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melbourne's gay and lesbian festival
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Welcome!
1997 heralds the ninth Midsumma Festival, Melbourne's own annual gay and lesbian arts and cultural festival. This is a very special time of the year for the queer folk of Melbourne, as we unite to savour the finest arts, entertainment and events that our community produces.

Over the three weeks of the Festival, there is something for everyone in an exciting range of events that explores the amazing spectrum of our culture, sexualities and talent. Highlights include the return of Software, a short works performing arts program presented by Midsumma, as well as the new Midsumma Gala, a night of high-camp cabaret at the newly-restored Forum Theatre. Of course, each of Midsumma's four weekends includes an old favourite: injected with new enthusiasm and surprises – the Brunswick Street Party, Red Raw, Pride and Ride in their second fabulous year, and Midsumma Carnival as the traditional and celebratory finale.

We invite you to stimulate and gratify your senses – celebrate, participate, and take pride in your community and its talents during Midsumma 1997.

Claire Beckwith
Midsumma President

Optus is proud to be the principal supporter of the Midsumma Festival. For us, it's an opportunity to say 'thanks' to the gay and lesbian community for their support over the past four years.

Many of our Optus staff are actively involved with the Festival and look forward to contributing to its success again in 1997. Some of them will be at our stand at the Midsumma Carnival, so please come and visit us.

We had a lot of fun last year and are confident that this year's Festival will be even better. Thanks for your support – we'll see you at the Street Party!

Peter Burr
Group Market Manager, Residential

MSO message
The Melbourne Star Observer is proud to be part of this queer community, and particularly proud to be a major sponsor of the Midsumma Festival again this year.

Midsumma is an exciting time for all of us, our big best family's festive season, in which we can begin to feel our community growing, diversifying and celebrating around us.

It's also time a time of showcasing off our art works and theatre, our sports teams and showgirls, our parties and our pets, and our pride. So go ahead: show off.

Have a great Midsumma festival.

Kelly Gardiner
Editor, MSO Weekly

PAL message
PAL is proud to be a major sponsor of the Midsumma Festival, which acknowledges the role of pets in our lives. 1997 is our first year as a Midsumma sponsor, and we look forward to seeing you all there. As Australia's leading brand of food for dogs, we wish the board, volunteers and participants a wonderful Midsumma Festival.

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THE MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL has grown from humble beginnings into a 23 day extravaganza, jam-packed with events to suit the diverse tastes of our gay and lesbian audience.

midsumma warmly welcomes the producers and organisers of the following registered festival events for 1997:
- electric, eclectic, extravagant, erotic, entertaining
- take your pick! what takes your fancy?

A Night in the Queer Zone
Doors left open for subcultural, subterranean subculture. Set to scintillate and obliterate — a night in the Queer Zone, complete with cocktails and performances. A Bent-TV fundraiser.

where: New Budenski Theatre, 103 Smith Street, Fitzroy
when: Saturday 11 January, 8:00pm
cost: Full price $8, Bent-TV members $6
info: 0910 3962

Beautiful Dreamer
Beautiful Dreamer is a musical tragedy that will make you smile. It’s a story about Tommy, about people, about dreams that come true and the ones that don’t. It takes us from the right-file of 3 Faces to the healed action of Shearmarks, from the dinner table to the musical stage and into the hearts of the characters.

where: Grant Street Theatre, 334 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
when: Tuesday 21 January – Sunday 9 February, 8:00pm
cost: TBC
info: Grant Street Theatre, 9685 9359

Beginnings
Melbourne’s freshest community-based queer theatre company presents its first official season. A night of new short plays by queer playwrights. Where do we start? How do we move from furtive glance to going steady? Beginnings in all shapes and sizes.

where: Carlton Courthouse, Drummond Street, Carlton
when: Thursday 23 January – Saturday 8 February, Wed-Sat 8:00pm, Sun 6:00pm
Cheap preview Tuesday 21 January, 8:00pm, Previews on 22 January, 8:00pm
cost: TBC
info: 9531 2148

Drag in the Park Goes National
Homodeepines and the Warrambuloo HIV Support Group present something for everyone who has laughed, cried, lived and enjoyed dance shows and drag performances. Drag acts and live music with a blend of comedy.

where: National Theatre, corner Carlisle and Barkly Streets, St Kilda
when: Sunday 2 February, 8.00pm
cost: Full price $25, Concession $15
info: 9534 2725

Hot on the Spot
A fast-moving night of inspired improvisation and stand-up comedy. I hit from a sold-out season at the 1995 Fringe Festival, featuring Melbourne’s newest gay and lesbian comedians and gay-friendly improvisers. This is an interactive theatre, funny and surprisingly insightful. Performed by Friends of Midsumma.

