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MIDSUMMA

Melbourne's Gay and Lesbian Festival

Sat Jan 16

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welcome



Welcome everyone to the eleventh annual Midsumma gay and lesbian festival. This year the focus of the festival is set firmly on Melbourne. Over the three weeks of the festival lesbians, gay men and their friends will have the chance to enjoy the best of what Melbourne has to offer. The 99 festival features new events by leading artists and groups and all the festival favourites of old. Melbourne Symphony Orchestra perform at the Concert Hall while Club Swing premier their new work *Razor Baby* at the recently refurbished North Melbourne Arts House. Midsumma will present for the first time *Queer Street* a public art program at bus stops, train platforms and other public places around town. *New Q* now in its second year will be held in the Linden Gallery. Cabaret and performance abound north of the Yarra while theatre and showgirls rule the south.

I encourage everyone to take the time to explore the diverse offerings of the festival, check out the guide and go and see, hear or play at one of the many independent or community run events. These shows reflect the amazing strength and sensitivity of Melbourne's homo arts, sporting, literary, social and cultural activists.

Every weekend a major outdoor event highlights a unique Melbourne location: Street Party on Commercial Road; Pride at the beach; Ride at Luna Park and Carnival in the beautiful Alexandra Gardens. Each Midsumma event giving us the opportunity to enjoy and cherish the city we live in, the community we belong to and to love the ones we are with.

As the sun sets over our summa of love, the last summer of the millennium, lest we remember and lest we forget the events that have shaped our lives as we look forward and kiss the future.

Tracy Wall, President



Events and festivals are a huge part of Melbourne's tourism success and the Midsumma festival is no exception. Business and tourism benefit greatly from such events. Best wishes for Midsumma 1999.

Hon. Louise Asher MLC, Minister for Small Business and Tourism, Member for Monash Province



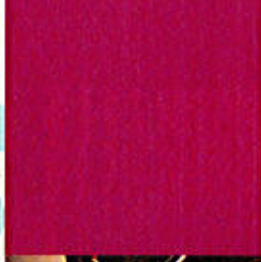
I welcome this opportunity to offer my support and best wishes for the eleventh annual Midsumma Festival.

Midsumma is an important focal point of Melbourne's annual social and cultural calendar, promoting the talent and diversity of our local, national and international Gay and Lesbian Community.

Over the recent years, I have enjoyed my involvement with Midsumma and as always, I am looking forward to the wide diversity of events and activities and the unique charm and atmosphere on offer.

The Midsumma Festival has become one of our highest profile events, drawing visitors from across Australia and the international community. It makes a significant contribution to our local tourism industry and economy, encouraging visitors to experience the Festival and Melbourne and Victoria's myriad attractions. Have fun!

John Brumby MP, Leader of the Opposition



WHAT

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

WHERE

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WHO

Midsumma Festival is bought to you by a volunteer Board of Management, elected by the membership. The Board coordinates all aspects of Midsumma from day-to-day management, specific events, to its sound and look. The Board works with over 50 key volunteers, a small number of employees, members and the community to bring you the annual Festival.

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As Midsumma launches into its second decade, it is timely to reflect on the important contribution Midsumma has made to the Gay and Lesbian community in Melbourne. Since becoming associated with the festival in 1995, Optus has seen both the festival and umbrella events grow significantly in size and popularity, cementing Midsumma's position on the Australian arts calendar. The relationship we began with Midsumma back then is still as strong today. We are proud of the fact that Optus led the way with corporate sponsorship for Midsumma and we are as committed to the

community today as we were back then. We have seen a number of other corporates follow our lead by becoming involved in the festival, and this can only take the festival to new heights. So, thanks again Melbourne. Thanks again for your continued support. And thank you for allowing us to be part of Your Festival! Looking forward to the future.....yes!!

Peter Burr, Manager, Marketing Insights Group

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Uncle Ben's

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MSO



Melbourne Star Observer is proud once again to be a major sponsor of the Midsumma Festival. MSO and Midsumma have been in partnership together and with the gay and lesbian community for more than a decade now. During that time we've all grown and changed — some might even say matured! — and we now face our

exciting adolescence. We'll face the challenges this period will bring together — and we'll come out of it stronger, and still together. Have a great Midsumma!

Matthew Jones Managing Editor

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VicHealth

VicHealth would like to extend our congratulations to participants and organisers of the 11th Midsumma Festival. The Festival provides a unique opportunity to celebrate and showcase the creativity and diversity of the community in a safe and healthy environment. VicHealth is pleased to promote the Active for Life health message as part of this Festival.

Research confirms the importance of moderate regular physical activity for maintaining good health and well being = Active for Life. The benefits are further heightened if the activity is being conducted in a healthy setting. This includes the availability of adequate sun protection, designated smoke free areas and healthy food options being offered at food stalls. Best wishes for a healthy and enjoyable Festival.

Dr Rob Moodie Chief Executive Officer



Qantas

Qantas is delighted to be the Official Airline of the Midsumma Festival and to be a part of Melbourne's gay and lesbian arts and cultural programme for the third year. As Australia's leading international airline, we can fly you to more than 100 destinations around the

world and still make you feel at home. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful festival.

Annie Dawson Business Development Manager, Victoria

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music

BANNED

This is something for Queer rockers of all types and persuasions. From late afternoon to mid evening experience some of Melbourne's best up and coming Queer bands and solo artists, with a few surprise acts from here and interstate. See live rock and alternative pop like you've never seen it before - time to get back to basics; see, hear and feel music the way it was meant to be.

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.



Guitar Hero

The Festival Club
@ Barracuda
64 Smith St Collingwood
Sat 30th Jan
5 - 10pm
\$ \$10 Full \$8 Concession
☎ 9415 9819

CABARET LATE Vocal Ensemble : "LIEDER OF THE PACK"

Midsumma favourites LIEDER OF THE PACK ("Closet Classics" and "My Twisted Valentine") return for their third multimedia show. Savour the aromas of the cabarets of Paris in the 20's, Berlin in the 30's and New York in the 50's - a safe haven for Gay and Lesbian bohemians for half a century. "Cabaret Latté" opens a window on the exotic and tantalising world of the cabaret with music by Weill, Piaf, Gershwin and Bernstein.

Chapel off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St
Prahran
Fri 5th + Sat 6th Feb
8pm
\$ \$19 Full \$16 Concession
☎ 9522 3382

THE POWER OF LOVE St Agnes' Anglican Church

Michael Smallwood: tenor. Len Vorster: piano. Works by B. Britten, L. Bernstein, S. Sondheim, M. Easton and M. Heard. A vivacious performance by Melbourne - based artists Michael Smallwood and Len Vorster of some of the most passionate love songs, by some of the most prolific songwriters of this century.

St Agnes' Anglican Church
114 Booran Rd
Glen Huntly
Wed 3rd Feb
8pm
\$ \$20 Adult \$15 Concession
☎ 9571 3932

LET THE RAIN SHINE - Judy Small Album Launch

Judy Small's out and proud project has been supported by people all over the world. The culmination of 2 years work, LET THE RAINBOW SHINE is the long awaited Lesbian and Gay album. The official launch will be with 'hysteria', the band that played on the recording.

EXTRA SHOW at The Palais
Main Road, Hepburn Springs.
Sat 30th Jan, Time+Price same as previous
Proudly supported by City of Yarra



The Stage
231 Smith St Fitzroy
Thurs 28th Jan
Dinner 7pm Show 8.45pm
\$30 Dinner + show
(pre-booking advised)
\$15 Show only (at the door)
☎ 9481 7009 (Bookings)

MUSIC RECITAL SERIES

Each Monday during the Festival be entertained by the Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Orchestra and one of Australia's leading performers in a diverse programme of classical and contemporary repertoire. The three performances will take place in the elegant Supper Room of the Melbourne Town Hall.

Supper Room - Melbourne Town Hall
Swanston St Melbourne
Mon 18th + 25th Jan
Mon 1st Feb
6.30pm
\$ \$25 Full \$20 Conc
(Subscription available)
☎ 9513 2444

JUDI CONNELLI IN CONCERT WITH THE MELBOURNE SYMPHONY

Cabaret comes to Melbourne when Judi Connelli joins the Melbourne Symphony - Singing Broadway! We are delighted to present the fabulous Judi Connelli in an evening of songs from Broadway shows including Westside Story, Ballroom, A Little Night Music, and Sunday in the Park with George.



