

midsummafestival

melbourne's gay and lesbian festival

18 january - 19 february

1997

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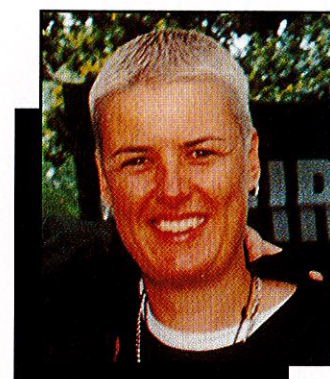
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Welcome!

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 Midsumma97.

Claire Beckwith
Midsumma President

Optus message

Optus is proud to again 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

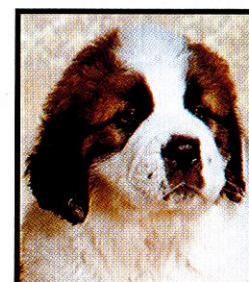
The Melbourne Star Observer is proud to be part of this queer community, and particularly proud to be a major sponsor of the Midsumma Festival again this year.

Midsumma is an exciting time for all of us, our big bent 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 showing 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

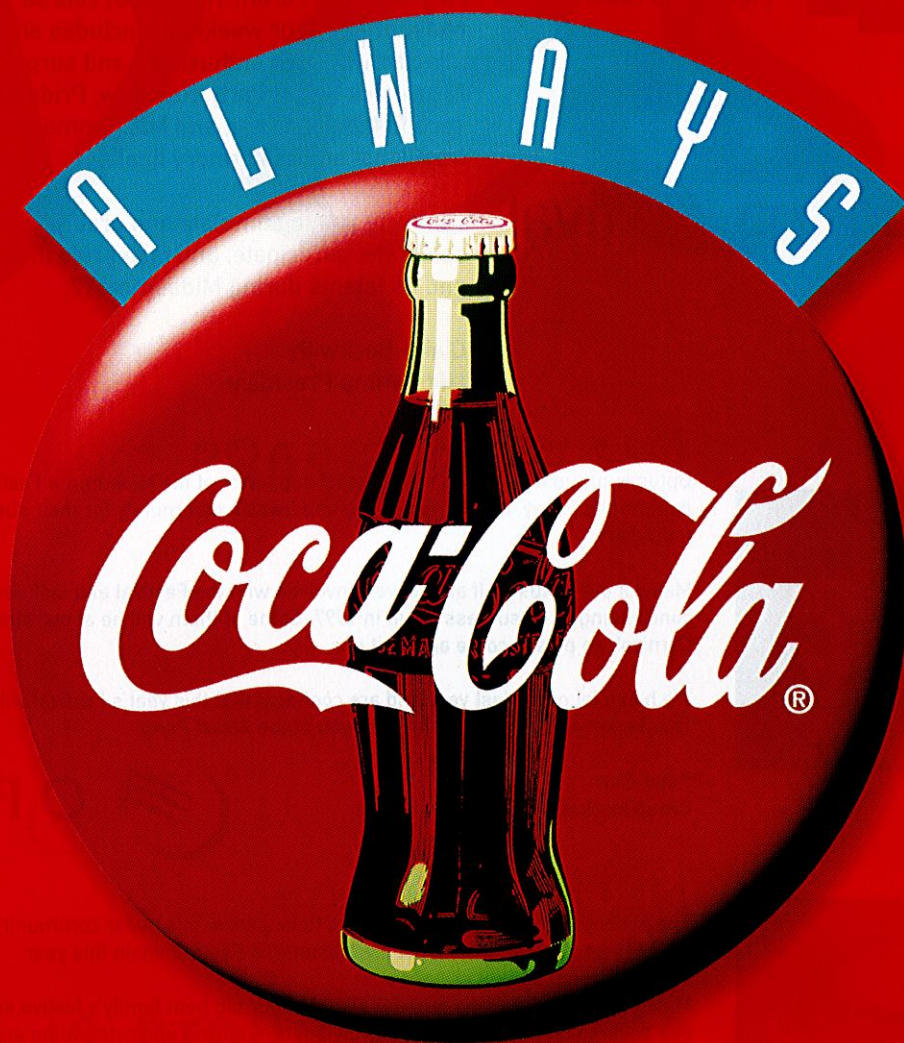
PAL is proud to be a major sponsor of the Midsumma Festival, which acknowledges the role of pets in our lives. 1997 is our first year as a Midsumma sponsor, and we look forward to seeing you all there. As Australia's leading brand of food for dogs, we wish the board, volunteers and participants a wonderful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

performing arts

A Night in the Queer Zone

Doors blast open for subcultural, subterranean subterfuge. Set to scintillate and obliterate - a night in the *Queer Zone*, complete with cocktails and performances. A Bent-TV fundraiser.

where: New Budinski's Theatre, 103 Smith Street, Fitzroy
when: Saturday 11 January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price \$8, Bent-TV members \$6
info: 9510 5592

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 night-life of 3 Faces to the heated action of Steamworks, from the dinner table to the musical stage and into the hearts of the characters.

where: Grant Street Theatre, 234 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

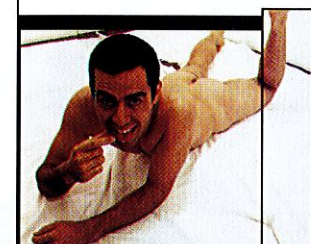
Homodefactors and the Warrnambool HIV Support Group present something for everyone who has laughed, cried, lived and enjoyed dance shows and gay performers. Drag acts and live music with a blend of comedy.