Directed by Liz Sadler.
Five shows only!

where: David Williamson Theatre, Swinburne University, St. John’s Street, Preston
when: Friday 17 January, Thursdays 23, 30 and Fridays 24, 31, January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price $12, Concession $9
info: 9214 6707

Ms Penelope — for the boys
The sweetheart of the Laird Hotel’s 1996 comedy gigs. Ms Penelope returns for a three-week season as part of Midsumma 97. Ms P’s guests include some of Australia’s finest comedians. We could all do with a good laugh...

where: The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps Street, Collingwood
when: Thursdays 23 and 30 January, 6 February, 11.00pm
cost: TBC
info: 9417 3632

Feel Free to Float
Sydney, 1989. Dance party culture reaches its zenith. A moment when whole worlds begin to change under a cloud of Ecstasy.

Writer/director/cast D B Valentine’s first full-length play explores the daisy age — one night in ‘Paradise’.

where: Irene Mitchell Studio, St Martin’s Theatre, St Martins Lane, South Yarra
when: Wednesday 29 January – Saturday 8 February, 8.00pm (Wed-Sun only)
cost: Full price $15, Concession $10
info: 9697 2261

Midsumma Hot Tip

i want to be...photographer

Essential reading for everyone who wants to take pictures. It’s the number one guide to midsumma festival photography. Get your copy at midsumma festival radio.

Judy Martin

www.midsumma.org.au
Narcissus' Dream
Narcissus' Dream is a surrealistic exploration of the myth of Narcissus, directed by acclaimed dancer and visual artist, Tony Yip, and performed by the innovative hybrid theatre artists of Mixed Company. Victorian, physical theatre language maintains the conditions of inner life through the body into a unique poetic theatre. This is set in ordinary and extraordinary space and time within a framework of dynamic sound and visual multimedia. Narcissus’ Dream will excite the senses and nourish the soul.

where: Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran
when: Saturday 1 February - Sunday 23 February, 8.30pm (Wednesday - Sunday only)
cost: TBC
info: enquiries 9687 7848, bookings 9322 3362

Ruby Lounge Summer Spectacular
An evening of decadent cabaret with gorgeous Sydney MC Izzy. Prepare to be entranced and delighted by the cream of Melbourne’s queer artists. Indulge in full cocktail table service and smooth grooves from our DJ. This is a night to remember for your pleasure by Amanda Morris. Secure parking and access available.

where: Comedy Club, Level 1, Lygon Court, 380 Lygon Street, Carlton
when: Sunday 19 January, 7.30pm till late. Show starts 9.20pm
cost: Full price $12, Concession $10
info: enquiries Nahuel Clare, 0431 4218/015 339 775, bookings Comedy Club, 9348 1622

Software
The return of Software, the best in new queer work. Middlesex presents a season of new, short, queer performances. From dance to stand-up comedy, if you’re not into one act, something new is minutes away.

where: TBC
when: Tuesday 28 January-Saturday 8 February, 8.00pm (Tuesday-Saturday only)
cost: TBC
info: 0414 481 753

The Fat Lady is Still Singing
If you haven’t been affected by HIV/AIDS either directly or indirectly, consider yourself one of the lucky ones! This collection of personal journeys through thought, fun, friendship and sex, gives us a brief look into how different people cope in the same situation. The Fat Lady is Still Singing is a collection of six one-act plays looking at everyday people in everyday lives with a problem bigger than ‘texas’.

where: Playbox Theatre, Sturt Street, South Melbourne
when: Monday 27 January-Saturday 1 February, 8.00pm
cost: TBC
info: 9831 6155

The Poofts Plays - the Art of Being Still & The Gathering of Vampires
Steven Dawson’s outrageous and moving hit gay comedy/drama the Art of Being Still and its powerhouse sequel The Gathering of Vampires, both together for the first time in all-new repertory season starting the best of Melbourne’s actors. See them separately or on the same day. ‘Wicked...Powerful...outrageous...moving.’ Warning: Contains explicit language and themes that may offend.

where: Guild Theatre, Melbourne Uni, Swanston Street
when: Friday 17 January-Tuesday 22 February, Tue-Sat 8.00pm, Sat Matinee 5.30pm
cost: Full price $35, Concession $16, Double bill $55
info: 9680 1373

Blue House and Well Oiled Sisters
This double billing is guaranteed to be a wild affair! Both bands played to packed houses at the 1996 Edinburgh Festival, and this will be the first meeting of the two groups since then. Expect mayhem!

where: The Continental Cafe, 132 Greville Street, Prahran
when: Friday 31 January
info: Dinner and show $47 (doors open 7.15pm)
info: show only: $15 (doors open 9.20pm)
info: 9510 7196

