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## Judy Small

Midsumma Festival Co-Chair



## Aaron O'Shannessy

Midsumma Festival Co-Chair

## About Midsumma

Midsumma Festival is Australia's premier queer arts and cultural organisation, bringing together a diverse mix of LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, communities and audiences.

Every January, Midsumma Festival expands over 22 days of summer with an explosion of queer events that spring forth from the underground, fringe, and mainstream, at the very forefront of local, national and international queer culture. The Midsumma Festival program shares with you the lived experiences of those voices at the margins, the expression 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 194 events in 2020, with involvement by over 5000 culture-makers in over 94 different venues across Melbourne and greater Victoria – to anticipated audiences of over 284,000.

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.

Over 33 years we have evolved with our communities and repositioned ourselves as a relevant cultural influencer and thought leader, while keeping learning and diversity at our heart. We have experienced rapid growth in audiences, breadth and scope of artist and community engagement, and depth of artistic partnerships.

While we stay committed to our roots, we have matured to become one of Australia's most significant queer arts organisations, supporting generations of LGBTQIA+ cultural voices, developing artists and facilitating important artistic conversations that help shape queer art and culture for the future.

Welcome to Midsumma Festival in the new decade.

Welcome to Midsumma Festival 2020! We are thrilled to welcome you on behalf of the Midsumma board as its first co-chairs. We recognise the amazing contribution to the festival of our predecessor John Caldwell and assure you we will do our best to fill his rather large shoes.

Midsumma is 33 years old and the program prepared by our fabulous Midsumma team is as exciting, challenging and affirming as ever. Each year the curated Midsumma Presents component goes from strength to strength, highlighting new creative voices and important stories that might not otherwise be seen or heard. Following on from the tremendous success of the signature project BODY last year we are thrilled to again produce a mini festival within a festival, 'Queer Unsettled'. This project will shine the light on diverse Queer perspectives from across our region of the world.

We hope you will take the opportunity to take in as much of it as your bodies, minds and hearts can manage. Sleep? What sleep? Come and celebrate our diverse and wonderful community with us from Carnival to Pride March and beyond – there is much to discover!

Happy Midsumma Festival 2020!



## Martin Foley MP

Minister for Creative Industries  
Minister for Equality

In Victoria, we begin every year with a celebration of pride.

Each Midsumma, Victoria's LGBTIQ communities come together to celebrate and share their lived experience through an eclectic program spanning exhibitions, theatre, cabaret and music, to film, dance, spoken-word and social events for all ages.

The Midsumma Festival kicks off our state's cultural calendar with a diverse showcase of work by more than 5000 artists featuring nearly 200 events across Melbourne and regional Victoria.

This year is extra special with Pride March celebrating its 25th anniversary, giving us a chance to reflect on how far we have come in the journey for equality and inspiring us to build upon a history of achievement.

The Victorian Government is proud to partner with events such as Midsumma Festival, as one of the many ways we are supporting our LGBTIQ communities. Celebrations like Midsumma send a loud message, that in Victoria – who you are is not only good enough, it is worth celebrating.

A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in this year's program – from the staff and volunteers, to the performers, the artists and the audiences who bring their sparkle and joy to Midsumma each year.



## Sally Capp

Lord Mayor of Melbourne

The colour and joy of the Midsumma Festival shines in January and the City of Melbourne welcomes the brilliant atmosphere and community pride it brings.

More than 284,000 people took part in the 2019 festival, with 118,000 enjoying the Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens.

This festival unites people through arts and culture and brings our city to life. Please come and enjoy fabulous music, film and dance, the talks and sports and everything that is Midsumma.

The City of Melbourne cherishes our reputation as a welcoming and inclusive city. We encourage fairness and respect and have proudly supported Midsumma for many years. By making visible, and celebrating countless stories, Midsumma encourages respect for people of all backgrounds.

Almost half of the events are free and attendance numbers continue to grow.

I congratulate the organisers and wish all taking part, a spectacular Midsumma 2020.



## Rachel Slade

Chief Customer Experience Officer &  
Executive Co-Sponsor, NAB Pride

We're back again this year and we're looking forward to another successful Midsumma Festival. It's always a great time of year to connect and celebrate with our community.

As we enter our eighth year of partnership we continue to witness growth in festival attendances and the deepening of the rich stories being shared. Congratulations to the Midsumma team for putting together such a diverse and exciting program of events.

At NAB, we continue to be advocates of inclusion for sexuality and gender diverse communities. We strive to build an inclusive environment for our employees and customers where everyone can be their whole self, regardless of how one identifies. This year, we're focussing on unlocking the power of intersectional stories.

To all the volunteers and artists, thank you for injecting the festival with energy and passion. I look forward to joining the festivities.

For everyone attending, whether it's your first time or if you've lost count, we hope that you continue to celebrate your true authentic self.

Happy Midsumma!

# CEO Welcome



## Karen Bryant

Chief Executive, Midsumma Festival

Welcome to Midsumma 2020!

Why are festivals so important? Well, at their very core, festivals share stories and our stories are the keepers of our history, the celebrations of our present and the change makers of our future.

Midsumma is about diverse communities, creatively celebrating inclusion in the most meaningful of ways, letting new 'voices' move us, challenge us, and entertain us.

Laid out before you is a smorgasbord of cultural treats. So, leap beyond known fancies, indulge in new experiences, meet new talents and share new perspectives.

Thanks to everyone who has helped bring this program to you, especially of course to all the thousands of artists and event producers whose stories, creativity and talent passionately fill the pages that follow.

We are thrilled to present this program to you. If this is your first Midsumma, welcome and Happy Midsumma! For those of you who have long been members of our family, we hope you will deepen your journey with us. Take up my challenge and see just how many events you can experience over the 22 days that Midsumma shines!

I suggest you block out your calendar between 19 Jan to 9 Feb. We look forward to sharing it all with you.

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# About

## Acknowledgement of Country

Midsumma acknowledges that Aboriginal Australians are the first peoples of these lands. We pay our respects to all Aboriginal Australians, past, present and emerging, and we recognise their continuing spiritual and cultural connection to the land. Midsumma Festival 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.

## Faces of Aboriginal Pride Midsumma Festival 2020

At the 2019 Victorian NAIDOC Pride Night, two people were crowned the Faces of Aboriginal Pride for Midsumma Festival 2020. The celebratory night showcased Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers and emerging community leaders as they battled it out for the crown.

We are proud to introduce to you the winners for 2019/2020: Stone Motherless Cold aka Tré Turner and Astro aka Adam Francis.

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Thank you to the Midsumma 2020 cover artist, Elwyn Murray, and faces (clockwise): Rainbow Chan, Stone Motherless Cold, Sally Goldner and Joel Creasey for representing Midsumma Festival 2020. The artwork was selected as part of a competitive tender process. Elwyn Murray is a Melbourne-born Toronto-based visual artist. His creative practice combines engraving, embroidery, works on paper, video and interactive installations. [elwynonline.com](http://elwynonline.com)



Stone Motherless Cold  
aka Tré Turner



Astro aka Adam Francis

# This Guide

## Navigating Event Listings

### Subgenre

Cabaret

### Access



### Location

Melbourne Recital Centre - Primrose  
Potter Salon, Southbank

### Date

31 Jan

### Duration

1hr

### Time

Fri 7pm

### Tickets

\$31 full | \$25 conc

### Warnings

⚠ Latecomer lockout

### Presented by

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## Leather Lungs: Son of a Preacher Title

A master of falsetto and stiletto with a phenomenal vocal range spanning over four octaves, this daring deviant marries savage wit, outrageous innuendo, and a voice to die for, to drag you screaming with laughter into an explosion of powerhouse party anthems by The Weather Girls, Aretha Franklin, and Tina Turner. Description

*"The voice of our generation."*  
- WeekendNotes

## Symbol Key

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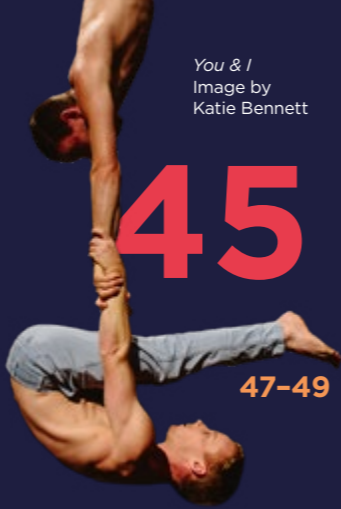
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## How can I get my Tickets?

### Online

Purchase tickets quickly and easily by searching for the event at [midsumma.org.au](http://midsumma.org.au) and selecting 'Book Tickets'. 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 most weekdays from 11am 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](http://relayservice.com)

### Pop-up Box Office at Midsumma Carnival

Another reason to love Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens, 19 Jan. Dance, celebrate and 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 smart-phone at the venue. Phone ran out of battery? Simply turn up! Venues will have a door list, photo ID required.

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### 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 11am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Exchanges can only be issued for the same event, for tickets of 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](http://midsumma.org.au/ticketing)

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## Discounts and Concessions

### Concession Tickets

We accept a range of concession cards - for a full list of concessions visit [midsumma.org.au/ticketing](http://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. If an event offers a group discount, it will be listed as a price type on their event listing.

### Three Show Package

Choose three eligible events to collect a 10% discount at the checkout. Visit [midsumma.org.au/discount](http://midsumma.org.au/discount) for full details.

### Babes-in-Arms

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.

### Free Events

Many of our events are free of entry charge. However, some still require you to secure your place by booking. No fees apply for ticketed free events. Entry to non-ticketed free events is subject to venue capacity and at the discretion of venue staff.

### Terms and Conditions

A booking fee of \$5.25 is applied per transaction (not per ticket) for all online and phone bookings through Midsumma. Latecomers admitted at the discretion of the venue. Refunds will only be given in accordance with the LPA guidelines and at the discretion of the Event Producer. Refunds will not be issued for change of mind or missed performances. Midsumma takes no responsibility for tickets issued through third party ticketing agencies.

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# MORE OUT AND PROUD

Principal Partner of  
Midsumma Festival since 2013

# Midsumma Carnival

From sunrise to sunset, experience the ultimate Midsumma celebration

Kick-starting the **22-day festival** is the much-loved Midsumma Carnival – an array of artists and performers, things to do, eat, see and immerse yourself into. From morning until late into the warm summer night you will experience a taster of Midsumma Festival’s full program.

As you wander around the **55,250 square metres of Midsumma Carnival**, you will experience three performance stages, 28 food trucks and 190 stalls made up of queer-friendly businesses, core community organisations and services for you to browse and even grab a free giveaway!

With precincts equipped for the whole community (including a parade for your pooch), you will find something to keep everyone of all ages entertained all day. Party in front of the Main Stage, chill at the Picnic Stage, entertain the kids in the family domain, tackle the sports precinct, stay cool in the under 18s zone with Minus18 or relax in the Tea Tent – a space for older LGBTI people. With safe spaces for families, friendlies, queer kinds and groupies you know there’ll be something to suit everyone as these specially curated events lead us into the evening of T Dance featuring a fantastic line-up of sassy sounds and DJs.

Still want more? Create your own dazzling performance for an audience of 45,000 people in the lip-synching competition hosted by Frock Hudson (sign-up online via [midsumma.org.au/carnival](http://midsumma.org.au/carnival) or on the day) or bring your doggo for the cutest comp-paw-tition on the queer culture calendar.

**Midsumma Carnival is a glass-free event and we’re conscious of our footprint on the environment.** So bring your sustainable vessels and paper straws.

Slap on the sunscreen, sashay into your Sunday best and get ready for a full day of festivities that shimmy into the Midsumma night.

**Alexandra Gardens** **Midsumma Carnival**  
St Kilda Rd  
Melbourne 11am - 10pm

Sun 19 Jan **T Dance**  
from 6pm

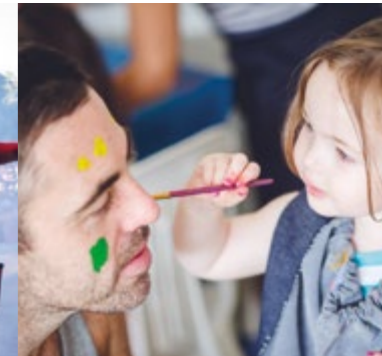
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## Midsumma Carnival Precincts & Stages

Catch stellar acts on our Main Stage and Picnic Stage all day, including drag, disco and DJs. **Main Stage** hosted by Lou Wall & Art Simone



**Youth Precinct**  
with Minus18  
11am – 5pm

Sparkly queer youth take over their own precinct at Carnival, with live music, DJs, activities and lots of glitter.



Find out about LGBTQIA+ clubs, watch displays and join in.  
**Sports Precinct**  
11am – 5pm

**Families Precinct**  
11am – 4pm

**For the whole family** – activities with ArtPlay, Hares & Hyenas reading corner and acts galore with hosts Po Po Mo Co. With special activations by ArtPlay:

**I See You Like This**, with artists Jessica Wilson and Matilda Woodroffe. Using your face as their canvas, children become the art director of a bizarre photo portrait.

**Face Paint by Children**, with artist Dan Goronszy. A socially engaged arts experience where the children are facilitators of the stall, painting the faces of adults, other children and themselves.

## T Dance 6 – 10pm

T Dance will be hosted by your favourite trio of subversive drag, The Beastie Girls, as well as every foodie’s wet dream, Aysha Buffet. With a diverse line-up of DJs and performers across two stages, check out the Midsumma Festival website for the full line-up.



T Dance features:

Cupids Cut

DJ Gay Dad

HipHopHoe

Jake Judd

Jawbreakers

Mark Moon

Sweaty



# Midsumma Pride March

Celebrating 25 years, Marching with Pride

In 2020, the 25th anniversary of Pride March will grace the streets of **St Kilda** on **Sunday 2 February 2020**.

The march sure has grown, from the original gathering of 11,000 people, to estimated audiences in 2019 coming in at 53,000.

To celebrate this milestone achievement of Melbourne's queer community, we will remember that Pride March is about affirming that we're fabulous, and we're loved, and we're diverse and we're proud.

**Join the spectacular act of unity that is Midsumma Pride March!**

Parade, pride and party come together to celebrate 25 years of gender and sexuality diversity. Whether you join the fanfare by foot or by wheel, with workmates or with family, with friends or with lovers, and as ally or as queer, Midsumma Pride March is a time for you to celebrate who you are.

Midsumma Pride March will commence at **11am** from **Ian Johnson Oval**, and sashay the kilometre-long route, taking over Fitzroy St. Revving up the rally is the much-loved pre-march procession by **Dykes on Bikes** followed by thousands of marchers led by **Midsumma's Rainbow Aboriginal Pride**.

The celebration continues after the march with post-Pride Celebrations at the end of the parade route inside **Catani Gardens**, where you can enjoy the afternoon festivities of a seaside soiree, fine food and drinks, and the cultural celebrations of queer communities, all beside the sounds and performances on the Summa Pride Stage. Come show that after 25 years marching for Pride still is as relevant as ever!

**Midsumma Pride March**  
Fitzroy St  
St Kilda

**Post-Pride Celebrations**  
Catani Gardens  
St Kilda

Sun 2 Feb

11am march starts  
4pm post-Pride celebrations close



FREE

Midsumma Pride March safety barriers proudly supplied by



**Participate**  
To march in Midsumma Pride March 2020, register yourself or your group via [midsumma.org.au](http://midsumma.org.au) before 2 Dec 2019.



Pride March 2019 - Image by Suzanne Balding



## Pride March is celebrating 25 years of Pride in Victoria



### Marching with Pride

25 years ago, Melbourne's LGBTQIA+ community took to the streets in a show of solidarity and pride. Back in 1996, the first march took almost the same route along St Kilda's Fitzroy St,

transforming the strip into a show of community pride. The first Pride March in Melbourne, was all thanks to a small but mighty team that was Pride March Victoria.

In 2015, Midsumma became the custodians of Pride March, to continue its celebrations for Melburnians. We have come a long way, and in 2020 we will remember that Midsumma Pride March is about affirming that we're fabulous, and we're loved, and we're diverse and we're proud. We march in solidarity for those who cannot.



Images by Virginia Selleck and Angela Bailey



# Queer Unsettled

Produced and presented by Midsumma Festival

Provocative and unearthing, Queer Unsettled celebrates stories from Pacific womxn of colour, Indigenous perspectives, Drag Race darlings from Thailand, dance stars from Taiwan, asylum seekers from Iran and queer diaspora communities as they take up space through storytelling, live music, multi-disciplinary moving-image installations, immersive performance, new work exhibitions, the unpacking of daddy issues, and a punking and waacking dance-off after dark.

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## Nocturnal x Midsumma: Lunar New Year Disco

by Jonathan Homsey featuring Pangina Heals and Chrissy Chou

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Museum

7 Feb

Melbourne Museum

Celebrate Lunar New Year in true RuPaul style. Punk and waack (or dance however you like) under the disco balls inside Nocturnal and experience Melbourne Museum after dark. See pg 82 for details.

### How to Enter the Competition

Got what it takes to compete in this disco? Minimal experience necessary, sass required. To register, select Participate when you purchase your entry ticket.



Image by Chaiham Ratavan ft Pangina Heals. Courtesy of Drag Race Thailand

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## Rainbow Effect

ft Rainbow Chan

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum

31 Jan

Immigration Museum

Rainbow Chan's glitchy pop beats and sweet synth melodies in the Immigration Museum's hidden city courtyard.

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Image by Hyun Lee

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Image by Acacia Christensen + Kyla Parry

## Drop Deadly Gorgeous: The Pageant

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Weird Alice

9 Feb

Abbotsford Convent

Weird Alice hosts eight artists competing for the title of Queer Supreme. Pageants are no longer just about beauty and superiority. This comedic take at pageant culture has a queer twist.

## Dark Sepia

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery

21 Jan - 22 Mar

Incinerator Gallery



Image (right) by Tama Sharman

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Tama Sharman born in Aotearoa.

## Daddy

by Joel Bray

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne

4 - 8 Feb

Arts Centre Melbourne

According to the ABC 'Daddy demonstrates that we are living in a blak queer cultural renaissance.' Hilarious, provocative and featuring his trademark confection of conversation, dance and all-you-can-eat audience participation.

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Image by James Henry

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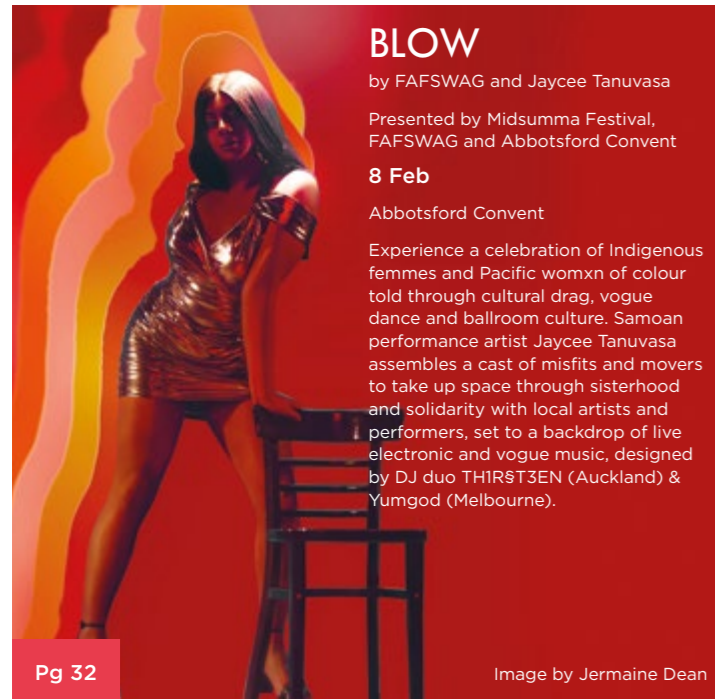
## Kira Puru at Heide

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Heide Museum of Modern Art

9 Feb

Heide Museum of Modern Art

A force to be reckoned with, Kira Puru is recognised for her dynamic live performances and genre-defying writing style. Witness this vocal powerhouse in the stunning gardens of Heide Museum of Modern Art.



## BLOW

by FAFSWAG and Jaycee Tanuvasa

Presented by Midsumma Festival, FAFSWAG and Abbotsford Convent

8 Feb

Abbotsford Convent

Experience a celebration of Indigenous femmes and Pacific womxn of colour told through cultural drag, vogue dance and ballroom culture. Samoan performance artist Jaycee Tanuvasa assembles a cast of misfits and movers to take up space through sisterhood and solidarity with local artists and performers, set to a backdrop of live electronic and vogue music, designed by DJ duo THIRST3EN (Auckland) & Yumgod (Melbourne).

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Image by Jermaine Dean



## FAMILI

by Ripley Kavara aka Wahe

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Abbotsford Convent

6 Feb

Abbotsford Convent

A live performance, EP launch, and showcase of queer Pasifika and First Nation musicians featuring Wahe, Lay the Mystic, Luscious, Kalala, Lonelspeck, Iki Finau, Bella Waru, Meleika Gesa & Fatafehi.

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Image by Naomi Lee Beveridge

## The Sky After Rain

by Blame The Shadows collective

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Manningham Art Gallery and Centre for Contemporary Photography

9 Jan - 15 Mar

Manningham Art Gallery, 9 Jan - 2 Feb  
Centre for Contemporary Photography, 17 Jan - 15 Mar.

Experience true stories of three queer Iranian diasporas in this poetic and haunting multi-disciplinary video installation.

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## Pacific Essence: Tales of a Migrant Plantation

by Amao Leota Lu

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum

23 Jan

Immigration Museum

A fusion of culture, performance, art, dance, fashion and storytelling shared through the lives of LGBTQIA+ individuals from the Pacific diaspora.

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Image by Bo Pousima Afeaki Inukihaangana

## A Sight for Sore Eyes

by Pierra Van Sparkes and Indiah Money

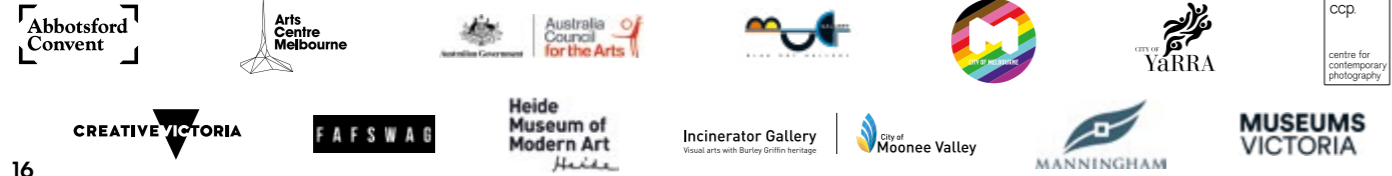
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Blak Dot Gallery

23 Jan - 9 Feb | Blak Dot Gallery

A site for queer First Nations mob: to see ourselves, to see each other. A sanctuary and multi-disciplinary exhibition at Australia's leading contemporary Indigenous-run art gallery.

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Image by Indiah Money, Whispers on Boon Wurrung



# Midsumma Presents

Experience fresh collaborations between Midsumma Festival and some of Victoria's outstanding cultural institutions and artists.

**POWER** – Over two nights at Chapel Off Chapel, catch the unsung heroines and queer indie influencers of music. Midsumma recognises that women and queer musicians are underrepresented, and with **POWER** will highlight the powerful contribution queer female and non-binary musicians make to the Australian music industry.

## POWER ft imbi the girl: Women and Non-Binary Artists in Music

Presented by Midsumma Festival  
Chapel Off Chapel

24 Jan

With their unique and inspiring brand of poetic hip-hop, R&B and soul, imbi the girl has quickly won the hearts of industry and fans. Opening the first night of **POWER** they will write their own story to the beat of their own drum.