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

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/actor 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: 9867 2551



(Feel-free-to-float)

Hot on the Spot

A fast-moving night of inspired improvisation and stand-up comedy. Hot from a sold-out season at the 1996 Fringe Festival, featuring Melbourne's newest gay and lesbian comedians and gay-friendly improvisers. This is 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, Prahran
when: Friday 17 January, Thursdays 23, 30 and Fridays 24, 31, January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price \$12, Concession \$8
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...

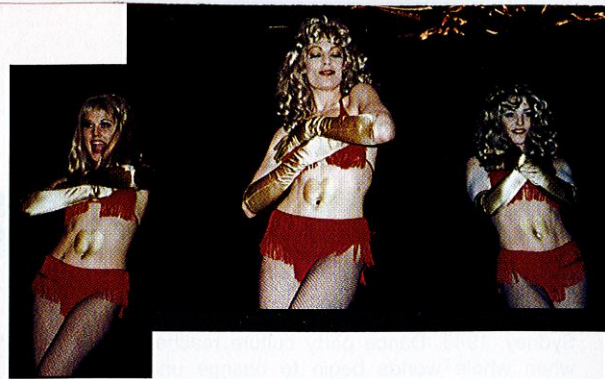
where: The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps Street, Collingwood
when: Thursdays 23 and 30 January, 6 February, 11.00pm
cost: TBC
info: 9417 2832



(Ms-Penelope-for-the-boys)

festival hotline 0055 34 2 34 (telads 75c/min)
 more from mobile & public phones





—(Ruby Lounge—Summer—Spectacular)—

Narcissus' Dream

Narcissus' Dream is a surrealistic exploration of the myth of Narcissus, directed by acclaimed dancer and visual artist, Tony Yap, and performed by the innovative hybrid theatre artists of Mixed Company. Visceral, physical theatre language manifests the conditions of inner life through the body into a unique poetic theatre. This is set in ordinary and extraordinary time and space 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 9522 3382

Ruby Lounge Summer Spectacular

An evening of decadent cabaret with gorgeous Sydney MC Izzy. Prepare to be enticed and delighted by the crème of Melbourne's queer artistes. Indulge in full cocktail table service and smooth grooves from our DJ. This gem of a night styled 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 8.30pm
cost: Full price \$12, Concession \$10
info: enquiries Hostess Clare, 9531 4218/015 339 778, bookings Comedy Club, 9348 1622

Software

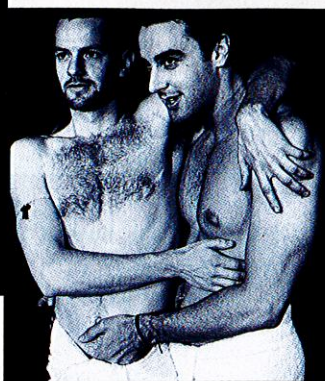
The return of *Software*, the best in new queer work. Midsumma presents a season of new, short, queer performances. From dance to stand-up comedy, if you're not into one act, something new is minutes away...

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: 9531 6105



—(The Poofa Plays—The Art of Being Still & The Gathering of Vampires)—

The Poofa Plays - the Art of Being Still & The Gathering of Vampires

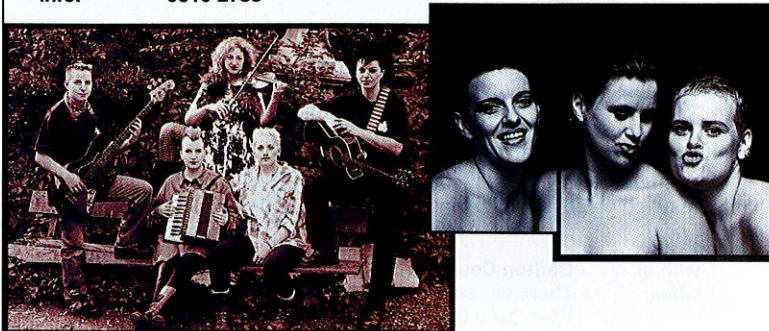
Steven Dawson's outrageous and moving hit gay comedy/drama *the Art of Being Still* and its powerhouse sequel *The Gathering of Vampires*, both together for the first time in an all-new repertory season starring the best of Melbourne's actors. See them separately or on the same day. 'Wicked...Powerful...outrageous...moving.'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

where: Guild Theatre, Melbourne Uni, Swanston Street
when: Friday 17 January-Tuesday 22 February, Tues-Sat 8.00pm, Sat Matinee 5.30pm
cost: Full price \$22, Concession \$16, Double bill \$35
info: 9305 5333

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, 132a Greville Street, Prahran
when: Friday 31 January
cost: Dinner and show: \$47 (doors open 7.15pm)
Show only: \$15 (doors open 9.30pm)
info: 9510 2788



—(Well-Oiled-Sisters-and-Blue-House)—

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 present music from Schubert to Sondheim, Bessie Smith to Bernstein, *Calamity Jane* to *Cabaret*, with 'Bohemian Rhapsody' besides!

where: Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran
when: Friday 31 January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price \$18, Concession \$15
info: Connie 9510 4423 or Warwick 014 803 767



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Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre Inc DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

EVENTS

RED RIBBONS

BRADLEY HUGHES AIDS CHARITY GOLF DAY

FEBRUARY 1997

STYLE AID

JUNE 1997

'A ONE NIGHT STAND WITH...'

