST with a separate floor for socialising plus the entire basement for dancing and fooling around!

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FREE
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Image by Niklas Baauer

Sircuit, Fitzroy | Inflation, Melbourne CBD
24 Jan, 27 Jan, 31 Jan, 3 Feb, 7 Feb, 10 Feb
Mon, Thu 7:30pm-12am
$20 door sales only
Nudity | Sex scenes | Smoke/haze | Strobe lights | This is a men-only event
Presented by ADAM

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**Parties and Social Events**

**Carlton Baths Pride Party**
Join us for live music by the pool and a range of social activities for everyone!

From 1-4pm, a host of family-friendly activities will be on offer including indoor roller skating, inflatable pool obstacles, live performances and more. The Pride Party evening session will continue from 5-8pm, featuring live music by the pool and the inaugural addition of Carlton Baths Drag Bingo!

Presented by YVCA Victoria and City of Melbourne

**Abbotsford Convent Party**
CLOSET takes over the iconic Convent for an outdoor day-to-night dance party.

For homosexuals and those who love them, CLOSET’s legendary day to night queer party comes to Abbotsford Convent for a summer-open air Midsumma Festival affair.

Presented by Closet

**CLOSET Midsumma Carnival After Party**

CLOSET Midsumma Carnival, CLOSET is bringing you to epic after party across the whole venue of Carlton Baths. Celebrating 15 years of queer parties for homosexuals and those who love them, CLOSET brings you an epic Carnival rooftop after party at Brown Alley. Over 8 hours across the whole venue, CLOSET will bring you a huge array of Melbourne’s best DJs and performers.

Presented by Closet

**Dykes on Bikes 10 Year Club Party**
Ride Hard or Stay Home

Dykes on Bikes Melbourne is having a big club party to celebrate 10 years of our proud club supporting WWM moto riders. Share in the experience of live performances, DJs, moto genre, and music - inside Melbourne’s most prestigious gay club. The Land. Everyone is invited to help us party. Our event is open to all identities, sexualities and personalities who like a rock’n party.

Presented by Dykes on Bikes Melbourne

**Girls at Sea presents Day Boat Party**
This year is our 8th year running the Girls at Sea, so we thought we needed to change things up a little. Introducing the ultimate Day Boat Party!

There will be DJ’s, entertainment, burlesque shows, day drinks and more.

Inclusive to all!

*This party was on my bucket list and it definitely lives up to its reputation. I will definitely be coming back again.*

Presented by Art Entertainment

**Home Erotica**
Melbourne’s most audacious queer dance party!

Midsumma’s favourite techno party returns for 2022 launching on Carnival eve, plus a very special kiss edition on Sunday 13 Feb to farewell the festival and usher in Folsom Down Under! Featuring stellar techno DJs and美女 performances. Your best preparation tips is to be ready, whatever it, unleash it!

“Pushing boundaries and challenging you to release your sex through all your senses” - Best Magazine

**LadyLike Summer Pool Party**

Sometimes all you need is a feminine touch.. Our last party was such a phenomenal success that Ladylike is taking over again! Play and explore your sexual desires in a safe and non-judgmental environment full of feminine energy. From 1-4pm, a host of family-friendly activities will be on offer including indoor roller skating, inflatable pool obstacle courses, live performances and more. The Pride Party evening session will continue from 5-8pm, featuring live music by the pool and the inaugural addition of Carlton Baths Drag Bingo! After Midsumma Carnival, CLOSET Midsumma Carnival, Melbourne’s most prestigious gay club supporting Dykes on Bikes Melbourne is having a day dance party.

Presented by Closet

**Perversion**
The flagship dance party of Folsom Down Under

The ultimate sub-culture dance event launches the inaugural Folsom Down Under Festival 2022, the official Australian partner of Folsom Street Fair San Francisco. Provocative, inclusive and equal. An event that celebrates sexually adventurous queer subcultures through connection, dress code, exhibitionism, fetishes, and dirty, filthy dance music.

Presented by Closet

**Pride Pool Party in the Sunshine**

Let's celebrate summer in the west!

Brimbank City Council in collaboration with Bulldog Pride are hosting an LGBTQIA+ inclusive pride pool party to celebrate the Midsumma Festival. Previous year renowned Melbourne DJ McSku, join us for an unforgettable day of good times, drinks and fun in the sunshine.

An inclusive event for all people and all kinds of bodies.
Parties and Social Events

Queer Pool Party
Melbourne’s biggest and most inclusive queer pool party is back and everyone’s invited!
A day party like no other, hosted by community darling Frock Hudson! Melbourne Surge LGBTQIA+ water polo club will take care of the water activities and fun for everyone in the pool, while DJ Deuce will be spinning the decks for all our poolside partygoers! This event always sells out, so get in quick! All genders, ages and sexualities are welcome.

