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CHAIR'S WELCOME

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy Midsumma!

Aaron Hockly
Chair, Midsumma



THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE

Welcome to Midsumma 2015!

The Midsumma Festival is one of Melbourne's great arts and cultural celebrations for which we are renowned.

It is the perfect way to kick off the New Year in Melbourne with more than 100 activities across three weeks including visual arts, performing arts, live music, dance, film and sporting activities.

Don't miss the festival's opening extravaganza - Carnival and T Dance - which will return to Alexandra Gardens this year. We expect more than 100,000 people to party along the Yarra and celebrate with our LGBTIQ community.

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

Robert Doyle
Lord Mayor

FESTIVAL ICONS

Your key to the symbols in the Midsumma guide:

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

★ CHAIR'S PICK

Check out the Midsumma Chair's picks for 2015

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2015 COVER IMAGE



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

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How to purchase your Midsumma tickets

1. Online at midsumma.org.au

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

2. Over the phone on 03 9415 9819

Monday - Friday 11am - 4pm

3. At Carnival on 18 January

Tickets will be available all day at the Carnival Information Tent

Please Note:

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

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

For comprehensive ticketing information, including full terms and conditions, please visit www.midsumma.org.au.



MAJOR EVENT



Carnival

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

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Tram: any Swanston St tram to stop 14
Train: City loop to Flinders Street

18 Jan
Sun 11am - 5pm

Entry via gold coin donation



MAJOR EVENT



T Dance

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

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Tram: any Swanston St tram to stop 14
Train: City loop to Flinders Street

18 Jan
Sun 5 - 10pm

FREE



MAJOR EVENT



Pride March

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

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

Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Cnr Fitzroy St & Catani Gardens

Tram: 3a, 16 or 96 to stop 133 or 12 to stop 143

1 Feb
Sun Assembly: noon at cnr Lakeside Dr & Fitzroy St

March: 2pm

After march festivities: till 7pm in Catani Gardens at completion of the march

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Yolande Foord

Executive Director Remuneration & Benefits – Human Resource
Telstra

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

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

Being inclusive, by treating everyone with respect and dignity, is a part of who we are at Telstra.

Look forward to seeing you at the Telstra stall at Carnival.



Steve Barrow

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

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

Diversity & Inclusion is central to our purpose at NAB, Do The Right Thing. As part of our focus on inclusion, via Pride@NAB we support our LGBTI employees, customers and communities; our commitment to Midsumma is one way that we demonstrate this support.

As we enter into the third year of our relationship, we are proud to be a major partner of the Midsumma Festival.

From all of us at NAB, congratulations to all of those who make the Festival so successful - we wish you all the best for 2015.



Andrew Abbott

Director, Arts Victoria
Arts Victoria

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

This year Midsumma will once again kick off Melbourne's festival calendar in style with more than 140 events - from performances and exhibitions to social events and activities for all ages.

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

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



Clement Michel

Executive Director Remuneration & Benefits – Human Resources
Yarra Trams

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

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

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

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



Paolo Zotti

Durex Marketing Director, RB
Durex

Not sure if you've noticed, but over here at Durex, we love sex.

We love safe sex, honest sex and passionate sex. We believe that all love should be recognised as equal, so we also love same sex, LGBTIQ sex... oh, you get the drift.

Durex Australia is an immensely proud, lovin' sponsor of Midsumma in 2015 and we hope everyone gets to love it as much as us!

Love [Same] Sex. Durex.

CABARET



Adolescent

Michael Griffiths isn't going to let turning 40 stop his prolonged adolescence. His REALLY prolonged adolescence. Join him as he recalls touring in jukebox musicals, falling in love and why he can't go ten-pin bowling.

Featuring songs from Jersey Boys, Priscilla Queen of the Desert and lots of his first love, 80s pop!

Michael is a Green Room nominee and won Best Cabaret Adelaide Fringe 2014.

fortyfivedownstairs

45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Collins, Spring or Flinders Sts
Train: City loop to Parliament

21 Jan – 1 Feb
Wed – Sun 7pm

\$35 full, \$30 concession,
\$30 group (min 8)

\$40 per person VIP cabaret
table (2 or 4)

Double Bill with Jim
Morrison: Kaleidoscope:
\$65 cabaret table,
\$55 general admission.

★ CHAIR'S PICK

CABARET



AFFLUENZA

Highly entertaining... a stunning voice' - Theatre Press

'Hannagan's writing is superb' - Arts Hub

'Leaves you in awe' - Broadway World

Seven wealthy sinners, seven stories of scandal, seven club bangers written in their honour. In Affluenza, pop cabaret sensation, Will Hannagan, takes you on a journey through white-collar crime at the top end of town set to an original synth-pop score. It's like Real Housewives meets the VMAs.

The Butterfly Club

5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts

Train: City loop to Flinders Street

22, 24, 25, 29, 31 Jan,
1, 5, 8 Feb
Thurs & Sat 10.30pm,
Sun 9.30pm

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



CABARET



corps(e)

"Dressed as a man he was nonetheless a woman; dressed as a woman she was nonetheless a man".

Seven-foot drag chanteuse Lady Diamond returns to Melbourne's home of cabaret as Le Chevalier d'Eon – royal spy to King Louis XV. An unusual figure of a fascinating age; one who lived 49 years as a man, and 33 years as a woman.

The Butterfly Club

5 Carson Place off Little Collins St, Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts

Train: City loop to Flinders Street

20, 21, 27 & 28 Jan
Tues – Wed 9.30pm

\$28 full, \$24 concession,
\$20 group (min 4)

CABARET



Georgia with a G

At age seven Georgia knew who she really was; at age 47 she remembered! Cabaret artist Georgia Darcy dazzles audiences with her sparkle, her energy and the achingly-beautiful moments she brings to the cabaret stage. A candid exposé of bits of her life that hang together like a garland of jewels, it is moving to tears, has side-splittingly funny characters and rude bits! With powerful soaring songs and a smutty kleptomaniac maid (wife Louise); this is riotous and fun-loving Cabaret.

The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts

Train: City loop to Flinders Street

28 Jan – 1 Feb
Wed & Sun 6pm, Thurs, Fri,
Sat 7pm

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



CABARET



PREMIER EVENT

Dolly Diamond Under A Big Top

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

Special guests: "Shirazz" (Dixieland jazz sextet).

Image: Alex Martin Photography

Melba Spiegeltent
35 Johnston St, Collingwood

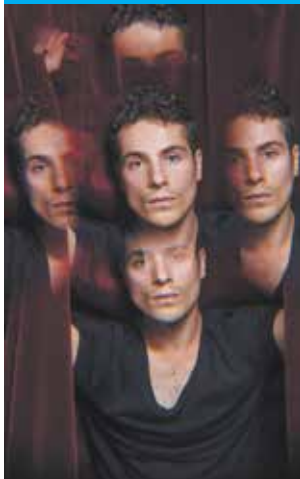
Tram: 86 to stop 19
Train: South Morang/
Hurstbridge line to
Victoria Park

29 – 31 Jan
Thurs – Sat 8pm

\$36 full, \$29 concession,
\$29 group (min 8)



CABARET



JIM MORRISON: KALEIDOSCOPE

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

fortyfivedownstairs
45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne
Tram: any tram along Collins,
Spring or Flinders Sts
Train: City loop to Parliament

21 – 25 Jan
Wed – Sun 8.30pm

\$35 full, \$30 concession
\$40 per person
VIP cabaret table (2 or 4)
Double Bill with 'Adolescent':
\$65 cabaret table,
\$55 general admission

CABARET



Jolene presents The Venus Xtravaganza

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

The 86
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17

30, 31 Jan 6, 7 Feb
Fri 9pm, Sat 7pm

\$20 full, \$16 concession

CABARET



Matthew Mitcham's Twists and Turns

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

Fairfax Studio, Arts Centre
Melbourne
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Tram: any Swanston St tram to
stop 14
Train: City Loop to Flinders
Street

30 – 31 Jan
Fri 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm
\$39 full



★ CHAIR'S PICK

CABARET



Mommie Queerest

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

Hares & Hyenas
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 or 96
to stop 15

21 – 24 Jan
Wed – Sat 8pm

\$20 full, \$15 concession



Auslan interpreted:
Thurs 22 Jan

CABARET



ODD SOCKS

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

The 86
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17
29 Jan – 7 Feb
Thurs – Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm
\$26 full, \$20 concession
\$99 VIP tables book directly
at www.the86.com.au



CABARET



Please Don't Look At Me

If you tell a joke and no one hears it, is it still funny?

Cabaret comedienne Dean Arcuri takes his tongue-in-cheek tones and serves them up in a fabulously dark twist, filled with comedy cabaret, musical mayhem, attention seeking madness and a few blindfolds.

His band is back with special guests, let's see what happens when the spotlight shines somewhere else!

Don't look at me, I dare you!

The 86
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17
29, 31 Jan, 5, 7 Feb
Thurs 9pm, Sat 4pm

\$22.50 full,
\$17.50 concession



COMEDY



PREMIER EVENT

Black Faggot

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

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

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park

Tram: 1 to stop 31

3 - 7 Feb

Tues - Fri 9pm, Sat 4pm
& 9pm

\$32 full, \$26 concession,
\$22 group (min 6)



CABARET



Show Stopper

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

Howler
7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick

Tram: 19 to stop 21
Train: Upfield line to Jewell or Brunswick

21 - 23 Jan
Wed - Fri 9pm

\$22 full



CABARET



Tears Before Bedtime: A Live Art Exhibitionist

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

Northcote Town Hall
189 High St, Northcote

Tram: 86 to stop 31
Train: South Morang line to Northcote

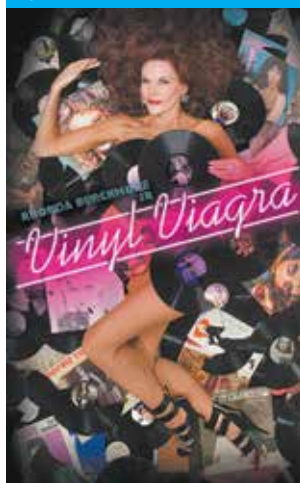
21 - 25 Jan

Wed - Sat 6.30pm, 7.15pm,
8.30pm, 9.15pm, Sun 5.30pm,
6.15pm, 7.30pm & 8.15pm

\$23 full, \$20 concession



CABARET



Vinyl Viagra Starring Rhonda Burchmore

The fabulous Ms B unleashes the 'Vixens of Vinyl', channelling the sex appeal and songs of divas from Bassey to Katy Perry with just a hint of Berlin cabaret mixed with the boldness of burlesque. Join Ms B for an adventurous evening of 'sublime sensuality'. Songs like - I Touch Myself!, Private Dancer, Roar, Back to Black and more will feature in this devilicious fantasy. Accessories include two smokin' hot toy boys.