SEPTEMBER 1997

TEDDY BEAR AUCTION

OCTOBER 1997

A NIGHT OF INFECTIOUS LAUGHTER

NOVEMBER 1997

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EVENTS OF
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AIDS COUNCIL/GAY
MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE
ON 9865-6700.

PHOTO BY JACQUIL HENSHAW STYLE AID 1996



here today,

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.

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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.

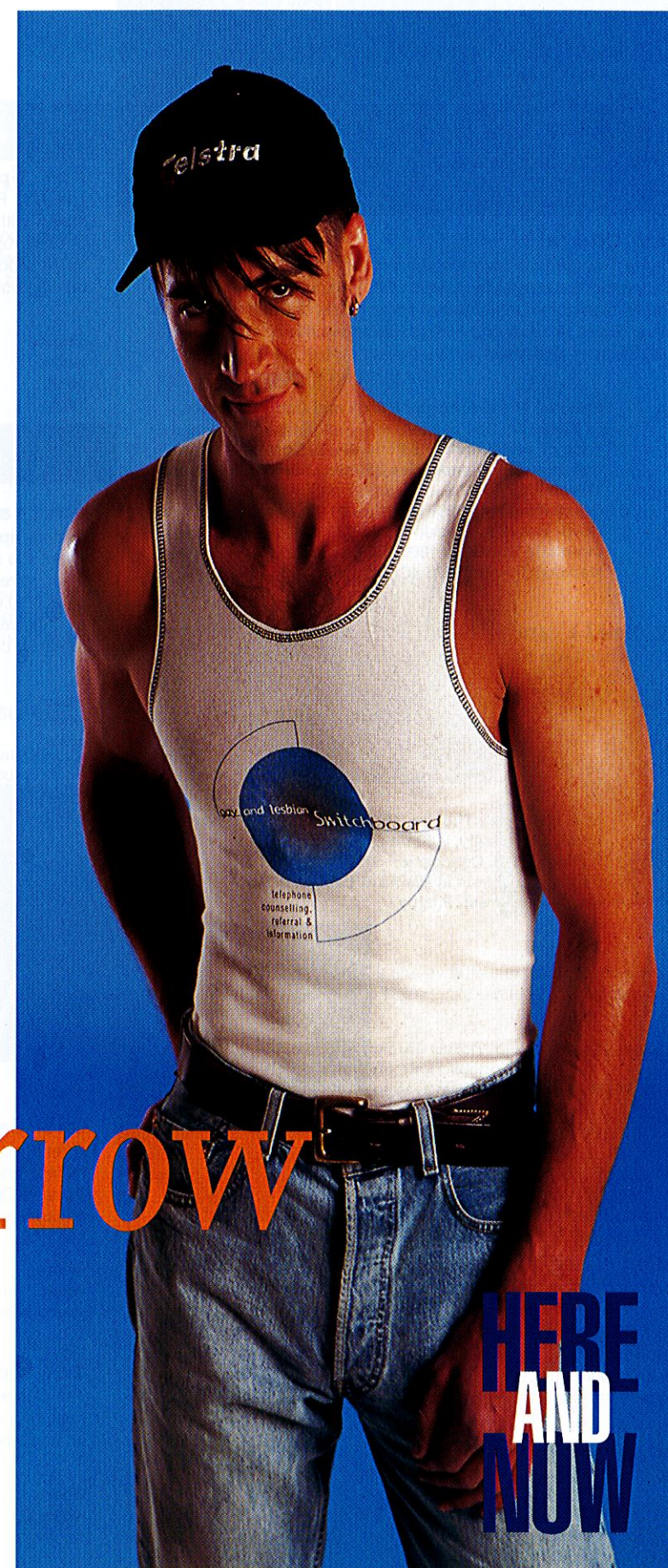
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Because at Telstra, we're not just here to have a good time, we're here all the time.

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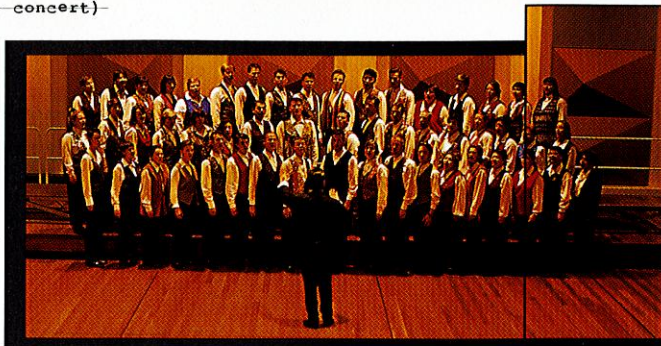
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-(Icons concert)-



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. Re-live some of the classic hits from the Pet Shop Boys, Madonna, Leonard Bernstein, Judy Garland, Liza 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: Ticketek 13 2849
 Group Bookings 9299 9030
 Never Busy Fax Bookings 9639 3499
 Interstate Bookings 1800 062 849
 National Theatre 9525 4611