Lieder of the Pack "Closet Classics"
Discover your queer cultural ancestors in this multimedia journey through music, art and literature. Vocal ensemble Lieder of the Pack perform music from Schubert to Sondheim, Beethoven to Bernstein, Camily Jane to Cabaret, with ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ besides!

where: Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran
when: Friday 31 January, 8.00pm
info: Full price $15, Concession $10
info: Tickets from: Connie 0510 4423 or Warwick 014 803 767

Events
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FEBRUARY 1997
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A ONE NIGHT STAND WITH...
SEPTEMBER 1997
TEDDY BEAR AUCTION
OCTOBER 1997
A NIGHT OF INFECTIONOUS LAUGHTER
NOVEMBER 1997
RAIDING AID
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1997

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Look out for our volunteer red ribbon sellers at all the major events of Midsumma.

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For more information
Phone the Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre Inc on 9865-6700.
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You may have to look twice to see Telstra at this year’s Midsumma Festival.

Of course we’ll be marching with Pride and some of us may even indulge in a little dancing in the street.

But we’ll also be busy in the background, because when the party is over, we don’t just pack up our slogans and move on.

Telstra is very proud of its record of year-round association with gay and lesbian community activities such as our sponsorship of gay and lesbian counselling services.

We recognise that while the phone is an essential part of our social life, for thousands of lesbians and gay men it can also be a lifeline, especially for those who are isolated, confused or simply taking their first step toward a new life.

Gay and lesbian counselling services are a vital community service maintained by volunteers, and we’re proud that our contribution helps to guarantee their continued operation.

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The Spooky Kabuki Show

The Hot Pussay Family are super-funky, combining today's house music with a seventies feel. More than just a band, Hot Pussay's Spooky Kabuki Show comes to life at Midsumma. Previously known as the Mod Squad and before that Da Bushy, the Hot Pussay Family are busting out all over!

where: Candy Bar, Grenville Street, Prahran
cost: $15 (part proceeds to ALSQO)
info: 9731 0132 or 9510 9220

Movies Under the Stars

Guddle up for two all-time festival favourites: Bar Girls, a comedy about the amorous escapades of eight grown-up urban women who meet, reheat, and regroup in their home away from home, the Girl Bar; plus at 10.00pm, Jeffrey. One man's search for Mr Right is punctuated by musical priests, teleevangelists and dancing boys in this breezy romantic comedy. BYO cushion and picnic hamper.

where: Northcote Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
cost: Full price $8, Concession/MOF members $6
info: 9510 6205

Newman Sinfonietta Chamber Orchestra

Program includes Vaughan Williams' The Lark Ascending, with Matthew Hession, violin; scenes from some of Mozart's greatest operas with Brenda Pitts, soprano, and Simon Meadowes, baritone; and Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht (Transfigured Night) for string orchestra. Conductor: Chris Childs. All proceeds to the AIDS Housing Assistance Group.

where: Newman College Chapel,
when: Thursday 23 January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price $20, Concession $15
info: Julian, 9274 0556

Men on the Block

A photographic exhibition of street-scarred male sex workers, who have been encouraged to represent themselves by handcrafting their stories on the prints. Part of this exhibition was recently banned but PCV is proud to present it in its entirety.

where: Prostitutes Collective Victoria,
10 Inkerman Street, St Kilda
cost: Free
info: Prostitutes Collective of Victoria, 9534 8166

Delta Smith - Industrial Sex, Flogging and Bondage

Crafted in bronze and steel, the Delta Smith sculptures use industrial sex, flogging, bondage, etc to re-interpret the meaning of gender. The exhibition also features an unusual floral arrangement in steel and ceramic.

where: Smart Copy Networking, 167 Barkly Street, St Kilda
when: Saturday 18 January - Sunday 8 February, 9.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri, 11.00am-4.00pm Sat-Sun
Opening celebration: Sunday 19 January, 3.00-4.00pm
cost: Free
info: 9334 0677

Forbidden Love Bold Passion

Exhibition

An exhibition exploring 90 years of Australian history through incredible stories of love, romance and heartbreak, the lesbian underground, meeting places, drinking and dancing. Stories of women passing as men, boxers, butches, femmes, women-next-door, mothers, gay activists and terrorists.

where: State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
when: Monday 11 December 1995 - Sunday 16 February 1997,
Mon 10.00am-5.00pm, Tues 10.00am-9.00pm, Wed 10.00am-9.00pm, Thur-Sun 10.00am-6.00pm
cost: Free
info: 9683 7284

Out Sex

"What is sex?" A group exhibition by artists exploring their own images and references. Curated by Rozzi Elizabeth and Jo Whitlaw.

where: Mechanics Institute Gallery, corner Sydney and Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick
when: Friday 17 January - Sunday 2 February, 10.00am-6.00pm
cost: Free
info: 9367 1288