Judi Connelli

Melbourne Concert Hall
100 St Kilda Rd Melb
Sat 6th Feb
8pm
Adult from \$29.75
(generous concessions avail)
10% disc for Midsumma members
☎ 9626 1111 or 136166 (Bookings)

performing arts

RAZOR BABY

Club Swing, Melbourne's own high-art company presents their long awaited second show: RAZOR BABY. The world has stopped, the planet has transformed, reality is distorted. Here six dangerous she-males exist, monstrous and neurotic. They are nail biting gender warriors whose bodies are weapons and whose flesh is armour. For them danger is essential. Risk is intrinsic. Glamour is everything.

"Stepping out... onto the over lit soil of an unfamiliar planet, she hesitates.... at any moment the skies might slide."

CRASH, J.G. Ballard

Club Swing



North Melbourne Town Hall (Main Hall)
Chr Errol + Queensberry St
Fri 15th - Sun 24th Jan Preview
Thur 14th Jan
Midsumma Gala Fundraiser
Thurs 21st Jan 8.45pm night
(except Mon)
matinee Sat 23rd Jan, 5pm
\$20 Full \$16 Conc. & Preview
Bookings on 9419 4445
(Hares and Hyenas)
& 9685 5111 (Playbox)

WHAT DO THEY CALL ME?

Last year's surprise hit of Midsumma, Eve Johnson's powerful one-woman play on the Stolen Generation. A "rough cut little gem...excellent performance by the naturally gifted Marie Andrews" (Geoffrey Milne). "Fascinating...transcends the various boundaries as to what is Gay, black, political or different" (Dina Ross, The Age).

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

Trades Hall
Car Lygon / Victoria St
Carlton
Fri 15th + Sat 16th January
Thu 21st - Sat 23rd January
Thu 28th - Sat 30th January
Thu 4th - Sat 6th February
7.30pm
\$ \$15 Waged \$10 Concession
(Group discounts available)
☎ 9639 3282 (Bookings)

CLIT (Coloured Ladies in Theatre)

What do Dina Ross, Oprah Winfrey, Whoopi Goldberg and Scary Spice all have in common? Answer: Marie Andrews, Aboriginal comedian extraordinaire. Join her for an hour of zany, mad-cap comedy where these characters come alive as you've never seen them before.

"Coloured ladies" is altogether a very different black comedy!! Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.



Trades Hall
Car Lygon / Victoria St
Carlton
Thurs, Fri and Sat from
Jan 21st - Feb 6th
9.30pm
\$ \$12 waged \$8 concession
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The jewel in the cabaret crown returns show casing festival artistes and Ruby favourites guaranteed to seduce and delight.

Slip on your sequins and raise your martini glass to toast Midsumma 99 in splendour and style.

Cocktail hostesses, cigarette vendettes and swingin' D.J.

PART PROCEEDS TO MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL



Ruby Royales

The Empire
174 Peel St. Windsor

Sun 17th Jan Door 7:30pm
Show 8:30pm DJ Bill Sam

Full \$20 + bf Conc \$15
+ bf (ID req) Door \$25

Table bookings pre-sale
only: Hares and Hyenas

9534 2968 B.H.

THE WHITE ROSE A rip off comedy by Steven Dawson

David Williamson

Theatre

St. John St. Prahran

Jan 13th - Feb 14th

8pm Tues - Sat 6pm Sun

\$22 Full \$16 Concession

\$13 Outcast members

9529 3626 (Bookings) or

Ticketek 132 849



Ben and Angela are getting married. Trouble is they're both Gay and only in it for the presents. But why is best friend Hal dressed like Nana Mouskour? Love, lust and some lovely white goods with a touch of Zorba thrown in. How can Greek comedy be this tragic? Presented by Out Cast Theatre, the team that brought you the Midsumma 98 hit Big Dicks on Stage.

MY LIFE AS A DYKE

Coming out. Moving out. Making in. Breaking up. Moving on. Making up, buying a cat and living happily ever after. Share in the laughter, loves and liaisons of 'My Life as a Dyke'. From the company who presented 'Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean' (Midsumma '98) and 'Hung Up' (Fringe '98).

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

The Organ Factory
6 Page St. Clifton Hill

Wed 27th - Sun 31st Jan
Tues 2nd - Sat 6th Feb
8pm

\$10

9527 1916

QUEER CUTS '99 Midsumma's short works season

From comedy to cabaret, music to magic, Queer Cuts '99 pulls together the cream of Melbourne's performance art scene. With between 4 and 5 acts every night, there's something for everyone. "Voicemale" featuring Luke Gallagher in collaboration with Kim Baston, brings us a new musical work that delves into technology, trillatton and trash; Australia's leading Female Magician Cath Jamison: The Woman of Deception appears; and The Cosmic Players Inc. introduce "Champagne Ladies", full of Attitude, Class and Debauchery. Just a taste of what is in store.

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

The Festival Club
@ Barracuda
64 Smith St Collingwood

Opening night Wed 20th - Fri
22nd Jan

Wed 27th - Fri 29th Jan
8.30 - 10pm

\$14 Full \$10 Conc/Mem

9415 9819



Queer Cuts Performance

Shirley Billing in "A BARREL OF MONKEYS"

A Shirley Billing Variety Hour, low voltage-high shock performance. Directed by Jackie Smith. Shirley Billing, the infamous musical comedienne whose work has spanned Circus Oz, CLUB BENT, Arena Theatre, Melbourne Workers Theatre, and who was a hit of Software 1994 with her one woman show Viva las Vachas (long live the cows) returns to Midsumma with her unique blend of strange characters, amazing songs and edgy humour. Settle in at Yelza, listen to the, dulcet tones and the loud behaviour as Shirley lets the cat out of the bag, the skeletons out of the closet, and lifts the lid off A Barrel of Monkeys. Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

Yelza

245 Gertrude St Fitzroy

Wed 27th - Sat 30th Jan

Wed 3rd - Sat 6th Feb

8pm

\$17 Full \$13 Conc

\$12 Groups (8 min.)

9383 5864

SAMANTHA LEITH MADE UP Icon House Sydney

From the Entertainment Centre to The Opera House, via Kingselas and the Albany Hotel, this girl has done it all. Now she takes us on a journey through her lives and ours, inspired by a make-up kit. An evening of fun, laughter and all your favourite songs.

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

The Laundry
50 Johnson St Fitzroy

Wed 3rd - Sat 6th Feb
8pm

\$20 Full
 \$15 Mem/Stud/Grps

0412 519 116



HOMME FATALE: The Joey Stefano Story

The rise and fall of a top bottom.

Joey Stefano was a Gay icon, revolutionary porn star and possessor of what has been acclaimed as the best bubble in the business.

But Joey Stefano was really Nick Iacona, Jr. white trash boy from Chester, Pennsylvania who was willing to do anything to get out.

Theatre Works

14 Acland St St Kilda

Jan 16th - Feb 6th

8pm

\$27 Full

\$20 Concession

9596 3756

visual arts

MASS HANG

Come and see the next generation of New Q artists. In the tradition of the Herald Outdoor Art Show, Midsumma offers budding artists an opportunity to hang their work for all to see. For a small fee artists can display an item of ART at the Carnival and you may even sell it. For entry forms and additional information phone the Midsumma office on 9415 9819. All art will need to be at the Midsumma office a week before Carnival. So you've got plenty of time to pop on a smock and make some ART.



Artst: Gavin Brown

Midsumma Carnival
Alexandra Gardens

Sun 7th Feb
All day

\$5 per entry (to hang work)
FREE viewing

9415 9819

COMING HERE? WHY?

SOCIAL CHANGE MEDIA

Every time there has been a Midsumma,
we've been there celebrating, educating and caring.
Because there's more than one way to build a healthy community.



Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre, 6 Claremont Street South Yarra 3141. • 03 9865 6700 • TTY: 03 9827 3733 • Freecall: 1800 134 840



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QUEER STREET:

Midsumma occupies the subways, streets, arcades and lanes of the city with its inaugural Public Arts Programme. Watch out for the full programme with artist and location details to be launched Tuesday 19th January (available in The Festival Club).

QUEER STREET is proudly supported by the City of Melbourne.