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 struts her stuff as never before - a real pleasure for the faithful and newcomers alike. This feminist singer-songwriter has a voice like honey and a talent for making audiences laugh, cry and have a great time. With surprise guests, this show will be a treat.

where: New Budinski's Theatre, 103 Smith Street, Collingwood
when: Friday 24 January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price \$15, Concession \$12
info: 9481 7009, tickets available at Labrys, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy



-(Judy Small and Friends)-

Newman Sinfonietta Chamber Orchestra

Program includes Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending*, with Matthew Hassall, violin; scenes from some of Mozart's greatest operas with Brenda Pitts, soprano, and Simon Meadows, baritone; and Schoenberg's *Verlorte Nacht (Transfigured Night)* for string orchestra. Conductor: Chris Childs.

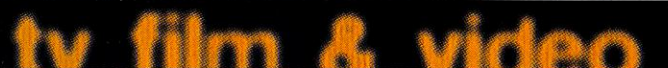
All proceeds to the AIDS Housing Assistance Group.

where: Newman College Chapel, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville
when: Thursday 23 January, 8.00pm
cost: Full price \$20, Concession \$15
info: Julian, 9874 5558

The Spooky Kabuki Show

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

where: Candy Bar, Greville Street, Prahran
when: Sunday 26 January, 9.30pm
cost: \$5 (part proceeds to ALSO)
info: 9731 0132 or 9510 9220



Movies Under the Stars

Cuddle up for two all-time festival favourites: *Bar Girls*, a comedy about the amorous escapades of eight grown-up urban women who meet, retreat, 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, televangelists and dancing boys in this breezy romantic comedy. BYO cushion and picnic hamper.

where: Northcote Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
when: Friday 31 January, 8.30pm (rain date Friday 7 February)
cost: Full price \$8, Concession/MQFVF members \$6
info: 9510 5205



-(Bar Girls)-

-(Jeffrey)-

Out Cast Out-Takes

A renegade talking head breaks transmission, a story is told, queer service is resumed as soon as possible. A joint project between Bent-TV and Out Cast Theatre. Will break into *Queer Zone* during the Midsumma season. Stay tuned...

where: The *Queer Zone*, Bent-TV, Channel 31
when: Monday nights at 10.00pm during the Midsumma Festival

The Queer Zone

The *Queer Zone*, Bent-TV's weekly programming of all things queer. Featuring a Midsumma round-up each week, with highlights, what's on and what's hot.

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Boys on the Block

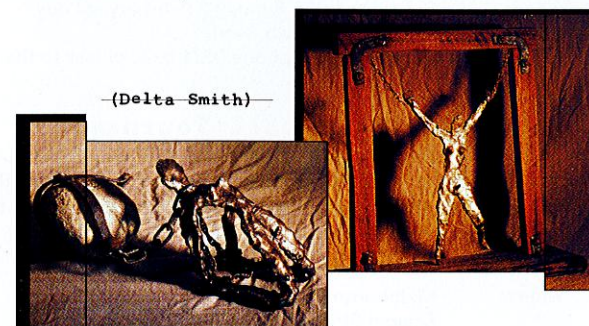
A photographic exhibition of street-based male sex workers, who have been encouraged to represent themselves by handwriting their stories on the prints. Part of this exhibition was recently banned but PCV is proud to present it in its entirety.

where: Prostitutes Collective of Victoria, 10 Inkerman Street, St Kilda
when: Friday 24 January - Thursday 30 January, 11.00am-6.00pm
 Opening Night Thursday 23 January, 6.30-10.30pm
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 9 February, 9.00am-5.30pm Mon-Fri, 11.00am-4.00pm Sat-Sun
 Opening celebration: Sunday 19 January, 2.00-4.00pm
cost: Free
info: 9534 0677



-(Delta Smith)-

Exploiting the Male Nude

A celebration of the beauty of the male torso. Illustrator Cam Knuckey, best known for his *Outrage* illustrations, finally exposes his quality figure works. Some of the 'Shower and Changing Room' series may also be unveiled.

where: Art Affairs Gallery, 42 University Street, Carlton
when: Sunday 19 January - Sunday 9 February, 12.00-6.00pm.
 Closed Tuesdays
cost: Free
info: 9349 2955

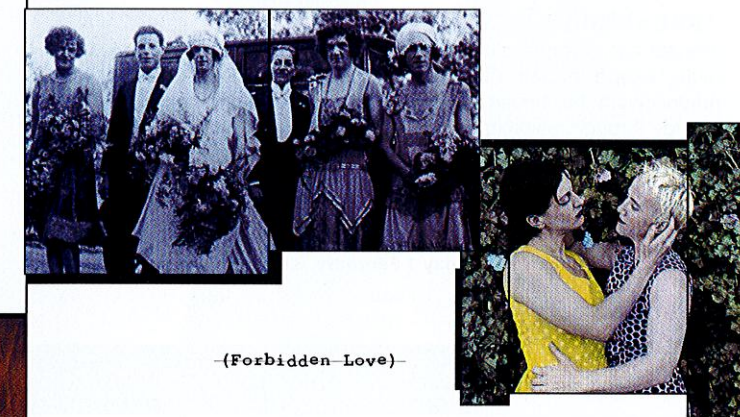
-(Boys-on-the-Block)-



Forbidden Love Bold Passsion 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, bohemians, butches, femmes, women-next-door, mothers, gay activists and feminists.