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Image by Seamus Platt

## POWER ft HANDSOME: Women and Non-Binary Artists in Music

Presented by Midsumma Festival  
Chapel Off Chapel

25 Jan

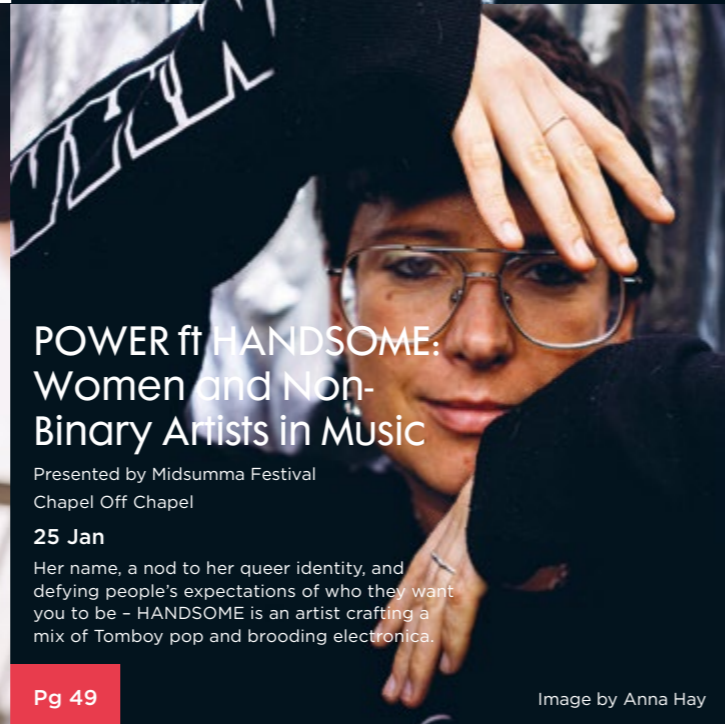
Her name, a nod to her queer identity, and defying people's expectations of who they want you to be – **HANDSOME** is an artist crafting a mix of Tomboy pop and brooding electronica.

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Image by Anna Hay

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CHURCH. 2019.  
Image by Suzanne Balding



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## Escape Velocity: We Are Who We Are

by St Martins in collaboration with Minus18  
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne  
Arts Centre Melbourne

8 Feb

Watch on the big screen the **Escape Velocity** films created by trans and gender non-conforming young people that have been viewed online hundreds of thousands of times. And, make your own film to tell the world who you are!

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Image by Fabio Capiodivento

## Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post  
No Vacancy Gallery

29 Jan – 9 Feb

The annual Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award is widely recognised as the leading queer art award, exhibiting LGBTQIA+ visual artists from across the country.

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Midsumma and Australia Post Art Prize 2019.  
Image by Eugene Howard

## Queer Playwriting Award Showcase

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Gasworks Arts Park  
Gasworks Arts Park, Studio Theatre

28 Jan

Experience 15 minute excerpts from four Australian finalists. Hear queer issues and voices on stage, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2020 Award selection.

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Playtime Staged Readings 2019.  
Image by Suzanne Balding

## Feral Queer Camp

Presented by Midsumma Festival and wreckedAllprods

20 Jan – 8 Feb

Queer School for makers, shakers and wannabes keen to form a feral class of 2020: we'll binge on performances across Midsumma Festival and chew over what they do to us, and how.

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Image by Angel Leggas, 3FaresMedia

## Midsumma Extravaganza

Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne and Midsumma Festival with Trevor Ashley Enterprises and Thomas Jaspers  
Arts Centre Melbourne, Hammer Hall

1 Feb

The night of all nights! Red carpet, glitter and a galaxy of LGBTQ+ stars! Including performances from Bob Downe, Kirsty Webeck, Tom Ballard, Nath Valvo, Dolly Diamond and Drag Race Thailand's Pangina Heals.

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# Midsumma Hubs

We are proud to introduce to you our Midsumma Hubs for the 2020 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 2020 experience. Never miss a beat, with Midsumma Hubs there is something to see or do every day of the week.



Midsumma Extravaganza by Suzanne Balding ft Sheldon Riley

## Powering pride at Midsumma Festival.

At AGL, we take pride in our diverse and inclusive workplace. It's the unique perspectives of our people that can help drive progress that benefits our customers and communities.

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## Theatre Works Hub

Located in the heart of St Kilda, Theatre Works transforms into a playful, provoking and proud Midsumma Festival Hub in 2020. Showcasing work from around the country, Theatre Works invites you to join us for an unstitched patchwork of queer lives in queer times, a tender confession about how a man and his cheekbones can upend your entire life, a hilarious and brutal takedown of Australia's fetishisation of Asia and, of course, high-glamour cabaret performed by a troupe of hideous human-bird hybrid freaks. The Theatre Works Midsumma Hub will be a unique, exciting and unifying place. And it will be gay. Really gay.

Theatre Works  
14 Acland St,  
St Kilda

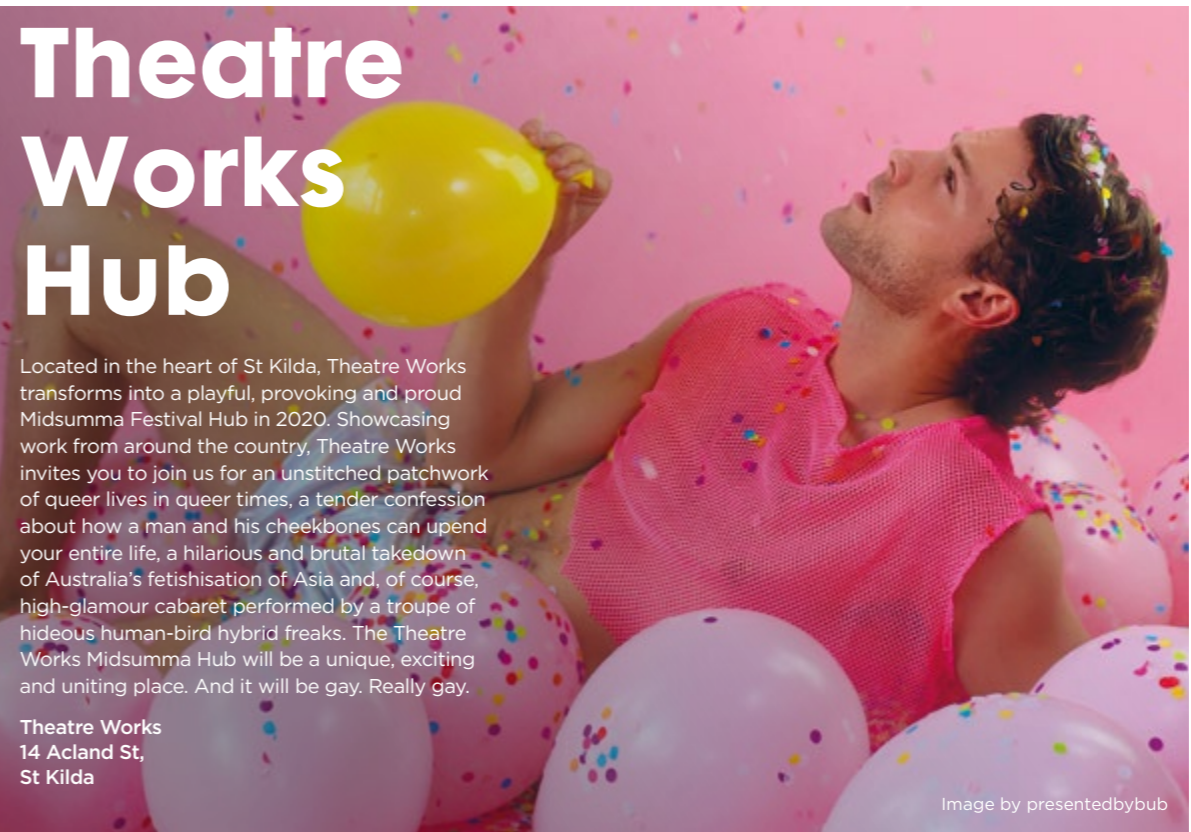


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**Bearing Witness Through Creative Writing**  
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27 - 31 Jan

**Birdoir**  
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28 Jan - 1 Feb

**Leopard Print Loincloth**  
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4 - 8 Feb

**New Balance**  
Pg 37  
4 - 8 Feb

**Poorly Drawn Shark**  
Pg 38  
19 Jan - 26 Jan

**Queer Quickies**  
Pg 38  
1 Feb

**This Bitter Earth**  
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19 Jan - 2 Feb

**THEATRE WORKS**

# Arts Centre Melbourne Hub

A kaleidoscope of life-affirming treats are waiting for you at Arts Centre Melbourne. The line-up boasts an electronic choral celebration of resilience and community, a delicious confection of dance and storytelling, an inspiring tale of body autonomy, an emerging musical comedy and a vital film project made with trans and gender non-conforming young people. To top it all off is the highly anticipated return of the star-studded and extra-glamorous extravaganza! There really is something for everyone, so join us and embrace these amazing artists.

Arts Centre Melbourne  
100 St Kilda Rd,  
Melbourne

Image by David Harris

**Boobs**  
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29 Jan - 1 Feb

**Daddy**  
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4 - 8 Feb

**Escape Velocity: We Are Who We Are**  
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8 Feb

**Flat-Earthers: The Musical, Staged Reading**  
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31 Jan

**Midsumma Extravaganza**  
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1 Feb

**The Rise and Fall of Saint George**  
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23 - 24 Jan



# The Hare Hole Hub

The Hare Hole is Melbourne's home of emerging artists, hybrid art forms and queer ideas. For 28 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 2020 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.

Hares & Hyenas  
63 Johnston St,  
Fitzroy

Image by Hares & Hyenas

**#TayLurking**  
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4 - 5 Feb

**#Hypocrisy - Imogen Stirling**  
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28 Jan

**3D: Deaf, Draws, Drinks**  
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**ACEtravaganza**  
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**A Conversation with Friends**  
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**A Place at the Table: New Stories of the Familiar**  
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**Doing Gender: Old-school Storytelling, New School Stories**  
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**Elton John: Your Song**  
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**Endings/Beginnings**  
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30 Jan

**Faguetta**  
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**Gay Stuff Markets**  
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**In Conversation: ACT UP**  
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**Judy Garland: A Star is Born**  
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**One Pan Cooking**  
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**PO PO MO CO presents Summer of the 17th Doll**  
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31 Jan - 1 Feb

**Queer Zine & Art Fair**  
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1 Feb

**Rapid Fire**  
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3 Feb

**Teach-in: Assemble, Advocate & Activate**  
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21 Jan

**The Cat Eats Dickalicious**  
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7 Feb

# Gasworks Arts Park Hub

Gasworks Arts Park is a southside hub for Midsumma Festival and a summer destination for high quality entertainment, provocative art and fun nights out with friends. Enjoy balmy summer evenings in our gorgeous park and grab a drink from the bar before venturing into our theatres and galleries for a veritable feast of circus, cabaret, theatre, play readings, participatory performances and exhibitions. Our Melbourne exclusive season of Casus Circus' critically acclaimed You & I is a must-see. In their most daring and intimate work, this international award-winning company explores a loving relationship between two men through daring acrobatics, trapeze and dance.

Gasworks Arts Park  
21 Graham St,  
Albert Park

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Underground Media

**Adam by Frances Poet**  
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4 - 8 Feb

**Big Glittery Shtshow**  
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4 - 8 Feb

**Cavemen by Angus Cameron**  
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28 Jan

**Deep Soulful Sweats**  
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31 Jan - 1 Feb

**Flesh Coloured Panties Presents...**  
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8 Feb

**Jinxed!**  
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21 - 25 Jan

**Once Upon A Drag Storytime**  
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24 Jan

**Queen Bette**  
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21 - 25 Jan

**Queer Playwriting Award Showcase**  
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28 Jan

**The Campaign**  
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22 Jan - 1 Feb

**The Campaign in Process**  
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20 Jan - 8 Feb

**When the Light Leaves**  
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29 Jan - 1 Feb

**You & I**  
Pg 45  
22 - 25 Jan



# Chapel Off Chapel Hub

For over 20 years Chapel Off Chapel has established itself as an iconic Australian live theatre and music venue. Located just off Chapel Street, Prahran you will find a vibrant hub of theatre, musicals, cabaret, dance, comedy and live music. Consisting of three performance spaces and Melbourne's most welcoming foyer. Come and experience Midsumma in all its glory - LIVE, INTIMATE AND ICONIC.

Chapel Off Chapel  
12 Little Chapel St,  
Prahran

Image by Cam Cook ft Joel Creasey

chapel  
off chapel

**Awakening**  
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21 Jan - 9 Feb

**Confessions of a Mormon Boy**  
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7 - 9 Feb

**Inner Threads**  
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20 Jan - 9 Feb

**Joel Creasey in The Boy, George**  
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29 - 31 Jan

**POWER ft imbi the girl: Women and Non-Binary Artists in Music**  
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24 Jan

**POWER ft HANDSOME: Women and Non-Binary Artists in Music**  
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25 Jan

**Sugarbabies: A Boylesque Musical**  
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**Unmasking Prince Charming**  
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23 - 25 Jan

**What a Drag! 2020 - Back to the 80's**  
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8 Feb

# RAINBOW FAMILIES

## The Melba Spiegelent

The Melba Spiegelent and Circus Oz will be transformed into the Rainbow Families Hub for Midsumma 2020. There are 5 days of inclusive programming all designed to celebrate what makes us feel special and encourage people to tell their own stories. Free activities include: make your own Family Flags, wearable art and Magazines (supported by Archer Magazine).

The Melba Spiegelent  
35 Johnston Street,  
Collingwood

All In Family Circus  
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25 Jan

Brass Monkeys  
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22 - 23 Jan

Children Are Stinky  
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21 - 22 Jan

How To Be A Rockstar  
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24 - 25 Jan

Kid-aoke  
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21 Jan, 23 Jan

Over 60/Under 10  
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21 - 22 Jan

Over 60/Under 10  
The Show  
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22 Jan

Over the Rainbow Cabaret  
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25 Jan

Queerspawn  
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24 Jan

Rainbow Families  
Storytelling Workshop  
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24 Jan

Rainbow Family  
Dance Club  
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25 Jan

Rainbow Family  
Free Workshops  
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21 - 25 Jan

Sing-A-Long Dragtime  
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Teens Flying & Fun  
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23 Jan

The Robot  
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Tumbles and Tricks  
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21 - 24 Jan



Creating Community in  
Melbourne's West  
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D.R.A.G.  
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22 Jan - 8 Feb

Frontier  
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Living Out Loud  
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Mad Hatter Tea Party  
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Miss Gay & Miss Trans  
Australia International  
2020  
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Out Is Out  
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Park Lounge  
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Postcards from the Edge  
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Rainbow Family Storytime  
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Rainbow Pride in Altona  
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8 Feb

STATEMENT and (an)  
Archive of Yearning  
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8 - 9 Feb

That Time Everything  
Went Well and We  
Were Totally Fine  
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7 Feb

Venus in Thorns  
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Westgay  
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18 Jan

What Remains  
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19 Jan - 9 Feb

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# MIDSUMMA WESTSIDE

Midsumma Westside is a collaboration of Melbourne's western region Councils in partnership with Midsumma. It is a sumptuous 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!

Image by Shannon Bugnot

STEVEN FALES' **CONFESSIONS OF A MORMON BOY** A TRUE STORY

midsumma festival  
19 Jan - 9 Feb 2020

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GAY TIMES MAGAZINE (UK)

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# Performance

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Image features Archie Arseni .CHURCH. at The Toff

## Performance

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### Cabaret

18+ <50



**The Toff in Town**, Melbourne CBD

23-26 Jan 1hr 30m

Thu-Sun 8:30pm

\$32 full | \$27 conc | \$35 door sale

△ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze

**Presented by** Highway Robbery Productions

Image: featuring Archie Arsenic

### .CHURCH.

The stage is holy & this is how we pray.

Queerly beloved, we are gathered here to worship all that glitters, all the shade, and those that are not afraid!

We've prepared a service that will have kings, kweens and everyone in between feeling born again, and have you gagging for more. This is your explosive celebration of ground-breaking circus, burlesque, sideshow and cabaret aimed to leave you dripping with sin. Because let's face it, sin is in.

### Cabaret

<50



**The Melba - Spiegelent**, Collingwood

2 Feb 1hr 45m

Sun 6pm & 8.30pm

\$45 full

**Presented by** BUFF Events

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### 20 Fabulous Years of Tammie Brown

"Well come on Teletubby! Teleport us to Mars!"

Join international drag celebrity, activist, star of The Browns & RuPaul's Drag Race, Tammie Brown in Melbourne exclusively for Midsumma!

Enjoy the strange and wondrous musings of this fabulously eccentric icon as she hits the stage in a way that only Tammie can. It will be a deliciously outlandish evening of music and storytelling.

### Spoken Word

<50



**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)**, Fitzroy

23 Jan

Thu 6-9pm

\$15 full | \$10 conc

△ Coarse Language | References to drug use, sexual violence and suicide

**Presented by** queerspace and Melbourne Spoken Word

Image: by Brendan Bonsack

### A Place at the Table: New Stories of the Familiar

Stories of family when the unfamiliar arrives

Sharing our coming out stories with others is one of the many ways that we make queer communities. A Place at the Table brings people together to hear each other speak of these experiences. Members of family of origin and chosen family come together to tell stories of their very different experiences of being queered and having to come out.

### Variety

<50



**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)**, Fitzroy

25 Jan 3hrs

Sat 7:30pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Coarse language

### ACEtravaganza

A variety night featuring Melbourne's best asexual artists

Celebrate all things ace with a delightful line up of artists from Melbourne's asexual and aspec community. Hosted by comedienne and poet Nikki Viveca (Asexual Healing) and cabaret star Artemis Muñoz (Asexy: Proud To Be Me) this night puts the "invisible orientation" centre stage in a joyful night of story, song and more!

### Spoken Word

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**The Butterfly Club**, Melbourne CBD | **Hare Hole** (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy

Butterfly Club: 20 - 25 Jan | Mon - Sat 8:30pm | 1hr

Hare Hole: Tue 28 Jan | 7pm, 9pm | 1hr | Relaxed: 28 Jan 7pm

\$35 full | \$31 conc

**Presented by** Somewhat Awkward

### #Hypocrisy - Imogen Stirling

Longlist: Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award 2018

Lost in blissful travel, Imogen succumbs to the spoils of Western privilege. Returning to Scotland, harsh reality confronts her. Online sympathy overflows for Western terror victims, but not for the migration crisis.

What staggering hypocrisy.

"Life-affirming artistry - Best of the Fest" ★★★★★ - London's Theatre503

### Cabaret

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**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)**, Fitzroy

4-5 Feb 1hr

Tue, Wed 9pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

**Presented by** Faff & Sass Productions

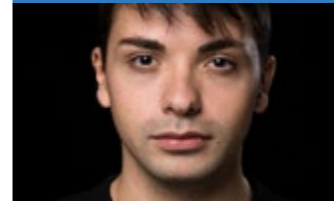
### #TayLurking

Because stalking never looked so cute... at least that's what this guy thinks!

#TayLurking is the riotous story of one boy's quest to gain the attention of the amazeballs 'it girl'. Nothing is off the cards or below the belt to become their BFF and joining the ranks of her elite squad! With acoustic covers of Taylor Swift and friends. Written and performed by cabaret newbie Frankie Guida, #TayLurking will leave you laughing till you gasp (and questioning Frankie's sanity).

### Theatre

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**Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre**, Albert Park

4-8 Feb 1hr 20m

Tue-Sat 8pm | Sat 4pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Violence | Depictions of self-harm | References to sexual violence and suicide

**Presented by** Gavin Roach

Image: by Ali Choundhry

### Adam by Frances Poet

The powerful true story about Egyptian trans man Adam Kashmiry

If you are born in a country where being yourself can get you killed, exile is your only choice. Frances Poet's Adam is the remarkable story of a young trans man having to make that choice and begin his journey from Egypt to Scotland, in his search for a place to call home.

"...an unforgettable thunderbolt of feeling." - The Telegraph

### Cabaret

18+ <50



**The Space Dance & Arts Centre**, Prahran

24-26 Jan 1hr 30m

Fri-Sun 7:30pm

\$38.50 table seating | \$28.50 theatre seating

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze

**Presented by** The Space Creative & CM Entertainment

### After Dark

A Drag Burlesque Extravaganza

'After Dark' is a drag-burlesque extravaganza brought to you by some of Melbourne's most experienced drag show producers. Featuring some of Melbourne's top drag performers and male dancers, 'After Dark' takes you on a journey through some of the world's famous cabaret clubs. With performances inspired by icons such as Velma Kelly, Dita Von Tease, Jessica Rabbit and Marilyn Monroe, 'After Dark' is a drag show event not to be missed!



Over two nights at Chapel Off Chapel, we pay homage to the underrepresented queer women and non-binary musicians of Australia. See page 49 for details.

Photo: imbi the girl

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HANDSOME

24 & 25 JAN  
Chapel Off Chapel

Presented by Midsumma Festival. The City of Stonnington proudly supports POWER: Women and Non-Binary Artists in Music.



Photo: HANDSOME by Anna Hay

## Performance

midsumma.org.au

### Variety



#### Archer Magazine's First Nations Issue Launch

It's party time! Join some of Melbourne's finest queer and First Nations artists to celebrate this much-loved magazine's latest issue!

Archer Magazine publishes lesser-heard voices on sex, gender and identity. Our First Nations issue will be officially released at this extra-special event, with readings, performances, dancing, DJs and more. See you there!

Testing Grounds - Clear Box, Southbank

1 Feb

Sat 3-7pm | Archer Magazine is available at launch or via [archermagazine.com.au](http://archermagazine.com.au)

\$10 full | \$7.50 conc

△ Nudity | Coarse language | References to drug use, suicide and sexual violence

Presented by Archer Magazine

Image: by Hailey Moroney

### Cabaret



#### Bearlesque

An evening of body positive burlesque!

See some of Melbourne's sexiest bears step into the spotlight and shake away stigma, with plus sized performances that'll leave you screaming for more.

It's a fabulous night for thicc people and those that love them. Come and celebrate body positivity and expressions of all types in the ultimate art of tease.

The Melba - Spiegeltent, Collingwood

8 Feb

3hrs 30m

Sat 7:30pm

\$30 full

△ Nudity

### Circus



#### Big Glittery Sh!tshow

The turkey slap in the face you've been waiting for.

Strap in and strap on with Jack Wilde & Shona Cona for a hilariously sexy, jaw dropping circus spectacle, overflowing with glitter, cupcake frosting, and a butt-load of dildos.

"Hilarious, stupid fun!" - The Oz Gazette

Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park

4-8 Feb

1hr

Tue-Sat 9:30pm

\$30 full | \$28 conc

△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | References to drug use

Presented by HYPERION Entertainment

### Theatre



#### As One

A coming-of-age opera about a transgender woman

A film-maker's own coming-of-age story, told by two opera singers and string quartet. The most-produced modern opera in America, 'As One' haunts and challenges its audience with questions about identity, authenticity, compassion and the human desire for self-love and peace.

"No one grows up easily. ... We all have issues with family. The point of 'As One' is that we all are one." - Los Angeles Times

fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne CBD

22-25 Jan, 28 Jan-1 Feb 1hr 15m

Tue-Sat 7:30pm

\$55 full | \$45 conc | \$50 group (min 8)

Presented by Gertrude Opera

### Cabaret



#### Belinda Hanne Reid: Love, Rorem

World Premiere: The Songs and Diaries of Ned Rorem

An intimate, cabaret-style celebration of the songs and diaries of the brilliant (and often scandalous) 20th century composer, Ned Rorem. Acclaimed cabaret artist and mezzo-soprano Belinda Hanne Reid, along with celebrated concert pianist Coady Green, present an exquisite night of song, story and love.

"passionate and poignant" - Blue Curtains

fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne CBD

5-6 Feb

1hr

Wed, Thu 7pm

\$37 full | \$32 conc

Image: by 3Fates Media

### Cabaret



#### Birdoir

Welcome to Birdoir, a surreal escape where world-weary lounge singers warble from the confines of dirty cages, decrepit fowl ruffle what remains of their threadbare plumage, and thirsty cabaret starlings peck furiously at rancid cuttlefish martinis. Featuring a fierce flock of Melbourne's finest cabaret, burlesque, dance and comedy performance artists, Birdoir focuses a thickly Vaseline'd lens on the messy and mesmerising oddities of all things avian.