The Perfect Lie

An exhibition of five gay and lesbian artists, exploring Proust's notion of what he calls the perfect lie. Artists include, Sydney artist Jane Becker, and Melbourne artists, Denis Chapman, Andrew Foster, Noel Heurgan and Fiona Lawry. Coordinator: Francis Zemlak.

where: West Space, 42 Albert Street, Footscray
when: Wednesday 28 January-Saturday 8 February
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when: 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
info: 9397 0628 or West Space 9899 2214

(Ends concert)

Icons Concert
Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus proudly presents a concert of songs by performers and composers who have become 'icons' in the gay and lesbian community. Live! live! some of the classic hits from the Pet Shop Boys, Madonna, Leonard Bernstein, Judy Garland, Lisa Minnelli, Stephen Sondheim, k. d. lang and more.

where: National Theatre, corner Barkly and Carlisle Streets, St Kilda
when: Friday 7 and Saturday 8 February, 8.00pm
cost: Full price $25, Concession $20 plus booking fee
bookings: Ticketplan 13 2049
Group Bookings 9290 9030
Never Busy Fax Bookings 9636 3490
Interstate Bookings 1800 062 649
National Theatre 9255 4011

Judy Small and Friends - Out and Proud
Judy Small has been singing to audiences, both gay and straight, as an out lesbian for many years. For Midsumma, she stirs her stuff as never before - a real pleasure for the faithful and newcomers alike. This talented singer-songwriter has a voice like honey and a talent for making audiences laugh, cry and have a great time. With surprises guests, this show will be a treat.

where: New Rudkin's Theatre, 103 Smith Street, Collingwood
when: Friday 24 January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price $15, Concession $12
info: 9461 7008, tickets available at Labrys, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.
Raw Acts and Party Snaps

Retrace the highlights and bright lights from the ALSO Foundation's mega-dance parties. View these mammoth community-based celebrations as captured through the lens of Angela Bailey, one of Melbourne's finest performance photographers. From dressing room to dance floor – who knows who you'll see! And what are they wearing? Photographs of New Year's Eve, Red Raw and Winterdance.

where: Big Mouth Bar and Cafe, 168 Acland Street, St Kilda
when: Monday 13 January-Friday 14 February, 0.00am-1.00am
Opening event Monday 20 January, 5.30-7.30pm
cost: Free
info: 9510 5569

'Rehabbed'

'Rehabbed' is a collection of print-media based works dealing with multi-layered issues of the self and image. 'Rehabbed' is an Americanism for house renovating, and plays with the notion of change through rehabilitation and re-habitation of the house/elf.

where: Dianna Tesser Gallery, 100-110 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
when: Saturday 1 February-Tuesday 25 February, Tues-Sat 1.00-6.00pm
Opening Saturday 1 February, 3.00-6.00pm
cost: Free
info: 9416 3955

Midsumma Swimming Carnival

An eyeful of Speedos enveloping waterborne lesbians and gays from all over the country. Participate by diving and swimming or by watching and cheering the swimmers on to their personal bests. Inter-event entertainment is always provided.

where: Prahran Pool, Essendon Street, Prahran
when: Saturday 1 February, 7.00pm
cost: $5.00
info: Team Melbourne Swimming 9510 3065

Midsumma Tennis Tournaments

Boosting two weekends of tennis: the Midsumma Open Championship takes place during the Australian Open and attracts national players. The Midsumma Tournament is held at the home of Team Melbourne Tennis and is open to all comers. Players and spectators are welcome at both events.

Midsumma Open Championship
where: Tullu Street Tennis Centre, 107 Tullu Street, Sandringham
when: Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 January, all day
cost: $10 per player per event
info: Players please phone 5582 3050 closer to the event.

Midsumma Tournament
where: Elsternwick Park Tennis Centre, corner Glenhuntly Road and St Kilda Street, Elwood
when: Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 February, all day
cost: $10 per player per event
info: Players please phone 9531 6329 closer to the event

Midsumma Volleyball Tournament

Bring a team of six or more, or just yourself, and the famous Spikers will find you a team for a socially serious fun day of the world's favourite gay and Lesbian sport. In keeping with Spikers tradition, a glorious lunch is provided.

where: Melbourne High School Recreation Centre, Chapel Street, South Yarra
when: Saturday 31 January from 9.00am
cost: $15 players. Spectators free.
info: Melbourne Spikers, 9503 0400

Not the Australia Day Team Melbourne Sports Carnival

Novelty events, softball, baseball, touch football and volleyball, interrupted by a BBQ and drinks at The Lake. A socialy relaxing finish to a hectic Midsumma Festival.

where: Albert Park (Melways 57 K7)
when: Saturday 8 February from 12 noon
cost: Free
info: Team Melbourne 9419 9877

997 is the year for Gayme67 in Perth and the warm-up for Gayme67 in Melbourne and Gay Games V in Amsterdam. Join your community in competitive, social and fun events. Please confirm details with the event organiser. For events not listed contact the Team Melbourne Hotline on 9500 577 678.
Veterinary medicine is not simply about the immediate needs of sick animals. These days it also means helping owners provide all round health care for dogs and cats with preventative medicine.