where: State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
when: Monday 11 December 1996 - Sunday 16 February 1997, Mon 1.00-9.00pm, Tues 10.00am-6.00pm, Wed 10.00am-9.00pm, Thur-Sun 10.00am-6.00pm
cost: Free
info: 9383 7264



-(Forbidden Love)-

Out Sex

'What is sex?' A group exhibition by artists exploring their own images and references. Curated by Roze Elizabeth and Jo Whitelaw.

where: Mechanics Institute Gallery, corner Sydney and Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick
when: Friday 17 January - Sunday 2 February, 1.00-6.00pm
cost: Free
info: 9387 1208

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 Hourigan and Fiona Lawry. Coordinator: Francis Zemljak.

where: West Space, 42 Albert Street, Footscray
when: Wednesday 22 January-Saturday 8 February
 Wednesday - Saturday, 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
cost: Free
info: 9397 6628 or West Space 9689 2214

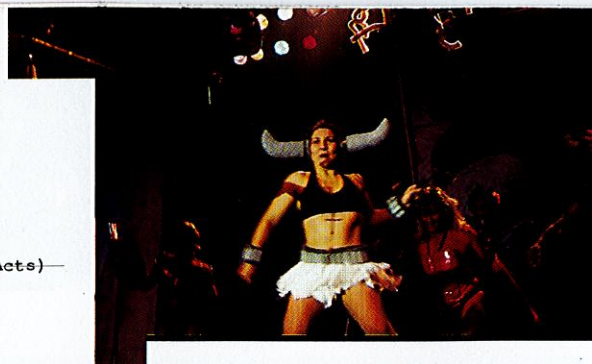


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—(Raw-Acts)—



Raw Acts and Party Snaps

Relive the highlights and brightlights 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 Winterdaze.

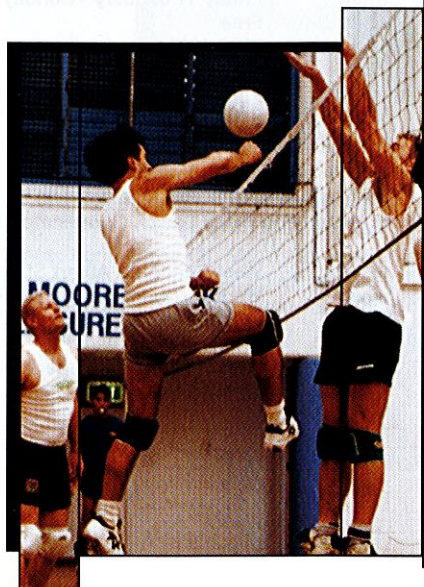
where: Big Mouth Bar and Cafe, 168 Acland Street, St Kilda
when: Monday 13 January-Friday 14 February, 9.00am-1.00am
 Opening event Monday 20 January, 5.30-7.30pm
cost: Free
info: 9510 5569

'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/self.

where: Dianne Tanzer Gallery, 108-110 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 3956

1997 is the year for Gaymes97 in Perth and the warm-up for Gaymes98 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 0500 577 678.



—(Spiking-at-the-net)—

Midsumma Swimming Carnival

An eyeful of Speedos enveloping water-borne 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, Essex Street, Prahran
when: Saturday 1 February, 7.00pm
cost: \$5.00
info: Team Melbourne Swimming 9510 3085

Midsumma Tennis Tournaments

Boasting 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: Tulip Street Tennis Centre, 107 Tulip Street, Sandringham
when: Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 January, all day
cost: \$15 per player per event
info: Players please phone 053 33 5285 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: \$15 per player per event
info: Players please phone 9531 6328 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 fabulous lunch is provided.

where: Melbourne High School Recreation Centre, Chapel Street, South Yarra
when: Saturday 25 January from 9.00am
cost: \$15 players. Spectators free.
info: Melbourne Spikers, 9853 0460

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 socially 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



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a vets view on better pet nutrition

by dr chris godfrey

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.



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Cleaning up is easier and there's 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. Kittens are fed WHISKAS Growth Diet and adult cats WHISKAS Conditioning diet. Puppies 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 arthritic 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.

"a pet's diet has a big effect on its everyday health"

Veterinarians are finding these diets are very popular amongst regular customers. Client's pets thrive on the food and they can help persistent medical complaints which results 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."

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saturday 18 january
6.00pm - 1.00 am
brunswick street fitzroy



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Flex your muscles in the tattoo competition, groove on a huge outdoor dancefloor, impress your friends in the karaoke competition.

Sit down to a meal at any one of the cafes along Brunswick Street.

Be entertained by the Rainbow Band, bootscooting demonstrations, Gay and Lesbian Chorus, live music and cabaret acts.

Take a ride on the "wheel of death" or hurtle down the giant slide.