Theatre Works, St Kilda

28 Jan-1 Feb

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Tue-Sat 9:30pm

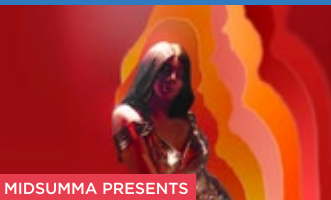
\$32 full | \$27 conc

△ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | References to drug use | Sexual References | Loud Noises

Presented by Six Inches Uncut, Ira Luxuria and Theatre Works



Dance



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - Magdalen North Laundry, Abbotsford

8 Feb

Sat 9pm - midnight

\$25 full | \$20 conc

Presented by Midsumma Festival, FAFSWAG and Abbotsford Convent

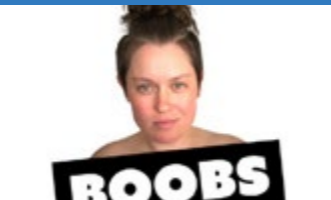
Image: by Jermaine Dean

## BLOW

This ones for the gurls, it's performance and it's a party!

Brought to you by FAFSWAG, BLOW is a celebration of Indigenous femmes and Pacific womxn of colour told through cultural drag, vogue dance and ballroom culture. Samoan performance artist Jaycee Tanuvasa assembles a cast of misfits and movers to take up space through sisterhood and solidarity with local artists and performers, set to a backdrop of live electronic and vogue music, designed by DJ duo THIRST3EN & Yumgod.

Cabaret



Arts Centre Melbourne - Fairfax Studio, Melbourne

29 Jan-1 Feb 1hr

Wed-Sat 7:30pm | Auslan: 31 Jan 7:30pm

\$35 full | \$30 conc

△ 15+, Coarse language, potentially triggering themes of self harm, suicide, transphobia, misogyny and violence

Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne

## Boobs

by Selina Jenkins

This tale of mammary proportions follows one woman and her two boobs through a literal hurricane of life changing events. Laugh and gasp your way through one big decision, a million opinions, a natural disaster and an 'Australian first', as one woman's determination unwittingly shakes the very foundations of how we perceive gender, body autonomy and boobs.

★★★★★ *The Age*  
Winner: Melbourne Fringe 2019 'Best Cabaret' and 'Best Feminist Work'

Theatre



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - Dorm One, Abbotsford

30 Jan-1 Feb 1hr

Thu-Sat 8pm

\$10 full

△ Adult themes

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: by Andrew Burford

## Boys Night Out: Work in Progress Showing

Olympia Bukkakis is ready to cut sick with the boys!

Comedic, moving and brutal, Boys Night Out combines drag, dance and performance to investigate sexuality, class, gender and race in the white Australian psyche. Olympia Bukkakis uses comedy, movement, and storytelling to investigate how different narrative styles in Australian history create the conditions we live in today.

Theatre



Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park

28 Jan 1hr

Tue 9pm

\$20 full | \$15 conc

△ Coarse language | Adult themes

Presented by Angus Cameron and Gasworks Arts Park

Image: By Suzanne Balding

## Cavemen by Angus Cameron

A reading of a new work

Tim's a cub from the country, whereas Mike is an outer-suburbs otter. The bear from the bush is called Chris. And Oscar? A wolf, from the wealthy inner-east. Over the years, beginning as a couple and two friends, these four gay men criss-cross lives, drifting from Melbourne to New York, London & Singapore; from saunas, to drag shows, to beats & doofs. But what are they looking for and why is the sex so important?

Theatre



Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran

7-9 Feb 1hr 35m

Fri 8pm | Sat 2pm & 8pm | Sun 1pm & Sun 5pm

\$35 full | \$28 group (min 6)

△ Sex scenes | References to drug use

Presented by Gooding Productions and NF2 Productions

## Confessions of a Mormon Boy

The Off-Broadway Solo Hit

Internationally acclaimed solo performer Steven Fales' true story about a young dad who loses everything when he comes out and what he does to survive until he gets his smile back.

"Bares his chest, heart and soul. A compelling and uplifting experience."  
★★★★★ - DNA

"There's something here that every gay man can relate to." ★★★★★ - Gay Times (UK)

"Hilarious." - Chicago Sun-Times

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club, Melbourne CBD

3-8 Feb 1hr

Mon-Sat 8:30pm

\$35 full | \$31 conc | \$28 group (min 6)

△ Coarse language | Sexual References

Image: Ashy Rose by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea Photography

## Confetti: Pretty, but a bit of a mess

"More pop than a freshly opened Pringles packet!" - The Upside News

Ashy will take you back to the days of using your hairbrush as a microphone. With 90s music like Spice Girls, N'Sync, Vengaboys & more. It follows Ashy's hilarious true coming of age story dealing with unsolicited advice on weight loss, low self esteem, falling in love with gay best friends, insane dating stories, alcoholism, money & trust issues and an obsession with drag.

Dance



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Arts Centre Melbourne, State Theatre Rehearsal Room

4-8 Feb 1hr 15m

Tue-Sat 8pm | Sat 2pm

\$35 full | \$30 conc

△ Adult content | Standing only | limited priority seating (restricted view)

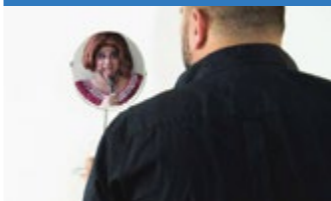
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne

## Daddy

Joel Bray has daddy issues

He's looking to live the sweet life, yet the sugar hits of nostalgia and fantasy are all too short-lived. One of the most electric new figures in Australian dance, Joel probes one of the paradoxes of our age: when so much is on offer, why are we left so hungry? Hilarious, provocative and heartfelt, Daddy tickles the nerve endings of desire while prodding the cavities left by colonisation. Featuring his trademark confection of conversation, dance and all-you-can-eat audience participation.

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club, Melbourne CBD

27 Jan-1 Feb 1hr

Mon-Sat 8:30pm

\$35 full | \$31 conc

Presented by The Butterfly Club

## Dean Arcuri is Yours Sincerely

Moving forward doesn't mean forgetting where we've come from

With real life accounts from LGBT elders, Dean Arcuri takes us back in time this Midsumma. With musical hits from the past, find out why it wasn't all fun and games, but life was still a party!

Inspired by the stories of those that have come before us, Dean Arcuri is Yours Sincerely.

Theatre



The Butterfly Club, Melbourne CBD

27 Jan, 29-30 Jan, 1 Feb 1hr

Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat 7pm

\$35 full | \$31 conc

Presented by Type Faster Productions

## Dahlin! It's The Jeanne Little Show

Dahlin! - It's Gonna Be Crazy!

A wild and zany look back at the life of one of Australia's most loved entertainers - Jeanne Little. Written and directed by award-winning Melbourne playwright, Kieran Carroll, and performed with great aplomb by Melbourne actor-comedian Caroline Ferguson, this high energy and fantastically funny production shows why Jeanne deserves such an honoured place in Australian entertainment history.

Interactive Performance



Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park

31 Jan-1 Feb 1hr

Fri, Sat 7:30pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Medium fitness level required

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park and Deep Soulful Sweats

Image: by Phill Kitt

## Deep Soulful Sweats

Exorcise through exercise

An open invitation for anyone and everyone to come together and exorcise through exercise. A guided astrological dance, DSS creates collective experiences for audiences to come together in ecstatic, inclusive and unrehearsed performance with no spectators. Framed by a tongue-in-cheek approach to the zodiac, it is an immersive ritual for all, no dance or performance experience required.

Wear clothes you can move in!

Spoken Word



Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy

29 Jan

Wed 7:30-10:30pm

\$15 full | \$10 conc

△ Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | Drug use and suicide references

Presented by queerspace and Melbourne Spoken Word

Image: by Brendan Bonsack

## Doing Gender: Old-school Storytelling, New School Stories

Doing gender, not having it done to you!

Living, breathing storytelling and spoken word that speaks to the diversity, complexity and hilarity of being human in the world right now. Come and be part of our community performing and playing with the constraints of the binary and telling the tale of what happens when you do.

Cabaret



Hawthorn Arts Centre, Hawthorn

7 Feb 1hr 50m

Fri 8pm

\$38 full | \$32 conc

△ Smoke/Haze

Presented by Boroondara Arts

Image: by Elliot Moody

## Dolly Diamond & The Jack Earle Big Band

A night of sumptuous sounds

The fabulous Dolly Diamond and friends are joined by The Jack Earle Big Band for an exuberant evening of tunes and cheek at the beautiful Hawthorn Arts Centre. Enjoy cabaret style seating and a musical celebration not to be missed.

Variety

18+ <50



DRAG A THON

The world record holding non-stop drag event

The event that set a Guinness World Record in 2017 is back for 2020. The 86's annual 'day of drag' is back with 10 hours of drag starting with an afternoon 'open stage' where anyone can perform. Who will win the crown & cash in 2020? Finalists then battle it out in the evening show with the 'Fellas in Frocks' cast performing a 5 hour non-stop drag show! Open to all drag styles, just be 'bright, bold & big'. At 2pm join us for a FREE sausage sizzle BBQ!

**The 86 Cabaret Bar, Fitzroy**  
26 Jan  
Sun 1pm-3am | To perform in the 'open stage' sessions register at the86.com.au  
FREE  
△ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Long Periods of standing | References to drug use  
**Presented by** The 86 Cabaret Bar

Spoken Word

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Endings/Beginnings

This year's edition of Lisa-Skye's spoken word showcase!

Featuring a diverse line-up of Melbourne's best queer performers, expect funny, silly, sexy, serious, sad, sardonic stories. Guaranteed to be a must-see. These events sell out on pre-books, so book ahead of time if you can!

Hosted by Melbourne's fave sparkle-puppy muppet dominatrix, Lisa-Skye. A safe space, but never boring. Papa Lisa's in charge; see controlled chaos & fascinating yarns that don't kick down.

**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
30 Jan 1hr 30m  
Thu 7pm  
\$22 full | \$18 conc  
△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language | References to drug use and suicide  
**Presented by** Lisa-Skye & The Safety House  
Image: by Paul Rasche

Comedy

18+ ♯ <50



Faguettes

Do you get more discriminated against for being gay, a foreigner, or a vegetarian?

French comedian Julien Furnace presents a one-hour stand-up in which everyone will recognise themselves: we've all had cringey one-night-stands, inappropriate thoughts on euthanasia or unexpected revelations involving Sailor Moon... right? At the heart of it, Julien talks about homophobia during his childhood, and shares a hilarious coming-out story. Come check it out - or just come out.

**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
4-5 Feb 1hr  
Tue, Wed 7pm  
\$15 full | \$12 conc  
△ Coarse language | References to drug use | Suicide references  
Image: by Phil Soliman

Cabaret

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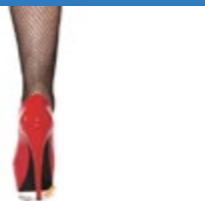
**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
8 Feb 1hr  
Sat 7pm | Sat 9pm  
\$25 full | \$20 conc  
**Presented by** Faff & Sass Productions

Elton John: Your Song

What makes 70s music so fabulous? Elton John for one! 'Elton John - Your Song' invites you to pay tribute to the undisputed worldwide emperor of glam pop! Whip out those old flares and zhoozh your hair as Matthew Hadgraft (ABBALive, Peter Allen Live in Inverted Commas) sings up the greatest party night of the decade - just like the movie, but way better 'cause you're allowed to sing along'.

Theatre

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Eyes Wide Woke

A parable of passion, poison and posturing

A storm is brewing, the dinner table is set, the friends are familiar and the stories of everyday triumphs are cocked and ready to go. Then the guest of dis-honour arrives. The host has decided to invite a sex worker to the dinner under the guise of pushing the boundaries of her friends. The new guest's presence prompts a pissing contest over who is the most unfazed and the party unravels into a pageant of moral posturing.

**The Courthouse Hotel, North Melbourne**  
21-25 Jan, 29 Jan-1 Feb 1hr 15m  
Wed-Sat 7:30pm | Preview: Tue 21 Jan 7.30pm  
\$30 full | \$27 conc | \$20 preview  
△ Coarse language | References to drug use  
**Presented by** Bitten By Productions  
Image: by Ashley Tardy

Musical

♿ ♯ <50



Flat-Earthers: The Musical

A staged reading

Bringing together the world's most iconic conspiracy theories in a brand new electropop musical comedy about just how far we're willing to go in search of the #truth. This staged reading is brought to you by the artists behind ROMEO IS NOT THE ONLY FRUIT (Green Room Award Best Writing Nominee) and LOU WALL'S DRAG RACE (Melbourne Fringe Best Performance Nominee, Best Emerging Artist Winner).

**Arts Centre Melbourne - The Channel, Melbourne**  
31 Jan 1hr  
Fri 6pm  
FREE booking required  
△ Adult themes  
**Presented by** Arts Centre Melbourne

Musical

♿ 18+ ♯ ♯ ♯ <50



Flesh Coloured Panties Presents...

A New Bisexual Musical Development

From the Green Room Award winning team that brought you Baby Bi Bi Bi, comes the preview of new musical 'Girls are Hot!' (because they are...). 'Girls are Hot' is a female focused, comedy musical about presentation, performativity and the roles we play in and outside of our queer communities. Expect fosse, fashion and just as much contour as carabiners.

**Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park**  
8 Feb 1hr  
Sat 9:30pm  
\$15 full  
△ Coarse language | This show acknowledges the existence of sex  
**Presented by** Flesh Coloured Panties Productions

Interactive Performance

18+ ♯ <50



Hello! Hi! My name is Shannon. Quick question: how does an adult make new friends?

Adult looking for friends. Not a joke. Not even really a show. If legitimately also an adult looking for friends, enquire within.

**The Burrow - Studio, Fitzroy**  
22-26 Jan 1hr  
Wed-Sat 8pm | Sat, Sun 2pm | Sun 7pm  
\$20 full | \$15 conc  
**Presented by** Shannon Loughnane  
Image: by Lana Nguyen, Shannon Loughnane

Variety

♿ 18+ ♯ ♯ ♯ <50



Jinxed!

Blending circus and burlesque with a live band, to create the best kind of chaos!

Roll up one and all, and take a peek behind the curtain of Cabaret Abnormal... if you dare! Jinxed! will unleash the glam clowns, vaudevillians and circus trash to bring you a delectable creepshow. After its success at The Melba Spiegeltent, this high-energy cabaret is back. See what bad luck lurks when everybody gets jinxed at the same time!

**Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park**  
21-25 Jan 1hr  
Tue-Sat 9:30pm | Sat 2:30pm  
\$34 full | \$28.50 conc  
△ Nudity  
**Presented by** Cabaret Abnormal  
Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea Photography

Dance

18+ ♯



GIRL KING / The Venusian Slip

A double bill

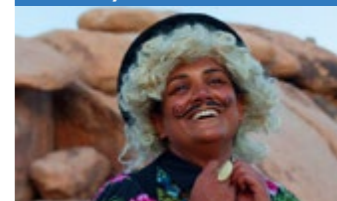
GIRL KING, first presented in the 2019 Adelaide Fringe, aims to raise questions about discipline and function in dance and expands on this question in abstracted ways.

The Venusian Slip guides the audience through a series of surreal subconscious worlds where limiting structures begin to slip away. The points of view of four differently queer men offer ways of traversing masculine constructs.

**Temperance Hall, South Melbourne**  
5-8 Feb 2hrs  
Wed-Sat 7:30pm  
\$30 full | \$25 conc  
△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Latecomer lockout | Adult Themes  
**Presented by** Temperance Hall  
Image: Taylor-Ferné Morris/Anthea Dance

Comedy

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How Gay Am I?

"Sunanda is a bright presence!" - Ilana Glazer, Broad City

Sunanda's debut solo show, How Gay Am I? is a comedic multimedia exploration of 'all the gays her life could've gone'. The journey begins with an earnest story detailing her coming out to her conservative Indian parents, and ends with everyone in the audience going home gay. Think that's absurd? Wait till you meet all the other queerdos she could've been!

**The Butterfly Club, Melbourne CBD**  
3 Feb, 5-8 Feb 1hr  
Mon, Wed-Sat 7pm | Auslan: 6 Feb 7pm  
\$35 full | \$31 conc  
**Presented by** The Butterfly Club  
Image: by Liza Nelson

"...such a funny and magnetic performer..." - Lucia Aniello, Broad City

Theatre

♿ ♯ ♯ ♯ <50



Joel Creasey in The Boy, George

"Creasey is the crown prince of Aussie comedy." - Daily Telegraph

Superstar comedian Joel Creasey plays Prince George of Wales in this biting, hilarious new one-man show. Queen Elizabeth II is dead, and the government is refusing to swear allegiance to the new King Charles. Can Prince George save the monarchy and the country while also fulfilling his ambition to be the biggest, most fantastic, most adored celebrity in royal history?

**Chapel off Chapel, Prahran**  
29-31 Jan 1hr 10m  
Wed-Fri 7:30pm  
\$39 full | \$35 conc  
△ Coarse language | Smoke/Haze | References to drug use  
Image: by Cam Cooke

Cabaret



Judy Garland: A Star is Born

The songs set the standard; the performances brought us to our feet; the woman inspired generation after generation. Was it the voice? The look? Or the never-before-seen vulnerability? Saskia Penn captures Judy Garland's magic in glorious technicolor with a soft lens in this stunning, breathtaking tribute to the ultimate legend.

**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
 23-24 Jan 1hr  
 Thu 9pm | Fri 7pm  
 \$25 full | \$20 conc  
**Presented by** Faff and Sass Productions

Cabaret



Leather Lungs: Son of a Preacher

A master of falsetto and stiletto with a phenomenal vocal range spanning over four octaves, this daring deviant marries savage wit, outrageous innuendo, and a voice to die for, to drag you screaming with laughter into an explosion of powerhouse party anthems by The Weather Girls, Aretha Franklin, and Tina Turner.

*"The voice of our generation." - WeekendNotes*

**Melbourne Recital Centre - Primrose Potter Salon, Southbank**  
 31 Jan 1hr  
 Fri 7pm  
 \$31 full | \$25 conc  
 △ Latecomer lockout | Drug references  
**Presented by** Ben Anderson and Melbourne Recital Centre  
 Image: by Sanjeev Singh

Theatre



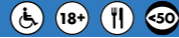
Love By The Hour

Lines of desire and friendship are blurred in this new play by Caleb Darwent

Eve, a sex worker, and Ashish, a nurse, have been friends for over a decade. When Ashish unexpectedly approaches Eve to purchase their services, it sparks a conversation that forces the pair to confront the boundaries of friendship, the limits of intimacy, and the cost of transgression.

**The Butterfly Club, Melbourne CBD**  
 20 Jan, 22-23 Jan, 25 Jan 1hr  
 Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat 7pm  
 \$35 full | \$31 conc  
 △ Coarse language  
**Presented by** Darwent & Gray  
 Image: by Teddy Darling

Cabaret



**Evies Disco Diner, Fitzroy**  
 9 Feb  
 Sun 9-10pm  
 \$10 full  
 △ Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language  
 Image: by Evan Fowler Photography

Lashes

"Fierce, erotic and imaginative, and guaranteed to surprise." - The Sydney Morning Herald

Lulu Venom and Suckabelle create a high-femme-queer-dream world on the stage, blurring the lines between passive-and-power; beauty-and terror; and embodying the duality of high-femme existence. These fiercely intersectional feminist hunnies are here to push beauty to its limits (if there is such a thing) and reclaim, reflect, reconnect and angrily rejoice.

Theatre



Leopard Print Loincloth

This play is about what happens when you leave a bunch of guys in a room together. It's about stubble and kindness and that hot guy you saw on the train and the way that his chest smells. It's about boys and it's about hating yourself. It's about plays about men being the worst thing ever. It's about falling in love too quickly and too loudly and how a man and his cheekbones can upend your entire life. This play is about men.

**Theatre Works, St Kilda**  
 4-8 Feb 2hrs 20m  
 Tue-Sat 9pm  
 \$32 full | \$27 conc  
 △ Nudity | Coarse language | Sexual References  
**Presented by** Kissing Booth Productions and Theatre Works

Cabaret



**Melbourne Recital Centre - Primrose Potter Salon, Southbank**  
 24 Jan 1hr  
 Fri 6pm & 8pm  
 \$31 full | \$25 conc  
**Presented by** Mama Alto & Melbourne Recital Centre  
 Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea Photography

Mama Alto: Torch Songs

The acclaimed jazz singer, cabaret artiste & gender transcendent diva returns to Melbourne Recital Centre

Let Mama Alto beguile you with sumptuous and exquisite torch songs. Her velvet voice and captivating storytelling never fail to enchant and captivate. Accompanied by multi-instrumental wonder William Elm on piano.

*"Divine" - Havana Tribune*  
*"Near flawless" - The Age*

Theatre



**Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne**  
 22-25 Jan 1hr  
 Wed-Sat 8pm | Sat 3pm  
 \$28 full | \$23 conc | \$23 preview  
 △ Violence | Coarse language | References to suicide, domestic violence and sexual violence  
**Presented by** Purely Pensive Productions  
 Image: Emily Cerra

Man Up!

Will real voices challenge society to Man Up?

Man Up! explores current societal views and norms around the way men behave and questions where men and masculinity are headed. Based on countless interviews with real people, the script is woven to reflect the way people have perceived men in their life. A touching performance exploring social issues of domestic violence, aggression, homophobia and dominance, balanced by nurturing and vulnerability.

Theatre



New Balance

Who do you hold accountable for all the things you were never told?

From the winners of the inaugural Midsumma & Melbourne Fringe Queer Development Award (Intoxication). Woven together from intersecting stories of the queer experience, playwright Christopher Bryant tells a story that emerges from the intimacy and surprising universality of the queer experience growing up.

*"A genuine, moving performance." - The Advertiser (Intoxication) ★★★*

**Theatre Works, St Kilda**  
 4-8 Feb 1hr  
 Tue-Sat 7pm  
 Preview, Relaxed: 4 Feb 7pm  
 \$32 full | \$27 conc | \$25 preview  
 △ Adult themes  
**Presented by** Before Shot & Theatre Works  
 Image: by Sarah Walker

Comedy



One Pan Cooking

Sally Goldner has had a mixed life if nothing else.

Bi/pan, trans, Jewish, advocate, educator, community radio and TV presenter, introvert, HSP (that's a form of neurodiversity, not a meal), survivor of 13 years at an (assumed) all-boys school...

That's surely enough ingredients to look at the fun highs, the serious lows and yes, all the non-binary points in between.

Join Sally as she debuts her first ever full-length solo show.

**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
 21-22 Jan 1hr  
 Tue, Wed 7pm | Auslan: 21 Jan 7pm  
 \$15 full | \$5 conc  
 △ Mention of lateral hostility  
**Presented by** Sally Goldner  
 Image: by Margot Fink

Variety



Midsumma Extravaganza

The festival's night of nights!

Celebrating some of Australia's finest talent with a kaleidoscope of glittering LGBTQIA+ artists. There is something for everyone - laughs, music, cabaret, and of course, drag! Taking to the stage are the likes of Bob Downe, Kirsty Webeck, Nath Valvo, Dolly Diamond, Tom Ballard and Drag Race Thailand's Pangina Heals (to name just a few). To make the evening even more extra, there's a red carpet arrival and post-show DJ to keep the party going late!

**Arts Centre Melbourne - Hamer Hall, Melbourne**  
 1 Feb 2hrs plus post show DJ  
 Sat 8pm  
 Tickets from \$49 - \$79  
**Presented by** Arts Centre Melbourne and Midsumma Festival with Trevor Ashley Enterprises and Thomas Jaspers

Dance



NOW this body WHAT

Performative interventions and installations in a subdued nightclub environment

Choreography, light and spatial evolutions meet an atmosphere of experimental, ambient techno. Luigi Vescio and local artists will animate this durational consideration of performance, spectatorship and togetherness. 'NOW this body WHAT' is both defining and dissolving - at once a ritual site of queer play and a celebration of the radical happening.

**Temperance Hall, South Melbourne**  
 1 Feb 2hrs  
 Sat 8pm  
 \$29 full | \$22 conc  
 △ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Long periods of standing  
**Presented by** Luigi Vescio and Temperance Hall  
 Image: Andi, Pippa Samaya & Luigi Vescio

Cabaret



Over The Rainbow Cabaret

A cabaret for all ages

Celebrate our collective differences in the twinkling lights of the glorious Melba Spiegeltent!

A circus cabaret featuring the best of Melbourne's queer performers specifically designed for families of all makes and models. One hour of fun and laughs and people flying through the air.