Fairfax Studio, Arts Centre
Melbourne

100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Tram: any Swanston St tram to stop 14
Train: City Loop to Flinders Street

6 - 7 Feb
Fri 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm

\$65 full, \$30 under 30s
(limited availability)



CIRCUS & BURLESQUE



Finucane & Smith's Caravan Burlesque... Wilder West!

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

"Sumptuously demented" - Voyage France

The Substation

1 Market St, Newport

Train: Werribee / Williamstown line to Newport

5 - 7 & 12 - 14 Feb

Thurs - Sat 8pm, Sat 14 Feb
7.30pm & 9.30pm

\$57 catwalk seating,
\$52 VIP full,
\$45 VIP concession
\$39 general seating full,
\$30 general seating
concession,
\$25 peanut gallery



CIRCUS & BURLESQUE



Men Getting Naked

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

The 86
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17

31 Jan
Sat 9pm

\$20 full, \$18 concession,
\$15 group (min 10)



COMEDY



An Hour of Touching

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

The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne

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

21 - 25 Jan

Wed & Sun 6pm,
Thurs - Sat 7pm

\$28 full, \$24 concession,
\$22 group (min 8)





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COMEDY



PREMIER EVENT

The Laugh Out Loud Big Gay Comedy Night

Now back for its eighth fabulous year, LOL Comedy brings you the brightest and freshest comedy talents as well as showcasing your favourite stars from radio, stage and screen. A nightly showbag of the best in Australian GLBTI and GLBTI-friendly comedy stars. A weekly mix including Fiona O'Loughlin, Geraldine Hickey, Thom Jaspers, Dolly Diamond and more!

The Imperial Hotel
2 - 8 Bourke St, Melbourne

Tram: any Bourke St tram to stop 9

Train: City Loop to Parliament

22, 29 Jan, 5, 12 Feb
Thurs 8pm

\$25 full, \$20 concession,
\$18 group (min 6)

COMEDY



LESBIAN COMEDY GALA - A Celebration of our Pride and Joy

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

Preston City Hall
284 Gower St, Preston

Tram: 86 to stop 42
Train: South Morang line to Preston

Bus: 552 to stop Cramer St/High St

31 Jan
Sat 7.30pm, doors open: 6pm,
after-party: 11pm

\$45 full, \$35 concession,
\$35 group (min 6),
\$30 current Matrix Guild members. After party included



★ CHAIR'S PICK

COMEDY



The Sparrow Men

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

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Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins Sts

Train: City loop to Flinders Street

27 Jan - 1 Feb
Tues, Wed, Sun 8pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9pm

\$28 full, \$24 concession,
\$22 group (min 4)

COMEDY



Versatile Bitch

Jonathan Duffy is a versatile bitch, but sometimes versatility is exhausting. As a child Jonathan Duffy had dreams of one day becoming a leading man. Now in his early-mid-to-late-twenties, he is realising that still hasn't happened. As an accomplished actor, award-winning filmmaker and stand up comic, he has discovered that sometimes being gay in show business isn't as fabulous as it might sound.

The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Place (off Little Collins St), Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth or Collins St

Train: City loop to Flinders Street

20 - 25 Jan
Tues, Wed, Sun 8pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9pm

\$38 full, \$34 concession,
\$30 group (min 8)



DANCE



Denuded

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

West Space
Level 1/225 Bourke St, Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Swanston or Bourke St

Train: City loop to Melbourne Central or Flinders Street

4 - 5 Feb
Wed - Thurs 8pm

\$30 full, \$18 concession,
\$22 group (min 10)



DANCE



Doors Open - Bryan Smith with Shane Tonks

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

Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda

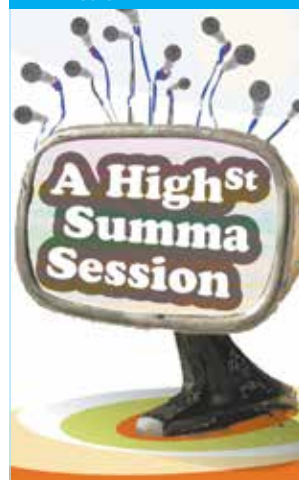
Tram: 3a, 16 or 96 to stop 134 or 12 to stop 143

4 - 7 Feb
Wed, Fri 7pm, Thurs 9pm, Sat 5pm & 9pm

\$23 full, \$18 concession,
\$17 group (min 10)
Double Bill with
"Bad Adam/Pony":
\$40 full, \$30 concession



LIVE MUSIC



A High St Summa Session

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

Bar 303
303 High St, Northcote

Tram: 86 to stop 32
Train: South Morang line to Northcote

31 Jan
Sat 6 - 11.30pm

\$24 full, \$18 concession,
\$20 group (min 4)



LIVE MUSIC (CONCERT)



PREMIER EVENT

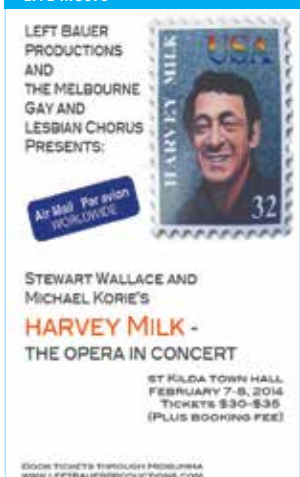
Edi Donald and the Transients

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

Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 64
Train: any western line to Footscray
29 - 30 Jan
Thurs - Fri 8.30pm
\$20 full, \$15 concession



LIVE MUSIC



Harvey Milk the Opera in Concert

Presented in association with the Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus as part of their 25th anniversary celebrations, and featuring six of Melbourne's most exciting operatic talents, Left Bauer are proud to present the Australian premiere concert performance of Stewart Wallace and Michael Korie's ground breaking opera Harvey Milk.

St Kilda Town Hall
99A Carlisle St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a or 16 to stop 36 or 67 to stop 35 or 78 to stop 37
Train: Sandringham line to Balaclava

7 - 8 Feb
Sat 3 & 8pm, Sun 4pm
\$35 full, \$30 concession,
\$30 group (min 10),
\$30 under 30



LIVE MUSIC



Homophonic!

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

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

La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St, Carlton
Tram: 1 or 8 to stop 112

27 - 28 Jan
Tues - Wed 7.30 pm
\$25 full, \$15 concession,
\$15 group (min 4)

LIVE MUSIC



Narelle Byrne: Live Music and Art

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

Narelle Byrne Gallery
2/13 Cole Street, Williamstown
Train: Williamstown line to Williamstown
Bus: 471 to stop Cole St/ Nelson Place

18 Jan - 8 Feb
Exhibition: daily 7am - 10pm
Performance: daily 7 - 10pm
Exhibition: Free,
Performance: \$30 full,
\$25 concession

LIVE MUSIC

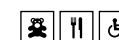


Park Lounge

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

Kelly Park
Cnr Synott St & Cherry St, Werribee
Train: Werribee line to Werribee

7 Feb
Sat 4 - 9pm
FREE



SPOKEN WORD



2015 Word is Out

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

Hares & Hyenas
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 or 96 to stop 15

19 Jan - 7 Feb
Various
Single Tickets: \$10 - \$15 full,
\$5 - \$10 concession
Season Pass: \$150 full,
\$120 concession,
\$120 group (min 5)



Auslan interpreted
Sat 31 Jan - Quippings

SPOKEN WORD



ALGA's Queer History Walk

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

Starting point: Kangaroo Statue, Fitzroy
Cnr Nicholson & Gertrude Sts, Fitzroy

Tram: 86 or 96 to stop 12
25 Jan
Sun 11am
\$20 full, \$10 concession,
\$10 ALGA Members



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



PREMIER EVENT

JUMPERS FOR GOALPOSTS BY TOM WELLS DIRECTED BY TOM HEALY

Meet team Barely Athletic. They're part of the gay, lesbian and transsexual football league in Hull. Luke wants Danny, but Danny has a secret. Joe is happy in goal but Geoff wants a headline gig. Viv just wants to beat the lesbians to the league title. Game on.

Jumpers for Goalposts is a blissfully funny romantic comedy about friendship and finding your way. This endearing and poignant play further confirms Wells' reputation as one of the UK's most outstanding young playwrights.

Red Stitch Actors Theatre
2 Chapel St, St Kilda

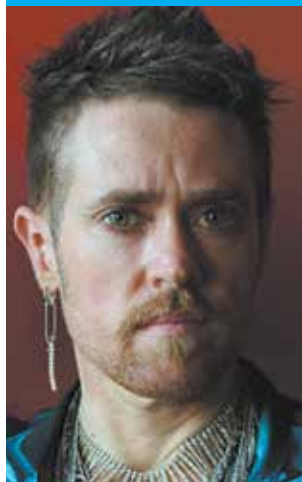
Tram: 5 or 64 to stop 32
or 78 to stop 42
Train: Sandringham line
to Windsor

19 – 25 Jan
Mon – Fri 8pm,
Sat – Sun 2pm & 8pm

\$30 full, \$25 concession



SPOKEN WORD



Autobiographical Performance Writing

This hands-on workshop explores writing for performance. We'll play with direct autobiographical performance as well as making fictional works inspired by our own lives. Creating a queer and trans friendly space, Sunny will share the unique blend of techniques and processes with which he's created one-person shows that have toured internationally as well as a blog with over 70,000 views annually.