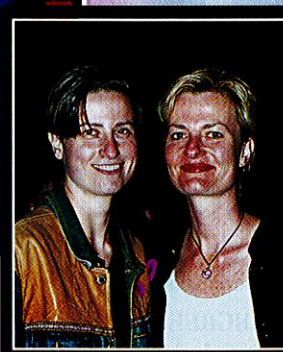
red raw

RED RAW gay & lesbian dance party
presented by The ALSO Foundation
Saturday 25 January
Shed 14, Victoria Dock, Port of Melbourne
Doors open 10pm

Ticket prices: \$40 ALSO members & concessions + booking fee
\$60 Pre-sale + booking fee, \$65 at the door

Tickets available: ALSO office, Hares & Hyenas (Prahra & Fitzroy), Beat Bookshop (Prahra), Aussie Boys (Sydney & Sth Yarra), Adelaide GT, Membership Tickets Hares & Hyenas & ALSO. Concession available ALSO office, Positive Living Centre (St Kilda).

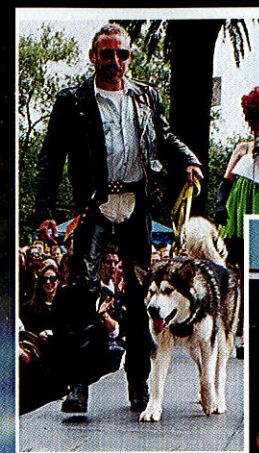
No Door sales
Info: 0055 342 34 (telads 75c/minute)



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 camp mayhem as poofs and dykes sashay down the catwalk, parading their pooches under Dulcie Du Jour's watchful eye. Great prizes from Uncle Ben's - Pal Professional Formula dogfood 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 horrid fascination, or take up the challenge yourself. (Sweetie, 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 Twat (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 4746.

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/>



Midsumma Carnival

sunday 9 february midday to dusk
alexandra gardens melbourne

pride



sunday 2 february
assemble 4.00 pm
junction oval st kilda



Celebrate our pride,
strength, diversity
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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, transgenders, 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 5569 or Midsumma 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, \$65 at the door
Tickets available: ALSO office, Hares & Hyenas (Pahran & Fitzroy), Beat Bookshop (Pahran), Aussie Boys (Sydney & Sth Yarra), Adelaide GT, Membership Tickets Hares & Hyenas & ALSO, Concession available ALSO office, Positive Living Centre (St Kilda).
Info: 0055 342 34 (telads 75c/minute)

presented by The ALSO Foundation
Tuesday 31 December
Shed 14, Victoria Dock, Port of Melbourne
Doors open 10pm

ride

sunday 2 february
6.00pm - midnight
luna park st kilda



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

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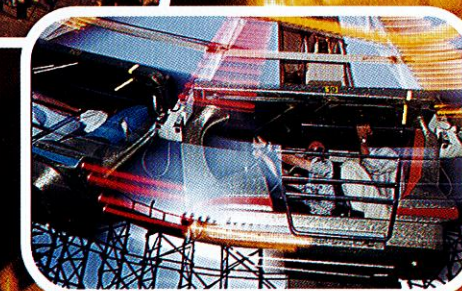
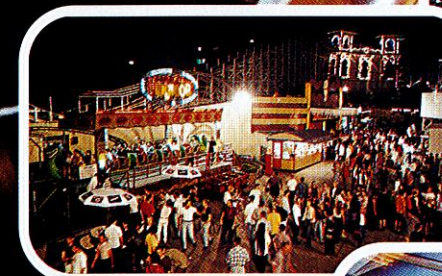
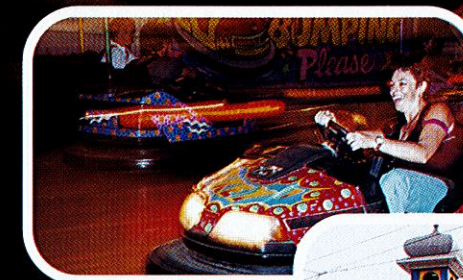
Food and drink available inside Luna Park.

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

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

Info: 9510 5569

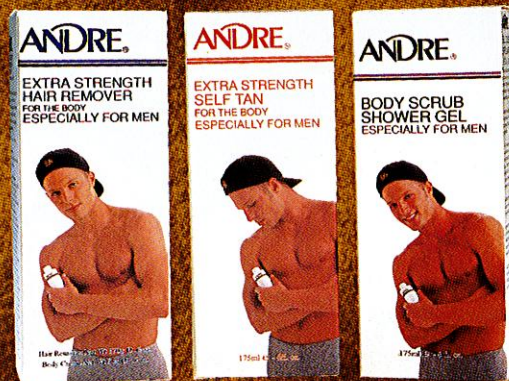
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special events

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 and next year.

where: The Vic Restaurant, Victorian Arts Centre,
100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
when: Saturday 8 February, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
cost: \$45 including cocktails
info: Bruce 9525 4040 or Michael 9419 5230

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.