Queer Art in Public Places

Tomislav Nikolic

QUEER STREET: The Thin Line

The Thin Line presents a collection of Australian artists who take to the Platform spaces exploring perceptions of Queer, Gay, Lesbian and Straight. By looking at the similarities between our sexual 'categories' rather than the differences the audience is invited to consider the Queer in their own lives. This is the general public watching the same public in which the majority of Queers live, work and play. This space is ours.

Platform 2 (Flinders St Station) + "Platform" (Spencer St Station)

Jan 18th - Feb 27th
Platforms: 6am-8pm (Mon-Fri) 7am-7pm (Mon-Thu) 7am-1pm (Sat)

FREE 9525 8178

QUEER STREET: Personal

Located in the Bus Stop spaces "Personal" presents an exploration of the public and private elements of the personal classified. Artists: Tomislav Nikolic, Sarah Pears.



Bus Stop spaces
Spencer St near Collins St,
Rathdowne St near
Princes St, Lygon St near
Cemetery Rd., Victoria
Pde, near Spring St,
Flinders St near
Queensbridge St.

Jan 17th - Feb 15th

KNOT NICE

Digital musings on being a long term asymptomatic survivor of HIV/AIDS. Personal insights into the politics of being Gay today plus objectives of my desire.



Cafe Rumours

193 Brunswick St Fitzroy
Mon 11th Jan-Sun 14th Feb
8am - 8pm

FREE TO ALL
 9419 5219

MALE MAKEPEACE

Group exhibition by approximately 8 male Makepeace artists using a variety of media and approach, whose sexuality and emotional life informs the aesthetics of their art practice. A number have been featured in Blue.



Jackman Gallery
33 Grey St St Kilda
Thurs 21st Jan - Sun 7th Feb
Opening night: Fri 22nd Jan
(7 - 9pm) Tue - Sun 1-6pm
 FREE
 9534 2147 OR 9387 9248

COUNTENANCE

"COUNTENANCE" will be at the Continental Cafe. It is a display of portraits painted in rich vibrant colours depicting Melbourne's nocturnal personalities. It is not a 'Gay' exhibition rather it examines sexuality in a broad sense through an expressive search for the character's sensuality. It is a statement about people.



Continental Cafe

132 Greville St Prahran
Mon 11th Jan - 17th Feb
Launch: 11th Jan (6-8pm)
Weekdays 7am-Late
Weekends 8am - Late

FREE
 9428 1561

puppy love

An excerpt from an exhibition by two emerging Melbourne artists, Dean Simpson and Catherine Oddie, that celebrates the suburban dog as icon, hero, lover, child and companion in the "I Said Pets" window. Art for the dog in all of us.

I Said Pets (Window front)

423a Brunswick St Fitzroy
16th - 29th January
24 hours

FREE
 9419 0931

THE BODY ADORNED Metro! Craft Centre

The Body Adorned is a celebration, survey and statement of cultural identity. The exhibition explores ethnic and historical interpretations of body adornment that make up today's cultural landscape. Exploring the human body as canvas, the exhibition covers a diverse range of work from body piercing, protective clothing, jewellery, fashion to cyber-punk. Associated events: 6th February and 13th February.



Metro! Craft Centre
42 Courtney St Nth Melb
Mon 18th Jan - Sat 28th Feb
10am - 5pm 7 days a week
 FREE
 9329 9966

OUTSEX

Another exciting Outsex show leaning toward the edge and presenting our diverse community in its glorious range. A must see for those hooked on visual arts.



Mechanics Institute Gallery
Cnr Sydney + Glenlyon Rd
Brunswick
Fri Jan 15th - Sun Jan 31st
Wed - Sun 1 - 6pm
 FREE
 9387 1208

KRUX(T)

Kim McMaster's tough, sensual, sharp-edged metal work cast with sexual undertones melds with Louise McDonald's intriguing forms that spin tales in space to create the body of KRUX(T).

The Artist's Garden (above Brunswick St Nursery)

390 Brunswick St Fitzroy
Fri 15th Jan - Thurs 4th Feb
Opening night: Tues 19th Jan (6-9pm)

9am-5:30pm (7 days a wk)
 FREE
 9417 7705

GALLERY OF THE DOLLS: Camp icons we love

From high Camp to kiddie Camp, Barbarella to Witchie Poo, rediscover the fantasy world of Gay childhood icons. Experience Robert Rechter's new exhibition "Gallery of the dolls". Devour dazzling drag dolls by Clem Willowsmith. Relive your childhood with Bowtched, Xena, Auntie Mame and Divine.



Blue Elephant Cafe
194 Commercial Rd
Prahran
Sat 16th Jan - Sun 14th Feb
7:30am - till late
 FREE
 9510 3654

This event is sponsored by the ALSO Foundation.



'POP PORN'

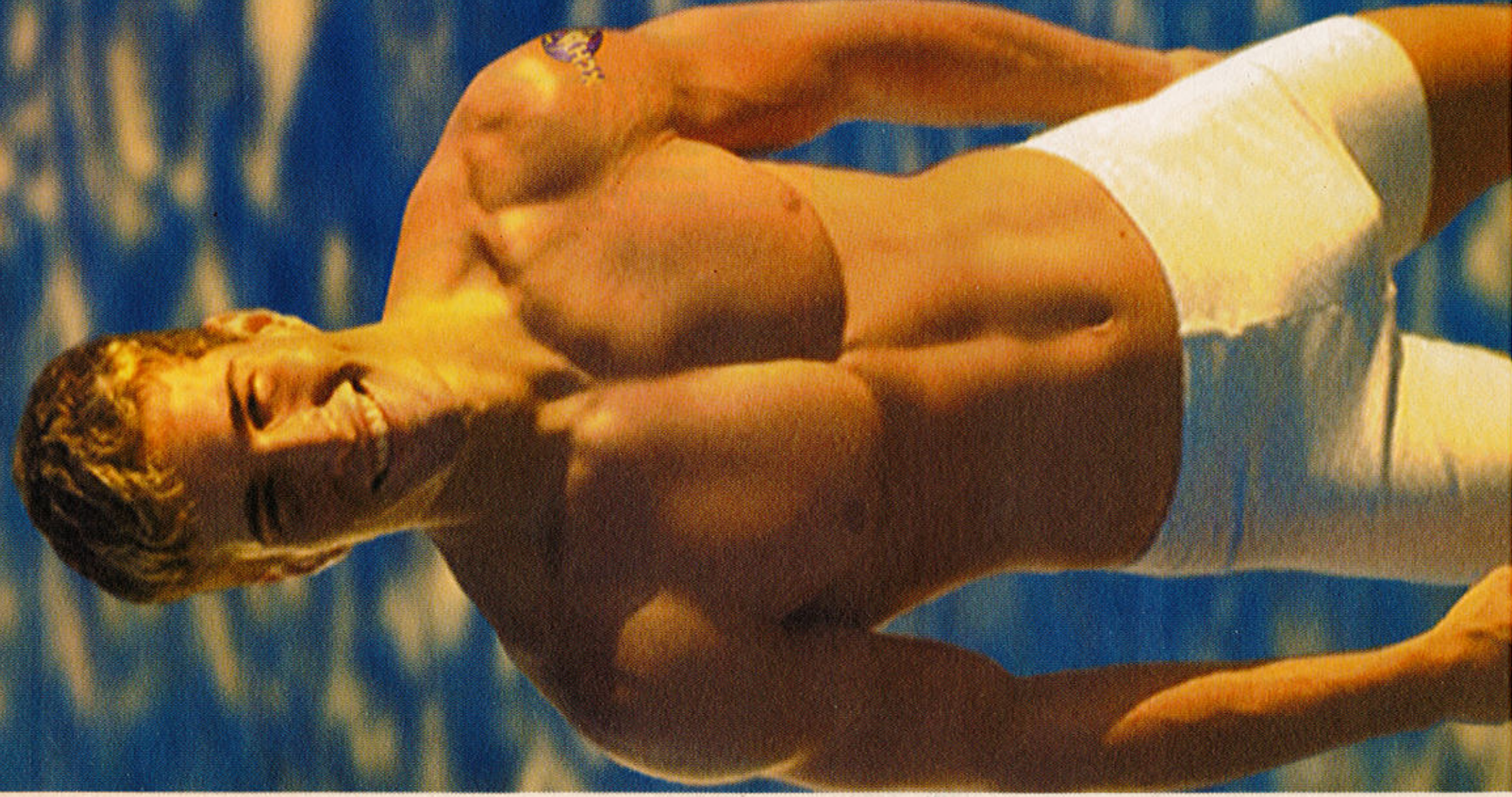
These recent photographic works by Travis de Jonk explore censorship and the visualisation of Gay sex. Pornographic images are blurred, becoming something that unsteadily balances on the boundary of the explicit and the suggestive. Incorporating aspects of the gaudy, pop and traditional, it explores the way we choose to look at sexuality.