**The Melba - Spiegeltent, Collingwood**  
 25 Jan 1hr  
 Sat 5pm  
 \$20 full  
 △ Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze  
**Presented by** The Melba Spiegeltent

Comedy



**PO PO MO CO**  
presents Summer of  
the 17th Doll

**Iconic Aussie theatre lovingly butchered!**

PO PO MO CO takes a meat cleaver to Australia's seminal theatrical masterpiece.

Each tasty cut of the script will be gifted to one of Melbourne's most exciting queer theatre companies to bake, broil or barbecue as they please. Guaranteed to be a decadent meat tray of theatrical delights.

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| <b>Hare Hole (Hares &amp; Hyenas)</b> , Fitzroy  |     |
| 31 Jan-1 Feb   | 1hr |
| Fri, Sat 7:30pm  |     |
| \$40 full   \$25 conc  |     |
| △ Nudity   Sex scenes   Coarse language   Strobe lights   Smoke/Haze   Smoking on stage   References to drug use |     |
| <b>Presented by</b> PO PO MO CO  |     |

Theatre



**Queen Bette**  
Melbourne premiere of  
the acclaimed one-woman  
show based on the life of  
Hollywood's greatest icon

"The Queen has no hour for love." Movie icon Bette Davis fought hard all her life, had four husbands, two Oscars and a reputation as the biggest bitch in Hollywood. Queen Bette tells the whole story.

"Cronin's in complete control of the material, the space and the audience. It's a masterclass. A 'wow' moment on Sydney's stage." - Jason Blake

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| <b>Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre</b> , Albert Park        |         |
| 21-25 Jan   | 1hr 15m |
| Tue-Sat 7pm   Sat 2pm   |         |
| \$35 full   \$25 conc   |         |
| △ Smoking on stage  |         |
| <b>Presented by</b> G.bod Theatre. Directed by Peter Mountford. |         |
| Image: by Richard Hedger  |         |

Theatre



**Queer Quickies**

Take over Theatre Works and bring your creative queer ideas to life. Queer Quickies is an inclusive and open event for all LGBTIQ+ artists, writers, wordsmiths, choreographers, and theatre-makers. Queer Quickies invites you to read through an excerpt from a script or a play that you are writing, or to show something from work in development. Read alone and let your words do the talking, or enlist the help of actors to embody your characters. Whatever you decide, the Theatre Works stage is yours.

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| <b>Theatre Works</b> , St Kilda   |  |
| 1 Feb   |  |
| Sat 4-6pm   |  |
| FREE  |  |
| △ Apply at <a href="http://theatreworks.org.au">theatreworks.org.au</a> |  |
| <b>Presented by</b> Theatre Works                                       |  |

Theatre



**Poorly Drawn Shark**

A queer clapback to Eat, Pray, Love and its kin, Poorly Drawn Shark is a brutal attack on conventional storytelling: drenched in salt water and biting hungrily at Australia's fetishisation of Asia. Nauseating, grotesquely funny and brutally aware, prepare to Eat, Pray, Hate in this autobiographical takedown of western travel narratives.

"A masterclass in subversion ... hilarious and hideous ... a truly magnificent piece of theatre." ★★★★★ - Fourth Wall Media

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| <b>Theatre Works</b> , St Kilda                              |     |
| 19 Jan, 22-26 Jan  | 1hr |
| Wed-Sun 9pm  |     |
| \$32 full   \$27 conc  |     |
| △ Nudity   Coarse language   Sexual References   Loud Noises |     |
| <b>Presented by</b> Squid Vicious and Theatre Works          |     |

Interactive Performance



**Queer Playwriting Award Showcase**  
Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer focused theatre works

Join us for a unique night featuring fresh 15 minute excerpts from finalists: Butterfly Kicks by Jamila Main, Gravity by Bradford Elmore, Home Fires Burning by Maeve Marsden and New Wave by Margot Morales Tanjutco. Experience new work, hear queer issues and voices on stage, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2020 Award selection.

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| <b>Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre</b> , Albert Park     |         |
| 28 Jan   | 1hr 30m |
| Tue 7pm  |         |
| \$22 full   \$18 conc   Includes a free drink                |         |
| △ Adult themes   |         |
| <b>Presented by</b> Midsumma Festival and Gasworks Arts Park |         |
| Image: By Suzanne Balding                                    |         |

Interactive Performance



**Queer-aoke**

Group karaoke at its queerest

Led by the incomparable Bae Marie, Queer-aoke is a celebration of pop music's biggest queer names.

Throw on a lewk, warm up that voice and join us at Common Rooms to sing your heart out with an evening of music by divas of any variety. Sequins are essential.

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| <b>Common Rooms</b> , Carlton    |      |
| 6 Feb                            | 3hrs |
| Thu 7pm                          |      |
| \$25 full   \$20 conc            |      |
| <b>Presented by</b> Common Rooms |      |
| Image: by Simone Ruggiero        |      |

Spoken Word



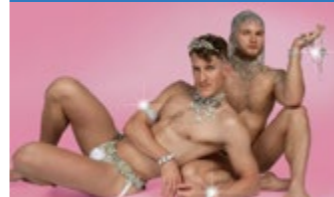
**Rapid Fire**

12 writers, 6 minutes each

Rapid Fire's recipe for success is simple: give 12 writers 6 minutes each, draw the order from a hat and ensure that nobody goes over time. This award-winning formula provides the perfect platform for writers to refine, condense and edit a story, while providing ample time to display their literary brilliance - a win for writers and audiences alike. Hare Hole's longest running spoken word event and also its most popular. Line-up announced soon.

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| <b>Hare Hole (Hares &amp; Hyenas)</b> , Fitzroy                         |          |
| 3 Feb   | 2hrs 15m |
| Mon 7:30pm  |          |
| \$18 full   \$12 conc   \$14 group (min 6)                              |          |
| △ Coarse language   Adult themes   Open content event (expect anything) |          |
| <b>Presented by</b> Hares & Hyenas                                      |          |

Cabaret



**Sugarbabies: A Boylesque Musical**  
Diamonds really are a BOY's best friend!

The Ziegfeld Boys tell the story of two sugarbabies on a quest to find their sugardaddies and the lavish lifestyle that comes with them. A brilliant blend of old world burlesque, musical theatre and clever comedy, dusted with plenty of glitz and sparkle, and featuring gender swaps of some of the sexiest songs of the 20th century. Don't miss this if you're a fan of gorgeous boys showing lots of skin!

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| <b>Chapel Off Chapel</b> , Prahran  |     |
| 23-25 Jan   | 1hr |
| Thu-Sat 9pm   Sat 5:30pm  |     |
| \$39 full   \$36 conc   \$60 both shows (Unmasking Prince Charming & Sugarbabies) |     |
| <b>Presented by</b> Smoke and Mirrors Productions                                 |     |
| Image: by Fred Lemarche @theboyproject  |     |

Theatre



**That Time Everything Went Well and We Were Totally Fine**

Gerry and Frankie are going out. They're going to have a great night. Everything will go well, because they're both totally fine. No, really. They're fine. Just have to remember the tickets, get on the train, make it to the show on time, obey the law, make conversation, keep smiling and remember to breathe. A brand-new sketch comedy for anyone who's ever had one of those days.

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| <b>The Bowery Theatre</b> , St Albans  |     |
| 7 Feb  | 1hr |
| Fri 8pm  |     |
| \$28 full   \$22 conc  |     |
| △ Coarse language   Smoking on stage   |     |
| <b>Presented by</b> The Bowery Theatre's Be Bold Residency Program and Wit Incorporated. |     |
| Image: by Ben Hudson   |     |

Theatre



**Rust**

An immersive theatre experience of love and betrayal

In a grand, French building at the climax of a World War, long time grudges come to a head, spies are uncovered, and two star-crossed lovers plot their escape. Roam freely through a world of danger and espionage and discover the secrets of a family divided by war and entangled by love in this uniquely explosive drama.

"Innovative in concept and slick in execution. An experience unlike any other." - Australian Stage

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| <b>Alliance Française Melbourne</b> , St Kilda                                     |         |
| 21-26 Jan, 28 Jan-2 Feb, 4-9 Feb   | 1hr 30m |
| Tue-Sun 7:30pm   Sat 5pm   |         |
| \$40 full   \$35 conc  |         |
| △ Violence   Use of replica weapons   Latecomer lockout   Long Periods of standing |         |
| <b>Presented by</b> TBC Theatre  |         |

Comedy



**SWEETie**  
"Delightfully engaging" - Sydney Arts Guide

A wickedly funny, playful woman overshadows her cheeky tales of being a single woman and the consequential stomach ache of overindulging in an all you can eat buffet of boys.

SWEETie takes her audience through stomach squirming first dates, steamy elevator kisses and beach car park breakups with heart and style. This show is for anyone worried that swipe related arthritis may be on the horizon.

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| <b>The Butterfly Club</b> , Melbourne CBD |     |
| 27 Jan, 29 Jan-1 Feb                      | 1hr |
| Mon, Wed-Sat 7pm                          |     |
| \$35 full   \$31 conc                     |     |
| △ Sex scenes   References to drug use     |     |
| <b>Presented by</b> Chloe Perrett         |     |
| Image: by Patricia Sofra                  |     |

Theatre



**The Boy I Paid For**  
Two men. One night.

Socially awkward Keith hires escort Beau for an evening of companionship one Christmas Eve. While Keith has no idea what to expect, Beau is treating this like just another job, but he's never had a client quite like Keith before. As the night goes on, both men realise they have to confront their own truths... and need one another to do it.

Produced by Writers' Block Theatre.

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| <b>The Butterfly Club</b> , Melbourne CBD  |     |
| 20 Jan, 22-25 Jan  | 55m |
| Mon, Wed-Sat 7pm   |     |
| \$35 full   \$31 conc   \$28 group (min 6)   |     |
| △ Sex scenes   Coarse language   Latecomer lockout   Reference to sexual violence   Adult themes |     |
| <b>Presented by</b> The Butterfly Club   |     |
| Image: by Paul Williams  |     |



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Find out more:  
raisingrainbows.com.au



## Performance

midsumma.org.au

### Theatre



#### The Campaign

The award-winning play by  
Campion Decent

In 1988 more than one hundred arrests were made when the Tasmanian Gay Law Reform Group defied a ban and petitioned to decriminalise sexual activity between consenting adult males. The arrests lit the spark for a campaign to change a draconian law in Tasmania, the last of its kind in Australia.

*"A brilliant piece of intimate, simultaneously joyful and gut wrenching theatre."* - ArtsHub

Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre,  
Albert Park

22-25 Jan, 29 Jan-1 Feb 1hr 30m

Wed-Sat 9pm | Sat 4pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Violence | Coarse language |  
References to drug use

Presented by Gavin Roach

Image: by Nathan Smith

### Theatre



#### The Feather in the Web

By Nick Coyle

Kimberly lives a modest life. When she's not steering into oncoming traffic, she enjoys the quieter things - like public masturbation and emotional terrorism. Adrift in a bland world of after-work drinks, team-building exercises, and never-ending Netflix recommendations, she wants nothing more than to watch it all burn. Until disaster strikes. She falls in love. And finally encounters a force as terrible and destructive as herself.

Red Stitch Actors' Theatre, St Kilda East

28-31 Jan, 5-9 Feb 1hr 30m

Previews 28-31 Jan | Tue-Fri 8pm

5-9 Feb | Wed-Sun 8pm

\$57 full | \$44 conc | \$25 preview

△ Sex scenes | Violence | Coarse  
language | Strobe lights | Latecomer  
lockout | Suicide references

Presented by Red Stitch Actors' Theatre

### Theatre



#### The Top Secret Violin Case

Absurdist dark comedy set  
in the Romanian communist  
regime featuring Vardos live  
(drag) onstage.

Brad arrives on the scene, hoping to escape his American closet to roam free in Romania. When he decides to learn Romanian folk music he must negotiate band politics and musicians' egos as well as the Secret Police who may interrogate him on other issues if they catch him...

La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

21-26 Jan 1hr

Tue, Thu, Sat 8:30pm | Wed, Fri 6:30pm

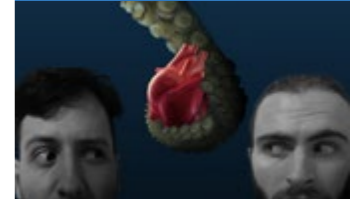
| Sun 4pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

Presented by La Mama Theatre

Image: by Murray Symes

### Theatre



#### The Circle

Elder Gods, murder and true  
love. A feel-good romance.

As two young cultists, Hugo and Lance, race to summon the Elder God Shaguaraka and seal humanity's doom, Hugo finds himself in a dilemma. The circle has been drawn, the ritual has begun... yet he needs to tell Lance something. Something he's kept to himself, and with only an hour left, seems more important than ever. The clock is ticking, the end draws near. It's a good night for regrets.

La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

21-26 Jan 1hr

Tue, Thu, Sat 6:30pm | Wed, Fri 8:30pm

| Sun 6pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

△ Violence | Coarse language | Smoke/  
Haze | Latecomer lockout

Presented by La Mama Theatre

Image: by Jack O'Brien

### Music



#### The Rise and Fall of Saint George

You gotta have faith...

George was a pioneer. A trailblazer. He was a saint. Yet a day after the divisive Marriage Equality campaign was won, a mural and much-loved shrine to George Michael was destroyed. Pop icon Paul Mac, playwright Lachlan Philpott and director Kate Champion team up with special guests and a giant community choir, to celebrate LGBTQIA+ achievement and issue an urgent call to arms to never let these hard-won rights go.

Arts Centre Melbourne - Hamer Hall,  
Melbourne

23-24 Jan | Thu-Fri 8pm 1hr

Auslan & Audio Described: Fri 24 Jan

\$47 full | \$35 conc

△ Coarse language | Adult themes

Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne and  
produced by Performing Lines

Image: by Scott Marsh

### Theatre



#### This Bitter Earth

"I'm just saying, a little lube goes a long way."

Being a twenty-something is hard. Being a twenty-something queer is... something else, I guess. Dating apps, dick pics and a semi-constant state of existential terror. Look, we've only got 12 years until climate catastrophe, might as well flail around in a spin class and buy a reusable straw, right?

Theatre Works, St Kilda

19 Jan, 22-26 Jan, 29 Jan-2 Feb 1hr 10 min

Wed-Sun 7pm

\$32 full | \$27 conc

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights |  
Smoke/Haze | References to drug use |  
Sexual References | Loud Noises

Presented by bub and Theatre Works

*"Razor sharp and scabrously funny... the tone shifts from serious to superficial, heartfelt to ironic in a blink." ★★★★★ -  
Audrey Journal*

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## 2020 FINALISTS:

- **Home Fires Burning**  
by Maeve Marsden
- **Butterfly Kicks**  
by Jamila Main
- **Gravity**  
by Bradford Elmore
- **New Wave**  
by Margot Morales Tanjutco



Comedy



### Thomas Jaspers is Revolting

Thomas Jaspers is ingrained in the fabric of Melbourne's gay scene... like a stain on a towel at Wet On Wellington

**Evies Disco Diner, Fitzroy**  
 9 Feb 1hr  
 Sun 6pm  
 \$25 full | \$22 conc  
 ⚠ Coarse language | References to drug use  
**Presented by** Silly Old Queen Productions

One third of Granny Bingo, DT's trivia master and host of hit podcast The Gays Are Revolting, Thomas is thrilled to be back with his first stand up show in three years. Expect trash. Hilarious, sticky-in-a-good-way, packed-full-of-heart, locally-sourced, organic trash.

"He'll be a national treasure" - Herald Sun

Cabaret



### Unmasking Prince Charming

Does 'happily ever after' really exist?

**Chapel Off Chapel, Prahran**  
 23-25 Jan 50m  
 Thu-Sat 7:30pm | Sat 4pm  
 \$39 full | \$36 conc | \$60 both shows (Unmasking Prince Charming & Sugarbabies)  
**Presented by** Seth Drury

Unmasking Prince Charming dares to ask the real questions of our Disney heroes. Featuring a myriad of beloved Disney melodies, this oh so charming cabaret explores one man's struggle to overcome a disorder that even Walt Disney himself would find a little intense.

"Exceptional!" - Aussie Theatre  
 "...more than a mere comedy routine" - Theatre People

Image: by Jeff van de Zandt and Meg Drury

Theatre



### Untouchables

New Australian theatre by Hayley Ricketson

**The MC Showroom, Prahran**  
 7-8 Feb 1hr  
 Fri, Sat 8pm  
 \$25 full  
 ⚠ Coarse language | Smoke/Haze | Reference to sexual violence  
**Presented by** Black Apple Theatre  
 Image: Graphic design by Deb Ferris

Nadine loves food. Nadine also loves Kylie.

That's why she returns, night after night, to the strip club where Kylie dances; devouring her silently with her gaze.

Morsel by morsel Nadine feeds us her story, serving up her secret self.

"A keen eye and ear for the power of storytelling... enthralling." - thespynthestalls.com  
 "captivating" - broadwaybaby.com

Theatre



### What a Drag! 2020 - Back to the 80's

Melbourne's biggest night of drag!

**Chapel Off Chapel, Prahran**  
 8 Feb 3hrs  
 Sat 8:30pm  
 \$10 full  
**Presented by** Large Carpark Productions

The ultimate drag extravaganza 80's style with Melbourne's most amazing drag queens. Dig out those sweat bands, lacy gloves, shoulder pads and join the fun! Hosted by Rhubarb Rouge with DJ David Virgona to get you into the groove! A fundraiser for Thorne Harbour Health and JOY 94.9. You'll also receive a special goodie bag from our friends at Hampstead Dental.

Theatre



### When the Light Leaves

The critically acclaimed production by Citizen Theatre

**Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park**  
 29 Jan-1 Feb 1hr 10m  
 Wed, Thu 7:30pm | Fri, Sat 9:30pm | VAD Forum after performance: Thu 30 Jan  
 \$35 full | \$30 conc | \$25 group (min 6)  
 ⚠ Coarse language | Suicide references  
**Presented by** Gasworks Arts Park & Packed House Productions

When The Light Leaves is a new Australian play by Rory Godbold that explores how people navigate the complex reality of facing an uncontrollable, wild death. Terminal brain cancer has forced Dan to decide how he wants the end of his life to look. Despite his supportive partner, well-intentioned sister and nurse who comforts by-the-book - no one can give him what he needs. It's time Dan chooses how he goes.

Cabaret



### Whoop Dee Doo: Another Late Night Revue

Burlesque, Cabaret, Comedy and Drag

**The Butterfly Club, Melbourne CBD**  
 24-25 Jan, 31 Jan-1 Feb, 7-8 Feb 1hr  
 Fri, Sat 10pm  
 \$35 full | \$31 conc  
 ⚠ Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language | References to drug use  
**Presented by** Miss Maple Rose  
 Image: Dark Prince of Burlesque, featuring Raven by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

Oh, here we go again! Another variety show raving about its diverse lineup of excellent burlesque, cabaret, comedy and drag artists. We're not going to try to convince you that our show is better than others. We just know we're putting on a damn entertaining, highly arousing celebration of performance art.

Circus



### You & I

"A stunning depiction of life, love, trust and balance." ★★★★★ - Ed Fest Magazine

**Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park**  
 22-25 Jan 1hr  
 Wed-Sat 7:30pm  
 \$40 full | \$32 conc  
**Presented by** Casus Circus  
 Image: by Katie Bennett ©

International award-winning company and festival favourites Casus Circus come to Melbourne for a Midsumma exclusive season of their most daring and intimate work You & I. An empowering hour of skill celebrating identity and the loving relationship between two men using high level acrobatics, magical trapeze and dance.

"The audience have spoken: You & I is a must-see." ★★★★★ - Voice Mag UK

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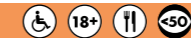


## Music



Habits and Friends, Midsumma Festival 2019. Image by Suzanne Balding

### Popular Music



#### Bowie Ball

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

Bowie Ball hits Melbourne for the first time ever! Glam it up and get ready for an anything-goes extravaganza 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!

Evies Disco Diner, Fitzroy  
31 Jan  
Fri 7pm-1am  
\$40 full | \$30 conc  
△ Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Long Periods of standing | Limited seating available  
Presented by Brooklyn Runaways

### Popular Music



#### Chlorophyll

**By Max Lawrence**

Forest Collective and emerging alternative pop artist Max Lawrence join forces to premiere an orchestral re-imagining of Lawrence's debut EP, 'Chlorophyll'.

A conceptual song cycle exploring the process of spiritual and emotional healing, 'Chlorophyll' is a sonic journey encapsulating both darkness and light performed for the very first time with a 10-piece chamber ensemble conducted by Evan J. Lawson.

Abbotsford Convent - Oratory, Sacred Heart building, Abbotsford  
7-9 Feb 1hr  
Fri, Sat 7:30pm | Sun 3pm  
\$40 full | \$30 conc | \$35 seniors | \$30 group (min 6) | \$25 student  
△ Latecomer lockout  
Presented by Forest Collective  
Image: by Jeff Andersen Jr



Music



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Abbotsford Convent - Magdalen North Laundry, Abbotsford**  
6 Feb  
Thu 8 - 11pm  
\$25 full | \$20 conc  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival and Abbotsford Convent  
Image: Sneharcho Ghosh

**FAMILI**

**EP Launch - Neo Pasifika Sounds**

FAMILI is a visual EP launch highlighting contemporary electronic music from Pasifika communities. Fresh hip hop, new wave R&B, Oceanic musicality, words, and movement. Focusing on Oceanic, LGBTQIA+ and diaspora experiences, portraits and videos will be unveiled alongside a live performance of the collected works.

*Artists: Wahe, Lay the Mystic, Luscious, Kalala, Lonelyspeck, Iki, Bella Waru and Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi*

Electronic



**Common Rooms, Carlton**  
24 Jan 4hrs  
Fri 8pm  
\$25 full | \$20 conc  
△ Strobe lights  
Image: by Briannagh O'Loughlin

**Fem Fantasy**

**Come as YOU and feel free to beam out your truest expression!**

Fem energy is rising and we're curiously exploring what that means to us as electronic music artists all uniquely expressing differing shades of fem through fantastical performance art, projections, live music and DJs. Our intention is to embrace collaboration, inclusivity and diversity to explore all things fem fantasy in a safe space filled with love and warmth.

Blues & Roots



**Wesley Anne, Northcote**  
30 Jan 2hrs 30m  
Thu 7:30pm  
\$28 full | \$22 conc  
Image: featuring Emma Wall

**Goddess Grooves @ the Wesley Anne**

**Midsumma's premier music event**

Goddess Grooves is back for 2020. This year, join us for another eclectic musical evening as local singer songwriters Emma Wall, Michelle Parsons, Aimee Francis and Anna Tirota join forces to present a night of original tunes. Expect some spectacular music, lots of laughter, and a spontaneous harmony or two. Another amazing night. Don't miss Melbourne's premier music event!

Classical



**La Mama Courthouse, Carlton**  
30 Jan-1 Feb 3hrs  
Thu-Sat 7:30pm | Sat 1:30pm | Audio Described: 31 Jan 7:30pm | Relaxed: 1 Feb 1:30pm-2:30pm (all tickets \$20)  
\$30 full | \$20 conc

**Homophonic!**

**New music by queer composers!**

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

We're bringing the disco ball to the concert hall! Come and experience Melbourne's most in demand classical musicians playing some outlandishly fabulous music, while listening to the sounds of today's LGBTQ composers.

Popular Music



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen**  
9 Feb 2hrs 30m  
Sun 6pm  
\$38 full | \$25 conc  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival and Heide Museum of Modern Art

**Kira Puru at Heide**

**One of Australia's biggest voices**

A force to be reckoned with, Kira Puru is recognised for her dynamic live performances and genre-defying writing style. Witness this vocal powerhouse in the stunning gardens of Heide Museum of Modern Art for a one-night dynamite event.

*"She's the party queen we don't deserve, but most certainly need." - The Music*

*"..stadium-ready swagger."  
- Music Junkee*

Popular Music



**Abbotsford Convent - Rosina Auditorium, Abbotsford**  
1 Feb 1hr 15m  
Sat 3pm  
FREE booking required

**MGLC 30th Anniversary Launch**

**A free community concert to launch Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus' 30th anniversary celebrations**

Australia's first LGBTQIA+ choir is having a birthday! We'll be blowing out the candles for 30 years of inclusion, community and music and 15 years of shOUT Youth Chorus.

Join us as we kick off a year of festivities with a free community concert.