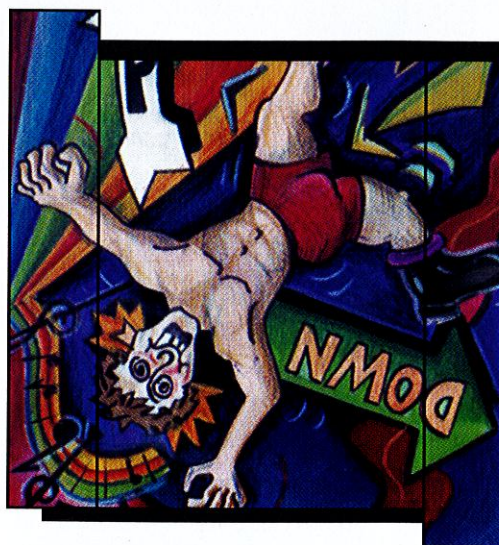
Where: The Kenny Rogers Room, The Stage,
231 Smith Street, Fitzroy
When: Fri 31 Jan, Sat 1 Feb, Fri 7 Feb & Sat 8 Feb
Cost: Dinner & show \$32 at 7.00pm,
Show only \$12.00/\$10.00 at 8.00pm
Info: 9417 2703

Dirty Day After Recovery

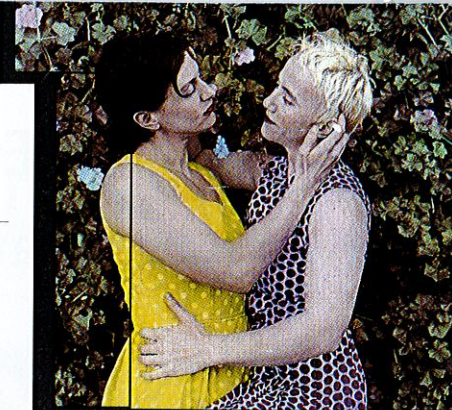
Post Red Raw, the Laird Hotel presents the *Dirty Day After Recovery*. Dancing, fruit platters and Bloody Marys are the order of the day. This is a recovery in the true sense of the word - enjoy the music, the beer garden. Oh - and don't forget your sunnies!

where: The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps Street, Collingwood
when: Sunday 26 January, 9.00am
cost: Free
info: 9417 2832

-(Dirty Day After Recovery)-



-(Forbidden Love)-



Forbidden Love Lesbian History Bike/Walk Tour

HISTORY INVERTED

Tour Melbourne's secret lesbian past. Visit historic sites of the lesbian underground, meeting places, drinking and dancing venues, gay and feminist organisations. Hear stories of love, romance and heartbreak, of women who passed as men, bohemians, butches, femmes and activists.

where: Meet at State Library of Victoria,
328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
when: Sunday 19 January, 2.00-5.00pm
cost: TBC
info: 9383 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 (GLADE) in assisting new leaders find their feet.

where: GLADE Office at Port Melbourne Town Hall,
333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne or at sponsors city
address. Contact Globe.
when: Wednesday 29 January, 6.00-9.00pm
cost: Free, snack provided
info: GLADE office, 9681 9400

GLOBE Midsumma 97 Dinner Meeting

where: Kaye's on King, 225 King Street, Melbourne.
when: Monday 20 January, 7.00pm
cost: \$35 (3 course meal)
info: 9489 8793

JOY Picnic in the Park

JOY Melbourne's annual Australia Day/Midsumma picnic at the Glade - 'Bring your lunch, bring a friend, bring a frock and don't forget the Bolle.'

where: Forest Glade, Main Road, Mt Macedon
when: Sunday 19 January, 11.00am-6.00pm
cost: \$5
info: 9690 0907

Midsumma Gala

The Victorian AIDS Council and Midsumma present an evening of high glam 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 campiest of Melbourne's cabaret venues. A VAC and Midsumma Festival fundraiser.

where: The Forum Theatre, Flinders Street, Melbourne
when: Monday 20 January, 8.00pm
cost: TBC
info: enquiries Victorian AIDS Council 9865 6700
bookings Ticketek 13 2849

Midsumma Jack-Off

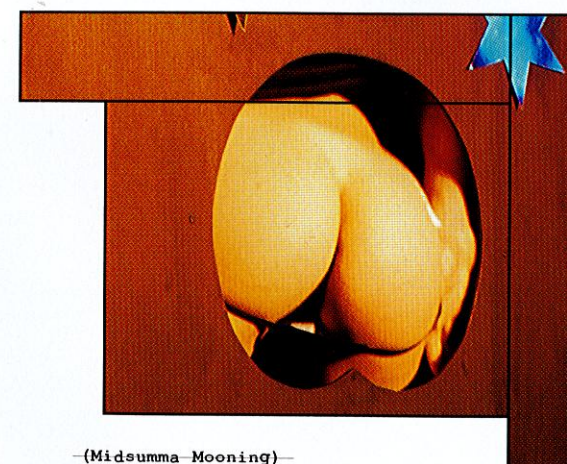
The Melbourne Wankers 7th annual Jack-Off party offers an environment which is safe, friendly and discreet. All ages (over 18) and sizes, singles and couples welcome. Full nudity. No lips below the hips. Standard club rules apply.

where: Bay City Sauna Elsternwick, 482D Glenhuntly Road,
Elsternwick
when: Monday 20 January (Junior Wankers), Monday 27
January, Monday 10 February,
arrive 7.00-8.00pm
cost: \$10
info: 9525 4040, <http://www.rabbit.com.au/~wankers/>