The Wheeler Centre
176 Little Lonsdale St,
Melbourne

Tram: any tram along
La Trobe or Swanston Sts
Train: City loop to
Melbourne Central

2 Feb
Mon 10am – 4pm

\$180 full, \$130 Writers
Victoria member, \$120
Writers Victoria concession
member



SPOKEN WORD



How's Your 'Friend' and Other Niceties

Australia's favourite sparkle puppy comedian, Lisa-Skye, is back with Melbourne's best writers from all across the queer spectrum. This time they're talking the big events in life, and the family you have to endure/enjoy during them. A Midsumma institution from the curator/producer of sold-out events like Queer Nerd; Art, Sex & Snacks; and Mummy Dearest. Spoken word at its best. Funny, sad, sexy, fascinating and always diverse.

Bar Nancy
61 High St, Northcote

Tram: 86 to stop 27
Train: Hurstbridge line
to Westgarth

29 Jan
Thurs 7.30pm

\$18 full, \$15 concession,
\$12 group (min 4)



SPOKEN WORD



Identification & Desire

Jewish lesbian & queer writers and the JLGBTIQ writers who inspire them.

Inspired by Gertrude Stein's portrait in the Jewish Museum's Andy Warhol's Jewish Geniuses exhibition, join us for an evening of word portraits delivered by guest speakers Joan Nestle, Hinde Ena Burstin and others.

Jewish Museum of Australia
26 Alma Rd, St Kilda

Tram: 3 or 67 to stop 32

5 Feb
Thurs 7.30pm

\$15 full, \$12 concession,
\$12 Jewish Museum members



SPOKEN WORD



Writing Love Poems to Boys

Better than Grindr! Everything you wanted to say, exactly the way you wanted to say it. Poetry! No lack for words, no awkward pauses, no pics that'll come back to haunt you. No fumbling in the ether for a witty one-liner, your thoughts or the one you love or lust after.

Learn how to write poems for the boys you've loved, lost, are loving - and the boys yet to be loved, with Terry Jaensch, author of Buoy (FIP).

The Wheeler Centre
176 Little Lonsdale St,
Melbourne

Tram: any tram along
La Trobe or Swanston Sts
Train: City loop to
Melbourne Central

3 Feb
Tues 10am – 4pm

\$180 full, \$130 Writers
Victoria member,
\$120 Writers Victoria
concession member



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Rhonda's Fabulous Guided CouTours of Arts Centre Melbourne

Join hosts Rhonda Butchmore (Thomas Jaspers) & Kyle Minall for a hilarious behind the scenes romp through Australia's largest performing arts centre. Get the down low on the famous & the infamous and see the theatres & costumes (including an exclusive display of Kylie items) that have helped shape Melbourne's queer culture.

Arts Centre Melbourne
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Tram: any Swanston St tram
to stop 14
Train: City Loop to Flinders
Street

20 Jan – 7 Feb
Tues – Sat 6pm

\$30 full, \$25 concession,
\$25 group (min 10),
includes bubbles!



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Anton & Olaf - A Fruity Fairytale

Princes Anton and Olaf have been chosen as the two most worthy to compete for a magic sword. With heads made from fruit - will someone get sliced?

This delightful puppetry show is an ideal summer holiday entertainment for all 5-12 year olds.

La Mama Theatre
205 Faraday St, Carlton

Tram: 1 or 8 to stop 112

21 Jan – 1 Feb
Wed – Sun 2pm

\$15 full, \$15 concession



A row of colorful beehives in a green field. The beehives are painted in various colors including red, blue, yellow, green, and purple. They are arranged in a line, receding into the distance. The background shows lush green trees and foliage.

A home fit for a queen

In a beautiful green neighbourhood with plenty of buzz, buyers will swarm to this generous three-story home.

At hockingstuart we see the best features in all homes, large and small. Our passion for real estate drives us to achieve the best possible outcomes for buyers, sellers, tenants and landlords alike. If we seem a little obsessed, it's because real estate is our world.

THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



PREMIER EVENT

The Jacobeans

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

Bagabus Inc present “The Jacobeans”: a scathingly satirical, insistently imaginative, and provocatively pertinent comedy about the Dark Ages we lived in, and the one we still inhabit.

Club Voltaire
Level 2-3, 14 Raglan St,
North Melbourne

Tram: 57 to stop 12

22 Jan – 7 Feb
Thurs – Sat 7.30pm

\$20 full, \$15 concession,
\$15 group (min 4),
\$15 thrifty Thursday

THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



BAD ADAM/PONY

Two short performances that question sex, sexuality, power and pleasure through theatre and dance.

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

Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda

Tram: 3a, 16 or 96 to stop 134
or 12 to stop 143

4 - 7 Feb
Wed, Fri 9pm, Thurs 7pm,
Sat 3pm & 7pm

\$23 full, \$18 concession

Double Bill with
“Doors Open...”:
\$40 full, \$30 concession



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

Being Dead:
Don Quixote

A collage of literary theft. A lesson in build-your-own identity. Stealing from Cervantes, online dating sites & instant porn, Don Quixote makes and unmakes herself in a Frankenstein of music, theatre and art. An unashamedly feminine, unexpected and revealing work by showgirl Kerith Manderson-Galvin, with the sugary sounds of a live girl group.

“Boundless; achingly funny” -
Herald Sun

www.thejollygoodshow.com

Melba Spiegeltent
35 Johnston St, Collingwood

Tram: 86 to stop 19
Train: South Morang/
Hurstbridge line to Victoria
Park

3 - 7 Feb
Tues - Wed 7pm, Thurs - Fri
8pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm

\$25 full, \$18 concession,
\$18 group (min 6)



Selected performances will be AUSLAN
interpreted - to be noted on the website
closer to the event.

THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

From Whore
to Eternity

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

The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Place (off Little
Collins St), Melbourne

Tram: any tram along
Swanston, Bourke, Elizabeth
or Collins Sts

Train: City loop to Flinders
Street

4 - 8 Feb
Wed & Sun 6pm,
Thurs - Sat 7pm

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

Image credit: Geoffrey Ricardo

THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Loving Repeating

Following the life of Gertrude Stein from University till her death, this musical is a celebration of poetry, art and being gay in the 1930s and beyond. With plenty of skin to see, this raunchy staging won't leave much to the imagination. This powerful musical will open your heart and your mind as you listen to the complex yet simple poetry of Gertrude Stein.

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran

Tram: 72 to stop 31 or 78
to stop 47
Train: Sandringham line to
Prahran

22 Jan - 8 Feb
Tues - Fri 8pm
Sat - 3pm & 8pm, Sun - 6pm

\$49 full, \$43 concession,
\$43 group (min 10)



★ CHAIR'S PICK

THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



My Pet, My Love

Rob is gay
Rob has a pet fish
Rob's Nonna died
Rob is scared
Rob is losing his memory
Rob wrote a play about it
A new play devised by Rob Gaetano and Lily Fish, developed with the support of Hothouse Theatre and La Mama Explorations.

La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St, Carlton

Tram: 1 or 8 to stop 112

21 - 25 Jan
Wed 6.30pm, Thurs - Sat
7.30pm, Sun 4pm

\$25 full, \$15 concession



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Playtime

Be a part of something fabulous and witness the first staged readings of four new works of theatre with a queer focus. Playtime is an exciting partnership between Gasworks Arts Park and Midsumma to identify, support and develop new talent and get queer issues out there for mainstream audiences to consider and enjoy. Experience these exciting excerpts and have your say to help select the favourite.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park

Tram: 1 to stop 31

29 Jan
Thurs 8pm

\$10 full





CELEBRATION

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**Join in the friendly and fabulous, frosty fun at Australia's
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HOTHAM

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THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



PREMIER EVENT

Transgender Seeking...

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

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

Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray

Tram: 82 to stop 64
Train: any western line to Footscray

28 – 31 Jan
Wed – Sat 7.30pm

\$25 full, \$20 concession,
\$20 group (min 10)



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



P.S. I'm Fabulous!

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

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park

Tram: 1 to stop 31

5 – 7 Feb
Thurs – Sat 7pm

\$28 full, \$25 concession



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Queen Bee

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

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park

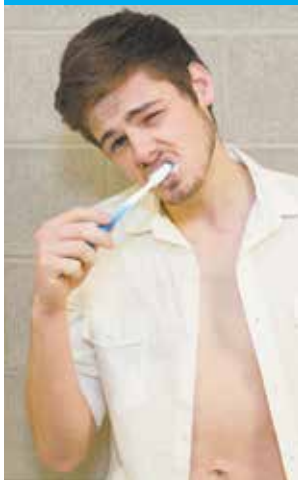
Tram: 1 to stop 31

28 – 31 Jan
Wed – Sat 7pm

\$28 full, \$23 concession,
\$23 group (min 6)



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Sexy Dead Schoolboys

His haircut looks more expensive than your car. His arms are shaped by helping his father with farm work. His eyes are lazy winter lakes. His skin is creamy autumn yoghurt. His legs meet at a fairly fabulous juncture. His blazer fits him like a fever dream.

It would've taken a lot less than that to kill him. But it did. The debating team will never be the same.

Second Storey Studios
159 Sackville St, Collingwood

Tram: 86 to stop 19
Train: South Morang/
Hurstbridge line to
Victoria Park

2 – 6 Feb
Mon – Fri 7.30pm

\$20 full, \$15 concession



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Silvertop Ash

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

Written by Wayne Tunks and Josh Karlik.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park

Tram: 1 to stop 31

21 – 31 Jan
Tues – Sat 8pm

\$25 full, \$21 concession,
\$20 Group (min 8)



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Softly Pouting While Walking Into Breezes

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

La Mama Theatre
205 Faraday St, Carlton

Tram: 1 or 8 to stop 112

18 Jan – 1 Feb
Wed 6.30pm, Thurs – Sat
7.30pm, Sun 4pm

\$25 full, \$15 concession



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE



Stop Kiss

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

Mechanics Institute
Performing Arts Centre
270 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

Tram: 19 to stop 21
Train: Upfield line to Jewell

22 Jan – 7 Feb
Wed – Sat 8pm

\$28 full, \$25 concession,
\$25 group (min 10)





THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

The Art of Being Still Part Two: The Gathering of Vampires

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

David Williamson Theatre
144 High St, Prahran
Tram: 6 to stop 31 or 78 to stop 45
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Preview: 21 – 22 Jan
Season: 23 Jan – 14 Feb
Wed – Fri 8pm, Sat 4pm & 8pm
\$34 full, \$24 concession, \$24 group (min 10), \$24 previews



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

The Big Gay Cruise

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

Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16 or 96 to stop 134 or 12 to stop 143
22 Jan – 1 Feb
Tues – Fri 7.30pm, Sat 3pm & 7.30pm, Sun 6pm
\$39 full, \$35 concession



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

The Fastest Clock in the Universe

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

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 31 or 78 to stop 47
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
21 – 31 Jan
Wed – Sat 8pm
\$38 full, \$32 concession, \$30 group (min 5)



THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

The Queer Revue

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

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram: 1 to stop 31
21 – 24 Jan
Wed – Sat 9pm
\$24 full, \$20 concession



ROSS WATSON

15 Year Gallery Anniversary

Paintings | Photography | Edition Prints

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

Stephen Fry

"Ross Watson's paintings are obviously the work of a master of technique. The conjunction of modern naturalism and classic works makes it hard to believe one's eyes."