Popular Music



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Chapel Off Chapel, Prahan**  
25 Jan 2hrs  
Sat 8pm  
\$27 full | \$24 conc  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival. The City of Stonnington proudly supports POWER: Women and Non-Binary Artists in Music.  
Image: by Anna Hay

**POWER ft HANDSOME:**

**Women & Non-Binary Artists in Music**

HANDSOME is an artist making tomboy pop and brooding electronica, representative of the bold new sound of Australian queer music - playing one night only at POWER, which runs over two nights, and recognises the powerful contribution queer female and non-binary musicians make to music.

*"Elegant, uplifting & jaw dropping."  
- Pilerats*

Popular Music



**Common Rooms, Carlton**  
1 Feb  
Sat 9pm-3am  
\$15 full | \$10 PBS members | Door sales only  
**Presented by** PBS 106.7FM  
Image: by Annie Walter

**Queer-A-Go-Go**

PBS 106.7FM presents Queer-A-Go-Go! An all inclusive dance and disco night for everyone who likes to get down and party! Join us on the dance floor with PBS DJs and friends heating up the decks and dropping the boogie beats. PBS members receive a \$5 discount on tickets by presenting their member card.

Popular Music



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Chapel Off Chapel, Prahan**  
24 Jan 2hrs  
Fri 8pm  
\$27 full | \$24 conc  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival. The City of Stonnington proudly supports POWER: Women and Non-Binary Artists in Music.  
Image: by Seamus Platt

**POWER ft imbi the girl:**

**Women & Non-Binary Artists in Music**

A force to be reckoned with, imbi the girl has been slowly writing their own story, to the beat of their own drum. With their unique & inspiring brand of poetic hip-hop, R&B & soul, imbi the girl kicks off night one of POWER - a program recognising the unsung heroines & non-binary marvels of Australian music.

*"...it's one wave of emotion, powerful songwriting and relatability." - Triple J*

Popular Music



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD**  
31 Jan  
Fri 6 - 10pm  
\$28 full | \$25 conc | \$21 Rainbow Effect Early Bird (until 14 Jan)  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum  
Image: by Hyun Lee

**Rainbow Effect**

**Rainbow Chan's glitchy pop beats and sweet synth melodies**

Bring your nearest and queerest to dance it out as Rainbow Chan takes you on a journey through pop-infused electronica and dance floor beats. With a reputation for idiosyncratic pop paired with vibrant aesthetics, drawing on nostalgia, diaspora and her Chinese heritage, surrender to Rainbow's dance floor oblivion in the Immigration Museum's hidden city courtyard.

# Visual Arts

Inner Threads at Chapel off Chapel.  
Image by Steve Edwards

## Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Blak Dot Gallery, Brunswick

24 Jan - 9 Feb

Thu-Sat 12-5pm | Sun 12-4pm |  
Opening: Thu 23 Jan 6.30 - 8.30pm |  
Talk: Sat 1 Feb 1.30 - 2.30pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and  
Blak Dot Gallery

## A Sight for Sore Eyes

**A site for queer First Nations  
mob: to see ourselves, to see  
each other**

What do you see? Is it a place, a  
person, a story? Is it coming, has it  
been? Tell us what you're longing  
for, sib. Share your sight as we share  
this sanctuary.

Co-curated by Kulin country-based  
artists, Pibbulman visual artist Pierra  
Van Sparkes, and Wiradjuri writer and  
visual Artist Indiah Money.

Image: Pierra Van Sparkes, *Wardandi  
Boodja*, 2019

## Exhibition



Chapel off Chapel, Prahran

21 Jan-9 Feb

Mon-Sun 12-5pm

FREE

Image: By Zina Sofer. Featuring Grace  
Robin and Faramir Jourir

## Awakening

**Photographic Exhibition**

Awakening are the moments  
between temptation and fear.  
These moments are fragile, painful,  
terrifying, euphorically joyous and  
most of all rewarding. They are  
necessary emotional steps in search  
of a self identity and temptation is  
the core ingredient and the driving  
force that is unstoppable by any  
fear.

gender

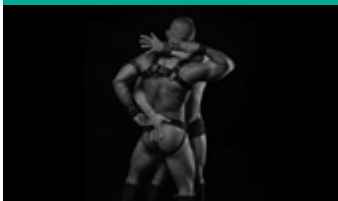
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## Exhibition



Club 80 - The Dungeon, Collingwood

29 Jan-6 Feb

Mon-Sun 1-7pm |

Opening: Wed 29 Jan 6.30-9.30pm |

Closing drinks: Thu 6 Feb 6.30pm-9.30pm

FREE

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health and Dark Room Projects

Image: by Damien Hinds

## Company of Men Exhibition 2020

A ballsy exhibition where men explore men

Company of Men Exhibition returns for 2020 at the iconic Club 80 'Dungeon'.

CoM20, once again will tantalise and arouse, shock and delight, challenge and entertain. Featuring queer male artists from around the globe.

Powered by: Eagle Leather & addictedaustralia.com

## Exhibition



Williamstown Library, Williamstown

19 Jan-9 Feb

Sun 2-5pm | Mon-Thu 9:30am-8pm | Fri 9:30am-6pm | Sat 10am-1pm

FREE

Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries

## Creating Community in Melbourne's West

Since the 1970s the LGBTIQ+ community have been searching for and eventually creating a home in Melbourne's inner-west. From Gay-Skate in Footscray to the infamous Sunshine 'Gay' Girl article, this exhibition tells the story of the communities' journey for recognition and understanding from the 1970s until today.

## Exhibition



D.R.A.G.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

22-25 Jan, 29 Jan-1 Feb, 5-8 Feb

Wed-Sat 6-10pm | Opening: Sat 18 Jan 6pm | Closing: Sat 8 Feb 6pm

FREE

Presented by the Fabulous Art Group Society

## D.R.A.G.

Drag celebrated through art

D.R.A.G. features works by Dave Behrens, Jimmy Twin, Jake Cruz and Brett Willis (Toonarama) and explores drag through art, featuring some of the finest drag talents to have performed at Pride of our Footscray. Artists will donate a drag-inspired art piece for a cent auction - with all proceeds going to support LGBTIQ mental health services (winners announced on Closing Night). Opening Night will blur the lines between performance and exhibition as drag performers become living art pieces.

## Exhibition



Incinerator Gallery, Aberfeldie

21 Jan - 22 Mar | closed 26 Jan

Tue-Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: Fri 24 Jan 6 - 8pm | Artist Talk: Sat 1 Feb 2pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery

Image: 'Yello'(detail), Paint on plastic container, 2018 Tama Sharman

## Dark Sepia

by Tama Sharman

An exhibition of drawing, recycling and printmaking by Aotearoa born, Melbourne-based visual artist, Tama Sharman. Dark Sepia gives trust to listening in between worlds. Drawn from respecting undocumented knowing, oral culture and uncertainty, Sharman's work gives physical form to a life experienced between celebrating imagination as a universal treasure and a tool of survival.

Sharman's education began between skool, Maori Access, the boys' home and the street.

## Exhibition



Lord Coconut, Melbourne CBD

20 - 25 Jan & 28 Jan - 8 Feb

Mon-Fri 11am-6pm | Sat 12-4pm

FREE

△ Simulated medical anatomy

Presented by Lord Coconut

Image: by Andrew Delaney

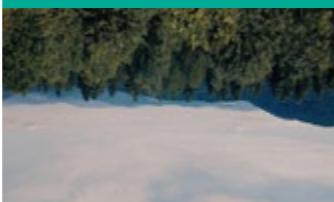
## Dis-Morphia

The preoccupation of perceived physical defects or flaws in one's appearance...

Textile artist Andrew Delaney (Anno Domini Home) delves deep into the human psyche with his exhibition of strange and unsettling Victorian human specimens. Body image aberrations and psychological twists go beyond the norm and all the labels, to question what it really is to be human....

Fragility and beauty in the grotesque.

## Exhibition



Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre - Joel Gallery, Altona

31 Jan-13 Feb

Mon-Fri 10am-4pm | Sat, Sun 11am-3pm | Opening: Fri 31 Jan 7pm

FREE

Presented by Joel Gallery

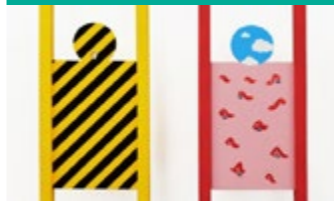
Image: by Matto Lucas

## Frontier

Matto Lucas

In August 2019, (Europe's Summer) Matto Lucas travelled through 13 different countries, in the back of an Audi convertible. Part retro road trip, part travel log, Frontier is an experimental video artwork about a queer body existing in various new geographies, documenting an organic experience; a journey, and discovering the multitude of landscapes while telling multiple intersecting narratives and exploring the transient spaces one occupies in transit.

## Exhibition



Hatch Contemporary Arts Space, Ivanhoe

30 Jan-1 Feb, 3-8 Feb

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm | Opening: Wed 29 Jan 6 - 8pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Parental supervision recommended

Presented by Banyule City Council

Image: Doppelgangster by Mig Dann

## Future Histories

Featuring artists Mig Dann, Anj Odessa, J. Rosenbaum, and others

An exhibition exploring current themes and issues facing the LGBTIQ+ community with a focus on gender diversity. Each artist will explore these complex ideas, drawing from personal histories to shape a new future. This exhibition will be complemented by performances, talks, and other resources for further understanding.

A safe space for all...

## Exhibition



Melton Library and Learning Hub, Melton

14 Dec-21 Feb, 23 Feb

Sat 10am-4pm | Sun 1-4pm | Mon-Thu 8:30am-8pm | Fri 8:30am-4:30pm |

Opening: Thu 23 Jan 6-8pm | Artist talk and street photography workshops Wed 5 & 12 Feb 9.30am, Sat 8 & 15 Feb 2.30pm

FREE

Presented by Melton City Council

## Let's Eat Cake

Community making history for Marriage Equality

"It's personal. I have always marched and felt it important to document our journey, our fight for equality. I am thrilled it has happened in my (our) lifetime..." - Maylei Hunt

A photography exhibition that celebrates & commemorates the community who were part of the marriage equality campaign through the marches in Melbourne and Sydney.

## Exhibition



Brunswick Street Gallery, Fitzroy

29 Jan-2 Feb, 4-9 Feb, 11 Feb

Tue-Sun 10am-6pm | Opening: Fri 31 Jan 6 - 9pm

FREE

Presented by Brunswick Street Gallery

## Out

A Queer take-over of Brunswick Street Gallery

Celebrate the launch of our Midsumma Festival exhibition program, featuring some of Australia's most exciting emerging and mid-career LGBTIQ+ artists. Showcasing multiple exhibitions - each with a unique curatorial voice - representing diverse experiences of our community for an all-welcoming affair.

## Exhibition



Chapel Off Chapel, Prahran

20-25 Jan, 28 Jan-9 Feb

Mon-Sun 12-5pm | Opening: Mon 20 Jan 6-8pm

FREE

Image: by Steve Edwards

## Inner Threads

A visual exploration of human connection and complexity

Emerging Melbourne artist Steve Edwards explores the complex nature of humanity through his unique generative art style.

Combining his foundation in fine art with his skills in programming, Edwards has created a collection of colourful limited edition prints along with an interactive "Thread Mirror" enabling guests to face themselves as a live thread artwork.

## Exhibition



No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne CBD

22 - 26 Jan

Wed-Fri 12-6pm | Sat, Sun 12-5pm | Opening: Thu 23 Jan 6 - 10pm

FREE

Presented by Nik Epifanidis + Curated Content

Image: by Nik Epifanidis

## Love, Hugs + Kisses

Anything goes for those in the know

A compendium to the upcoming documentary, this portrait exhibition is a love letter to Melbourne's underground club & queer favourite, Hugs + Kisses. Captured by Nik Epifanidis on the final night before 'Hugs' closed, the portraits capture the essence of the Hugs tribe. Oozing energy, defiance and confidence they crystallise and celebrate the messy, the different, the imperfect - and the beauty to be found in that.

## Exhibition



Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee

6 Feb-8 Mar

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm | Sat, Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: Thu 6 Feb 6:30 - 8:30pm

FREE

Presented by Wyndham City

Image: Peter Waples Crowe - Self Portrait-ngurran - Mixed media on canvas. 2019

## Out Is Out

Elders, elders and young queer mob in dialogue about freedom, self and expression

Out Is Out examines the generation gap in queer politics, exhibiting work by people who paved the way for LGBTIQ self-expression and freedom and a new generation of activists; young queer mob who challenge gender identifying language and norms.

# Access Midsumma

At Midsumma, we recognise our responsibility to provide genuine access to our events and services wherever possible. For this reason, we have several ways for everyone to access information about our events, to view these sources visit [midsumma.org.au/access](http://midsumma.org.au/access). If you have any questions, feedback or would like any information in another format, please don't hesitate to contact us. Midsumma is National Relay Service Ready. Please check [midsumma.org.au/access](http://midsumma.org.au/access) for the most up to date access information.

## 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 sensory and communication challenges.



Doing Gender: Old-school Storytelling, New School Stories. Image by Brendan Bonsack

### Midsumma Festival Relaxed Performances

**#Hypocrisy - Imogen Stirling**  
Pg 28  
28 Jan, 7pm

**Homophonic!**  
Pg 48  
1 Feb, 1.30pm

**New Balance**  
Pg 37  
4 Feb, 7pm

**Trans and Gender Diverse: Questions and Answers**  
Pg 65  
23 Jan, 6pm

**Endings/Beginnings**  
Pg 34  
30 Jan, 7pm



Queerspawn

## 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](http://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 or [ticketing@midsumma.org.au](mailto:ticketing@midsumma.org.au) to book.

### Accessible Events

Please see individual event listings for Midsumma Festival 2020 across this page or visit [midsumma.org.au/access](http://midsumma.org.au/access) for further information about services such as Auslan interpretation, audio description and tactile tours.

### Alternative Format Guides

Large print, plain text and screen reader versions of the Midsumma Festival 2020 program can be downloaded on the Midsumma website [midsumma.org.au/access](http://midsumma.org.au/access). Alternatively, call Midsumma on 03 9296 6600 and we can email or post them to you.

### Auslan Interpreted

Auslan interpreter services provide equal access to arts and entertainment for people who are Deaf, their friends and families.

### Midsumma Festival Auslan Interpreted Events

**3D: Deaf, Draws, Drinks**  
Pg 78  
6 Feb, 7.30pm

**A Place at the Table: New Stories of the Familiar**  
Pg 29  
23 Jan, 6pm

**Archer Magazine's First Nations Issue Launch**  
Pg 31  
1 Feb, 3pm

**Boobs**  
Pg 32  
31 Jan, 7.30pm

**Doing Gender: Old-school Storytelling, New School Stories**  
Pg 33  
29 Jan, 7.30pm

**Drop Deadly Gorgeous: The Pageant**  
Pg 79  
9 Feb, 7pm

**Glam Slam at the Australian Open**  
Pg 84  
2 Feb, 7pm

**Half Baked: Two Quirkshops for the Fabulously Bent**  
Pg 64  
25 Jan, 2 Feb, 2pm

**How Gay Am I?**  
Pg 35  
6 Feb, 7pm

**In Conversation: ACT UP**  
Pg 64  
24 Jan, 9pm

**Mama Alto: Torch Songs**  
Pg 37  
24 Jan, 6pm & 8pm

**Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award**  
Pg 59  
28 Jan, 6pm

**Midsumma Extravaganza**  
Pg 35  
1 Feb, 8pm

**Midsumma Carnival (Main Stage)**  
Pg 74  
19 Jan, 11am-10pm

**Midsumma Pride March (Summa Pride Stage)**  
Pg 75  
2 Feb, 12pm

**Nocturnal x Midsumma: Lunar New Year Disco**  
Pg 82  
7 Feb, 7pm

**One Pan Cooking**  
Pg 37  
21 Jan, 7pm

**Over The Rainbow Cabaret**  
Pg 38  
25 Jan, 5pm

**Park Lounge**  
Pg 75  
8 Feb, 5pm

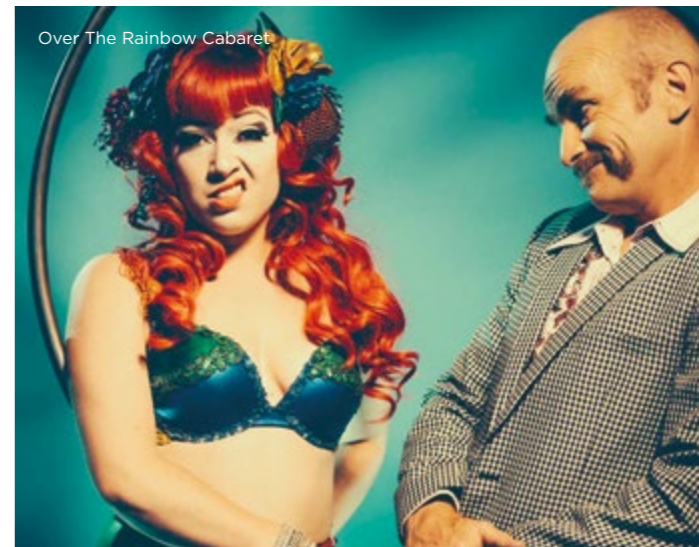
**Punking Dramatics**  
Pg 65  
5 Feb, 6pm

**Queer Playwriting Award Showcase**  
Pg 38  
28 Jan, 7pm

**Queerspawn**  
Pg 69  
24 Jan, 5.30pm

**Teach-in: Assemble, Advocate & Activate**  
Pg 65  
21 Jan, 9pm

**The Rise and Fall of Saint George**  
Pg 41  
24 Jan, 8pm



Over The Rainbow Cabaret



A Place at the Table: New Stories of the Familiar. Image by Brendan Bonsack

### Audio Described

Through the use of a headset, audience members can listen to a description of the visual aspects of the event during appropriate breaks in the dialogue.

### Midsumma Festival Audio Described Events

**Homophonic!**  
Pg 48  
31 Jan, 7.30pm

**Nocturnal x Midsumma: Lunar New Year Disco**  
Pg 82  
7 Feb, 7pm

**The Rise and Fall of Saint George**  
Pg 41  
24 Jan, 8pm

### Captioning: Open Caption

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

### Midsumma Festival Open Captioned Events

**New Balance**  
Pg 37  
4 - 8 Feb, 7pm

**The Sky After Rain**  
Pg 58  
9 Jan - 2 Feb (Manningham)

**Frontier**  
Pg 52  
31 Jan - 13 Feb

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## SUPPORT FOR LGBTIQ+ CARERS

Do you provide unpaid care and support for a partner, friend or family member with a disability, mental illness, chronic health issue or age-related condition?

Carers Victoria can help with information, support, counselling and practical advice.

[carersvictoria.org.au](http://carersvictoria.org.au)  
1800 514 845



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Exhibition

### PINK

A visual cornucopia of gay & queer art

Tacit once again turns PINK for Midsumma with gay and queer artists, from high camp to erotic sexuality, featuring sexy bodies, dazzling objects and carnal urges for what is the most lavish Midsumma visual arts event.

With its 11 exhibition spaces, Tacit Galleries is a new and inspiring curated venue empowering artists in the heart of Collingwood's thriving art precinct.

**Tacit Galleries, Collingwood**  
22 Jan-2 Feb  
Mon-Sun 11am-5pm | Opening: Wed 22 Jan 6:30 - 8pm  
FREE  
⚠ Nudity | Sex scenes  
**Presented by** Tacit Galleries  
Image: courtesy of Tacit Galleries & TJ Bateson

Exhibition

### Queer in Kingston

Curated by established projection artist, Yandell Walton, and supported by emerging digital media artist, Willow Franklin. This immersive multimedia exhibition explores queer identity from the perspectives of Queer in Kingston, a social support group for LGBTQIA+ young people aged 14 to 25 and living in the City of Kingston.

**Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin**  
7-8 Feb  
Fri 5-11pm | Sat 12-5pm | Opening: Fri 7 Feb 5-11pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** Kingston Arts  
Image: 'Weldon 2', 2019. Manipulated archival image with digital glitch. By Willow Franklin.

Exhibition

### STATEMENT and (an) Archive of Yearning

New works by Susan Long and Lex Middleton

Long's (an) Archive of Yearning reveals how a single snapshot (found object), can become an imagined archive of desire and longing. Middleton's STATEMENT uses the text from a police report documenting a violent homophobic crime. This work re-presents the official facts deemed relative in describing the proceedings of an act of violence. Moving image and voice by Belinda McClory.

**Melbourne's Living Museum of the West, Maribyrnong**  
8-9 Feb  
Sat, Sun 12-5pm | Opening: Sat 8 Feb 2 - 4 pm  
FREE  
⚠ Violence  
**Presented by** Melbourne's Living Museum of the West

Exhibition

### Postcards from the Edge

Postcards from the Edge is our story, two small town boys surviving against the odds. Being a homo in homogeneity was a hard task but we learned if you can't assimilate, its time to exaggerate. As Oscar Wilde said "Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken". We took that and embellished it. The images tell the tale of two lost boys from opposite sides of a sunbrent land looking for that rare kindred bird of a feather to fly together.

**The Bowery Theatre, St Albans**  
20-25 Jan, 27 Jan-1 Feb, 3-8 Feb  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm | Sat 9am-12pm | Exhibition celebration & performance: Fri 31 Jan 6pm-7:30pm  
FREE  
⚠ Nudity  
**Presented by** The Huxleys  
Image: The Huxleys

Exhibition

### Sensitive Sweethearts

A group art exhibition for those who wear their hearts on their sleeves

Sensitive Sweethearts showcases work by Australian based emerging and established queer, female-identifying and non-binary artists.

Have a cry: happy tears, sad tears, tears for no reason, for sentimentality, nostalgia, longing, and unrequited love. Feel all the "feels" with the Sensitive Sweetheart artists.

**fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne CBD**  
4-8 Feb  
Tue-Sat 11am-5pm | Opening: Tue 4 Feb 5 - 7pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** fortyfivedownstairs and Tegan Iversen

Exhibition

### Sweat

Sweat is the new show from the creator of Her... The Photographic Series

Sweat is a series of photographic moments of pride in sport. Where equality is celebrated and respect is shown. The photographer has been granted access to photograph Victorian sporting clubs and teams during 2019 that include LGBTQIA+ players, students, coaches and participants. The exhibition will include an outdoor 'street gallery'.

**Meat Market - Meeting Room, North Melbourne**  
24-30 Jan  
Mon-Sun 12-6pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** Martha Ackroyd Curtis  
Image: The Sweat Series by Martha Ackroyd Curtis.

Exhibition



### The Campaign in Process

Accompanying the Victorian premiere of Campion Decent's play, The Campaign, this exhibition of works by Nathan Smith depicts the artistic process of rehearsing the theatrical work as well as Smith's own responses to the story, themes and people that pioneered the Tasmanian gay law reform campaigns.

*"I love nothing more than picking up a pen, pencil or brush." - Nathan Smith*

Gasworks Arts Park - Foyer Gallery, Albert Park

20 Jan-8 Feb

Mon- Sun 9am-5pm plus during showtimes

FREE

Presented by Gavin Roach

Image: featuring Nathan Smith, by David Thai

Exhibition



### The Naked Ambassadors

Dance on film by Christos Linou

This video work examines the duality of the naked and the nude. Perceptions of masculinity are questioned & the work explores the imperfections of body image behind its garmented veil, suggesting the struggle to embody identity beneath one's appearance. A dance duet resolves the bodies, through a doppelganger cross-dressing, as a way to understand the other, creating abstractions of identity.

Temperance Hall, South Melbourne

5 - 9 Feb Every 25 mins

Wed-Sun 6.30-10pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Walking up a flight of stairs required

Presented by Temperance Hall

Image: by Christos Linou

Exhibition



### The Sky After Rain

To be queer is still taboo in Iranian culture

The stories of three queer Iranian diasporas, Payam, Shyla and Shaya are brought to life through a formalistic synthesis of recorded interviews, spoken word poetry, moving images, sound design and dance.

The multi-disciplinary, three-piece video installation explores overarching themes about identity, queerness, gender, family, forgiveness, resilience, hope, love and loss.