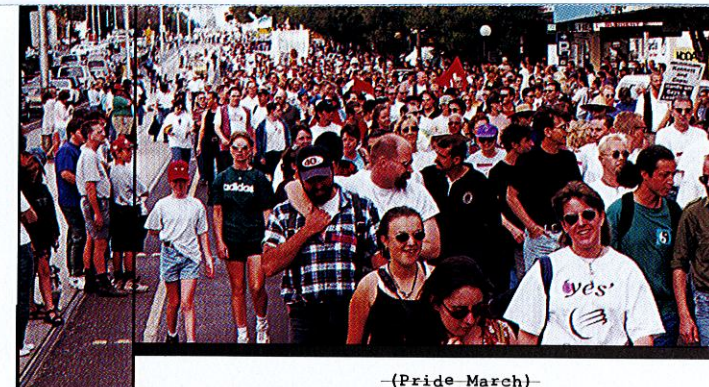
Midsumma Mooning

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

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



-(Midsumma Mooning)-



-(Pride March)-

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 1996 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, assemble 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 25 January, 10.00pm - 8.00am
cost: \$45 ALSO members, conc, \$60 pre-sale + booking fees
info: enquiries ALSO 9510 5569, tickets at the usual outlets

St Dorothy Day Celebrations

St Agnes 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 alfresco meal - \$5.00 donation. Bookings essential. Collection for HIV/AIDS Ministry during the service.

where: St Agnes Church, 114 Booran Road, Glenhuntly
when: Thursday 6 February, Eucharist 6.30pm, Dinner 7.45pm
cost: \$5.00

Satin and Silk Ball

A Bit More Ballroom for women only. Proceeds to Matrix Guild Inc. Vic. 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: San Remo Ballroom, 365 Nicholson Street,
North Carlton
when: Saturday 8 February, 7.30pm - 12.45am
cost: Full price \$25, Concession \$20
info: 9509 9435

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AIDS Council and the Gay Men's Health Centre telephone

9865 6700 or 1800 134 840 toll free.

Or you can contact us on our TTY line 9827 3733.

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

PLWHA: 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. Telephone 9525 4455.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION: • Preventative health promotion & information. • Community outreach & counselling services. • Comprehensive medical services offered by the Centre Clinics at St Kilda and Northcote.

Mission statement

MIDSUMMA is committed to presenting an annual gay and lesbian cultural festival in Melbourne. Midsumma promotes a safe and healthy environment in which the lesbian and gay community can celebrate its pride and diversity. Midsumma supports and encourages all community activities it perceives as having cultural relevance within the lesbian and gay community.



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You'll also gain new skills, learn more about the gay and lesbian community and meet a diverse and committed range of volunteers. The greatest reward is the satisfaction of knowing that you helped make it happen.

If you can help create the most successful Midsumma Festival ever, ring the Midsumma office on 9525 4746 or the Volunteers Coordinator on 0412 020 461. Alternatively, drop in to our office at 29 Carlisle Street St Kilda.

The Optus Volunteer Incentive Scheme helps Midsumma say an extra special thank you to three volunteers each year who make an extraordinary contribution to the Festival. Last year's winners were Elizabeth Grady, Lee Mathews and Mac Neville.

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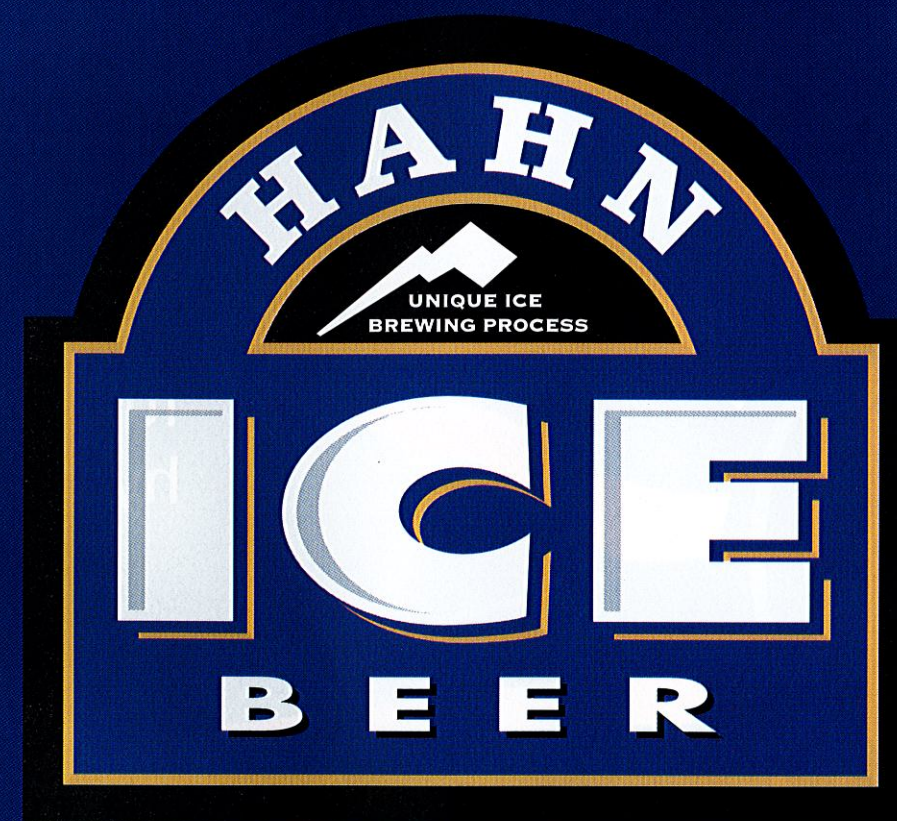
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