Daquemes-Cafe-bar-gallery

322 Chapel St Prahran
Mon Jan 18th - Sun Feb 14th
Mon-Wed: 8:30am-5:30pm
Thu-Sat: 8:30 - late
Sun: 9am - 6pm

FREE
 9510 3355



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STILL
Thia
Midsumma!
JUNE!

See You on the Street!

at the Jan 16 Street Party
2 OUTDOOR BAR AREAS
from 7PM 'til Midnight
DANCE in the Main Bar
or at the "HAHN BARN"
the Roof Top Stage returns
with Feature Acts all Night &
"DRAG XTRAVAGANZA" at 10.30PM

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Judi Connelli in concert

February Saturday 6 at 8pm
Melbourne Concert Hall

Cabaret comes to Melbourne when Judi Connelli joins the Melbourne Symphony and conductor Guy Noble – singing Broadway! We are delighted to present the fabulous Judi Connelli in an evening of songs and overtures from the Broadway shows including *West Side Story*, *Ballroom, A Little Night Music* and *Sunday in the Park with George*.

“...She is one of those rare performers who can make an unobtrusive entrance on stage and yet, within a few moments, seize attention through her extraordinary vocal command and innate theatricality that rings with pathos and truth.... Connelli is one of our greatest cabaret stars.”

Sydney Morning Herald, June 1998

Special Offer
Midsumma members get a 10% discount
off all ticket prices.

Tickets subject to availability and strictly limited to two tickets per person.

Bookings* Ticketmaster outlets or phone 13 6166

	Premium	A Res	B Res	C Res
Adult	67.25	59.00	49.00	29.75
Pensioner / Unemployed	57.00	49.00	40.00	25.75
Student / Youth	42.00	33.75	26.75	17.75

*Inclusive of all fees and charges except telephone booking fee.

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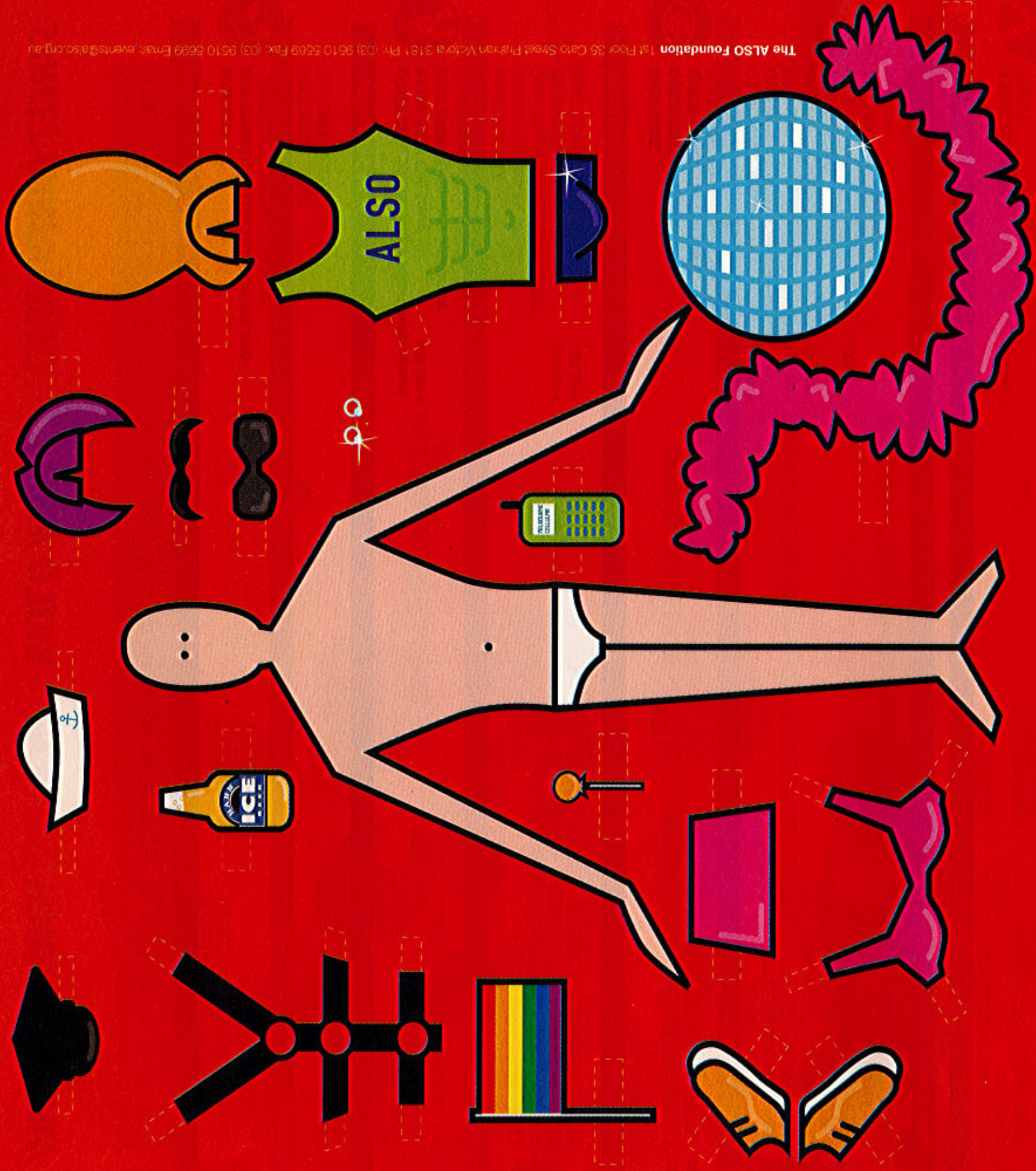
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Summer Concerts



Frock up

You'll need at least four new outfits for 1999 so:

Dust off your sequins and tiaras for The ALSO Foundation dance parties.

- New Years Eve 1999** Thursday 31 December 1998
- Red Raw** Saturday 23 January 1999
- Resurrection** Easter Saturday 1999
- Winter Daze** Queens Birthday long weekend 1999

When in Melbourne, our revelers prefer to play at **Carlton Crest** and **Travel**



STREET PARTY SAT JAN 16 NEW Q II FRI JAN 15-SUN FEB 7 RED RAW SAT

JANUARY FEBRUARY

s16 s17 m18 t19 w20 t21 f22 s23 s24 m25 t26 w27 t28 f29 s30 s31 m1 t2 w3 t4 f5 s6 s7

EVENT

MUSIC



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JUDI CONNELLI IN CONCERT WITH THE MSO
 CABARET LATTE "LIEDER OF THE PACK"
 LET THE RAIN SHINE - JUDY SMALL ALBUM LAUNCH
 MUSIC RECITAL SERIES
 THE POWER OF LOVE

PERFORMING ARTS



QUEER CUTS '99 Midsumma's short works season
RAZOR BABY Club Swing 14th Jan <
RUBY LOUNGE - Summer Spectacular
 CLIT (Coloured Ladies in Theatre)
 HOMME FATALE
 MY LIFE AS A DYKE
 SAMANTHA LEITH MADE UP
 Shirley Billing in "A BARREL OF MONKEYS"
 THE WHITE ROSE
 WHAT DO THEY CALL ME? 13th Jan <
 15th Jan <

VISUAL ARTS



MASS HANG
QUEER STREET: Personal
QUEER STREET: The Thin Line
 BLOODSPORT ART
 CAVEX
 COUNTENANCE Monday 11th Jan <
 GALLERY OF THE DOLLS Camp icons we love 11th Jan <
 KNOT NICE 15th Jan <
 KRUX(T)
 MALE MAKEPEACE
 OUTSEX
 POP PORN
 puppy love
 regular wash
 THE BODY ADORNED 15th Jan <
 14th Feb >
 28th Feb >

SOUND AND VISION



A SPIRE EXPERIENCE
 BENT-TV
 JOY MELBOURNE 90.7 BROADCAST
 MOVIES UNDER THE STARS (I): 'BOUND'
 MOVIES UNDER THE STARS (II): 'IT'S IN THE WATER'

EVENT

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JAN 23 PRIDE MARCH SUN JAN 31 RIDE SUN JAN 31 CARNIVAL SUN FEB 7

JANUARY

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SPORT



TEAM MELBOURNE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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still melbourne's weekly dance party

a skin summer



Jane's Bar

JOHN PORTELLI,
BOYAN,
PAUL MAIN,
TONY CREA
& GUESTS

Mainroom

DJ KAT,
MARTINE,
SHAUN REED,
BILLY SOLOS
& GUESTS



19 Commercial Road Melbourne Telephone 9529 8966. General Admission \$12 **dance baby dance**

visual arts (cont...)