Manningham Art Gallery, Doncaster

Centre for Contemporary Photography - Night Projection Window, Fitzroy

Manningham: 9 Jan-2 Feb

Tue-Sat 11am-5pm | Sun 2 Feb 1-4pm

Opening: Thu 23 Jan, 6pm-8pm

CCP: 17 Jan-15 Mar, viewable from exterior of building, 7 nights a week after dark

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Manningham Art Gallery

Exhibition



### Under the Dome of Heaven

Works by Eureka (Michael James O'Hanlon) from his travels in Central and Eastern Europe

Eureka is back to share his queer exploration of the male portrait and of the spiritual traditions of eastern and central Europe. He developed the works through drawing churches and mosques, life drawing and photography

Tacit Galleries, Collingwood

22 Jan-2 Feb

Mon-Sun 11am-5pm | Opening: Wed 22 January 6.30-8pm

FREE

△ Nudity

Presented by Eureka (Michael James O'Hanlon)

Image: Sean Age 19 by Eureka

Exhibition



### Venus in Thorns

'Venus in Thorns' is a project exploring queer bodies as arcadia. While querying binary concepts of heaven and hell, and queering notions of paradise, this project draws upon queer ecologies. It investigates spirituality and sexuality, as well as esotericism and eroticism, as a means of radicalising the present and empowering queer people in the future. It maps new and existing amorous architectures pertaining to queer arcadia, both physical and psychological.

Trocadero Art Space, Footscray | Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray

22-25 Jan, 29 Jan-1 Feb

Exhibition @ Trocadero midday-5pm |

Opening: Wed 22 Jan 6-8pm |

Performance: Bluestone Church Art Space, 1 Feb 2-5pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Coarse language

Exhibition



### What Remains

'What Remains' invites the viewer to reflect on how we relate to a space, the built environment, a normally busy space removed of people and activity. Feeling like an outsider, we move through spaces at a distance, as a photographer, we are behind a tool that lets us capture an image - a moment in time, reality as we are experiencing it, that keeps us at a distance. In creating these images, I illustrate my connection to space, as it relates to my depression, anxiety, queerness, identity and intersections of belonging.

Sunshine Art Spaces Gallery, Sunshine

19 Jan-9 Feb

Mon-Sun 9am-5pm |

Celebration Thu 6 Feb 6pm-7:30pm

FREE

Presented by Laura Rouhan

Image: By Lauren Rouhan

Exhibition



### Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

Australia's leading queer visual arts award

In its fifth year, this selection of queer artists from across the country showcase their personal and political perspectives of the world. Open to early career and established artists working in any medium, the finalists' artwork are available to the public for viewing and voting during Midsumma for the People's Choice award.

No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne CBD

29 Jan-9 Feb

Mon-Fri 12-6pm | Sat, Sun 12-5pm |

Opening: Tue 28 Jan 6 - 8pm (Auslan interpreted)

FREE

△ Adult themes

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post

## VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE FINALIST IN THE MIDSUMMA AND AUSTRALIA POST ART AWARD 2020

The finalists' artworks will be made available to the public for viewing and voting from 29 Jan to 9 Feb 2020 at No Vacancy Gallery. See the event listing above for details.

Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award finalists are:

- Chelle Destefano (VIC)
- Daley King (VIC)
- Dan Molloy (QLD)
- Darcy Williams (QLD)
- EO Gill (NSW)
- Mark du Potiers (QLD)
- Paul Piccione (VIC)
- Samuele Tomasulo (VIC)
- TomboyBill / Matthew Schiavello (VIC)
- Wesley Dowling (VIC)
- Wet and Free Collective (VIC)



TomboyBill / Matthew Schiavello (collab) X 2019

An experimental pairing of painting and photography. 30 x 40cm, abstract form carved out of enamel coated glass w/ photographic print revealed beneath



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# Film



Photo by Nathan Engel

film



## Documentary Screening: Becoming Colleen

Finding the shoe that fits

Becoming Colleen is the story of transitioning at 82, two people whose love transcends gender and the joy of finding the perfect pair of shoes. Join director and writer Ian W Thomson and guests for an exploration of the experience of transitioning, ageing and having your wishes respected.

Winner of Best Documentary, Mardi Gras Film Festival 2019

Preston Library, Preston  
23 Jan 1hr 30m  
Thu 7pm  
FREE booking required  
Presented by Darebin Libraries

film



## MQFF @ The Drive-In

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

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

There's no better way to enjoy Midsumma than with a night of film, fun and flair!

This special presentation will support the 30th Melbourne Queer Film Festival in March 2020.

Village Cinemas Coburg Drive-In, Coburg North  
31 Jan 3hrs  
Fri 6pm  
\$35 full | \$100 car (4 or more people)  
Presented by Melbourne Queer Film Festival

film



## Underground Queer Cinema Presents: Weekend

"Perfectly realised...a bracing, present-tense exploration of sex, intimacy and love."  
- The New York Times

Melbourne's monthly queer film event Underground Queer Cinema and host Christopher Hill invite you for a special night of drinks, queer cinema trivia and a screening of Andrew Haigh's acclaimed 2011 film Weekend.

Loop Project Space & Bar, Melbourne CBD  
8 Feb 2hrs 10m  
Sat 6pm  
\$18 full | \$16 conc  
Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language | References to drug use  
Presented by Underground Queer Cinema

# Talks, Tours & Workshops



The Gays Are Revolting Live at The Melba. Image by Alexander Legaree

## Talks



**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)**, Fitzroy  
20 Jan 2hrs  
Mon 7:30pm  
\$18 full | \$12 conc  
△ Open content event

### A Conversation with Friends

Queer authors talk life and writing

What shapes a writing life? Some of our leading queer authors with close links to Hares & Hyenas talk about life, writing and the influences that shape their work. This conversational panel focuses on the authors' latest works, new writing in development and the shifting landscape of queer writing. Authors include Andrea Goldsmith, Quinn Eades, Dennis Altman and Neal Drinnan, with another TBA.

## Tours



**Melbourne Polytechnic College Fairfield Campus**, Fairfield  
9 Feb 2hrs  
Sun 1pm  
FREE booking required  
△ Long Periods of standing

**Presented by** Thorne Harbour Health and Melbourne Polytechnic Fairfield Campus  
Image: by John Hall

### AIDS Memorial Garden Walking Tour

Remember Fairfield - from hospital to horticulture

A walking tour of the former site of Fairfield Hospital. Explore over a hundred years of hospital history. Listen to stories from the height of the AIDS crisis in Australia and the unique community response.

Light afternoon tea provided.

# Talks, Tours and Workshops

## Workshops



### Ama-Zine Adventures in Remaking History

Make Zines to remake Melbourne's LGBTQI+ history.

Learn about queer history in Melbourne. Bring your ephemera and/or photos and make zines. Stories, inspiration, and assistance from staff, volunteers and the ALGA/PMI collections. Donate copies of your zine to the ALGA and PMI collections to be part of remaking history in Melbourne. No zine making experience necessary.

**Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library**, Prahran  
30 Jan 1hr 30m  
Thu 7pm  
FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives (ALGA) at the Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library (PMI)

## Talks



### Culture x Gender

A conversation between trans people of colour

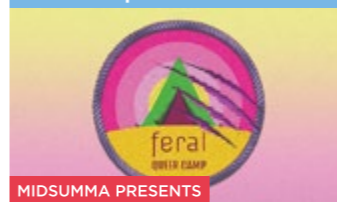
How do you decolonise gender?

Five advocates, artists, and activists, all trans, all people of colour, all young leaders in their communities, explore similarities and differences across cultural lines of queerness, gender expression, and identity.

Margot Fink | Kira Djalie | Dr Muhammed Taha | Raina Peterson | Milo Milton-Moon.

**Bargoonga Nganjin**, North Fitzroy Library, North Fitzroy  
4 Feb 2hrs  
Tue 6:30pm  
FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Teddy Darling in partnership with Yarra Libraries and Minus18  
Image: 'Fey' by Teddy Darling

## Workshops



### Feral Queer Camp

Let's go feral!

Dive deep into talking and writing about queer performance practice. Join a feral cohort who will view performances across Midsumma Festival and unpack queer themes in a suite of workshops with leaders in writing, criticism and queer pedagogies. By Alyson Campbell, Stephen Farrier, Jen Audsley, Brenton Geyer, Hannah McCann, JulieMc McNamara, Monica Pearl, Lachlan Philpott and Richard Watts.

(Feral: 'in a wild state, especially after escape from captivity or domestication')

**MIDSUMMA PRESENTS**  
**Various Midsumma Venues**  
20 Jan - 8 Feb  
Various dates and times see midsumma.org.au for details  
\$20 full | pay what you can | registrations close 23 Dec  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival and wreckedAllprods

## Workshops



### Bearing Witness Through Creative Writing

with Lachlan Philpott

These workshops will focus on tapping into your voice through exploring memory and your perspective. We will also explore ways to record what you are witness to right now. Lachlan Philpott is an experienced teacher who aims to make writing processes simple, cathartic, political and truthful.

**MIDSUMMA PRESENTS**  
**Theatre Works**, St Kilda  
27-31 Jan 3hrs  
Mon-Fri 10am  
\$25 full | pay what you can  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival, Theatre Works and wreckedAllprods  
Image: by Shananeira featuring Lachlan Philpott

## Tours



### Fabulous Fitzroy on Foot

Queer history revealed

Once Australia's smallest suburb, Fitzroy has packed in a lot of queer history: a gay mayor; notorious man-woman, Marion-Bill Edwards; John Wilson fleeing in a frock; Gordon Lawrence and his 'articles of a suspicious nature'; home of the Women's Culture Palace, gay liberation's headquarters ('entry from the rear') and St Mark's gay-welcoming church. All will be revealed by the gang from the Archives.

**Kangaroo Statue**, Fitzroy, Fitzroy  
25 Jan 1hr 30m  
Sat 11am  
\$25 full | \$15 conc  
△ Standing and walking required  
**Presented by** Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives  
Image: by Graham Willett ft. William Eicholtz's Courage

## Talks



### Feral Queer Camp: Picnic in the Park

A picnic conversation open to everyone interested in queer performance (whether or not you've seen any this Midsumma). Bring food for sharing, a rug if you have one, and we'll do 'picnic rug hopping': a bit like bar hopping, we'll mingle in groups on picnic rugs and chat about queer performance - the good, the bad and the don't get out of bed. We want to know: what queer performance has left its mark on you and why?

**MIDSUMMA PRESENTS**  
**Abbotsford Convent - Heritage Gardens**, Abbotsford  
8 Feb  
Sat 1 - 3pm  
FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival and wreckedAllprods  
Image: by wreckedAllprods



Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**VCA - Performing Arts Building, Southbank**  
 25 Jan, 2 Feb 4hrs  
 Sat, Sun 2pm  
 FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival and wreckedAllprods  
 Image: by Angel Leggas, 3FaresMedia

### Half Baked: Two Quirkshops for the Fabulously Bent with JulieMc McNamara

Where do we get sustenance? Who fuels our feral hearts? These quirkshops with theatre director, playwright and disability arts advocate, JulieMc McNamara, are about looking back at our idols in the dust of the Crip Queer dynasty and brewing trouble. Attend one or both workshops. All Crips and Queers welcome.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
 24 Jan 1hr 30m  
 Fri 9pm  
 FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival, Living Positive Victoria, wreckedAllprods and Hares and Hyenas  
 Image: courtesy of Living Positive Victoria

### In Conversation: ACT UP with Monica Pearl & Brenton Geyer

A conversation between Dr Monica Pearl (University of Manchester and activist in ACT UP New York) and Brenton Geyer (Living Positive Victoria and activist in ACT UP Melbourne) about the parallel histories, experiences and legacies of ACT UP in New York City and Melbourne. This will be a lively and entertaining tribute to the brave and daring acts of defiance that left their mark on these two cities.

Talks



**Williamstown Library, Williamstown**  
 5 Feb 1hr  
 Wed 6:30pm  
 FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Hobsons Bay Libraries

### Living Out Loud A personal account of LGBTIQ+ history

Join Dr Graham Willett, active in gay politics in Melbourne since 1979, as he shares his account of the remarkable journey of the Australian LGBTIQ+ community. Recognition, understanding, lively, thoughtful and often surprising, this is a story of events and the people who changed society.

Talks



**Doncaster Library, Doncaster**  
 30 Jan 1hr  
 Thu 7pm  
 FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Whitehorse Manningham Libraries  
 Image: by Theresa Harrison Photography

### Nevo Zisin: Desert Island Reads What books have made the greatest impression on Nevo Zisin, and which ones would they take to a desert island?

Nevo Zisin is a non-binary Australian writer and transgender rights activist. They are the author of the award-winning memoir 'Finding Nevo' and a contributor to 'Kindred: 12 Queer #LoveOzYA Stories'.

Workshops



**The Melba - Studio, Collingwood**  
 21-22 Jan 1hr  
 Tue 11am, midday, 1:30pm, 2:30pm | Wed 9am, 10am, 11am, midday  
 \$40 full  
**Presented by** Sarah Ward  
 Image: by Peter Leslie

### Over 60 / Under 10

Are you under 10 or over 60? Do you have a story to tell? A song that wants to be sung? You are invited to be a part of a personal one on one song-writing experience with cabaret artist and songwriter Sarah Ward. Bring your own thoughts, feelings and perspectives and with Sarah, you will write your very own song. The songs will be simply charted and performed by Sarah and her band.

Talks



**RMIT Gallery, Melbourne CBD**  
 6 Feb 1hr  
 Thu 5:30pm | Part of RMIT Gallery's Pleasure exhibition  
 FREE booking required  
 ⚠️ Adult themes  
**Presented by** RMIT Gallery  
 Image: By John Pastoriza-Piñol

### Pleasure & Sub Cultures - Documenting Melbourne's Leather Scene An insider's view - an artist's perspective

Join artist John Pastoriza-Piñol as he talks about documenting a particular sub culture of pleasure - Melbourne's leather scene.

Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Chunky Move, Southbank**  
 1 Feb, 5 Feb 2hrs  
 Sat 3pm | Wed 6pm | Auslan: 5 Feb 6pm  
 One session: \$45, Both sessions: \$75  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival  
 Image: by Chaiharn Ratavan. Courtesy of Drag Race Thailand

### Punking Dramatics Masterclasses for Lunar New Year Disco x Nocturnal

Hone in your queer expression with the Punking Dramatics workshop with Pangina Heals (host of Drag Race Thailand). The Punking workshop is a two-part masterclass on lip-syncing, posing and queer performance. Punking brings us the roots of waacking - moves of this style resemble the dramatic acting in Hollywood's silent films. Recommended for performers of all levels 18+

Talks



**The Melba - Spiegeltent, Collingwood**  
 7 Feb 1hr 30m  
 Fri 7:30pm  
 \$30 full  
 ⚠️ Coarse language  
**Presented by** Lipp Media  
 Image: by Alexander Legaree

### The Gays Are Revolting Live

Hosted by Thomas, Mykiii, Kyle and Luke, Australia's premier queer podcast The Gays Are Revolting will record live for the third time in Melbourne. Helping you be the best 'G' you can be, the boys serve a candid, informative and hilarious take on modern life as gay men. The Gays Are Revolting has been featured by Apple Podcasts and nominated at the Australian Podcast Awards.

Talks



**St Kilda Life Saving Club, St Kilda**  
 5 Feb 1hr 30m  
 Wed 6:30pm | You are welcome to join Carol-Ann in conversation following her talk  
 FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Melbourne Psychotherapy Services

### Updating Our Stories, Healing Our Lives "Carol-Ann's talks are life changing... Brave... Inspiring."

Our lives are shaped by stories we tell about our lives. But stories are not facts, and our life stories are not finished. Melbourne psychotherapist Carol-Ann Allen shares how we can find deeper, healing guidance within painful stories when we revisit them with an open mind and courageous heart. Our familiar stories are full of transforming surprises.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
 21 Jan 1hr 30m  
 Tue 9pm  
 FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival, Living Positive Victoria, wreckedAllprods and Hares and Hyenas  
 Image: by Ellen B Neipris, New York, 1990

### Teach-in: Assemble, Advocate & Activate with Monica Pearl

How to turn your anger, fear, and grief into Action. A look to history and queer theory to help unleash our inner (or not so inner!) activists. Teach-ins were a key ACT UP strategy, enabling people without formal education or previous knowledge of HIV and AIDS to become knowledgeable, and share that knowledge with others in order to speak back to power. Monica Pearl is a former member of ACT UP/New York

Talks



**Library at The Dock, Docklands**  
 23 Jan 1hr  
 Thu 6pm  
 FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Library at the Dock

### Trans and Gender Diverse: Questions and Answers A discussion of all things trans

Hear stories and insights from a panel with a unique range of lived experiences, including transitioning in high school, coming out as transgender later in life, and raising gender diverse children. The audience is invited to ask respectful questions and can join us afterwards for refreshments and social chat.

Workshops



**Chunky Move, Southbank**  
 1 Feb, 4 Feb 4hrs  
 Sat 10am | Tue 5pm | Want more? Check out our Punking workshops (pg 65)  
 One session: \$85, Both sessions: \$140  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival  
 Image: featuring Chrissy Chou, provided by artist

### Waacking Intensive A dance intensive for Lunar New Year Disco x Nocturnal

Develop your waacking style with this dance intensive. Led by champion Chrissy Chou, accompanied by Pangina Heals, this class is just in time to compete in Lunar New Year Disco x Nocturnal at Melbourne Museum. For the professional mover, the Waacking Intensive examines waacking's use of musicality, isolation, character and expression. Recommended for intermediate to advanced dancers 16+.

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# Kids & Families



Image features Rex Spandex and Jesse Dean. Rainbow Families Storytelling Workshop at Newport Community Hub. Image by Damjan Janevski

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## Kids and Families



### All In Family Circus

Bring the whole rainbow family for this all in circus workshop for all ages. Group acro balance and fun games for everyone to try. Introduction to juggling, hula-hoops and many more skills.

Circus Oz, Collingwood  
25 Jan 2hrs  
Sat 10am  
\$32 full  
△ Latecomer lockout | Medium fitness level required  
Presented by Circus Oz

## Kids and Families



### Brass Monkeys

Specifically designed for children who move to the beat of their own drum and grown ups who like to toot their own horn. An action packed circus spectacular, Brass Monkeys will excite, motivate and get your toes tapping. Complete with live music, acrobatics, a zillion hula hoops and making the impossible possible. Perfect for little kids and grown ups who like a big brass belly laugh!

The Melba - Spiegelent, Collingwood  
22-23 Jan 1hr  
Wed, Thu 10am  
\$20 full | \$15 conc  
Presented by Circus Trick Tease

Kids and Families



### Children Are Stinky

A 5 star total sell-out sensation, you'd better book your tickets in advance! High calibre circus, a rocking soundtrack and genuine belly laughs have propelled the Australian acrobatic duo to a non-stop multi award winning world tour. Expect daredevil stunts, incredible acrobatics, lightning fast hula hoops, loads of laughs & mischievous fun, leaving adults and children with their jaws on the floor.

★★★★★ *The Hook (NZ)* ★★★★★ *The Advertiser (AUS)* ★★★★★ *Families UK*

**The Melba - Spiegeltent**, Collingwood  
21-22 Jan 1hr  
Tue 10am | Wed 1pm  
\$25 full | \$15 conc  
**Presented by** Circus Trick Tease

Kids and Families



### Kid-aoke

Group karaoke for kids

Kid-aoke is a safe, inclusive, and wacky space for kids to celebrate the fun of dressing up and singing with their friends and family.

Join Melbourne queer performance artist Bae Marie and pianist extraordinaire Cameron Thomas in a group singalong designed especially for little ones aged 5-10.

An interactive dress up party, karaoke extravaganza, and music lesson in disguise; get dressed up, warmed up and raise the roof!

**The Melba - Spiegeltent**, Collingwood  
21 Jan, 23 Jan 1hr  
Tue, Thu 2pm  
\$25 full | \$15 conc  
**Presented by** Bae Marie  
Image: by Simone Ruggiero

Kids and Families



### Once Upon A Drag Storytime

Not your average storytime

Hosted by PO PO MO CO's resident Drag Kings and lords of daggy dad dance - Mark, Gavin and Keith - this is a theatrical ride for the whole family. Expect dancing, lip syncs, giant puppets and Melbourne's cheekiest drag queen.

"10 out of 10 for fun" - *Weekend Notes*

**Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre**, Albert Park  
24 Jan 1hr  
Fri 10am & midday  
\$23 full | \$20 family 4+ (min 1 adult)  
**Presented by** PO PO MO CO and Gasworks Arts Park  
Image: Nayt Housman

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Alexandra Gardens**, Melbourne  
**Location:** near the Skate Park on Boathouse Drive  
19 Jan 6hrs  
Sun 11am  
FREE  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival  
Image: by Suzanne Balding

### Midsumma Carnival Families Precinct

Fun for the whole family

Let the kids run wild at the Midsumma Carnival Families Precinct, with hosts Po Po Mo Co. Using your face as their canvas, children can become the art director in "I See You Like This" with ArtPlay. Then, sit and relax in the reading corner by Hares & Hyenas. Or, try the socially engaged art experience where the children are facilitators of the stall, painting the faces of adults, other children and themselves.

Kids and Families



**The Melba - Spiegeltent**, Collingwood  
22 Jan 1hr  
Wed 5pm  
\$20 full | \$15 conc  
Image: by Peter Leslie

### Over 60 / Under 10 the Show

After one on one song writing workshops with 8 people that are under 10 or over 60 years old, Sarah Ward and her band simply chart and perform the songs. Join us in the Melba Spiegeltent to hear these songs performed for the first time. An intimate sharing of stories through song at the one off event is bound to be one that is talked about for years to come.

Kids and Families



### Queerspawn

Kids raised in queer families get very used to telling their story. Join us for a special edition of Queerstories, where a line up of 'gaybies' share the stories they want to tell, without expectation or agenda.

**The Melba - Spiegeltent**, Collingwood  
24 Jan 1hr  
Fri 5:30pm  
\$20 full  
⚠ Coarse language  
**Presented by** Queerstories

Kids and Families



**The Melba - Studio**, Collingwood  
24 Jan 5hrs 30m  
Fri 9:30am  
\$40 full  
⚠ Children from queer, trans, gay or non binary parents only

### Rainbow Families Storytelling Workshop

Kids raised in LGBTQI+ families (age 12 - 18) are invited to share their experiences and flex their creative muscles in a writing workshop with host of Queerstories and notorious gayby Maeve Marsden. Guest presenters to be announced.

Kids and Families



**The Melba - Sawtooth Studio**, Collingwood  
21-25 Jan  
Tue-Sat 10am-2pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** The Melba Spiegeltent

### Rainbow Family Free Workshops

Get Your Craft On

Encouraging the celebration of what makes Rainbow Families and individuals special. Make your own Family Flag, wearable art and more! All are welcome to join in with our younger generation to make individualised items to reflect their own stories.

www.themelbaspiegeltent.com.au for session dates and times

Kids and Families



### QWere Street 2020

QWere St Summer Vibes! Come and join in our Midsumma Street Party in Montmorency!

We're bringing a Midsumma street party to Montmorency! Enjoy a fun-filled late evening event with live performances, a kid's zone, creative activities, roving entertainment, alfresco dining, waterslide and much, much more! Everyone is welcome! This is a FREE event, no BYO.

**Were St**, Montmorency  
1 Feb  
Sat 6-10:30pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** Banyule City Council and Montmorency Traders Association  
Image: by Mark Willmore from Pixelmore

Kids and Families



**The Melba - Spiegeltent**, Collingwood  
25 Jan 2hrs  
Sat 2pm  
FREE  
⚠ Long periods of standing  
**Presented by** All The Queens Men

### Rainbow Family Dance Club

No dance experience needed. All welcome.

All The Queens Men (the team behind The Coming Back Out Ball and LGBTI+ Elders Dance Club) are proud to present the very first Rainbow Family Dance Club.

Rainbow Families bring your children and friends along as we dance up a storm to kids classics from Baby Shark to the Hokey Pokey.

Kids and Families



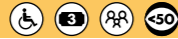
**Newport Community Hub**, Newport  
24 Jan 2hrs  
Fri 2pm  
FREE  
⚠ Non-traditional sitting  
**Presented by** Hobsons Bay Libraries  
Image: Rex Spandex and Jesse Dean by Damjan Janevski

### Rainbow Family Storytime

Join drag performers Walter Melon and Rex Spandex for a special Storytime celebrating diverse families, identity, and embracing who you are.