Sir Ian McKellen

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

The Hon. Michael Kirby

Full proceeds of the Edition Print 'Duo' benefits EJAF



23 January - 8 February
11am - 5pm Friday to Sunday
Launch Event 3 - 5pm 24 January
ROSS WATSON GALLERY
465 Nicholson St, Carlton North

Preview at rosswatson.com



Untitled 04/14 (after Caravaggio, 1602; Paul Cicchetti) 61 x 76 cm Oil on Board
Also available as a Limited Edition Print and Canvas

GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



PREMIER EVENT

Walk with Pride

Walk with Pride is a photographic journey of 32 images from New York photographer Charles Meacham (NYC). The exhibition documents the fight for LGBTIQ equality through their pride events in Taiwan, Philippines, Australia, Lithuania, Belarus, Romania, Russia, Croatia, Turkey, UK, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Israel.

The images on display are a powerful reminder of how far the LGBTIQ community has come and how far there is still to go in obtaining equality around the world.

Incinerator Gallery
180 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds

Tram: 57 or 82 to stop 41
plus 10 minute walk along
Maribyrnong River

30 Jan – 22 Feb
Opening: 30 Jan 6 – 8pm
Exhibition:

Tues – Sun 11am – 4pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION

A Little Joy –
by Ballsy
Creative

Sure to make you smile.

'A Little Joy' showcases the illustrated world of Paul Smith (Ballsy Creative). Forest furrries, colourful critters, sweet-toothed cuties and more all have a place in 'A Little Joy'. Paul thinks that we can never have too much cute. You'll feel all warm and fuzzy at this family-friendly exhibition. Plus, the prints are affordable, too. See more of Paul's art at ballsycreative.com

Two Lost Boys
20/2 Maddock St, Windsor

Tram: 5 or 64 to stop 32 or 78
to stop 43

Train: Sandringham line to
Windsor

17 – 31 Jan
Mon – Fri: 6:30am – 4pm,
Sat & Sun: 8am – 4pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION

An Anniversary:
Ross Watson
Gallery 15 Years

Celebrating the 15th Anniversary of his gallery, Watson exhibits dynamic new paintings, photography and iconic editions, in his renowned style, earning him a global audience. Michael Kirby recently wrote, "An outstanding realist artist like Ross Watson is just the right person to help teach honesty to our emotions in art and the essential beauty of sexual truth." Part of the proceeds benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

Ross Watson Gallery
465 Nicholson St,
Carlton North

Tram: 96 to stop 18

23 Jan – 8 Feb
Fri – Sun 11am – 5pm

FREE

GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



Company of Men

Sex, Grunt and Disco Balls.

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

BRIGHTSPACE

Level 1, 8 Martin St, St Kilda

Tram: 3, 3a or 16 to stop 36 or
67 to stop 35 or 78 to stop 37

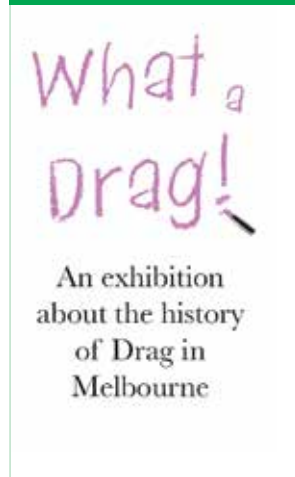
21 Jan – 7 Feb
Opening:
Wed 21 Jan 6.30-9.30 pm

Exhibition:
Tues – Sun noon – 6pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



What a Drag

A multimedia exhibition about the history of Drag in Melbourne from the 1960's - now, with a display of photos, interviews, videos and costumes.

To coincide with the event there will be a special Drag Showcase Night on the Friday, 23rd of January at 10:00 PM with some of the best Drag talent in town.

Proudly Supported by City of Stonnington and Hampstead Dental.

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran

Tram: 72 to stop 31 or
78 to stop 47

Train: Sandringham line
to Prahran

18 Jan - 8 Feb
Exhibition: Daily 10am – 5pm
Performance: Fri 23 Jan 10pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



Home Free

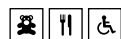
Selected artists will be exhibiting GLBTIQ-themed artworks that showcase what makes them glad to be living in Australia right now. While Australia still has a long way to go in reaching equality for our GLBTIQ community, Australia still has a much higher level of community acceptance and inclusion than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

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park

Tram: 1 to stop 31

20 Jan – 8 Feb
Daily 9.30am – 4pm

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GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



Love is the Bind

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

Brunswick Studios
cnr Ovens St & Ballarat St,
Brunswick

Tram: 19 to stop 23
Train: Upfield line to
Brunswick

24, 25, 30, 31 Jan
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Sat & Sun 12pm- 3pm
& 6 - 9pm
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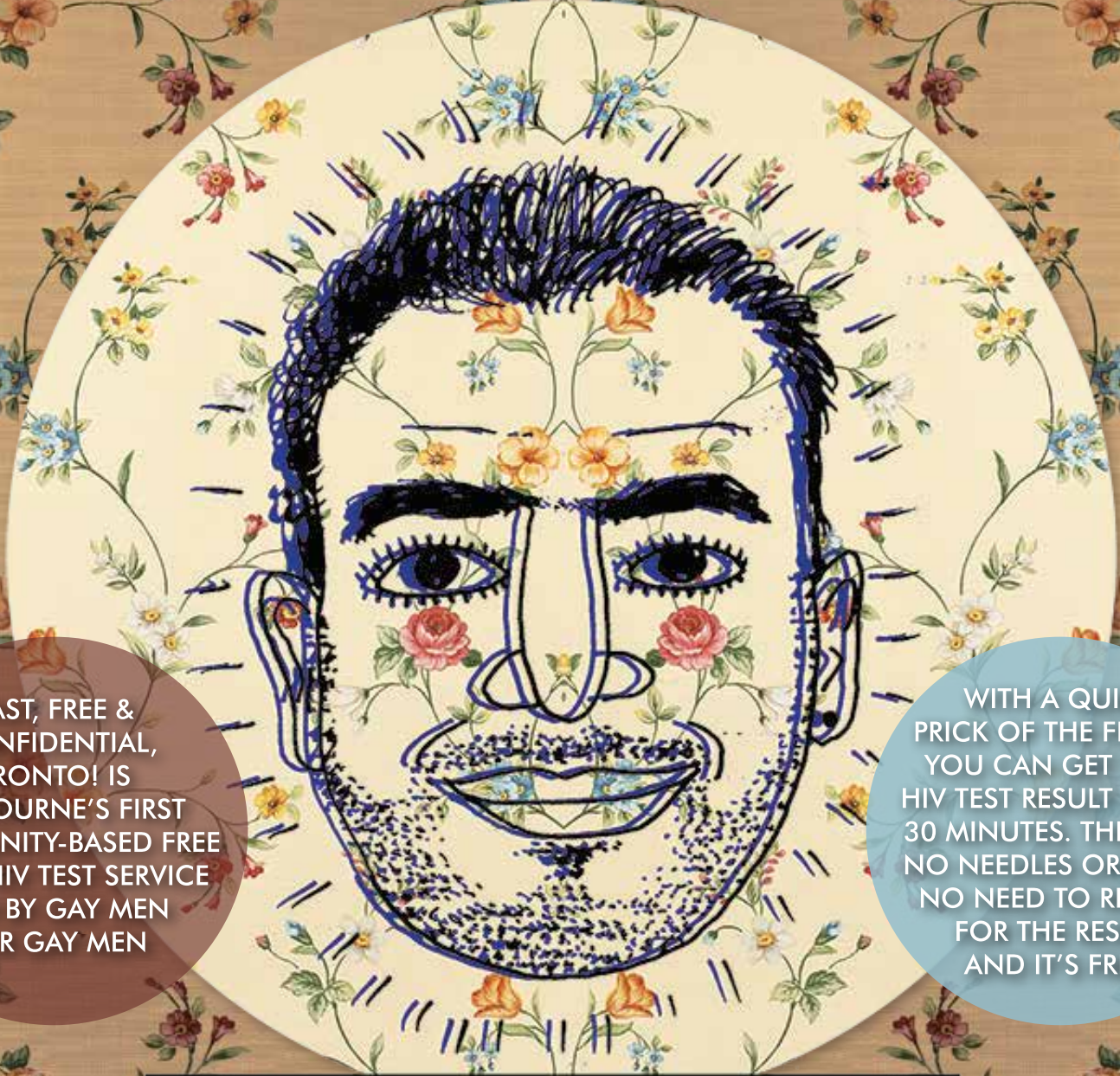
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as well as Midsumma 2015 events Dolly Diamond at Speigeltent
and History in Drag @ Chapel off Chapel

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Visual Arts

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Michael Cook: Australian Landscapes

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

LUMA, La Trobe University Museum of Art
Ground Floor, Glenn College,
Kingsbury Drive, La Trobe
University, Bundoora

Tram: 86 to stop 60
Bus: 250 or 561 to stop
Thomas Cherry Bldg, or
stop David Myers Bldg

17 Nov 2014 – 13 Feb 2015
Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm

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Image: Michael Cook

GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



Out of the Closets, into the Streets

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

City Library Gallery
253 Flinders Lane

Tram: any tram along Collins,
Swanston or Flinders St
Train: City loop to
Flinders Street

18 Jan – 8 Feb
Mon - Thurs 8am - 8pm
Fri 8am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun noon - 5pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



Somewhere Between Walking and Sleeping

An exhibition of art and stuff. Ever wondered what world artists live in? Where their heads are at? Well, wonder no more!