CAVEX

Amateur art from the Queer home computer.

-  **Cafe Guggenheim**
55 Flinders Lane Melb
-  **Mon 18th Jan-Sun 7th Feb**
7am-6pm (Fri: 7am-8pm)
-  **FREE TO ALL**
-  **9489 9257**

BLOODSPORT ART

FIL Osowski present Bloodsport Art. The artist's sharp blade carves a work of art onto the erect penis. The bloody pattern is then imprinted on to high quality linen. Each imprint is unique and suitable for display.

-  **Lucrezia and DeSade**
441 Brunswick St Fitzroy
-  **Sat Jan 16th - Sun Feb 7th**
Official launch: Fri Jan 15th
-  **FREE**
-  **9376 1296**

regular wash

The 'regular wash' brings together two artists, Richard Harding and Mark McDean who have shared concerns from different disciplines. The language of the laundry implies stereotypical aspects of contemporary gay culture. Harding and McDean will take the washing machine apart and gossip about the homogeneity of our community.

Interactive e-mail: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~talk/>

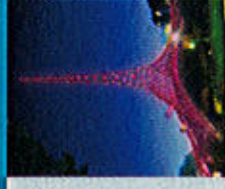


-  **Talk Artists Initiative Inc.**
Room 16, Level 6,
37 Swanston St. Melb
(Enter via lift in Cathedral Acde)
-  **Wed 20th - Sat 30th Jan**
Opening: Fri Jan 22nd (5-7pm)
-  **FREE**
-  **9531 2619**

sound and vision

A SPIRE EXPERIENCE: MIDSUMMA UP IN LIGHTS

The Arts Centre Spire blushes with pride for the duration of the 1999 Midsumma Festival. From opening night to closure watch Melbourne's icon frock up in pink and show all of Melbourne we're here, we're Queer and we're not just going shopping.



Arts Centre Spire

-  **The Arts Centre Spire**
St Kilda Rd. Melbourne
-  **Fri 15th Jan - Sun 7th Feb**
Nights
-  **9415 9819**

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS (I): 'BOUND'

Queer Film Australia in partnership with the City of Yarra presents MOVIES UNDER THE STARS - two big nights of your favourite Queer classics.

For the first night we present the ever popular "Bound" - the delicious black comedy with the ever beautiful Gina Gershwin. PLUS SHORTS

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra

-  **Fairfield Amphitheatre**
Fairfield Park Drive,
Fairfield
-  **Fri 29th Jan**
7.30pm Doors open
8.45pm Screening
-  **\$10 Full \$8 Conc+mem**
-  **9510 5576**

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS (II): 'IT'S IN THE WATER'

Queer Film Australia in partnership with the City of Yarra presents MOVIES UNDER THE STARS - two big nights of your favourite Queer classics.

For the second night we are proud to present "It's in the water" - the big hit of last year's festival.

Only screened once before in Melbourne. PLUS SHORTS

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra

-  **Fairfield Amphitheatre**
Fairfield Park Drive,
Fairfield
-  **Fri 5th Feb**
7.30pm Doors open
8.45pm Screening
-  **\$10 Full \$8 Conc + mem**
-  **9510 5576**

JOY MELBOURNE 90.7 BROADCAST

Joy Melbourne will broadcast live throughout the above period. Included will be a broadcast for the Pride March with music and commentary and a special outside broadcast for Carnival.

-  **30th Jan - 7th Mar**
24 hours
-  **9690 0907**

BENT-TV

BENT-TV FROM 9PM MONDAYS. Every Monday commencing at 9pm, BENT-TV brings you the best in Queer TV. programmes: Squeal, Queer Zone, Big Fat Arts, Bent Vent. We offer a variety of news views and fun from the Bent TV crew. Throughout Midsumma our focus will be what's happening in Melbourne during our own fantastic Festival.

For more info: www.bent-tv.com.

-  **Channel 31**
MONDAYS 9PM
-  **9663 5902**

SPORT

TEAM MELBOURNE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A crazy night of swimming and entertainment. A diverse range of swimming events for people of all abilities and ages. Spectators will have plenty to see and do. Ring the information line for event details and swimmer registrations.

-  **Fri 22nd Jan**
7.30 - 11 pm
-  **0500 577 678**



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Outings

QUEERED GARDENS EXPOSED: MIDSUMMA GOES GREEN

Glove up, tools out, let's get ready to garden. Come get exposed to some of Melbourne's most beautiful and lush backyards. We'll promise you more than a rose garden!

Contact Midsumma on 9415 9819 for locations or pick up details from Hares and Hyenas or The Festival Club @ Barracuda.



Pansy Patch

To be Released

Sun 17th Jan
10am - 1pm

Gold coin donation
9415 9819

THE VISIBILITY PICNIC

Enjoy a day of celebration and socialising for bisexual people, their friends and partners. Meet people, drink champagne and lie in the sun.

BYO food and drinks.

T-shirts and Bi Badges will be on sale so come and support your community.

Royal Botanic Gardens
For exact location please
contact organisers

Sun Jan 17th
12pm onwards

FREE

9521 4128 or 9572 1352

ST. DOROTHY'S DAY St Agnes' Anglican Church

All friends of Dorothy are invited to Solemn Mass and supper afterwards. Good music, affirming sermon, great company. Be with us and go on to another event! Collection towards AIDS Chaplaincy.

Fri 5th Feb
6:30pm

\$5 for all fresco supper.

Booking essential

9571 3932

ARCHIVES OPEN DAY Australian Lesbian + Gay Archives

Check out our histories! Australia's premier collection of materials recording the lives and experiences of Queer folk in Australia will be on display today. Books, magazines, posters, badges, videos - you name it, you'll see it. Peruse the collection and meet the gang that collects and preserves it.

Gay and Lesbian Archives
The Basement,
6 Claremont St. 5th Yarra

Sun 17th Jan
2 - 5pm

FREE

9482 1184

THE RAINBOW SERVICE CENTRE AND LESBIAN CAR AND BIKE RALLY

Boys/Girls - cryptic clues and devious distractions lead you and your dressed up bike/car to a mystery destination. BYO picnic. No BBQ/pets. Not a timed event. Road rules to be obeyed. Roadworthy vehicles owners' responsibility. Prizes/giveaways. No need to book. Proceeds to Lesbians and Gays for Reconciliation and The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

Barkly Gardens
Barkly Avenue
(enter off Coppin St) Burnley

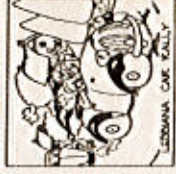
Sun Jan 17th

10-11am start

(approx. 2 hour drive)

\$10 per car \$5 per bike

9429 0209 or 9489 9474



THE GREAT DT'S GOLDEN STILETTO RALLY

Like a car rally but on foot. Extra points awarded if in drag, wearing a bra externally etc. First back from around the block not necessarily the winner. A fun afternoon for everyone.

Winner or winning team receives \$500 as well as runner up prizes!

DT's Hotel
164 Church St Richmond

Sat 30th Jan
3pm

\$5 to enter
(FREE for onlookers)

9428 5724

BOOTS COOT AND CLOGGING New Frontier Dance Association

Our association provides demonstrations and classes of partner and line dances for the Gay and Lesbian community as well as social nights.