At Richmond Veterinary Clinic and a number of other inner city clinics nutrition is a key part of this approach. That's why they now sell premium pet foods.

A pet's diet has a big effect on its everyday health plus there are multitudes of medical conditions which can be prevented or at least managed with the appropriate diet. Premium quality food ranges such as PAL® and WHISKAS® Professional Formula let veterinarians and owners provide the best nutritional care for pets.

Cleaning up is easier and there is less environmental pollution. Animals are less likely to develop skin problems when fed these diets because the fatty acids used in the diets have been selected by nutritionists to promote a healthy skin and coat.

Dr Donna Pike of Carlton Veterinary Hospital said the tailoring of the foods for the pet's needs was an important feature of the Professional Range. She found that dogs and cats on these diets seem to be more active and healthy. The diets are formulated for pets of different ages. Katana fed WHISKAS Growth Diet and adult cats WHISKAS Conditioning diet. Puppys are fed the PAL® Growth Diet and adult dogs PAL Conditioning Diet. The PAL® Weight Control diet is for mature dogs prone to put on weight.

Carlton Veterinary Clinic find weight control to be a definite preventive medical issue. It is an example of how nutrition and health are connected. Overweight dogs are much more likely to show signs of arthritis pain. If a dog has some form of joint disease, keeping its weight down will often be as effective as using medication.

The PAL® Professional range has another attractive feature for both veterinarians and pet owners. It is Australian made. Dr James Ramsden of The Village Vet in Toorak and Brighton said this was a significant reason for his clients choosing Professional Formula range.

The Professional Formula range is offered with free samples to take and try.

"Dogs and cats on these diets seem to be more active and healthy."

Alejandro Troncoso and Friend

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Veterinarians are finding these diets are very popular amongst regular customers. Client's pets thrive on the food and they can help prevent malnourished complaints which result in fewer vet visits. That makes Professional Formulas very economical to feed.

Dr Phillip Kidd and Dr Jane Conole of Richmond Veterinary Clinic find that their clients like the convenience and extra quality of the PAL Professional foods.

"People keep coming in to buy the foods," said Dr Kidd. "I think they use them because they have confidence in the product and their pets look and feel better. I think the well sourced and consistent ingredients are a definite plus for them."

Important for animals living in the city with smaller yards is the food's digestibility and fibre content so that stools are smaller and breakdown quicker.

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PEDIGREE PAL Professional Formula is now enriched with NUTRIFIBRE, a special type of dietary fibre which maintains a healthy gut and optimises stool quality.

NUTRIFIBRE is a blend of natural plant fibres which assist the passage of food through the gut and improve digestion and absorption of food. Sometimes dogs can have problems with stool quality, such as poorly formed stools or passing excessive quantities. These digestive upsets can often be traced to an imbalance in the gut bacteria, or to elements in the diet which dogs find difficult to digest. The unique formulation of NUTRIFIBRE promotes beneficial bacteria and normalises bowel function and, when combined with the superior digestibility of PEDIGREE PAL Professional Formula, promotes better stool quality.

Please talk to your veterinarian for more information about the benefits of PEDIGREE PAL Professional Formula with NUTRIFIBRE for your dog.
Join Midsumma on Brunswick Street Fitzroy for a night of revelry and entertainment with 50,000 gay men, lesbians and our friends.

sunday 9 february midday to dusk
alexandra gardens melbourne

Midsumma Carnival is a special opportunity to promote your community group or business to more than 100,000 gay men, lesbians and supporters. To secure stall space ring 9525 4746 or fax 9525 4779 and ask for a registration pack.

Dulcie’s Dog Show 2.00 pm
It’s cappuccino as poofs and dykes sashay down the catwalk, parading their peaches under Dulcie Du Jour’s watchful eye. Great prizes from Uncle Ben’s - Pal Professional Formula deadest are up for grabs. Doggy resting and watering facilities are provided.

Wigstock 4.00 pm
Drag queens and drag kings venture out of their lounge rooms and onto centre stage. Be there to see new drag legends born.

Lube Wrestling 6.00 pm
Look on in horror fascination, or take up the challenge yourself. Sweeney, it’s water-based lubricant of course, so it will wash out of your hair. 1995 Women’s title-holder Tracey Wall takes on all comers in the dyke lube wrestling pool. Men’s title holder Tracey Twist (deceased) sadly no longer with us.