'Somewhere Between Walking and Sleeping' allows you to wander through this truly unique parallel universe. Step into the unsure, unreal and at times uncomfortable. Let the art guide you through this strange land.

Dark Horse Experiment
110 Franklin St, Melbourne

Tram: 19, 57 or 59 to stop 6
Train: City loop to Melbourne
Central or Flagstaff

23 – 31 Jan

Opening:
Fri 23 Jan 6 - 8pm

Exhibition:
Wed - Sat noon - 5pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



Pricks

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

Louis Joel Arts and
Community Centre
5 Sargood St, Altona

Train: Werribee line to Altona

20 Feb – 1 Mar
Opening: Sat 21 Feb 1 – 4pm
Exhibition: daily 10am – 4pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



Sissy Blvd

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

The Substation
1 Market St, Newport

Train: Werribee /
Williamstown line to Newport

15 Jan – 15 Mar

Opening: Thurs 15 Jan 6 - 8pm
Exhibition: Wed - Sun
11am - 5pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



The Brotherhood of the Sacred Phallus

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

Club80
8-10 Peel St, Collingwood
Tram: 86 to stop 16

23 Jan – 8 Feb
Daily noon – 6am
Closing celebration: Fri 6 Feb

Entry to the exhibition is included with the standard entry fee of Club 80



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



The Laird presents Exposed: Andrew Li

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

The Laird Hotel
149 Gipps St Abbotsford

Tram: 86 to stop 16
Train: South Morang/
Hurstbridge line to
Collingwood

17 Jan – 6 Feb

Opening: Sat 17 Jan 3 – 6pm,
women welcome.

Exhibition: 17 Jan – 6 Feb,
normal bar hours
Men only.
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GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION



The Marriage Act

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

Lord Coconut
Carlow House, Level 4, 289
Flinders Ln, Melbourne

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

20 Jan – 14 Feb

Opening:
Tues 20 Jan 5.30 - 7.30pm
Exhibition:
Tues - Fri 11am - 6pm,
Sat noon - 4pm

FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION

**TOONtastic 4**

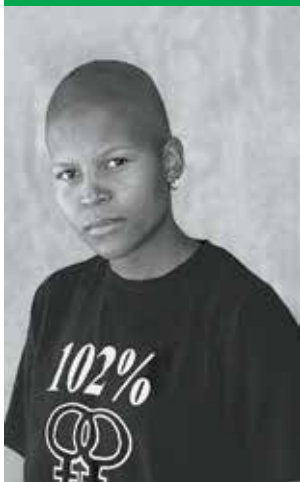
Facebook phenomenon TOONARAMA returns to Prahran's ArtBoy gallery and Midsumma with TOONtastic 4 - the World's greatest TOONS! A super collection of 44 limited edition digital artwork caricature prints celebrating cool celebrities, sexy sports stars, music icons, community cuties, drag divas, super-hot heroes and fabulous friends as drawn by Melbourne Cartoonist Brett Willis!

Artboy Gallery
99 Greville St, Prahran
Tram: 6 to stop 30 or 72 to stop 29 or 78 to stop 46
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran

16 - 25 Jan
Opening:
13 Jan 6.30 - 8.30pm,
Exhibition:
Daily 9am - 5pm
FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION

**VISUAL ACTIVISM by Zanele Muholi**

Zanele Muholi is a visual activist born in Umlazi, Durban who has worked as a human/lesbian rights activist with members in her community, raising the many issues facing black lesbian women in South Africa today. Muholi has exhibited extensively throughout the world, being included in such prestigious exhibitions as Documenta 13 and the 55th Venice Biennale. This is the first showing of her video work in Australia.

Wyndham Art Gallery
177 Watton St, Werribee
Train: Werribee line to Werribee

14 Jan - 8 Mar
Opening:
Tues 13 Jan 6.30 - 8.30pm
Exhibition:
Mon - Sun 9am - 5pm
FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION

**Alex: Zine Launch**

Celebrate the premiere of 'Alex' with us at Hares and Hyenas. Young LGBTQI identified people worked closely with artists from the Artful Dodgers Studios to make this online and hardcopy zine. Aimed at young people in the community, 'Alex' features multimedia artwork, writing, and the provision of information.

Hares & Hyenas
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: Tram: 11 to stop 16 or 96 to stop 15

2 Feb
Mon 6 - 8pm
FREE



GROUP OR SOLO EXHIBITION

**Moments of Being**

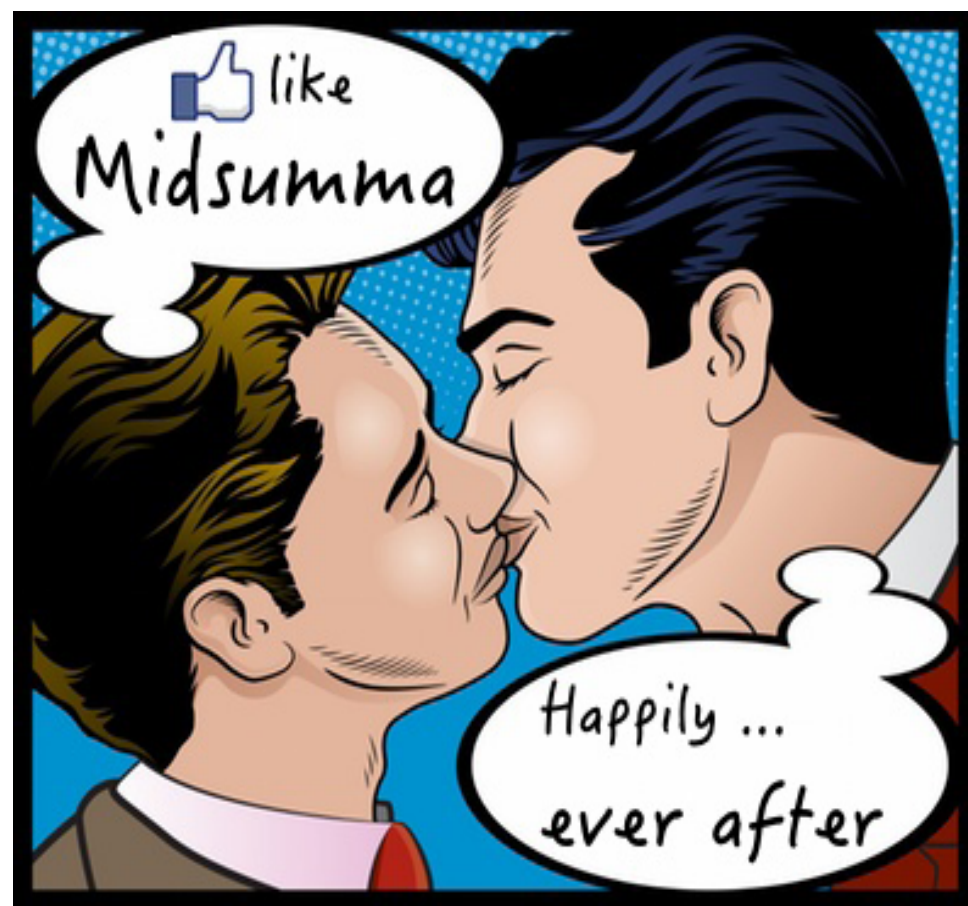
Moments of Being joins six artists working across a diverse range of contemporary practice whose work considers themes of otherness, health, gender variance, intimacy and longing. The work empowers its subjects whilst describing more than our whole identities, sensations and experiences.

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

Curator: Jesslyn Moss.

Tacit Contemporary Art
312 Johnston St, Abbotsford
Train: South Morang/Hurstbridge line to Victoria Park

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Wed 21 Jan 6.30 - 8pm
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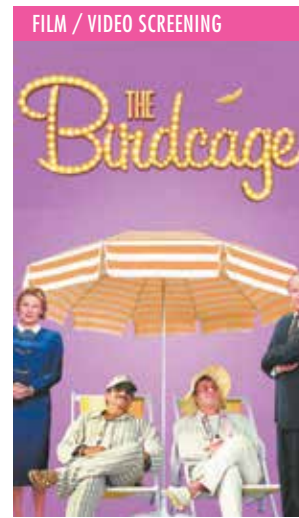
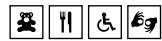
In the evening we're turning down the lights to showcase some of the most iconic queer films.

Happy Midsumma Geelong

Courthouse Youth Arts
60 Little Malop St, Geelong
V/Line: Marshall line to Geelong

31 Jan
Sat
Storytelling: 2 - 4pm
Films: 5pm - midnight

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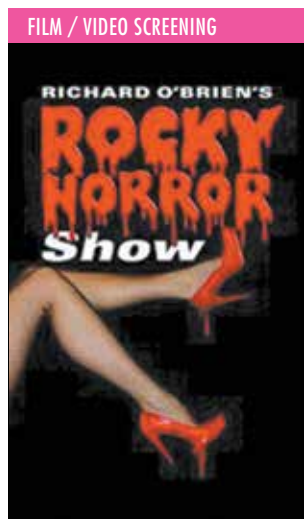
Gasworks Backyard Cinema presents THE BIRDCAGE

Join your friends on the grass at Gasworks and celebrate the fabulous Robin Williams with this special free screening of The Birdcage. A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents. Based on La Cage aux Folles; Nathan Lane, Gene Hackman and Hank Azaria.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram: 1 to stop 31

22 Jan
Thurs at dusk (8.45pm approx)

FREE



The Rocky Horror Picture Show - Film Screening

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

Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre
2 Newham Way,
Altona Meadows

Bus: 496 to stop Central Sq Shopping Centre /Central Ave
Train: Werribee line to Laverton + 15 min walk

22 Jan
Thurs 7 - 9pm

FREE

Registration required



WESTANDPROUD Screening

WESTANDPROUD documents the lives of GLBTIQ people in the Western Suburbs through a series of short films which showcase the stories of prominent and everyday GLBTIQ individuals living, working, studying or socialising in the West.

Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre
2 Newham Way,
Altona Meadows

Bus: 496 to stop Central Sq Shopping Centre /Central Ave

Train: Werribee line to Laverton + 15 min walk

16 Jan
Fri 7 - 9pm

FREE



Author Talk: Benjamin Law

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

Williamstown Library Gallery
104 Ferguson St, Williamstown
Train: Williamstown line to North Williamstown

7 Jan
Wed 6 - 8pm

FREE



Cartooning with pride

Join us for some geeky fun at DTs Pub as we talk about comic books and how they have influenced our lives, with special local and international guests to answer any questions you may have about becoming a cartoonist. Want to pit your drawing skills against others? Join our "sketch off" and win great prizes! Did we mention that there will be karaoke afterwards? Can't get much geekier than that!

DTs Pub
164 Church St, Richmond
Tram: 78 to stop 62 or 48 or 75 to stop 18
Train: South Morang/Hurstbridge line to West Richmond

28 Jan
Wed 7pm

FREE



Daniel Witthaus - man on a mission

Gay rights advocate, education activist and author Daniel Witthaus is an extraordinary man with an extraordinary mission to eliminate homophobia in Australia (and change the world, one cuppa at a time).

Join Daniel for a cuppa and chat at the Footscray Library to speak on gay rights and issues, and reflect on his published works, including the very popular 'Beyond Priscilla: one gay man, one gay truck, one big idea'.

Footscray Library
56 Paisley St, Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 62
Train: Sunbury/Werribee/Williamstown line to Footscray

5 Feb
Thurs 6 - 7pm

FREE

★ CHAIR'S PICK



GLBTIQ Wellbeing Night

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

Altona North Community Library
Cnr Millers & McArthurs Rds,
Altona North

Bus: 232, 411/412, 432 or 903 to stop McArthurs/Millers Rds

13 Jan
Tues 6pm - 8pm

FREE



FORUMS AND LECTURES



How to find and keep a great partner

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

More info:
www.how2series.com.au

Hares & Hyenas
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy

Tram: 11 to stop 16
or 96 to stop 15

26 Jan
Mon 7pm

FREE



FORUMS AND LECTURES



LGBTI asylum seekers: no pacific solution

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

Northcote Town Hall
180 High St, Northcote

Tram: 86 to stop 31
Train: South Morang line
to Northcote

5 Feb
Thurs 7 - 8.30pm

\$17 full, \$12 concession



FORUMS AND LECTURES



MJ loves Tina, Charlie's chasing Harry

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

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

A hypothetical presented by VAC and City of Melbourne.

Melbourne Town Hall -
The Supper Room
90-130 Swanston St,
Melbourne

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

20 Jan
Tues 7 - 9pm

FREE
Registration required



FORUMS AND LECTURES



Midsumma Community Forum

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

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

NAB Village
700 Bourke St, Docklands

Tram: Any Tram down Bourke
St to Southern Cross Station
Train: City loop to
SouthernCross

27 Jan
Tues 7-9pm

FREE



FORUMS AND LECTURES



Midsumma Conversations

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

Professor Kerry Phelps and John Caldwell will share some of their career highlights and what they think is next for our community.

Crown Metropole - Level 28
Level 28, Crown Metropole,
8 Whiteman St, Southbank

Tram: 96, 109 or 12 to stop
124B
Train: City loop to
Southern Cross

19 Jan
Mon 6.30-9pm

\$19 full, \$16 concession



FORUMS AND LECTURES



Out is In - Where to next?

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

The Substation
1 Market St, Newport

Train: Werribee /
Williamstown line to Newport

18 Feb
Wed open: 5.30pm, start: 6pm

FREE



FORUMS AND LECTURES



Queer Literary Salon

Readings St Kilda is kicking off the year with a celebration of selected queer fiction and non-fiction books. Come along to a special night of hearty discussions over drinks surrounding your favourite queer literature.

Get in touch with 100 words about your own selection to amy.vuleta@readings.com.au for your chosen book to be featured on the night. Entries close 10 January 2015.

Readings St Kilda
112 Acland St, St Kilda

Tram: 96 to stop 139
or 16 to stop 33

22 Jan
Thurs 7 - 8.30pm

FREE



FORUMS AND LECTURES



#Queeranda

#queeranda sees Australia's leading brands come together on Twitter to talk about diversity in the workplace. Despite Twitter's short form, the Human Resources leaders at SEEK, Telstra, NAB, Yarra Trams and other notable companies will host an in depth discussion on the importance of creating inclusive environments that celebrate individual differences.

Twitter
2 Feb
Mon 1pm



FORUMS AND LECTURES



Talking GLBTIQ Identity

A panel discussion around the issues of GLBTIQ identity, focusing on people living and working in the western region of Melbourne. In particular, the panel will consider the intersection between gender, sexuality, culture, age and status. The event will include panellists from a diverse range of backgrounds - all welcome.

The Bluestone Church
Arts Space
Hyde St next to Town Hall
Footscray

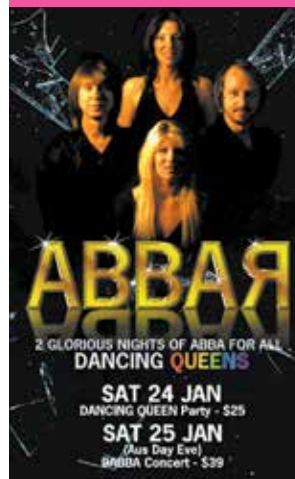
Tram: 82 to stop 64
Train: any western line
to Footscray

5 Feb
Thurs 5.30 - 7pm

FREE



PARTIES



ABBAR

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

The 86
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17
24 - 25 Jan
Sat 8pm - 3am, Sun 8pm - 1am
\$25 Sat 24 Jan
(DANCING QUEEN)
\$39 Sun 25 Jan
(BABBA CONCERT)
\$52 early bird both nights
(book by 10 Dec)



PARTIES



BonBOYage Boat Party

BonBOYage is Melbourne's hottest "all boy" boat party. After a highly successful debut in 2014 we return sexier than ever this Midsumma. Join us as we cruise the summer night away with over 300 sailor boys. Hawaiian leis on arrival, four hours cruising on the water, two dance floors, finger food and snacks, Funky Trunk giveaways and prize packs for best-dressed sailor. Ticket includes an exclusive BonBOYage after-party.

Victoria Star Cruises
Dock 9, Central Pier, Victoria
Harbour, Docklands

Tram: 70 or 86 to stop D2 or
tram 48 to stop D16

31 Jan
Sat

Board: 6.30pm, cruise: 7 - 11pm, after-party until late
\$60 full, \$45 early bird
(until 1 Dec)



PARTIES



Girls at Sea

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

Victoria Star Cruises
Dock 9, Central Pier, Victoria
Harbour, Docklands

Tram: 70 or 86 to stop D2 or
tram 48 to stop D16

24 Jan
Sat

Board: 6.30pm, cruise:
7 - 11pm, after-party until late
\$60 full, \$45 early bird
(until 1 Dec)



PARTIES



GROUSE PARTY

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

Copacabana
139 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 15

18 Jan
Sun 8pm

\$15 earlybird tickets



PARTIES



HEALTHY

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

Transport Hotel
2 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Tram: any tram along
Swanston or Flinders Sts
Train: City loop to
Flinders Street

18 Jan
Sun 5pm - very late

\$15 full



PARTIES



Manhunt Pool Party

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

Wet On Wellington
162 Wellington St,
Collingwood

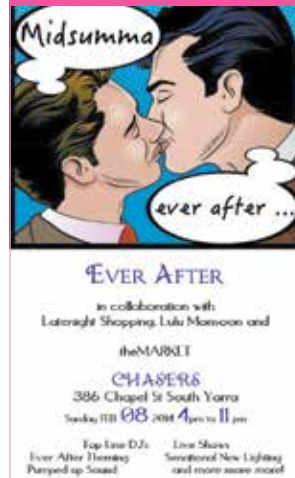
Tram: 86 to stop 17
or 109 to stop 16

7 Feb
Sat noon - 8pm

\$30 full, \$26 early bird



PARTIES



Midsumma Ever After

Latenight shopping in collaboration with LuLu Monsoon, the Market and Midsumma present - EVER AFTER.

An event with friends old and new to close off our Midsumma celebration of life and love. A top line of DJs, multiple rooms, live shows, EVER AFTER theming, extra sensational lighting and pumped up sound.

Chasers Nightclub
386 Chapel St, South Yarra

Tram: 72 to stop 31 or 78
to stop 47

8 Feb
Sun 1 - 11pm

\$35 full, \$25 early bird





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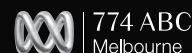


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Midsumma WRAP Party

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

Testing Grounds
1 - 23 City Road, Southbank
Tram: any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 14
Train: City loop to Flinders Street

8 Feb
Sun 1 - 5pm

FREE



SHAZAM 2

Strap on some spandex & set your phasers to stunning - geek just got gayer. Melbourne's Queer Geek Dance Party gets a sequel on the eve of the Australia Day long weekend!

The ultimate pop culture party. Join your superfriends for a night of capes, cocktails, Mario Kart & more. With a prize for best dressed, why wait for the cons to get your geek on!

Dress code 'Geek Chic'

The 86
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17

23 Jan
Fri 7.30pm
\$22.50 full



POOF DOOF presents The Official End of Midsumma Party

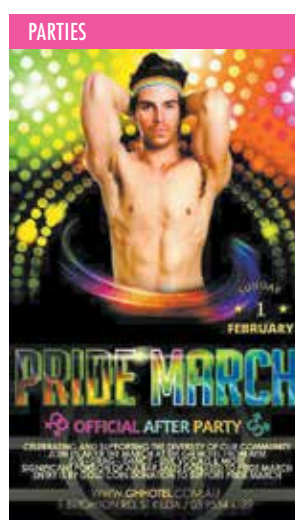
All good things must come to an end but rather than cry because its over, let's dance because it happened.

POOF DOOF is thrilled to be hosting the official Midsumma Festival Closing Party on Saturday 7 February 2015. Dance to a summer soundtrack by POOF DOOF legends Gavin Campbell, Kam Shafaati, Argonaut, Salvador Darling and Chris Wilson.