Midsumma Street Party
and Midsumma Carnival

Sat 16th Jan + Sun 7th Feb
As allocated / All Day

FREE

9572 2791

party out

Gay Skate

It's time to pull your skates back out of the closet as we see the return of Gay Skate for the 1999 Midsumma Festival. Riding high on the success of last year's spectacular, poofs and dykes are set to roll it on thick and fast and once more camp up the Fun Roller Rink. With more skates and blades on offer than ever before no one will be disappointed. Don't miss out on this unique cruising experience!



Roller Girl

Fun Roller Rink
Cnr Chapel St + Toorak Rd

Wed 3rd Feb

8.30pm - 11.30pm

\$10 Full

\$8 Conc./members/vois

9415 9819

FESTIVAL JACK-OFF

The Melbourne Wankers 9th Annual Jack-Off Party offers an environment which is safe, friendly and discreet. All ages (over 18) and sizes, singles and couples welcome. Full nudity. No lips below the hips. Standard club rules apply.

Visit our website: <http://www.rabbit.com.au/~wankers/>
OR email: wankers@rabbit.com.au

Bay City Sauna
482d Glen Humby Rd
Elsternwick

Mon 11th + 25th Jan

Mon 8th Feb

7 - 8pm arrival

\$12

9525 4040

SATIN AND SILK BALL

For women. Proceeds to Matrix Guild Inc. Vic. which looks at appropriate support and care for older lesbians. Bookings essential - no phone or door sales. Please write to PO Box 99, Fairfield, 3078 enclosing a stamped self addressed envelope with payment. BYO and supper. Finger food available.

San Remo Ballroom
365 Nicholson St
Nth Carlton

Sat 6th Feb

7.30pm - 12.45am

\$30 Full \$25 Part waged

\$20 Concession

9458 3367

BI BENEFIT

A night of pride and celebration for bisexual people, their friends and partners. Come and have fun with your community.

Q+A
The Builders Arms Hotel
211 Gertrude St Fitzroy

Thurs 4th Feb

9pm onwards

Gold coin donation

9521 4128 or 9572 1352

JOCKLESS AT JOCK'S NUDE # 3

Gay Male Nudist's Victoria and Jock's Bar Presents JOCKLESS AT JOCK'S NUDE #3. A male nude social get together for guys into socialising in the nude. \$5 obor charge to cover cost of finger food and entertainment. Strict undress code applies. CLOTHES ARE NOT AN OPTION (except footwear). For info ph. Dee on 9791 9514 between 3pm and 9pm.

Jock's Bar

9 Peel St Collingwood

Sun 17th Jan

12 noon - 5.30pm

\$5

9791 9514

The Centre Clinic

A GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

what?

- a service for your general medical, sexual & emotional health
- HIV & STD testing
- up-to-date antiretroviral treatments & treatments counselling
- a warm & welcoming environment
- bulk billing

New! Body piercing under anaesthetic by a trained doctor

why?

- because a good doctor has to understand our lifestyles, relationships, sex, drugs, HIV or whatever

who?

friendly & sensitive doctors & staff:

- Dr Nick Medland
- Dr Claudio Villella
- Dr Stephen Rowles
- Dr Clinton Ng
- Craig, Margaret, Daniel & Daryl

you!

- male, female or transgender
- gay, bi, lesbian or queer
- with or without HIV

where?

- St Kilda ▶ 46 Acland Street ▶ 6 days a week
- Northcote ▶ 42 Separation Street ▶ 3 days a week

Call: 9525 5866

Well Men's Clinic

Full STD, HIV & hepatitis testing service through the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (free & anonymous).

Free hepatitis A & B vaccination for people with HIV/AIDS.
Free hepatitis B vaccination for others.

Call: 9347 0244



Victorian AIDS Council Gay Men's Health Centre

6 CLAREMONT STREET, SOUTH YARRA 3141

social support & discussion for: groups

- gay men
- lesbians
- guys who are new to being gay
- gay men & lesbians of different nationalities
- HIV+ gay men & their partners
- peer education
- relationships
- drop-in, for all ages, on site & off

services

- ▶ free needle exchange & other services for those who inject drugs
- ▶ counselling - cheap sliding-scale for fees
- ▶ medical clinics which bulk bill
- ▶ education for lesbians & gay men
- ▶ very cheap condoms, lube & dams
- ▶ 'Well Men's' clinic
- ▶ information & referrals

cool
website!
www.vicaids.asn.au

- free home care
- complementary therapies
- VITAMART - low cost vitamins & minerals
- HIV+ social & support groups
- meals
- massage
- education
- community centres
- clinical services which bulk bill
- financial assistance through the David Williams Fund

for people living with AIDS

Telephone: (03) 9865 6700 **TTY:** (03) 9827 3733
Freecall: 1800 134 840 **BeatsLine:** (03) 9865 6762
BeatsLine Non-Metro: 1800 655 426
AsianLine: 1800 655 776

Razor Baby is set in an exotic landscape littered with plastic paraphernalia, mountains of flesh and bizarre fantasies. Six gender warriors are forced to engage with ... what? Baby, the world has stopped and the warriors don't recognise the decor! Where the BLAM are we? What the BLAP is going down? Alienated, hostile and hot they are forced to engage in a nail biting struggle to reinvent danger; the ultimate dance party.

Club SWING

are sharpening their stilettos
for the MidSumma premiere
of their new spectacle...

RAZOR BABY 1999

JANUARY
14-24

At The North Melbourne Town Hall

On: Preview 14 January 1999, 8.45pm, preview tickets \$16

Season: January 15-17, 20-24 at 8.45pm

Matinee: January 23 at 5pm

Prices: \$20/\$16 + booking fees

Tickets can be booked/bought from Hares and Hyenas

Telephone: 9419 4445



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Melbourne's gay & lesbian festival

party out (cont...)

RECOVERY BEER BUST

Recovery Beer Bust for women and their friends. Starts from 8am and goes all day. Live DJ and \$1.50 pots / \$2.50 spirits. A fundraiser for The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

- The Glasshouse Hotel**
51-55 Gipps St
Collingwood
- Sunday 24th Jan**
8am - all day
- \$15 Full \$13 Members**
- 9419 4748**

MINUS 18

"minus18" is Australia's only Gay and Lesbian underage "Pink Light Disco". Presented by PFLAG, minus18 is strictly for under 18yo only (14-17). Fully supervised, no alcohol, drug free event requiring ID for entry. Floor shows compared by Kerrie Le Gore with top DJ and lighting. Tickets available at the door. For updates visit our website:
<http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Stonewall/5118/>
OR email: minus18@mailcity.com
Proudly supported by P-Flag.

- 3 Faces Nightclub**
143 Commercial Rd 5th Yarra
- Wed 20th Jan**
6pm - Midnight
- \$10 (Includes free soft drinks on tap)**
- 9511 4083 or 9510 5569**

THE LAIRD MOONING

For Men. The Laird mooning has become a Gay institution in Melbourne. A light-hearted night of fun in which contestants get to display their best feature in total anonymity. The event is produced and presented by the men from NAGI to raise funds for the benefit of the Gay community.



- The Laird Hotel**
149 Gipps St Abbotsford
- Sat 30th Jan**
10pm - Late
- Gold coin donation**
- 9417 2832**

SHE'S IN LEATHER

'She's in Leather' is one to remember for the girls. Come along for a night of Leather, Tattoos and Piercing performance - includes parades and play area. For women and friends.

A fundraiser for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

- The Glasshouse Hotel**
51-55 Gipps St
Collingwood
- Tues 26th Jan**
8.30pm till late
- Gold coin donation**
- 9419 4748**

THROB FOR MEN PRESENTS: Cock Watch II

The hottest all male event of the summer. Every year the throb parties get bigger and better - this will be no exception. Watch out for the outdoor surfing competition.

- The Peel Dance Bar**
113 Wellington St Collingwood
- Fri 5th Feb**
10pm
- \$5 Members + Pre-sale**
- 9419 4762**



forums/networks

Gay and Lesbian RIGHTS LOBBY MASS DEBATE "Can we live without straights?"

Back by popular demand! Six prominent Gay men and Lesbians will debate the topic "Can we live without straights?". Be entertained by an irreverent mix of the serious and absurd and you could win a trip to Bali.