Plus hours of free entertainment with local bands, roving performers, sideshows, rides, stalls and giveaways.

You can be involved in these events or you can help Midsumma organise these wildly popular events by registering your interest in advance. Ring the Midsumma office on 9525 4744.

Web site
Midsumma proudly invites you to log on and tune in to our new web site, bringing you all the news and latest updates about Midsumma Festival events.
Http://www.midsumma.org.au/
Pride

Sunday 2 February
Assembly 4.00 pm
Junction Oval St Kilda

ASSEMBLE FROM 4.00 PM at the Junction Oval (cnr St Kilda Road and Fitzroy Street, St Kilda). The march heads out at 5:30 pm. Join more than 15,000 gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals, friends and families. We will wind our way down to the St Kilda foreshore.

And we won't be going quietly! PRIDE organisers promise music along the whole route; confetti cannons, flares, skywriting and aerial acts, plus entertainment at the beginning and end of the march.

For more details, or to register your group, ring ALSO on 9510 8989 or Midsummer on 9525 4746.

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New Year's Eve
Gay & Lesbian Dance Party

Ticket prices: $40 ALSO members & concessions + booking fee
$50 Pre-sale + booking fee. $55 at the door
Tickets available: ALSO office. Hares & Hyenas (Prahran & Fitzroy). Beat Bookshop (Prahran). Aussie Boys (Sydney & St Kilda), Adelaide GT.
Membership Tickets Hares & Hyenas & ALSO. Concession available ALSO office. Positive Living Centre (St Kilda).
Info: 9510 8989 (tollfree: 735-minute)

Proudly sponsored by ALSO Foundation

Tuesday 31 December
Shed 14, Victoria Dock, Port of Melbourne
Doors open 10pm

ride

Sunday 2 February
5.00pm - Midnight
Luna Park St Kilda

The smash hit sell-out of last year's Midsummer Festival returns even bigger and better. Be thrilled and amazed once more by spectacles such as Candee's Carousel, Stella's Tunnel of Terror, CoCo's amazing Mad Mouse, and more, more, more!!!

Thrills, Spills, Cabaret, Theatre.

Food and drink available inside Luna Park.

Book early. It will be sure to sell out.
Pre-sale $18/15 concession or $25 at the door. Tickets available from ALSO, Midsummer office, Club X Acland Street, Hares and Hyenas Prahran and Fitzroy.

Brought to you by ALSO and Midsummer, the proceeds of RIDE go toward producing events and funding projects which enrich Melbourne's gay and lesbian community.

Info: 9510 8989

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You probably already know Andre. He stripped you last summer with his Extra Strength Hair Remover. Now he’s brought out an Extra Strength Self Tan that will turn you a golden shade of brown and save your skin from the ravages of the sun.

He also wants your skin to feel better with the new Body Scrub Shower Gel. Use it to prepare your skin before you apply Extra Strength Self Tan. It’s designed to gently lift away dead skin cells and let your lags or any other part of your body breathe a little easier. New Andre, Extra Strength Self Tan and Body Scrub Shower Gel. Available from pharmacies, department and variety stores. For stockists, dial 1 3002 1110.
AGLTA Midsumma Dinner
The Australia Gay and Lesbian Tourism Association hosts its annual Midsumma dinner and pre-Carnival travel show networking time. A chance to discuss the tourism industry with Victorian Tourism, and our own plans for this year and next.

where: The Vic Restaurant, Victorian Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
when: Saturday 6 February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
cost: $40 including cocktails
info: Bruce 9653 4940 or Michael 9419 6320

Calamity Jane and her Tapping Cowpokes
We'll sing and tap dance our way into your hearts AND we wear a lot of sequins! From Neil Diamond to The Partridge Family just help yourself to our love.

where: The Kenny Rogers Room, The Stage, 221 Smith Street, Fitzroy
when: Fri 31 Jan, Sat 1 Feb, Fri 7 Feb & Sat 6 Feb
Cost: Dinner & show $32 at 7.00pm.
Show only $12.00/$10.00 at 8.00pm
info: 9417 2703

Forbidden Love Lesbian History Bike/Walk Tour
HISTORY INVERTED
Tour Melbourne's secret lesbian past. Visit historic sites of the lesbian underground, meeting places, dining and dancing venues, gay and feminist organisations. Hear stories of love, romance and heartbreak, of women who passed as men, bohemians, butches, feminists and activists.

where: Meet at State Library of Victoria, 338 Swanston Street, Melbourne
when: Sunday 19 January, 2.00-5.00pm
Cost: TBC
info: 9831 7264