Chasers Nightclub
386 Chapel St, South Yarra
Tram: 72 to stop 31 or 78 to stop 47

7 Feb
Sat 10pm till late

\$20 full



Pride March Official After Party

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

The GH Hotel
1 Brighton Rd, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16 or 67 to stop 35
Train: Sandringham line to Balaclava

1 Feb
Sun 4pm - 1am
Gold coin donation



SOCIAL EVENTS

Australia Day Picnic

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

Forest Glade
816 Mount Macedon Rd, Mount Macedon

No public transport

26 Jan
Mon 10.30am - 3.30pm

\$10 entry at the gate, children free



SOCIAL EVENTS

DineOut for StartOut

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

Treasury Gardens
2-18 Spring St, East Melbourne
Tram: 48 or 75 to stop 9
Train: City Loop to Parliament

22 Jan
Thurs 6.30pm
\$180 full, \$1,700 group (table of 10)



SOCIAL EVENTS

Ghosts of the Old City Ghost Tour

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

Starting point: Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre
Cnr Nelson Place & Syme St, Williamstown

Train: Williamstown line to Williamstown

23 Jan - 7 Feb
Fri - Sat 8.30pm

\$34 full



SOCIAL EVENTS

GLOBE'S Midsumma Combined Fruits/Blend

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

Crown Metropol - Level 28
Level 28, Crown Metropol, 8 Whiteman St, Southbank

Tram: 96, 109 or 12 to stop 124B
Train: City loop to Southern Cross

15 Jan
Thurs 6 - 8.30pm

\$15 full, free for GLOBE members



★ CHAIR'S PICK





SOCIAL EVENTS

Golden Stiletto Rally

Celebrating its 17th year, the DTs Golden Stiletto Rally is a Midsumma icon. Join us for this camp and crazy excursion on foot around Richmond where you will collect clues and complete challenges. Bonus points of course awarded to people or teams who dress up.

Earn additional points when you bribe the Manhunt boys at the challenge checkpoints!

DTs Pub
164 Church St, Richmond
Tram: 78 to stop 62 or 48 or 75 to stop 18
Train: South Morang/Hurstbridge line to West Richmond

24 Jan
Register: 2 - 3pm, Rally: 4pm

Attendance: FREE
Participation: \$5 per person donation with all proceeds going to Midsumma



★ CHAIR'S PICK



SOCIAL EVENTS

Group guided meditations for gay men

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

Mark St Hall
1 Mark St, North Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 21
Train: South Morang line to Rushall

24, 31 Jan, 7 Feb
Sat 3pm

\$15 full, \$10 concession



SOCIAL EVENTS

Midsumma at Melbourne Library Service

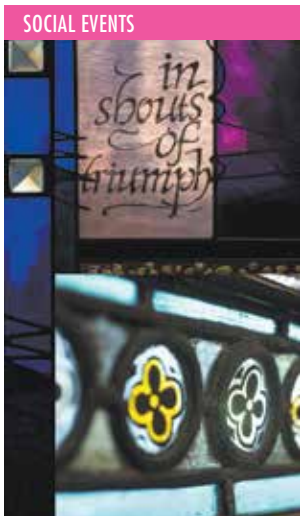
Join Melbourne Library Service from 18 January - 8 February as we celebrate the Midsumma Festival.

There is a range of activities for all ages - there will be an Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives exhibition at City Library, queer talks, collections, and story times for kids.

All five Melbourne Library Service libraries
See MelbourneLibraryService.com.au for details

18 Jan - 8 Feb
See MelbourneLibraryService.com.au for details

FREE



SOCIAL EVENTS

Midsumma at St Michael's

Executive Minister and author of The New Faith, Dr Francis Macnab, welcomes the LGBTQ community to a special Midsumma service at St Michael's Uniting Church.

Exploring how The New Faith gives unequivocal assurance that all of us are accepted regardless of our sexual preferences. That we can aim for a future for each other rather than a future fighting against each other.

St Michaels Uniting Church
120 Collins St, Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Collins or Spring Sts
Train: City loop to Parliament

25 Jan
Sun 10am

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

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24 EVENTS

Author talk by Benjamin Law

Wed 7 Jan, 6pm to 8pm

Williamstown Library Gallery
104 Ferguson St, Williamstown

GLBTIQ Wellbeing Night

Tues 13 Jan, 6 to 8pm

Altona North Community Library
Cnr Millers & McArthurs Rds, Altona North

VISUAL ACTIVISM

by Zanele Muholi

14 Jan to 8 Mar, 9am to 5pm

Wyndham Art Gallery
177 Watton St, Werribee

Sissy Blvd

15 Jan to 15 Mar, 11am to 5pm

The Substation
1 Market St, Newport

WESTANDPROUD

Screening

Fri 16 Jan, 7pm to 9pm

Altona Meadows Library
and Learning Centre
2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows

The Rocky Horror Picture Show Screening

Thurs 22 Jan, 7pm to 9pm

Altona Meadows Library
and Learning Centre
2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows

Ghosts of the Old City

Ghost Tour

23 Jan to 7 Feb, 8.30pm

Hobsons Bay Visitor Centre
Cnr Nelson Place & Syme St
Williamstown

Rainbow Families Story Time

Wed 28 Jan, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Altona Library
123 Queen St, Altona

★ PREMIER EVENT ★

Transgender Seeking...

28 to 31 Jan, 7.30pm

Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray

★ PREMIER EVENT ★

Edi Donald and the Transients

29 to 31 Jan, 8.30pm

Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray

★ PREMIER EVENT ★

Walk with Pride

Exhibition: 30 Jan to 22 Feb

11am to 4pm

Incinerator Gallery
180 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds

Books, Fairybread and Flicks

Sat 31 Jan, Storytelling: 2pm to

4pm Films: 5pm to midnight

Courthouse Youth Arts
60 Little Malop St, Geelong

Miss Gay & Miss Transsexual

Australia 2015

Sat 31 Jan, 7pm

Yarraville Club
135 Stephen St, Yarraville

Team Melbourne Sports Festival

Sat 31 Jan, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Footscray Park and Victoria University
(Footscray Campus)
Maribyrnong Blvd, Footscray

Out at Twilight

Sun 1 Feb, 5pm to 8pm

Kevin Wheelahan Gardens
Devonshire Rd, Sunshine

Author talk by Daniel Witthaus - man on a mission

Thurs 5 Feb, 6pm to 7pm

Footscray Library
56 Paisley St, Footscray

Talking GLBTIQ Identity

Thurs 5 Feb, 5.30pm to 7pm

Bluestone Church Arts Space
Hyde St next to Town Hall Footscray

Finucane & Smith's Caravan

Burlesque... Wilder West!

5 to 7 & 12 to 13 Feb, 8pm

Sat 14 Feb, 7.30pm & 9.30pm

The Substation
1 Market St, Newport

Rainbow Dance Party

Fri 6 Feb, 7pm to 10pm

Youth Resource Centre
86 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

Park Lounge

Sat 7 Feb, 4 to 9pm

Kelly Park
Cnr Synott St & Cherry St, Werribee

Discover Sailing - Free

Sun 15 Feb, 10am to 2pm

Altona Yacht Club
WG Cresser Reserve, Cnr Beach St &
Civic Pde, Seaholme

Westside Derby Dollz

beach skate and BBQ

Sun 15 Feb, 11.30am to 3pm

Altona Yacht Club
WG Cresser Reserve, Cnr Beach St
& Civic Pde, Seaholme

Out is In – Where to next?

Wed 18 Feb, 6pm

The Substation
1 Market St, Newport

Pricks

20 Feb to 1 Mar, 10am to 4pm

Joel gallery
5 Sargood St, Altona



SOCIAL EVENTS

**Midsumma Mass**

Come to Saint Mark's to celebrate the gift of God in being a gay person. Come to Saint Mark's if you love and support your LGBTI friends and family! Come to Saint Mark's where in July 2014 Fr Stuart apologised to the LGBTI community and those with HIV or AIDS for the stigma and censure we have received. Come to Saint Mark's where all are welcome. Come to Saint Mark's to be uplifted in soul and spirit.

St Mark's Anglican Church
250 George St, Fitzroy

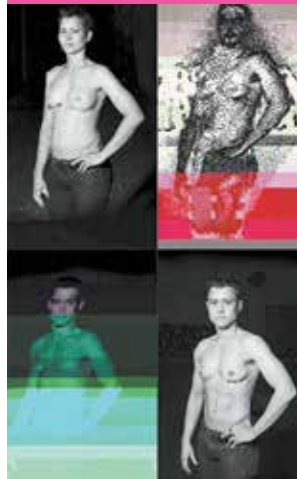
Tram: 86 to stop 18 or 11 to stop 14

6 Feb
Fri 7pm

FREE



SOCIAL EVENTS

**Midsumma's Testing Grounds**

Several art forms come together at Melbourne's premier free outdoor art space. Testing Grounds, behind the NGV, hosts an evening of acoustic music from Chris Watts, projection art from Alison Bennett and sculpture from Ara Dolatian. The Bar will be open late, so drop in before or after a show and grab a drink or a bite to eat, pull up a hunk of left-over building rubble and finish off your summer's night under the stars.

Testing Grounds
1 - 23 City Road, Southbank
Tram: any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 14
Train: City loop to Flinders Street

29 Jan
Thurs 7 - 11pm

FREE



SOCIAL EVENTS

**Miss Gay & Miss Transsexual Australia 2015**

Be amazed, delighted and enlightened as transgenders from all over Australia compete for the crown and title in the pageant of the year! Commencing in 2010, the pageant has been featured in The Age and local papers, and dubbed a "Pageant with a difference to end all pageants". We will crown not only the most gorgeous transsexual and drag queen but someone who will represent and carry the torch of equality and trans advocacy.

Yarraville Club
135 Stephen St, Yarraville

Train: Williamstown/Werribee line to Yarraville

31 Jan
Doors open: Sat 6pm, pageant: from 7pm

\$30 full, \$25 concession



SOCIAL EVENTS

**Mooning 2015**

Mooning 2015 will see guys baring all to win prizes, and maybe a few fans in the crowd. With the 'talent' and 'wet-jock' segments, the crowd are guaranteed an all-round view of the contestants.

Throw in a half time comedy act with rapid-auction and it's a great night's entertainment.