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

Mass Debating at Midsumma



- Universal Theatre**
Victoria St Fitzroy
- Wed 20th Jan**
7.30pm
- \$20 Door \$18 Pre-sale**
\$12 Mem (VICRL, Joy, Midsumma) \$10 Conc
- 9419 3777 (Bookings)**

GOOD LOOKING AND GLAMOROUS

A stimulating evening exploring the representation of Lesbians and Gay men in the media. Are we the novelty of the 90s? Or have the media finally caught up? Are the real issues being reported or is it just the good looking and glamorous that get a 816? Top media commentators, journalists and stars will present their up front and behind the scenes experience of media treatment. An investigation into how the media are shaping perceptions of the Gay and Lesbian community.

- Cinemedia at 'Treasury Theatre' (Formerly State Film Centre)**
Treasury Place, Cnr
Collins / Spring St City
- Thurs 4th Feb**
7.30 - 10.00pm
- TBA**
- 9248 1278**

HOMOSEXUAL + HOLY? A Jewish Christian Conversation

This evening will feature two papers: one Jewish and one Christian and a panel discussion. Questions and answers from the floor. A Kosher supper will be provided.

- St Agnes' Anglican Church**
114 Booran Rd Glen Huntly
- Tues 2nd Feb**
8pm
- \$5**
- 9571 3932**

G.L.O.B.E February Dinner

GLOBES dinner functions have topical and interesting guest speakers during the year and the Midsumma dinner function is no exception. As it is our first function in 1999, we have a surprise high profile speaker for this event. The speaker's identity will be made available in early January. Bookings are essential.

- Java Cafe Bar and Bistro**
27 McKillop St Melb
- Mon 1st Feb**
7pm
- \$35**
- 9529 3020**

GLOBES 'Fruits in Suits' - After Work Drink Function

Fruits in Suits is an after work drinks function for the Gay and Lesbian professional community. It provides a relaxed, informal environment for Gays and Lesbians to interact socially and network their business contacts.



- David Williamson Theatre**
Swinburne University of
Technology
St John St Prahran
- Thurs 21st Jan**
6 - 8pm
- \$5**
- 9529 3020**



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1999
THE YEAR OF THE
FREAKAZOID

DONT LET THE MILLENIUM BUG YOU!
NEW YEARS DAY RECOVERY
AT THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS CLUB ON EARTH
ENTIRE CHEVRON COMPLEX. CHECK LOCAL GUIDES FOR DETAILS

forums/networks (cont...)

LABOR LEARNS

At Midsumma last year Labor listened to the concerns and issues of Victoria's Gay and Lesbian community. Labor is now finalising its policies for the coming state election. Concerns and issues raised by Victoria's Gay and Lesbian community are an important part of these policies. This is a final opportunity to discuss with John Brumby and his team the content and shape of these policies before their public release later this year.

**The National Herbarium,
Royal Botanic Gardens
Birdwood Avenue Melb**
Wed 27th Jan
7pm
FREE
9651 8874

SAME SEX RIGHTS FORUM

What rights do you have to inherit from your partners estate if they die without a will, to challenge a will if you do not receive enough. Do you need a cohabitation or co-ownership agreement if you live together. All you need to know about Medical and Enduring Powers of Attorney. Solicitors David Owen and Paul Natali, both Law Institute Accredited Specialists in Wills and Estates, will lead you through the maze and answer your questions. Info on: www.owenlaw.com.au/~rights.html. Sponsored by the Law Institute of Victoria.

**Law Institute of Victoria
470 Bourke St Melb**
Mon 18th Jan
7 - 9pm
FREE
9645 5511

literature

HARES & HYENAS PRESENTS THE 5TH WORD IS OUT

Word is Out turns five at this year's Midsumma Festival and our season expresses the strength and diversity of writing in the transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual and queer communities. Age, race, sexuality, gender, identity, culture, and life experiences are all on the menu. Emerging writers, professional writers, stars and shrinking violets mix in a pungent and hearty meal of queer expression.

We hope you enjoy our offerings.

Crusader Hillis & Rowland Thomson

Hares & Hyenas bookshops/Screaming Hyena online magazine: www.hares-hyenas.com.au
Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.



POETIC BENT

A night of fast-paced fun with cutting-edge lesbian, gay and queer poets and performers. Hold on to your heads! Includes: Jane Howard (coordinator), Donna McSkimming, Catherine Magree.

**Builders Arms Hotel
211 Gertrude St Fitzroy**
Wed 20th Jan
7:30pm
\$6 Full \$5 Concession
(including seniors)
9419 4445 (Bookings)

(NOT SO) RAPID FIRE

12 older lesbian, gay and queer writers get 6 minutes each to show that talent and hi-energy doesn't stop mid-life (despite our tongue-in-cheek title). As part of the International Year of the Older Person. Includes: Joan Nestle, Richard James, Susan Hawthorne, Noel Kalalo, Paul Bussey, Helen McCulloch and Julie Peters. With thanks to Matrix Guild and Melbourne Vintage Men.

**Builders Arms Hotel
211 Gertrude St Fitzroy**
Wed 27th Jan
7:30pm
\$6 Full \$5 Concession
(including seniors)
9419 4445 (Bookings)

JOAN NESTLE

Joan Nestle is one of the world's influential lesbian writers and historians. Her work in co-founding the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York and her many books and articles have shone much-needed light on the continuum of queer desire throughout this century and before. Nestle came out as lesbian in the 1950s, and worked in the workers, women's, civil rights and gay liberation movements. She helped establish the Gay Academic Union (US) in 1972, and co-founded the Lesbian Herstory Archives (NY) in 1973 and is the author of several books. Celebrate the launch of her new book *Froggie Union: New and Selected Writings*, a collection of intimate essays and narratives about lesbian sexuality, butch-femme relationships, sex writing, the importance of preserving queer history, the love between lesbians and gay men, and the 'often shaky camaraderie among lesbians that as a community continues to flex its diversity.' In Association with Cleis Press (USA).

**The Festival Club
@ Barracuda
64 Smith St Collingwood**
Thurs 28th Jan
7:30pm
FREE
9419 4445 (Bookings)



QUEERLY WRITTEN: two all-day writing workshops

Week one: Short, Queer, Online and Risky Fiction
Tutor: Dean Kiley
The author of *and that's final* (Blackswattle Press) and fiction editor of *Overland* magazine, Dean Kiley teaches creative writing at the University of Melbourne and his writing has been widely published in publications here and overseas. He is currently working on his second novel.

**Victorian Writers' Centre
156 George St Fitzroy**
Sat 30th Jan + Sat 6th Feb
10:00am

Week two: Writing for film
Tutor: Mira Robertson
Co-writer of award-winning films *Head On* and *Only the Brave*, Mira Robertson teaches screen writing at the University of Melbourne. She is currently developing a film project with director Ana Kokkinos. Session will include writing exercises and discussions around scripts, film language and seminal queer films.

\$40/ \$30 for Writers' Centre members (per workshop)
9415 1077 or
9419 4445 (Bookings)

INTOXICATING: My Drug Affair

Drugs are a persistent if unspoken part of our lives. Here we not only name them, we scream about them. Narcotics, amphetamines, pot, nicotine, coffee, alcohol - hear Patricia Cornelius, Caroline Hamilton, Crusader Hillis, Ilona DiBella, Sasha Cunningham, Richard Watts and others confess their addictive passions and substance abuse in short and fiery fact and fiction.

**The Festival Club
@ Barracuda
64 Smith St Collingwood**
Tues 2nd Feb
7:30pm
\$6 Full \$5 Concession
(including seniors)
9419 4445 (Bookings)

SPLASH: Recently published authors

Novelist Lindy Cameron reads from her lesbian detective novel *Blood Guit*; motoring expert Peter Wherrett from his and his brother Richard Wherrett's revealing half-life story *Desire Lines*; Wayne King from his autobiography of growing up Aboriginal and gay, *Block Hours*; and writer and filmmaker Con Anemogianis from his erotic, wise and ironic tale of a young Greek-Australian boy coming of age, *Medea's Children*. In association with Penguin books.

**The Festival Club
@ Barracuda
64 Smith St Collingwood**
Thurs 4th Feb
7:30pm
\$6 Full \$5 Concession
(including seniors)
9419 4445 (Bookings)



RAPID FIRE (FRUIT COCKTAIL)

Multi-culti, mondo rapido, sir-fry, tutti frutti, queer casserole - call it what you will - think global as 12 queer writers of many stripes and backgrounds get 6 minutes each to win your heart. Includes: Wayne King, Con Anemogianis, Beng Eu, Nicol Beechey, Jen Spry, Tony Aynes, Rosaria Burchielli, Steven DiGirolami.