Bring your picnic rug and a snack; there'll be giant games, rocking tunes, face painting and a fabulous time in the park!

Kids and Families



### Sing-A-Long Dragtime

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.

There's no need to wish upon a star, just come along to the Melba Spiegeltent!

**The Melba - Spiegeltent**, Collingwood  
 22 Jan, 24 Jan 1hr  
 Wed 2:30pm | Fri 1:30pm  
 \$25 full | \$15 conc  
 Presented by The Melba Spiegeltent

Kids and Families



### The Robot

An interactive craft adventure for kids

Oh no! What's happened to our Robot? Everything's gone grey and our pair of caretakers need your help to fix it.

Come on a crafty adventure fuelled by imagination, creativity and teamwork, where every kid gets a chance to save the world in their own special way.

**The Melba - Sawtooth Studio**, Collingwood  
 23 Jan, 25 Jan 1hr 30m  
 Thu 1pm | Sat 10:15am  
 \$25 full  
 Latecomer lockout | Long Periods of standing | Non-traditional sitting  
 Presented by The Melba Spiegeltent  
 Image: by Spencer Jeanfield

Kids and Families



### Tumbles and Tricks

Introduction to circus

Ever wanted to run away with the circus? Come for a day or join in for the week. These introductory workshops help to develop a wide range of circus skills throughout, ranging from tumbling to juggling, human pyramids and trapeze. This class is perfect for those who want to have fun, make new friends while learning new skills and working on fundamentals such as balance, coordination, strength and team work. Suitable for ages 6-8.

**Circus Oz**, Collingwood  
 21-24 Jan 1hr 30m  
 Tue-Fri 10am  
 \$30 full  
 Latecomer lockout | Medium fitness level required  
 Presented by The Melba & Circus Oz  
 Image: by Aaron Walker



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 Call 03 9318 5599

# Youth

Midsumma Pride March participants 2019. Image by Dean Arcuri



Youth



**MIDSUMMA PRESENTS**  
**Arts Centre Melbourne - The Channel**, Melbourne  
 8 Feb  
 Sat 12-5pm  
 FREE  
 Neuro-diverse friendly | 15-25 year olds  
 Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne | By St Martins in collaboration with Minus18

### Escape Velocity: We Are Who We Are

Join Escape Velocity!

In 2019, Escape Velocity created films with trans and gender non-conforming young people that have since been viewed hundreds of thousands of times. Now, we welcome Melbourne's young people to watch the Escape Velocity films, enter a video booth to make your own film, be exhibited online, and tell the world who you are!

"I'm young, I'm trans. I exist. I can be myself. I can define and redefine myself."  
 - Escape Velocity participant

Youth



**The Substation**, Newport  
 22 Jan  
 Wed 10am-2:40pm  
 FREE booking required  
 Presented by Queer Youth Alliance Network

### Mad Hatter Tea Party

Don't be late for this very important date celebrating sexual and gender diversity!

Are you 12-25 living in Victoria? Want to meet other LGBTQIA+ young people? Join us for a mad hatter tea party no cost event! Friends and allies welcome! Food provided. There will be live music and give aways! Prizes for best costume. Alcohol and drug free event. It is an indoor and all-weather event. Curiouser and curiouser...

Youth



**MIDSUMMA PRESENTS**  
**Alexandra Gardens**, Melbourne CBD  
 Location: near the main stage, along Alexandra Avenue  
 19 Jan 6hrs  
 Sun 11am  
 FREE  
 Presented by Midsumma Festival  
 Image: by Dean Arcuri

### Midsumma Carnival Youth Precinct with Minus18

Sparkly queer youth claim their own space at Midsumma Carnival. With all of the fun and games provided by Minus18, in an inclusive environment only accessible by the youth. This safe, fun and supportive environment can only get better with live music, DJs, activities and lots of glitter.

Youth



**Circus Oz**, Collingwood  
 23 Jan 2hrs  
 Thu 2pm  
 \$35 full  
 Latecomer lockout | Medium fitness level required  
 Presented by Circus Oz  
 Image: by Rob Blackburn

### Teens Flying & Fun

A teens only class

Once you've learnt how to fly through the air on our indoor trapeze or little rig, you won't want to come down! From basic swings to impressive twists and safe dismounts, this is high flying fun like you have never experienced. No previous experience necessary.

# Out & About

RACV is proud to support Switchboard's outreach program for Seniors.

Switchboard's Out & About program is a peer service connecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex (LGBTI) people across Victoria. It is a free community visitors program run specifically for older members of the LGBTI community and aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness by creating community connections and facilitating peer friendships. For further information, visit [switchboard.org.au](http://switchboard.org.au)



RACV Community Foundation



It takes more than a rainbow sticker to make us feel safe.

LGBTIQ people need services that promise *we see you, we hear you, and we always seek to provide you with the best possible care.*

Organisations with the Rainbow Tick have worked hard to be safe and inclusive for our communities.

[rainbowhealthvic.org.au](http://rainbowhealthvic.org.au)

Rainbow Health Victoria offers a range of resources to support organisations to become LGBTIQ-inclusive.

All of our training incorporates research and the lived experiences of LGBTIQ people.



# Community & Culture

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Photo by Rosemary Ketchum

## Community and Culture

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### Faith



**St Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy, Fitzroy**  
7 Feb 2hrs  
Fri 7pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** St Marks Anglican Church Fitzroy

### A Summer Mass

A church that turns no one away

Come join us as we celebrate God's gift of our LGBTIQ+ 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.

### Market



**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
9 Feb  
Sun 1-5pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** Steven Trosti

### Gay Stuff Markets

Returning to Midsumma Festival for its third year!

Gay Stuff Markets are a collection of the finest creators, artisans and style makers from the queer community. Convening at Hares and Hyenas, Melbourne's proud queer bookshop and venue, come experience this fun community spirited event. Offering everything from fashion, art, plants, homewares, accessories, pleasure products, vintage and recycled pieces, books, bar, cafe, tunes & more! Who doesn't love Gay Stuff!

### Day Out



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens, St Kilda**  
2 Feb 5hrs  
Sun 11am | Auslan: from 12pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival  
Image: by Suzanne Balding

### Midsumma Pride March

Celebrating 25 Years

Parade, 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 or throw on your heels, 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, as ally or as queer, Midsumma Pride March is for you. See pg 14-15 for more details.

### Arts



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD**  
23 Jan  
Thu 6-8:30pm  
\$15 full | \$10 conc  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum  
Image: by Bo Pousima Afeaki Inukihaangana

### Pacific Essence: Tales of a Migrant Plantation

Journey with Samoan fa'afafine/trans advocate Amao Leota Lu and friends

Experience a tapestry of narratives from the LGBTIQ+ Pacific diaspora expressed through performance, a talanoa panel discussion, and a backdrop of photographs from this year's Stonewall 50th Anniversary World Pride New York March.

### Social



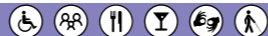
**Belvedere Park Tennis Club, Seaford**  
9 Feb 3hrs  
Sun 11:30am  
FREE booking required  
**Presented by** Belvedere Park Tennis Club, Out on the Peninsula, Frankston City Council and Peninsula Health

### Hits and Giggles

Laze on the lawn or come and try tennis!

Come on your own or with a group, a fun day out for everyone - rainbow community, friends and family! Bring your racquet and have a hit on the court or shake out your picnic rug under the trees, relax and meet new friends. Free tennis coaching and summery snacks, live acoustic music to entertain. Pack your own lunch or buy freshly made treats from the club canteen. The bar will also be open to buy a drink or two.

### Day Out



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne**  
19 Jan 11hrs  
Sun 11am | Auslan: Main Stage  
FREE  
**Presented by** Midsumma Festival  
Image: by Suzanne Balding

### Midsumma Carnival

Biggest event of Melbourne's queer calendar

Fun in the sun for an all-day and all-night party to celebrate the beginning of another fabulous Midsumma Festival. Peek at our program with bite-sized performances, meet friends in the family domain (pg 68) tackle the sports precinct (pg 84) and stay cool in the under 18s area (pg 71). With stalls, food, and entertainment galore leading us into a warm summer evening of T Dance (see pg 13 for more details).

### Mini-festival



**Kelly Park, Werribee**  
8 Feb 4hrs  
Sat 5pm  
FREE  
**Presented by** Wyndham City  
Image: by Imran Abul Kashem

### Park Lounge

A celebration of the senses

Indulge your adventurous spirit and head to Werribee for a fun day of music, performance, and a jam-packed program to entertain you as the great Western sunset descends revealing a rainbow like no other!

Featuring Yana Alana and Tha Paranas, DJ Hip Hop Hoe, Kilia Tipa, Jex Lopez, Tristan Meecham, and PO PO MO CO.

### Market



**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy**  
1 Feb  
Sat 1-5pm  
FREE  
△ Mobility access may be limited depending on crowds  
**Presented by** Ed Griffiths and Hares & Hyenas

### Queer Zine & Art Fair

Keep the spirit of queer DIY publishing alive

Hares & Hyenas bookstore will be buzzing with local and interstate artists and publishers for a one day zine and art fair. With stalls from the Australian Gay and Lesbian Archives, representing local DIY queer history, to contemporary independent makers and small press publishers, come browse and purchase a diverse range of print works - from the personal to the political, posters to patches.

### Day Out



**Forest Glade Gardens, Mount Macedon**  
26 Jan  
Sun 10am-3pm  
\$10 full Door sales only  
△ Dogs must be on a leash. No BBQs or on-site parking, street parking only.  
**Presented by** The Melbourne Rainbow Band and The Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus

### Picnic at Forest Glade

Enjoy a picnic with other members of Melbourne's GLBTI community, in the beautiful gardens at Forest Glade, Mt Macedon

Pack a hamper and join the Melbourne Rainbow Band and Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus among the fourteen acres of magnificently landscaped gardens that make Forest Glade one of Australia's finest private gardens.

### Social



**Logan Reserve, Altona**  
8 Feb  
Sat 1-3pm | 1pm - Art activities  
2pm - Rainbow afternoon tea  
FREE  
**Presented by** Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre

### Rainbow Pride in Altona

Bring your rainbow picnic rug and your rainbow picnic lunch to show your support for rainbow families by picnicking with pride in Logan Reserve, Altona. At 1pm there will be rainbow art activities for the kids. At 2pm, the Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre will provide rainbow treats with rainbow cupcakes, rainbow jellies and rainbow fruit. There will be rainbow bubbles to finish an afternoon of rainbow pride family fun in Altona.

IMMIGRATION  
MUSEUM



**RAINBOW EFFECT**

SURRENDER TO DANCE  
FLOOR OBLIVION.

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

18+

Q IMMIGRATION MUSEUM

Image: Rainbow Chan  
Photographer: Hyun Lee

MELBOURNE  
MUSEUM

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**LUNAR NEW  
YEAR DISCO.  
CALLING ALL  
DANCING QUEENS.**



FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

18+

Q MELBOURNE MUSEUM



# Parties

#midsumma



Photo by Wendy Wei

## Social 🚻 18+ 🍷 🍸



**Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)**, Fitzroy

6 Feb 2hrs

Thu 7:30pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Nudity | Latecomer lockout

Image: by Selwyn Hoffmann

### 3D: Deaf, Draws, Drinks

Fun! Auslan and Deaf friendly space; enjoy a drink and drawing life models

Join a specially themed life drawing session for Deaf and Hard of Hearing community to partake in Midsumma festivities. Enjoy a drink while drawing life models in this Auslan and English friendly place of expression. No experience with drawing necessary in order to participate. Art supplies provided or BYO.

## Party 18+ 🍷 <50



**Sircuit**, Fitzroy

20-21 Jan, 27-28 Jan, 3-4 Feb

Mon, Tue 6:30-11:30pm

\$10 full Door sales only

△ Nudity | Smoke/Haze | Men only

Presented by ADAM

### ADAM

A truly iconic Melbourne pub!

Every Monday and Tuesday evening, and for our fifth Midsumma, a fascinating assortment of guys meet to play pool, enjoy some drinks, and listen to great music - all in the buff!

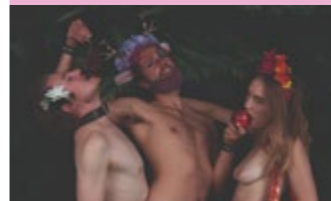
ADAM is recognised by nudists internationally and is synonymous with queer Melbourne nightlife. If you haven't visited our bar before, then it's time to spend an evening with us and discover for yourself what all the talk and fun is about!

## Parties and Social Events

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### Party

18+ 🍷 🍸 <50 🌐



**Inflation**, Melbourne CBD

17 Jan

Fri 10pm-6am

1st release \$20 | 2nd release \$30 |

Door sale \$40

△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze

Presented by ADAM

Image: by Evan Fowler Photography

### ADAM & EVERyone

Our 2nd annual naked dance party is back!

Celebrating body positivity and diversity, we're kicking off Midsumma with a massive all-gender inclusive queer party.

ADAM & EVERyone features an entire techno dance floor, plus a second pop, disco and funk floor with chill-out areas and performance spaces. Our line-up will include locally and internationally recognised DJ heavyweights as well as cheeky performance artists!

### Social

🚻 18+ 🍷 50 🌐



**Evies Disco Diner**, Fitzroy

8 Feb

Sat 7pm-1am

\$15 full | \$13 conc | \$20 door sale (after 10pm) | \$10 door sale (before 10pm)

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Images/recordings of Aboriginal people who have passed away

Presented by Party Passport

### ALL SORTS

A sweet party for all sorts of people!

From the creators of 'Miss First Nation', ALL SORTS returns to Melbourne! Drag, cabaret and dancing featuring some of the most sickeningly sweet Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers this side of the lolly jar. Hosted by the delicious Miss Zodiac, ALL SORTS cherishes Rainbow Mob and their fans.

"The best event in the Mardi Gras calendar" - samesame.com.au

### Social

18+ 🌐



**The 86 Cabaret Bar**, Fitzroy

8 Feb

Sat 9pm-3am

\$20 full

△ Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze

Image: Telepathic - photo by Video Design

### Blanke Pop

The rebel rave for misfits and queers

Step inside our neon playground where we transform The 86 into an all night love-in providing release through music, dance and performance art. It's disco, house and techno peppered with wild AF performers who glow under the other-worldly UV lights. Blanke Pop has been a home for the last two years to the bisexual and gender diverse communities and has existed as the solution between the divide of straight and gay clubbing.

### Party

18+ 🍷 🍸



**Wet on Wellington**, Collingwood

1 Feb

Sat midday - 10pm

\$40 full | \$50 door price

△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Long Periods of standing | Men only

Presented by ADAM

Image: Mr Leonard of Collins Street

### ADAM's Pool Party

"Simply the most fun I've ever had by the pool!" - BP Taylor

ADAM's pool party for guys is one of your three 'must do' events of Midsumma.

Hosted by the stunning Uff and accompanied by a selection of the most exciting DJs and gorgeous guest performers, the Pride weekend pool party is one of the reasons you'll be making sure today that you've arranged to take Monday February 3rd off work!

### Social

🚻 <50



**The Melba - Spiegel tent**, Collingwood

31 Jan

2hrs

Fri 7pm

\$20 full | \$15 conc | \$15 group (min 8)

△ Coarse language | Smoke/Haze

Presented by All The Queens Men

### All The Queens Men Trivia Night

It's time to test your queer knowledge and history at the inaugural All The Queens Men Queer Trivia Night, with your glam host Tristan Meecham.

Book your own team (up to 10) or be paired with a group of new friends. All welcome.

Huge prizes to be won! Special guest performances to be announced.

### Pageant

🚻 🍷 🍸 6+ <50



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

**Abbotsford Convent - Magdalen North Laundry**, Abbotsford

9 Feb

Sun 7pm-11pm | Doors open 6.30pm

\$30 full | \$25 conc

△ Adult content

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Weird Alice

Image: by Acacia Christensen + Kyla Parry

### Drop Deadly Gorgeous: The Pageant

This comedic take at pageant culture has a queer twist

Weird Alice, self-appointed Canadian trash drag royalty, has chosen eight of Australia's prime QTIBPOC & LGBTQIA+ artists to show their talent & compete in The Pageant to win title of Queer Supreme. This is a gala & you are invited to dress up and strut your stuff on the pink carpet, you may even win Belle of the Ball.



Party

18+ <50



**Girls at Sea**  
Ahoy! Join us as we celebrate 7 years of boat parties this Midsumma Festival

Be welcomed on board by an acoustic band followed by our DJs playing late into the night. Finger food, goodies and entertainment will be provided. Join the meet-up group prior to the party and then come along to our exclusive Girls at Sea after party. See you on the boat!

*"This party was on my bucket list and it definitely lives up to its reputation. I will be going every year now."*

Victoria Star Cruises, Docklands  
7 Feb 4hrs 30m  
Fri 6:30pm  
\$44 full  
△ Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Women, trans men and women  
Presented by AH Entertainment

Party

18+ <50



**Homo Erotica**  
We are all Homos // humans

Own your pride at Midsumma's most audacious Pride afterparty.

Tear that closet down and expose your most defining or provocative look - club kid, fetish, drag, glam, high fashion, laid-back, au naturel; whatever it may be, embrace it.

Multiple rooms featuring bubbly pop through dirty filthy techno - go as hard or as chill as you desire.

Featuring daring queer artists exploring Homo Erotica through performance and other media.

Chasers, South Yarra  
2 Feb 5hrs  
Sun 8pm-3am  
1st release \$20 | 2nd release \$30 | Door sale \$40  
△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze  
Presented by BUFF Events  
Image: by Uff

Day Out

18+



**Motafrenz Magical Mystery Tour**

A great Midsumma annual event and always with a great community turnout. Come along for this mystery drive with your friends and pet to test your navigation skills with the specially prepared and cooked up clues. You use your problem solving skills and wit before ending up at a wonderful picnic spot where prizes for highest scores, wooden spooners, best bribes, best dressed and best dressed vehicle are awarded.

Como Park North, South Yarra  
27 Jan 5hrs  
Mon 9:45am | Door sales only  
\$20 car | \$5 additional passenger  
Presented by Motafrenz Car Club  
Image: Motafrenz Car Club Inc.

Pageant

18+ <50



**Miss Gay & Miss Trans Australia International 2020**

"Spectacular pageant show promoting diversity & inclusion" - Daily Mail

Who will be crowned in 2020? Find out and be fully entertained by this exciting, fabulous and sensational none-of-its-kind pageant with a mission this year to help 'Save the Planet Earth'. Book early!

Williamstown Town Hall, Williamstown  
1 Feb 5hrs  
Sat 6pm  
VIP \$70 | Premium \$60 | General Admission \$50 | Concession \$45  
△ Smoke/Haze  
Presented by Trans Angels Victoria Inc & Trans Pageant Australia International  
Image: TAPAI PHOTOGRAPHY

Social

18+



**NudeManFest**  
A celebration of the male body in a nude environment

We are a group of males who have the common bond of fraternal hospitality and nudity. We are here to share and appreciate the diversity and uniqueness of each other. Nudity is a centering experience linking each person to nature and to each other.

Charnwood Camp, Lima East  
24-27 Jan  
Fri 9am - Mon midday  
\$50 1 day pass | \$200 4 day pass  
△ Nudity | Coarse language | Male or male identifying only  
Presented by NudeManFest  
Image: by J Harding

Weekend

18+ <50



**GIVE ME LIFE**  
Are drag performers fine artists?

With ornate costumes, elaborate makeup and all that self-expression, all fingers point to YAS! This Midsumma GIVE ME LIFE is set to fuse underground drag performance with a world of queer fine art and dancefloor bangers at SoHigh Gallery. Half art exhibition and half party, come along and indulge your senses, because the art we're used to seeing at 2am in a dark club is definitely still art.

SoHigh Gallery, Windsor  
8 Feb  
Sat 9pm-1am  
\$22.50 full  
Image: by Ari New, featuring Dettol, Luma & Sophie Garland

Social

18+ <50



**NUDIES Nude Masquerade Ball**  
Doing nudity different

NUDIES Revolution presents our 2nd Midsumma Nude Masquerade Ball. Join us for our non-sexual nude event.

With a mask on your face, shoes on your feet, grab a drink from the bar and dance the night away. Nudists are a friendly bunch of people so come for a chat and find out if social nudity is for you.

Chasers, South Yarra  
25 Jan  
Sat 7-11:45pm  
\$30 full | \$28.50 conc  
△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Nudity is required by all attendees  
Presented by NUDIES Revolution Inc

Social

18+ <50



**Queer Pool Party**

Get wet and wild and celebrate the queerest time of year with sunshine, eye candy, and a recovery sesh, before you slide into a local happy hour. Everyone's invited! Bring your besties, lovers, and significant others - all genders and sexualities welcome. Enjoy the mildly competitive water sports with Melbourne Surge and Water Polo Victoria, tap your feet to poolside entertainment, or simply sunbathe away. Free sausage sizzle (veggie options available) and soft drinks. Kids and family friendly!

Prahran Aquatic Centre, Prahran  
26 Jan 4hrs  
Sun 1pm  
FREE booking required  
△ This is an alcohol free event  
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Mini-festival

18+ <50



**The Cat Eats Dickalicious**  
Comedy, performance art and dance floor experience

Experience a night of cutting edge performances featuring Radha, Frankie McNair, HipHopHoe, Dickalicious, DJ BOOM BOOM BEAN SELECTA, The Architects of Sound + MORE

*"My favourite DJ. They'll cater a mix that's challenging, funny and intelligent, with precision that utterly destroys the floor."* - MJ O'Neil

Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy  
7 Feb  
Fri 8pm-1am  
\$30 full | \$25 conc  
△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language | References to drug use  
Presented by DJ Boom Boom Bean Selecta  
Image: SomeFX 'Dickalicious'

Party

18+ <50



**Popchops Presents: Cool 4 the Summa**  
Let's escape into the music, DJ let it play

Popchops is Melbourne's monthly queer pop music party & this summer we're levelling up with Midsumma for our first warehouse extravaganza. It's a night for queers, kweens, lesbians, gays, beards, trans-icorns, non-binary-babes and even the odd straight ally to douse themselves in glitter and get dirty on the d-floor. With pop-centric performances, projections & more - the party don't start till you walk in.

Rubix Warehouse, Brunswick  
1 Feb  
Sat 9pm - 3am  
\$15 pre-sale | \$20 door sale  
△ Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze  
Presented by Popchops  
Image: by Seb Reivers

Social

18+ <50



**Sunday at the Baths: Queer Soirée**

An inclusive evening of music by the pool

Everyone's invited to join us at Midsumma Festival's very best pool party. There'll be live music performances headlined by artists from the LGBTQIA+ community along with plenty of other activities including: inclusive sports, gym access, group fitness classes, support services and more. Close out your Midsumma the right way with tunes by the pool.

Carlton Baths Community Centre, Carlton  
9 Feb  
Sun 5-8pm  
\$10 full  
Presented by YMCA Victoria & City of Melbourne

Party

18+



**Westgay**

Come early, stay late!

Between them, team Closet and Fanny's have 15 years of chucking some pretty epic queer parties! We head West again for a special Midsumma edition at the always lively, always lovely Littlefoot. Complete with a pumping dance floor and beer garden for chilling out with your new Westie Besties, we guarantee a good time!

Littlefoot also boasts cocktails and craft beers. WESTGAY is a night for the whole rainbow community and their friends.

Littlefoot, Footscray  
18 Jan  
Sat 8pm-3am  
\$10 door sale  
△ Zero tolerance towards jerk-like behaviour, harassment, homophobia, transphobia or racism. Bring photo I.D.  
Presented by Closet and Fannys  
Image: by Luka Wild @ Proud Minority

Party



Nocturnal x  
Midsumma: Lunar  
New Year Disco

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Melbourne Museum, Carlton

7 Feb

Fri 7pm-11pm

\$37 full | \$32 conc | \$27 Nocturnal Early Bird (until 31 Jan)

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Museum

Image: by Chaiharn Ratavan. Courtesy of Drag Race Thailand

Lunar New Year Disco is a queer street dance battle, judged and hosted by Thailand's Pangina Heals (Drag Race Thailand) and Taiwan's Chrissy Chou.

Contestants battle it out with waacking and punking inspired by the 1970s disco LGBT clubs of Los Angeles. Celebrate Lunar New Year with good fortune and experience the Museum after dark.