100% of monies raised goes to David Williams Fund.

Hosted by Dean Arcuri.

The Laird Hotel
149 Gipps St, Abbotsford

Tram: 86 to stop 16
Train: South Morang/Hurstbridge line to Collingwood

30 Jan
Fri 8pm

\$15 full



SOCIAL EVENTS

**Motafrenz Magical Mystery Tour**

Try your best navigation, observation and problem solving skills as you drive to our secret lunch spot.... relax, and catch up with your 'frenz. Prizes for highest scores, wooden spooners, best bribes, best dressed and fabbest auto! What to bring: picnic lunch, e-tag, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, chair/rug. No guarantee that BBQs will be available at this time of year. Enquiries: community@motafrenz.org.au.

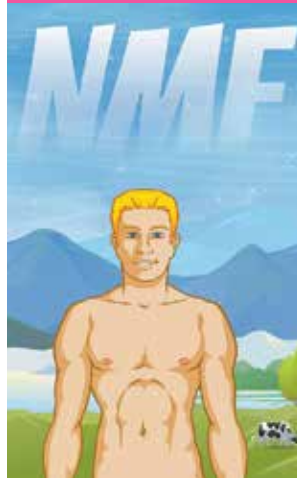
Starting point:
Como Park North
Alexandra Ave & Williams Rd,
South Yarra

25 Jan
Sun 9.45am - 3.30pm
approximately, concluding at a location within one hour's drive of the Melbourne CBD

\$22 per car (incl. driver) +
\$5 per passenger/non-driver



SOCIAL EVENTS

**NudeManFest**

Get Naked, Stay Naked, Play Naked, Live Naked.

A celebration of male nudity in an environmental and social setting. NudeManFest invites you to reconnect again with yourself, with others and with nature. A place where the restrictions of society are discarded and where men learn to live once again in nature.

Riverview
648 Tolmie Road, Tatong
No public transport available

22 - 26 Jan
Thurs 2 pm - Mon noon

\$85 full



SOCIAL EVENTS

**Out at Twilight**

A no cost event in Sunshine. Enjoy a relaxing, entertaining, safe, welcoming family and pet friendly early evening in the park.

There will be entertainers, roving performers, a gay and lesbian choir, exhibits, stalls and information. Yummy food available. Join in and celebrate Pride in the West.

Kevin Wheelahan Gardens
Devonshire Rd, Sunshine

Train: Sunbury / Watergardens line to Sunshine

1 Feb
Sun 5pm - 8pm

FREE



SOCIAL EVENTS

**Peninsula Proud - family, friends, community**

Queer people of Frankston and the Peninsula won't have to travel to get together during Midsumma 2015.

Check out our art exhibition at Cube 37 and see the public digital presentations each evening.

The finale will be a community day celebrating our relationships. Join us for a BBQ, stalls, local services, rainbow families, hands on art and more.

Cube 37
37 Davey St, Frankston
Train: Frankston line to Frankston
Bus: 775 to stop Frankston Arts Centre/Davey St

20 Jan - 7 Feb
Community Day:
Sat 7 Feb 11am - 3pm
Exhibition:
Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm
Sat 10am - 4pm

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Rainbow Dance Party

Rainbow Dance Party is a youth event for 14-21 year olds, celebrating sexual diversity. As part of GoWest, it's hosted by Wyndham City's Youth Services in partnership with Hobsons Bay City Council's Youth Services. This Freeza-funded event is staffed by youth workers, security and the Q program committee members.

This is a smoke, drug and alcohol free event.

Youth Resource Centre
86 Derrimut Rd,
Hoppers Crossing
Train: Werribee line to
Hoppers Crossing (plus 2 km
walk)
Bus: 442/444 to stop
Derrimut/Heaths Rds or
437 to stop Derrimut Rd/
Kookaburra Av

6 Feb
Fri 7 - 10pm
\$5 at the door



SOCIAL EVENTS

Rainbow Families Story Time

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

Altona Library
123 Queen St, Altona
Train: Werribee line to Altona

28 Jan
Wed 6.30 - 7.30pm

FREE
Registration required



SOCIAL EVENTS

Ready, Steady, CHOOK!

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Mollies Grill Bar
Level 1, 103-105 Smith St,
Fitzroy

Tram: 12 or 109 to stop 15

4 Feb
Wed
Register: 6.30pm
Start: 7.30pm

\$18 full



SOCIAL EVENTS

She Speaks Northside

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

In collaboration with Globe Melbourne and supported by the Darebin City Council Community Grant.

Francesca's Bar
222 High St, Northcote

Tram: 86 to stop 31
Train: South Morang line to Northcote

22 Jan
Thurs 6.30pm

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Northcote Town Hall
189 High St, Northcote
Tram: 86 to stop 31
Train: South Morang line to Northcote

23 Jan - 1 Feb
Fri 5 - 10.30pm,
Sat 4 - 10.30pm,
Sun 2 - 8:30pm

FREE



SOCIAL EVENTS

SUMMA ΣΕΣΣΙΟΝΣ (NIGHT CRUISE)

The Greek and Gay Support Network brings back Summa Sessions with a twist. In 2015 we are taking you on an evening cruise around Melbourne while we continue to party with the latest and traditional Greek tunes. As always, many more surprises will be provided as you come on board. This event is open to all.....

The Lady Cutler
Pier 9, Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

Tram: 11 or 48 to stop D16
Train: City loop to Southern Cross

28 Feb
Sat 7.30pm - midnight

\$24.90 full, \$35 door sales



SOCIAL EVENTS

The Creators Market

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Malvern Town Hall
1251 High Street, Malvern
Tram: 6 to stop 44
Train: Frankston line to Armadale

21 Jan
Wed 2 - 9pm

FREE



SOCIAL EVENTS

To Give is Good

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

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

Ross Watson Gallery
465 Nicholson St, Carlton North

Tram: 96 to stop 18

5 Feb
Thurs 6.30 - 8.30pm

FREE

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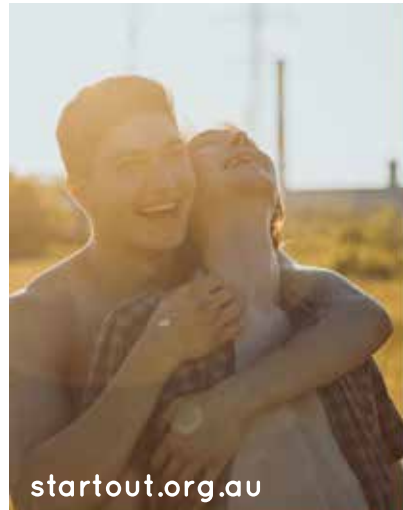


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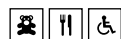


Australian Same-Sex Dancesport Championships

Dance Cats again host this spectacular ballroom event at the iconic St Kilda Town Hall. If you've enjoyed "Dancing With The Stars", be a part of your own galaxy of the best same-sex couples competing in this unique event. Glamour, glitz, great music and your own chance to dance "cheek to cheek" with your guy or girl. Full bar and supper available (not included).

St Kilda Town Hall
99A Carlisle St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a or 16 to stop 36 or 67 to stop 35 or 78 to stop 37
Train: Sandringham line to Balaclava

31 Jan
Sat 6 - 11.30pm
\$35 full, \$30 concession



SPORTING EVENTS



Discover Sailing - Free

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You and your pussycat are most welcome to sail with us on your next sea voyage.

Enjoy the sun, the sea breeze and the gentle splash of waves at Altona Yacht Club's free Discover Sailing Day.

Crew up or kick back on land to enjoy music, food and drinks with fellow sailors.

Altona Yacht Club
WG Cresser Reserve,
Cnr Beach St & Civic Pde,
Seaholme

Train: Werribee line to Seaholme

15 Feb
Sun 10am - 2pm

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SPORTING EVENTS



Les Rock indoor rock climbing

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

Hardrock CBD
501 Swanston St, Melbourne

Tram: any tram along Swanston St to stop 6
Train: City loop to Melbourne Central

19, 23 Jan
Mon, Fri 6 - 10pm

\$19 at the door
(includes harness & shoe hire)



SPORTING EVENTS



Melbourne Spiker's Snowgum Summer Slam

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

Oakleigh Recreation Centre
2a Park Rd, Oakleigh

Bus: 624 to stop Clyde St/ Princes Hwy

24 Jan
Sat 8.30am - 5pm

FREE



SPORTING EVENTS



NOMADS Community Walk

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

Starting point:
Hawthorn Railway Station
Cnr Evansdale & Burwood Rds,
Hawthorn

Tram: 75 to stop 26
Train: Alamein/Belgrave/
Lilydale line to Hawthorn

7 Feb
Sat 10.30am - 4.30pm

FREE



SPORTING EVENTS



NOMADS Cycling by the Bay

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

Starting point: outside the
Visitor Centre at Federation
Square

Cnr Swanston & Flinders Sts,
Melbourne

Train: City loop to
Flinders Street

23 Jan
Fri 10.30am

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Tram: 3 or 67 to stop 32

19 Jan - 6 Feb
Mon, Wed, Fri 6.45am

\$20 per session full,
\$49 one week unlimited sessions,
\$99 three weeks unlimited sessions



SPORTING EVENTS



Team Melbourne Sports Festival

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

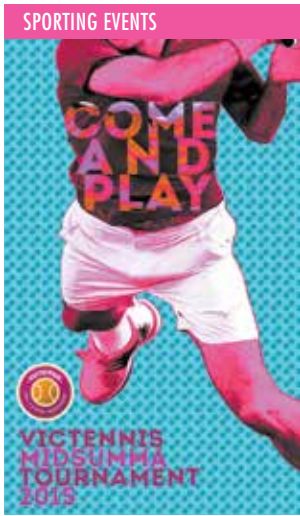
Footscray Park
Maribyrnong Blvd, Footscray

Tram: 82 to stop 60
Train: any western line to Footscray

31 Jan
Sat 9.30am - 4.30pm

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VicTennis Midsumma Doubles Tournament

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

25 Jan
Sun 9am - 5pm
See victennis.com/events for venue and ticketing details



Westside Derby Dollz beach skate and BBQ

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

Altona Yacht Club
WG Cresser Reserve, Cnr Beach St & Civic Pde, Seaholme

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