**The Festival Club
@ Barracuda
64 Smith St Collingwood**
Wed 3rd Feb
7:30pm
\$6 Full \$5 Concession
(including seniors)
9419 4445 (Bookings)



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drag out
of buying
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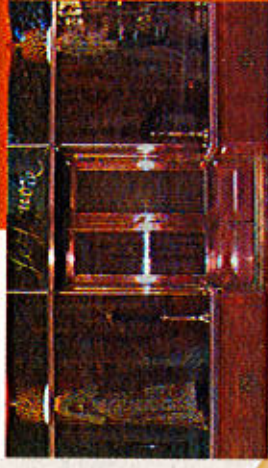


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Miss Information loves to Shop, Eat, Dance & Bonk

University studies show that homosexuals prefer to shop more than any other animal species known to man. The discovery of the 'shopping gene' has allowed scientists to work in partnership with consumer marketing teams, pinpointing homosexual consumer activity to be most active during the summer months. Melbourne provides the perfect habitat for the shopping gene, with more variety and shopping space per homosexual than any other city in the world. During the Midsumma Festival, we suggest that both visiting and local homosexuals keep their shopping genes activated and visit Melbourne's shopping precincts and homosexual-owned stores.



SHOP



EAT



DANCE



BONK

After a ferocious day's shopping, drop those fashion-laden bags and wrap those aching limp wrists around a freshly brewed coffee in one of Melbourne's pansy-powered cafes. Melbourne's buzzy cafe strips are a breeding ground for conspiring homosexuals. Remember, the homosexual gene needs to be regularly renourished, with a saute of hot gossip, a glass of Sauvignon Blanc and a buzz on the mobile phone, which of course all consorting homosexuals should leave turned on, especially when planning a night at the discotheque.

Scientists remain baffled over the homosexual's need to dance, however some theorists are labelling the contagion as Ciccone-Minogue Disorder. It is a proven fact that by the age of forty, 70% of city dwelling homosexuals have spent 9.8% of their life at the discotheque. This calculates to approximately four years. Fortunately Melbourne offers excellent around the clock servicing for homosexuals suffering such afflictions. The hugely attended Red Raw and Eclipse dance parties remain a testament to this shocking disorder.

It is probably a lucky thing that homosexuals have trouble conceiving with their partners. Their excitable behaviour would have ensured a perpetual population explosion of astounding proportions, not to mention less room on the dancefloor for all those expectant homos. Nevertheless, such deterrents should not discourage those still trying to conceive. Melbourne homosexuals are very accommodating; when asked politely they are only too happy to oblige with most if not all sexual favours, and are well trained in the artistry of safe sex practices.

Check MSO for weekly information on where to shop, eat, dance, and bonk.

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STREET PARTY



NEW Q II



RIDE

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	Parkland
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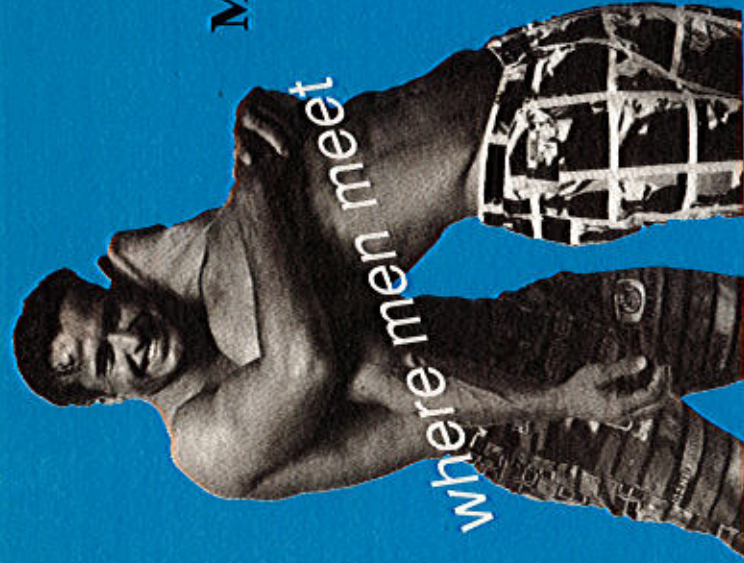
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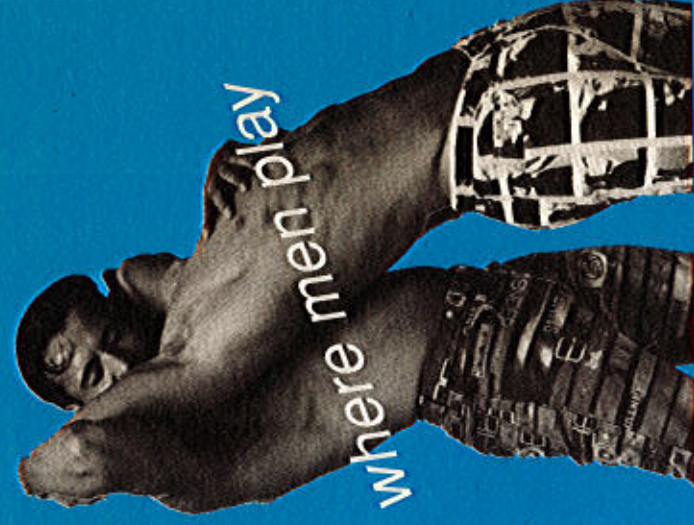
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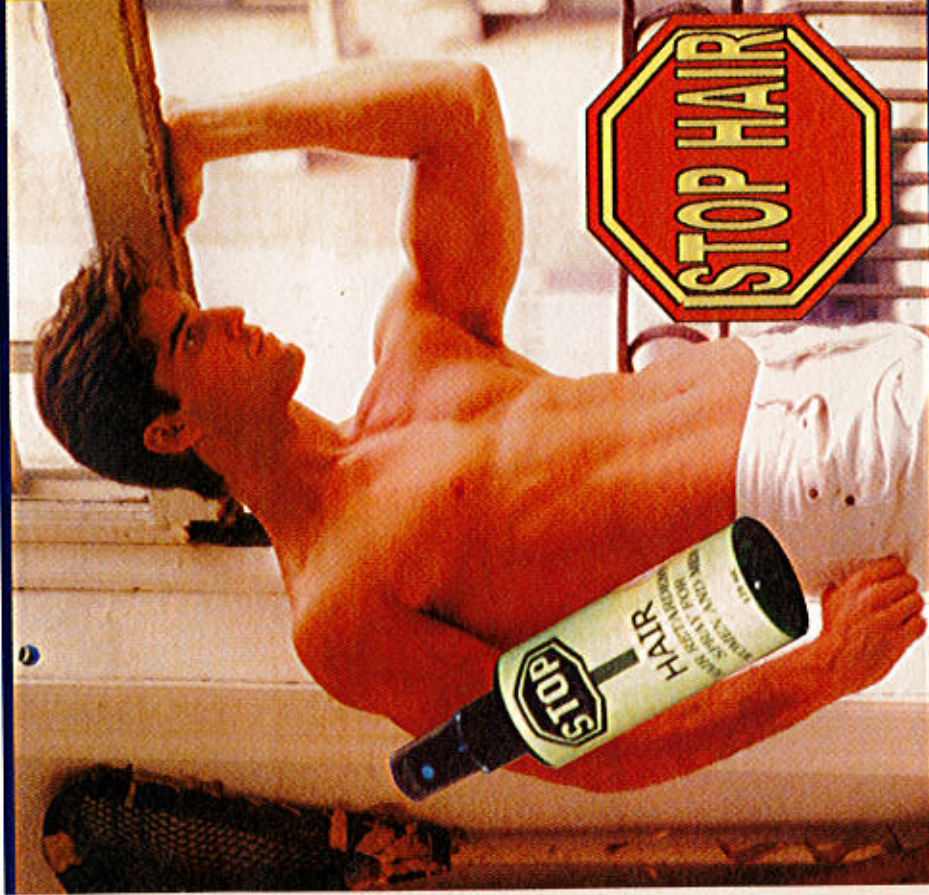
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