Queer Summer Pool Party
Wet on Wellington’s first all inclusive event. Everyone welcome!
For the first time ever, Wet on Wellington is throwing open it’s doors and launching its newest all inclusive queer event!
Back in the sun our exclusive sundock. Quench your thirst at our two bars. Cool off in our 25m pool. Play your way across two levels. Dance to the sweet sounds from our hot DJ’s. This is an 18+ event.

Queer-aoke
Karaoke at it’s queerest
Queeraoke is a rambunctious late night karaoke party celebrating music’s biggest queer names and most beloved queer anthems. Led by the incomparable Bae Marie (Alex Morris) and featuring extra special guest performers and DJs get ready to raise the roof and dance the night away!
Sequins are essential.

Sundaylicious
Established in 2009, Sundaylicious is an iconic gay event originating in Melbourne. Sundaylicious is known for popular acoustics and DJs and provides a safe and fun atmosphere.
For the first time in a long time we are part of Midsumma Festival and bringing Sundaylicious to the iconic Provincial Hotel.
Starting at 3pm, relax with friends, meet new ones and dance til late evening. DJs, rooftop bar, vibes.

Wet Summer Pool Party
Drink | Swim | Dance | Play
This summer is going to be hot, hotter, hottest! Join hundreds of sexy men for Melbourne’s largest and most infamous pool parties of the season!
Back in the sun our exclusive sundock. Quench your thirst at our two bars. Cool off in our 25m pool. Play your way across two levels filled with men. Dance to the sweet sounds from our hot DJ’s.

Volunteer with Us
Midsumma is a volunteer fuelled organisation that wouldn’t exist without the contribution from our volunteers.
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AO Glam Slam
#unitedbypride #openforall
AO Glam Slam is the only LGBTQIA+ Tennis event at a Grand Slam. LGBTQIA+ tennis players of all abilities can participate in the tournament. Off court, there are lots of events throughout the Australian Open for the whole LGBTQIA+ community. Join us for a great two weeks at the tennis.

Melbourne Park, Melbourne
18-30 Jan
Fri 12-10pm | Sat, Sun 9am-9pm | Pride Arena Glam Slam Finals: Sun 2-7pm
FREE | Entry to Melbourne Park requires Australian Open ticket
Presented by Tennis Australia with Victoria and the GLTA
Image by Australian Open

AO Pride Day
#unitedbypride #openforall
The Australian Open is proud to be an event that is welcoming, safe and inclusive for all #Openforall. We want to bring our values of inclusivity to life through our inaugural AO Pride Day on Monday 24 Jan. There will be fun and colourful activations, as well as entertainment all over the precinct. The AO will transform into a huge celebration of pride, inclusism and diversity both on court and around the precinct.

Melbourne Park, Melbourne
24 Jan
FREE | Entry to Melbourne Park requires Australian Open ticket
Presented by Tennis Australia with Victoria and the GLTA

Nomads Cycling by the Bay
Get fit while enjoying beautiful bayside scenery!
Starting from Federation Square, we’ll cycle through Southbank and along the bike trail to Port Melbourne. From there we follow the Bay all the way to Brighton Beach Hotel to enjoy lunch overlooking the beach – total distance 16 km. After lunch, return by train from Brighton Beach Station or cycle a further 19 km, still on the Bay Trail, to Mordialloc Railway Station.

Birrarung Marr Bike Parking, Melbourne CBD
Sat 10:30am
FREE booking required
Basic cycling fitness required
Presented by Nomads Outdoors Group
Image: by Garry Oliver

RUBC Lawn Bowls Pride Cup
Third annual battle for the trophy
RUBC is partnering with Pride Cup and bowls clubs across Melbourne for a day of bowls, food, and fun! We’re hosting a Pride Cup event to celebrate the contributions of our LGBTQIA+ members and athletes everywhere. We welcome bowlers and spectators of all ages to the club for this family-friendly event. There will be a sausage sizzle with all proceeds going to an LGBTQIA+ charity!

Richmond Union Bowling Club, Richmond
30 Jan
Sun 10am-6pm
FREE
Presented by Richmond Union Bowling Club Inc.
Image: by Steph Seeger

Serve It, Smash It, Love It - 2022
Free introduction session to social badminton for the LGBTQIA+ Community
Have you ever wanted to meet new people in a fun and sporting environment?
Melbourne Smashers is an LGBTQIA+ and allies social badminton club. No experience is necessary. The club will have coaches available. Come along and... Serve It! Smash It! Love It!