GLADE Alliance
GLADE's first monthly forum for Gay and Lesbian Business Entrepreneurs to: Discuss ideas and plans for our enterprises 
• Gain thoughtful feedback • Network with others about services • Organise information sessions • Form your own informal advisory board • Work with the Gay and Lesbian Association for Developing Enterprise (GLADES) in assisting new leaders find their feet.

where: GLADE Office at Port Melbourne Town Hall, 335 Bay Street, Port Melbourne or at any smart address, Contact GLADE
when: Wednesday 29 January, 4.00-6.00pm
Cost: Free, snack provided
info: GLADE office, 9881 9400

Midsumma Gala
The Victorian AIDS Council and Midsumma present an evening of high glitz entertainment. Get your best glad-rags out of the closet and make your way to a night of mesmerising music, a panorama of performers and social mingling at the carpet of Melbourne's cabaret venues. A VAC and Midsumma Festival fundraiser.

where: The Forum Theatre, Finders Street, Melbourne
when: Monday 20 January, 8.00pm
Cost: TBC
info: enquiries Victorian AIDS Council 9885 6700 bookings Tickets 15 2340

Midsumma Jack-Off
The Melbourne Worriers 7th annual Jack-Off party offers an environment which is safe, friendly and discreet. All ages (over 18) and sizes, singles and couples welcome. Full nudity. No limits below the hips. Standard club rules apply.

where: Bay City Sauna Elsternwick, 482 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick
when: Monday 27 January, Monday 10 February, 7.00-9.00pm
Cost: $10

Midsumma Mooning (N.A.S.) No Attitude Guys and the Laid Hotel join forces once again to bring you Midsumma Mooning: Melbourne's best area competition. Entry forms available at the Laid Hotel. This event is a fundraiser for Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

where: The Laid Hotel, 149 Gipps Street, Collingwood
when: Friday 7 February, 11.30pm
Cost: Free
info: 9417 2832

Midsumma Throb
The Peel Dance Bar present Midsumma Throb the dance party for men. Show-casing Melbourne's finest DJs and lighting, with spectacular entertainment, this night is set to go off.

where: The Peel Dance Bar, Corner Peel and Wellington Streets, Collingwood
when: Friday 24 January, 10.00pm till dawn
Cost: $5

Pride March
February 1995 saw Victoria hold its first ever Pride March. 11,000 people marched to express their pride and solidarity. There were 80 organisations involved. 1997's Pride is expected to bring at least 20,000 people out to march from St Kilda Cricket Ground to a concert on the beach.

where: Fitzroy Street, St Kilda
when: Sunday 2 February, assembly 4.00pm, march 5.30pm
Cost: Free
info: ALSO 9510 5569

Red Raw
Red Raw - Melbourne's hottest and wildest of summer warehouse parties. An eclectic range of scintillating shows under the artistic direction of Barry Kosky.

where: Shed 14, Cowper Street, Victoria Docks
when: Saturday 24 January, 10.00pm - 4.00am
Cost: $45 ALSO members, bonus pre-sale + booking fees
info: enquiries ALSO 9510 5569, tickets at the usual outlets

St Dorothy Day Celebrations
St Agness Church is celebrating St Dorothy's Day and all friends are invited to attend. The service will be inclusive and the sermon affirming, there will be creativity in music etc. Afterwards there will be an afternoon meal - $5.00 donation. Bookings essential (from 14 Dec 1996 until 31 Jan 1997 only) please write to PO Box 99 Fairfield 3078. Enclosing stamped self addressed envelope and payment.

where: St Agness Church, 114 Bevan Road, Glenroy
when: Thursday 8 February, Eucharist 6.00pm, Dinner 7.45pm
Cost: $5.00

Satin and Silk Ball
A Bit More Ballroom for women only. Proceeds to Matrix Guild Inc. which looks at appropriate support and care for older lesbians. Bookings essential from 14 Dec 1996 until 31 Jan 1997 only) please write to PO Box 99 Fairfield 3078. Enclosing stamped self addressed envelope and payment.

where: Sun Remo Ballroom, 365 Nicholson Street, North Carlton
when: Saturday 6 February, 7.30pm - 11.45pm
Cost: Full price $35, Concession $20
info: 9599 9435

JOY Picnic in the Park
JOY Melbourne's annual Australia Day/Midsumma picnic at the Glen - "Bring your lunch, bring a friend, bring a frock and don't forget the Boles."

where: Forest Gully, Main Road, Mt Macedon
when: Sunday 19 January, 11.00am-6.00pm
Cost: $5
info: 9650 0070