NOCTURNAL  
X  
MIDSUMMA  
LUNAR NEW  
YEAR DISCO

Punk and waack under the disco ball inside Nocturnal and experience Melbourne Museum after dark. Celebrate Lunar New Year in queer style by attending the event or entering the competition.

HOW TO ENTER THE COMPETITION:

Think you have what it takes to battle it out for prosperity on the dance floor? Enter the on-stage competition by selecting to compete when you purchase your ticket for entry at [midsumma.org.au](http://midsumma.org.au).

Explore the Punking and Waacking intensive workshops on pg 65 for competition training.

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Museum



Image by Chaiharn Ratavan ft Pangina Heals. Courtesy of Drag Race Thailand



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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.

Over 33 years we have evolved with our communities and repositioned ourselves as a relevant cultural influencer and thought leader, while keeping learning and diversity at our heart. We have experienced rapid growth in audiences, breadth and scope of artist and community engagement, and depth of artistic partnerships.

While we stay committed to our roots, we have matured to become one of Australia's most significant queer arts organisations, supporting generations of LGBTQIA+ cultural voices, discovering artists and starting conversations that shape queer art and culture forever.

Discover our story at [midsumma.org.au](http://midsumma.org.au)



Image: Midsumma Extravaganza at Arts Centre Melbourne by Suzanne Balding ft Sheldon Riley

# Sports

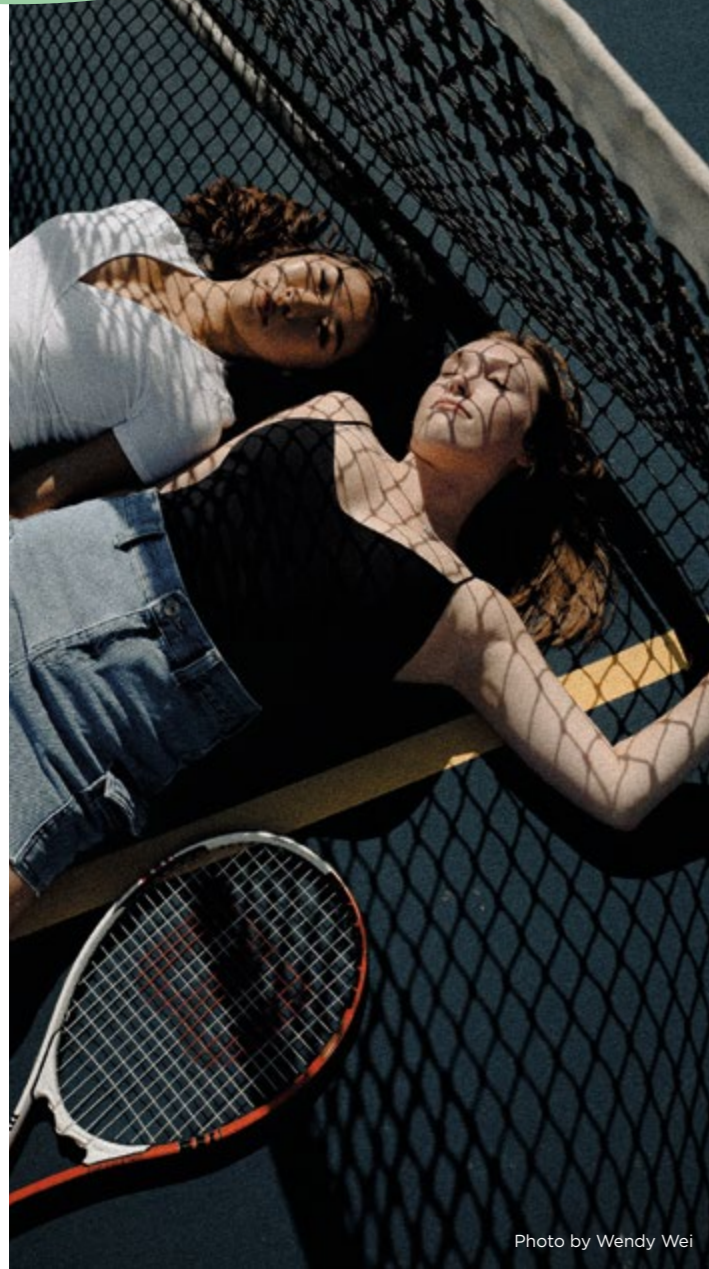


Photo by Wendy Wei

## Sport 18+ 75 🌐



### Glam Slam at the Australian Open

#YouBelong

The Glam Slam is the only LGBTIQ+ diversity tennis event at a Grand Slam. Enjoy one of the biggest sporting events in the world in a safe and inclusive environment. With tennis on court for LGBTIQ+ players, and lots of events during the Australian Open for the LGBTIQ+ community; join us for a great day OUT at the Tennis.

For all event details go to [glamslammelbourne.com](http://glamslammelbourne.com)

Albert Reserve Tennis Centre, Melbourne | Melbourne Park, Melbourne

31 Jan-2 Feb

Fri midday-10pm | Sat - Sun 9am-7pm | Awards Ceremony: Sun 2 Feb 7pm-8pm (Auslan Interpreted)

FREE | Please note: participation requires an Australian Open ticket

Presented by VicTennis and the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA)

## Sport ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ ♿ 50



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

### Midsumma Carnival Sports Precinct

The Midsumma Carnival Sports Precinct grows in size every year with all of the exciting associated sporting and outdoor community groups for you to experience. The Sports Precinct boasts the likes of your favourite Melbourne rugby clubs, AFL teams, Motorfrenzies, smashers, runners, rovers and even circus. If you're looking to join a team or just meet theirs, make sure you visit the Sports Precinct at Midsumma Carnival.

Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne CBD

Location: next to the main stage, close to Boathouse Drive

19 Jan

6hrs

Sun 11am

FREE

Image: by Dean Arcuri

## Sport 18+ 75 🌐



### Nomads Parklands and Heritage Tour

Walking to Good Health!

Marvellous Melbourne is a garden city plus an architectural treasure. Walk via parks from Royal Park Station to the Botanical Gardens, viewing heritage and modern sites plus memorials in Parkville, the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton and East Melbourne. Access to water refills and toilets along the route. BYO snacks and lunch plus sunscreen. Wear sensible footwear and a hat.

Royal Park Station, Parkville

27 Jan

6hrs

Mon 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Latecomer lockout | Long Periods of standing | Non-traditional sitting

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group

# Sports

## Sport 18+ 75 🌐



### Nomads Scenic Urban Cycling

"At times it will feel like you're in the bush!"

Starting in the heart of Melbourne, cycle with The Nomads beside rivers and creeks, through parkland and along a scenic rail trail for lunch in leafy Fairfield. The route is almost entirely on cycling paths with no hills of note, but is graded as medium because it's about 30 km to lunch. There are many train exit options if needed. After lunch there are various cycling paths or train options for returning home.

Beer Deluxe (Federation Square), Melbourne CBD

9 Feb

4hrs 30m

Sun 10am

FREE booking required

△ Medium fitness level and some cycling experience required

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group

## Sport 🌐



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Free introduction session to social badminton

Have you ever wanted to meet new people in a fun, social sporting environment? Thought about playing badminton, or have not played for a long time?

Join the Melbourne Smashers Session where they are encouraging people to give it a go, for free, in a fun and friendly environment.

Come along and... Serve It! Smash It! Love It!

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park

1 Feb

Sat 11am-2pm

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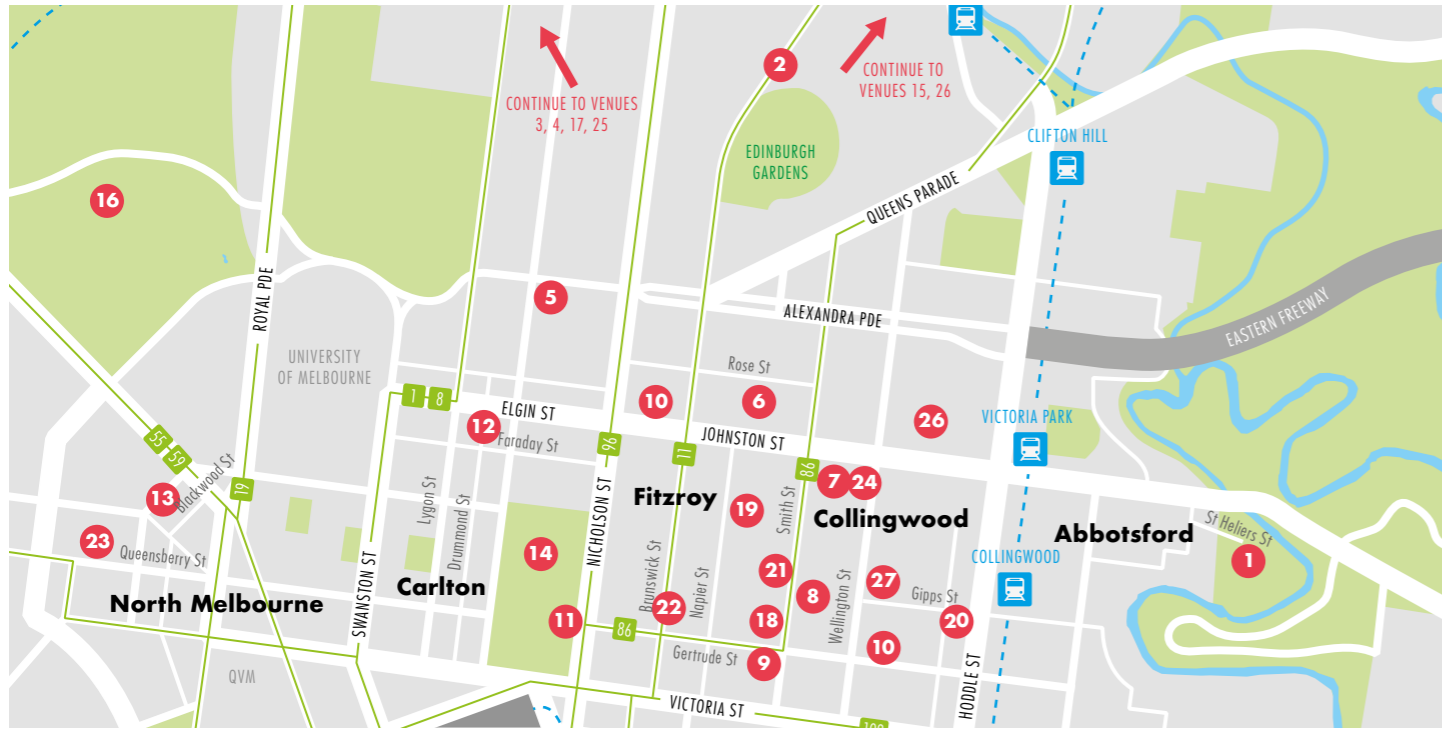
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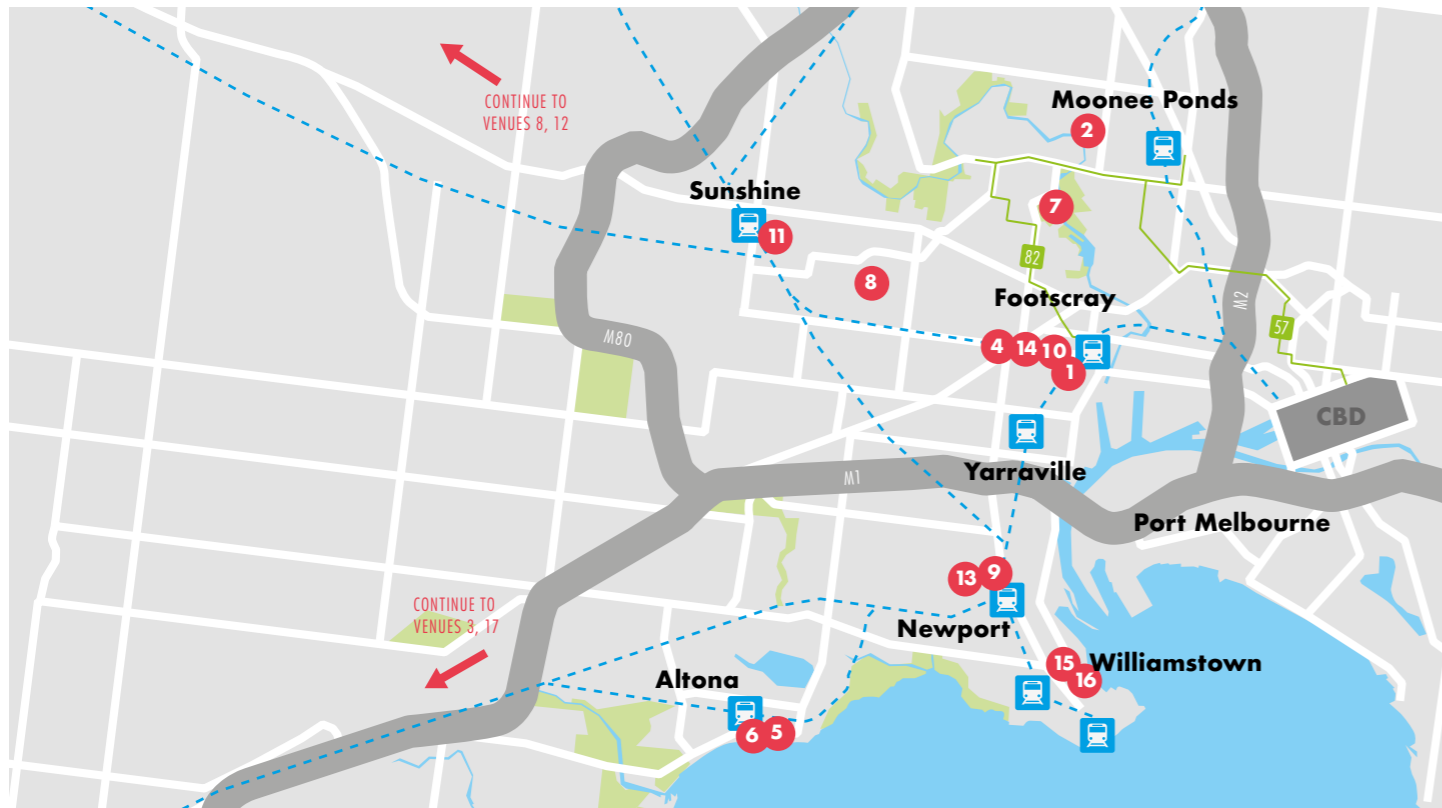
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1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford  
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Bus: 200, 207 to Clarke/Johnston St
- 2 Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library**  
182/186 St George's Rd, North Fitzroy  
Tram: 11 to stop 21
- 3 Blak Dot Gallery**  
33 Saxon St, Brunswick  
Train: Upfield line to Brunswick  
Tram: 19 to stop 21
- 4 Brunswick Street Gallery**  
Level 1, 322 Brunswick St, Fitzroy  
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | tram 96 to stop 15  
Bus: 200-207 to Brunswick/Johnston St
- 5 Carlton Baths Community Centre**  
248 Rathdowne St, Carlton  
Tram: 96 to stop 17 | tram 1, 6 to stop 114
- 6 CCP (Centre for Contemporary Photography)**  
404 George St, Fitzroy  
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- 7 Circus Oz**  
35 Johnston St, Collingwood  
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Tram: 86 to stop 19  
Bus: 200-207 to Wellington/Johnston St
- 8 Club 80**  
10 Peel St, Collingwood  
Tram: 86 to stop 16
- 9 Evie's Disco Diner**  
230-232 Gertrude St, Fitzroy  
Tram: 86 to stop 15
- 10 Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)**  
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy  
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | tram 96 to stop 15  
Bus: 200-207 to Brunswick/Johnston St
- 11 Kangaroo Statue, Fitzroy**  
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266 Gower St, Preston  
Train: Mernda line to Preston  
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- 16 Royal Park Station**  
Poplar Rd, Parkville  
Train: Upfield line to Royal Park  
Tram: 58 to stop 27
- 17 Rubix Warehouse**  
36 Phoenix St, Brunswick  
Train: Upfield line to Brunswick  
Tram: 19 to stop 21
- 18 Sircuit**  
103-105 Smith St, Fitzroy  
Tram: 86 to stop 15
- 19 St Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy**  
250 George St, Fitzroy  
Tram: 86 to stop 18
- 20 Tacit Galleries**  
123a Gipps St, Collingwood  
Train: Mernda/Hurstbridge line to Collingwood  
Tram: 12, 109 to stop 18  
Bus: 246, 304, 305, 905-907 to Langridge/Hoddle St
- 21 The 86 Cabaret Bar**  
185 Smith St, Fitzroy  
Tram: 86 to stop 17
- 22 The Burrow**  
83 Brunswick St, Fitzroy  
Tram: 86 to stop 13
- 23 The Courthouse Hotel**  
86 - 90 Errol St, North Melbourne  
Tram: 57 to stop 12
- 24 The Melba Spiegelent**  
35 Johnston St, Collingwood  
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Tram: 86 to stop 19  
Bus: 200-207 to Wellington/Johnston St | bus 246 to Johnston/Hoddle St
- 25 Village Cinemas Coburg Drive-In**  
155 Newlands Rd, Coburg North  
Train: Upfield line to Coburg + bus 561  
Bus: 561 to 105 Newlands Rd
- 26 Wesley Anne**  
250 High St, Northcote  
Train: Mernda line to Northcote  
Tram: 86 to stop 32  
Bus: 567 to High/Mitchell St | bus 508 to High/Separation St
- 27 Wet On Wellington**  
162 Wellington St, Collingwood  
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood  
Tram: 86 to stop 16  
Bus: 246, 302-5, 309, 318, 350, 905-8 to Gipps/Hoddle St



- 1 Albert Reserve Tennis Centre**  
46 Queens Rd, Melbourne  
Tram: 3/3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72 to stop 25
- 2 Alliance Française Melbourne**  
51 Grey St, St Kilda  
Tram: 3/3a, 16, 96 to stop 133
- 3 Belvedere Park Tennis Club**  
108 East Rd, Seaford  
Bus: 901 to Frankston Gardens Dr/Frankston-Dandenong Rd
- 4 Chapel Off Chapel**  
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran  
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran  
Tram: 72 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 5 Chasers**  
386 Chapel St, South Yarra  
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran  
Tram: 72 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 6 Chunky Move**  
111 Sturt St, Southbank  
Train: Flinders Street  
Tram: 1 to stop 18 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 17
- 7 Como Park North**  
150 Alexandra Ave, South Yarra  
Tram: 78 to stop 52 | tram 58 to stop 34  
Bus: 605 to Como Park/Alexandra Ave
- 8 Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens**  
Fitzroy St, St Kilda  
Tram: 12 to stop 143 | tram 96 to stop 132 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 30
- 9 Gasworks Arts Park**  
21 Graham St, Albert Park  
Tram: 1 to stop 31  
Bus: 236 to Graham/Pickles St | bus 606 to Bridport/Richardson St
- 10 Kingston Arts Centre**  
979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin  
Train: Frankston line to Moorabbin  
Bus: 627, 811-812, 823-825 to Moorabbin Station
- 11 Melbourne Park**  
Olympic Blvd, Melbourne  
Train: Any eastern line to Richmond  
Tram: 70 to stop 7B
- 12 Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre**  
30 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park  
Tram: 12 to stop 131 | tram 96 to stop 129
- 13 Prahran Aquatic Centre**  
41 Essex St, Prahran  
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran  
Tram: 6 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 45
- 14 Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library**  
39 St Edmonds Rd, Prahran  
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran  
Tram: 6, 72 to stop 30 | tram 78 to stop 46  
Bus: 216, 219, 220 to Prahran Market/Commercial Rd
- 15 Red Stitch Actors' Theatre**  
Rear 2 Chapel St, St Kilda East  
Train: Sandringham line to Windsor  
Tram: 5, 64 to stop 32 | tram 78 to stop 42
- 16 SoHigh Gallery**  
143A Chapel St, Windsor  
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran  
Tram: 6 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 45
- 17 St Kilda Life Saving Club**  
34 Jacka Blvd, St Kilda  
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- 18 Temperance Hall**  
199 Napier St, South Melbourne  
Tram: 1 to stop 24 | tram 12 to stop 129
- 19 The MC Showroom**  
L1/48 Clifton St, Prahran  
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran  
Tram: 6 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 45
- 20 The Space Dance & Arts Centre**  
1 Carlton St, Prahran  
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran  
Tram: 72 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 21 Theatre Works**  
14 Acland St, St Kilda  
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 136 | tram 12 to stop 143



- 1 Bluestone Church Arts Space**  
8A Hyde St, Footscray  
Train: Any western line to Footscray  
Tram: 82 to stop 64
- 2 Incinerator Gallery**  
180 Holmes Rd, Aberfeldie  
Tram: 57 or 82 to stop 41 plus 10 minute walk along Maribyrnong River
- 3 Kelly Park**  
Cnr Synott St & Cherry St, Werribee  
Train: Werribee line to Werribee
- 4 Littlefoot**  
223 Barkly St, Footscray  
Train: any western line to Footscray  
Tram: 82 to stop 62
- 5 Logan Reserve**  
Pier St, Altona  
Train: Werribee line to Altona
- 6 Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre**  
5 Sargood St, Altona  
Train: Werribee line to Altona  
Bus: 411, 412 to Altona Station/ Blyth St | bus 903 to Altona Station/Railway St Sth
- 7 Melbourne's Living Museum of the West**  
Visitor Centre, Pipemakers Park, Van Ness Avenue, Maribyrnong  
Tram: 82 to stop 54 | tram 57 to stop 42  
Bus: 409 to Highpoint SC/ Aquatic Dr | bus 223 to Williamson/Rosamond Rd
- 8 Melton Library and Learning Hub**  
31 McKenzie St, Melton  
Bus: 455, 458 to Alexandra/ High St
- 9 Newport Community Hub**  
1 Market St, Newport  
Train: Werribee or Williamstown line to Newport
- 10 Pride of our Footscray Community Bar**  
1/86 - 88 Hopkins St, Footscray  
Train: any western line to Footscray  
Tram: 82 to stop 63
- 11 Sunshine Art Spaces Gallery**  
2 City Pl, Sunshine  
Train: Watergardens/Sunbury line to Sunshine
- 12 The Bowery Theatre**  
St Albans Community Centre, Princess St, St Albans  
Train: Watergardens/Sunbury line to St Albans
- 13 The Substation**  
1 Market St, Newport  
Train: Werribee/Williamstown line to Newport
- 14 Trocadero Artspace**  
Level 1, 119 Hopkins St, Footscray  
Train: any western line to Footscray  
Tram: 82 to stop 63
- 15 Williamstown Library**  
104 Ferguson St, Williamstown  
Train: Williamstown line to North Williamstown  
Bus: 415, 472 to Melbourne Rd/ Ferguson St
- 16 Williamstown Town Hall**  
104 Ferguson St, Williamstown  
Train: Williamstown line to North Williamstown  
Bus: 415, 472 to Melbourne Rd/ Ferguson St
- 17 Wyndham Art Gallery**  
177 Watton St, Werribee  
Train: Werribee line to Werribee

East

- 1 Doncaster Library**  
687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster  
Bus: 907 to Manningham Civic Centre
- 2 Hatch Contemporary Arts Space**  
14 Ivanhoe Pde, Ivanhoe  
Train: Hurstbridge line to Ivanhoe  
Bus: 510, 548 to Ivanhoe Civic Centre
- 3 Hawthorn Arts Centre**  
360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn  
Train: Belgrave/Lilydale line to Glenferrie  
Tram: 16 to stop 73
- 4 Heide Museum of Modern Art**  
7 Templestowe Rd, Bulleen  
Train: Hurstbridge line to Heidelberg + 30 min walk or bus  
Bus: 903 to Bridge St/Manningham Rd
- 5 Manningham Art Gallery**  
687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster  
Bus: 907 to Manningham Civic Centre
- 6 Melbourne Polytechnic College Fairfield Campus**  
Yarra Bend Rd, Fairfield  
Train: Hurstbridge line to Dennis + 25 min walk  
Bus: 546 to Melbourne Polytechnic/Heidelberg Rd | bus 250, 251 to Victoria Rd/Westgarth St
- 7 Were St**  
Were St, Montmorency  
Train: Hurstbridge line to Montmorency  
Bus: 293 to Montmorency Railway Station/Ratray Rd



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