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park
5 Feb
Sat 9am-3pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club
Image: by Steph Seeger
Richard Taki’s Road to Pride

To celebrate Melbourne Pride coming to the City of Yarra, Midsumma spoke with local trader Richard Taki, AKA Bumpa Love, to discuss pride in business.

Richard Taki’s Road to Pride

Unafraid of his identity, Richard wears his many hats with pride. In 2016, Richard Taki opened Vau d’vile Drag Cabaret Restaurant in the self-described “artists haven” suburb of Fitzroy, creating a colourful and safe space for LGBTQIA+ artists to showcase their talent.

“I love my profession of drag and that having my own venue means my amazing team can truly celebrate and enjoy who they are in a very supportive and public setting.”

Richard takes pride in Vau d’vile being a venue that is solely owned and run by drag artists. More often than not, bookings at the popular venue are full, reflecting the community’s support and acceptance for LGBTQIA+ Drag Artists. On why being accepted is important, Richard says, “It enables me to live a true, authentic life, a right we all deserve.”

Melbourne Pride - A Road to Pride celebrates the 40th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria, something Richard describes as a “remarkable landmark”. As a person of colour of New Zealand Maori descent, the Road to Pride hasn’t always been smoothly paved out for Richard. On whether we can reach an ultimate Pride destination, Richard explains that it is possible, provided we all put in the work.

“It’s so important to nourish and cherish our immediate GLBTIQA+ whanau (family) and friends and then to generate an expansion of that support so that it can grow the connections needed to help those in need.”
In its eight year, the Queer Playwriting Award Showcase returns to Gasworks Arts Park as part of Midsumma Festival 2022. This year’s showcase of eight applicants dances between heavy themed stories of discrimination, and heart-warming love stories that put LGBTQIA+ communities into the central focus.

CROSS by Rory Godbold and Driftwood by Guy Webster are two works that ask audiences to examine the challenging relationship between religion and sexuality.

“I like theatre to provoke thought, not lecture, not patronise, but to heighten reality and extend an invitation to the audience to consider the issues at play and thrash out where they stand on them.” — Rory Godbold

Also using theatre as a tool for discussion, Emmanuelle Mattana in The Reasonable Grounds and Emily White in That’s Not Big Mac Sauce. That’s Ectoplasm both use dark comedy in their writing style to tackle issues from sexism to mental health.

A stark contrast to these dark comedies, No Asians by Andrew Undi Lee and Woolf by Bravo Arts are plays that face injustices such as racism and domestic abuse in a raw, head-on manner.

Bringing some lightness to the showcase, Alice Tovey’s play Besties is one to watch for rom-com fans who are hanging out to see some queer characters in the leading roles for once. With a similar motivation behind their work, Reuben James’ play Coming Home to You is about sharing an authentic and genuine queer love story in a “Passionate. Intimate. Inherently-Human.” way.

The Queer Playwriting Award identifies, supports and develops original Australian theatre with a queer focus. Join us for two unique nights of queer-focused theatre featuring fresh 15 minute excerpts from our finalists. Experience new work, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2022 Award selection.

Your feedback guides the industry panel to select a top four to present extended excerpts at the Showcase on Tue 22 March. The 2022 Award winner receives support to develop their work for presentation at Gasworks in Midsumma Festival 2023.
Having my dad support me when I came out made me feel safe and loved.

When a loved one is open about their gender identity and sexuality, choosing to celebrate and support them means a lot. Visit respectvictoria.vic.gov.au to learn more.

If you or a loved one is experiencing family violence and need support call Rainbow Door on 1800 729 367.

LGBTQIA+ people are welcome at cohealth! Proud allies.

Access high quality healthcare services designed in partnership with our communities.

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Although the primary three-week festival is held in summer each year, Midsumma works year-round to provide artists, social-changers, and culture makers with support and tools to create, present and promote their work.

For 34 years we have evolved with our communities, and repositioned ourselves as a cultural influencer and thought leader, while keeping learning and diversity at our core.

We stay committed to our roots as we mature to become one of Australia’s most significant queer arts organisations. We have proudly supported generations of LGBTQIA+ voices, discovered artists and started conversations that will shape queer art and culture forever.

Follow our story at midsumma.org.au/history

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Image: Sheldon Riley performing at Midsumma Extravaganza 2019. Photo by Suzanne Balding
The Midsumma Pathways program provides a queer context for LGBTQIA+ emerging artists with disability to develop their artistic practices, led by professional artists and arts workers.

Participants gain access to mentors and group workshops over nine months. Find out more: midsumma.org.au/pathways

How can I get my Tickets?