(Godot's Bower)
If you’ve never heard of Havana Club we suggest you order the Prawn Cocktail.
The Second Lesbian Parenting Conference
The Second Lesbian Parenting Conference offers lesbian mothers and
lesbians considering parenthood the opportunity to share information
and experience to network and have fun. There will be workshops,
videos and social events as well as childcare and children's workshops.
where: Prince Hill Primary School, Pigeon Street.
North Carlton
when: Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 January, 10.00am-5.00pm
cost: TBC
info: enquiries to 4941 8888, Anne 9494 8004.
Jenni 9410 9135, bookings PO Box 329 Clifton Hill 3068

Literature

The third Word is Out

Another Bend in the Merri
Hearts, homecars and other Lesbian vocabularies.
Four women, four voices, four very different stories. Writers are Nalad
Three authors: Diana, Simmonds and Jennifer Fulton, publisher and
and author Susan Hawthorne and author Janny Pauwels. MOB by
MSW's Kelly Gardiner.
where: Sogo Hall, 82 High Street, Northcote
when: Wednesday 15 February, 6.00pm
info: Hares and Hyenas, 9824 0110

Defying Gravity book launch
Presented in association with Allen & Unwin publishers.
Davina Altham, pioneer of the gay liberation movement, respected
academic and prolific writer, has finally compiled the best of
her life thus far to paper. The result is a stimulating and engaging
memoir which will be launched at Hares and Hyenas, South Yarra.
where: Hares and Hyenas, 120 Commercial Road, South Yarra
when: Friday 7 February, 6.00pm
info: Free
info: Hares and Hyenas, 9824 0110

Hard
A new anthology compiled and edited by Tony Ayres.
To celebrate the release of this collection of stories by gay men about
their sex and sexuality, we present contributors from the book in an
evening of readings. Contributors: Simon Payne, Mike Randoriski-
Todros, William Young, Cristo Barras, Richard Watts, Chris Wheat,
Gary Dunn, Stephen Durno, John Leno, Dean Kay, Kerry Banford,
Marcus O'Donnell, Tony Ayres, and Fletcher Jepson. Several
contributors will read at this event. Meals and refreshments available.
where: New Budinskis Theatre, 103 Smith Street, Fitzroy
when: Tuesday 11 February, 7.00pm
cost: $6, $5 conc.
info: Hares and Hyenas, 9824 0110

Rapid Fire 3 and 4
With the overwhelming success of the first two Rapid Fires, we present
a double dose during Midsumma. Over two nights 20 writers
and some surprise guests will get six months each to take over
the hearts, souls and minds of the audience. Writers include Tony Ayres,
Patricia Cornwell, Urguska Skirinius, Will Day, Jennifer Fulton,
Cramer Hills, David Hodd, Helen McCullough, Letizia Mondello,
Denee Mose, Julie Petras, Adam Richard, Mary Vankleff, Paul
Velsh, Miriam Wilks. With a Rapid Fire anthology to follow. Book early
to avoid disappointment. Meals and refreshments available.
where: New Budinskis Theatre, 103 Smith Street, Fitzroy
when: Rapid Fire 3 Thursday 7 January, 7.00pm
Rapid Fire 4 Tuesday 4 February, 7.00pm
cost: $6, $5 conc.
info: Hares and Hyenas, 9824 0110

Voices from Generation Q
Presented in association with Victoria Network.
Young writers read from their work, followed by discussion of what
it means to be young, queer and living now. Confirmed writers are
where: New Budinskis Theatre, 103 Smith Street, Fitzroy
when: Monday 15 January, 7.00pm
cost: $4, $2 conc.
info: Hares and Hyenas, 9824 0110
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The Victorian AIDS Council & Gay Men's Health Centre provide support and services to people whose lives have been touched by AIDS.

We are proud to be part of the Midsumma Festival, a celebration of the gains we have made and those yet to come.

Everyone at the Council wishes you a great Midsumma. To find out more about the Victorian AIDS Council and the Gay Men's Health Centre telephone 9865 6700 or 1300 134 840 toll free.

SUPPORT: Trained volunteers provide community-based care & support to people living with & affected by HIV/AIDS. Telephone 9865 6757

PLWHIA: Our People Living With HIV/AIDS Program manages the Positive Living Centre which is for people with HIV/AIDS, their families, partners & friends. We offer:

• Treatment information.
• Massage & relaxation.
• Hairdressing.
• Social activities.
• Low cost meals.
• Information.
• Confidential peer support.

Health and Education: Preventative health promotion & information.

Phone 9235 4453.

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Community outreach & counselling services.

Comprehensive medical services offered by the Centre Clinics at St Kilda and Northcote.
Thank you for your support. It's an exciting time in our community and we're all looking forward to a safe and successful Festival. We hope you enjoy the events and all the fun they bring.

The Midsumma Festival team

Midsumma is committed to promoting equality and diversity, and we encourage everyone to celebrate and enjoy the festival. Let's come together to make this year's festival a wonderful celebration of LGBTQIA+ culture and community.
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