Online
Purchase tickets quickly and easily by searching for the event at midsumma.org.au and select ‘Book Online’. We accept VISA and MasterCard only. Tickets are available online until one hour before an event’s start-time, unless otherwise specified.

Call Us
Our friendly ticketing team are available weekdays from 9am to 4pm on 03 9296 6600 for enquiries and bookings. The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year but online bookings are available over this period. Midsumma Festival is National Relay Service Ready. relayservice.com

Pop-up Box Office at Midsumma Carnival
Another reason to love Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens, 23 Jan. Dance, celebrate and then grab your Midsumma tickets. Credit and debit card transactions only.

At the Venue
Purchase tickets at the venue’s box office, from one hour prior to the show. Tickets are subject to availability. Contact the venue directly to confirm venue opening times. Some venues may be cash only.

Ticket Delivery
All tickets will be emailed to you directly. Save paper and show your Print@Home tickets on your smartphone at the venue. Phone ran out of battery? Simply turn up! Venues will have a door list, photo ID required.

Checking into Venues
The venue may also require attendees to check-in via their QR code on arrival, and show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or valid exemption certificate. For information on how to stay COVIDSafe at Midsumma Festival visit midsumma.org.au/COVIDSafe.

Exchanges
Exchanges can be organised up to 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event by contacting Midsumma. Please note that exchanges can only be arranged from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Exchanges can only be organised for the same event, for tickets of the same value or lower and must be issued by Midsumma prior to the dates of the sessions. For more information visit midsumma.org.au/Ticketing

For details about the exchange policy on events taking place at Arts Centre Melbourne please see artscentremelbourne.com.au

Discounts and Concessions
Concession Tickets
We accept a range of concession cards — for a full list of concessions visit midsumma.org.au/Ticketing. You will be required to show proof of concession when entering the venue.

Previews
Shows may offer discounted tickets for performances early in the season. If you purchase these tickets please be mindful that there may be a few production ‘kinks’ to iron out.

Groups
Some events may offer a discount if you purchase tickets as a group! So grab your friends and colleagues and book together.

3 Show Package
Choose three eligible events to collect a 10% discount at the checkout. You can identify eligible events by the ticket icon with the number three inside (see page 7 for the symbol key).

Refunds
Tickets cannot be refunded, exchanged or cancelled once issued in the case of non-compliance with COVID-19 regulations. Patrons are required to comply with all Victorian mask regulations. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Children under two years old may be admitted to some events without a ticket, provided they sit on the lap of their parent or guardian. Excludes 18+ events.

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Happy Midsumma, Melbourne!

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Coburg

323 Sydney Rd, Coburg
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Patricia Pl, Collingwood
Team: 66 to stop 18

La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St, Carlton
Team: 66 to stop 18 (Only
Swanston st service to stop 1)

La Mama HQ
1/205 Faraday St, Carlton
Team: 66 to stop 19 (Only
Swanston st service to stop 1)

Meat Market
5 Blackwood St,
North Melbourne
Team: 66 to stop 19 (Only
Swanston st service to stop 1)

Provincial Hotel
299 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Team: 9 to stop 1 | Team: 86 to stop 12

Preston City Hall
284 Gower St, Preston
Team: 66 to stop 19

The Mortley Bauhaus
188 Elyn St, Carlton
Team: 15 to stop 12

The Night Cat
33-41 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Team: 66 to stop 13 (Only
Swanston st service to stop 1)

You & I’s
62-70 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Team: 15 to stop 14

Victoria Park
Luna St / Turner St,
Abbotsford
Team: 66 to stop 18

Wangar Art
255 High St, Northcote
Team: 46 to stop 19

The Florey Institute of Neurosciences
20 Royal Pde, Parkville
Team: 19 to stop 10 | tram 59
323 Sydney Rd, Coburg
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Team: 18 to stop 12

Coburg, North Melbourne, Carlton

5 Blackwood St,
1, 6 to stop 112 | any
1/205 Faraday St, Carlton

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233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

86 to stop 14 | Tram 12,
Tram:

96 to stop 13 | tram 11 to
Tram:

The Laird
30, 109 to stop 12
Tram:

Richmond Union
Bowling Club
2 Glaesel St, Richmond
Team: 46 to stop 15

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Team: 46 to stop 15

Gertrude St & Smith St,
Team: 46 to stop 16

St Mary’s Anglican Church
Fitzroy
350 Garage St, Fitzroy
Team: 66 to stop 16

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Team: 66 to stop 16

103-105 Smith St, Fitzroy
Team: 66 to stop 17

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The Doo Cen
Kenneth Myer Building,
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