

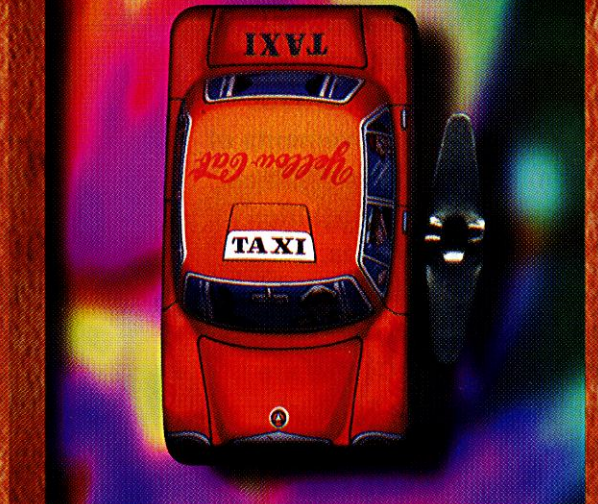
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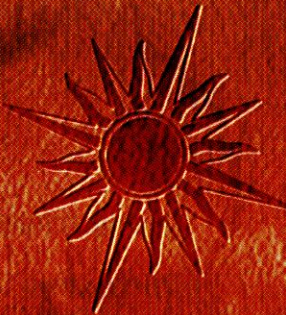
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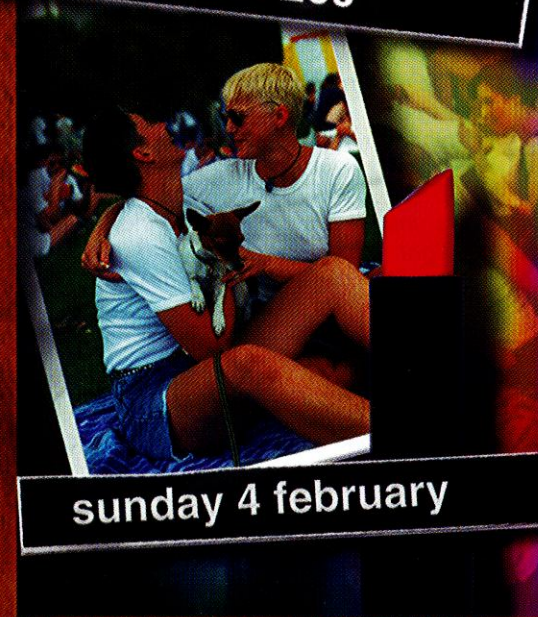


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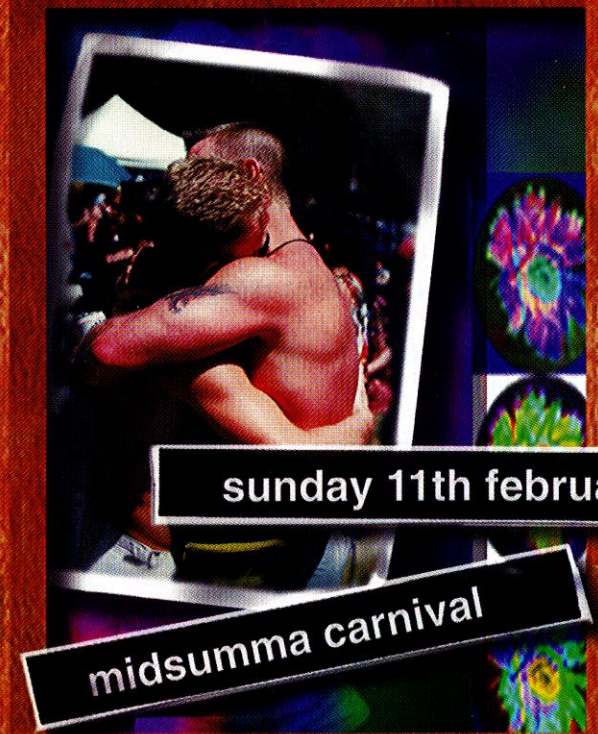
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# Midsumma

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one of Victoria's premier festivals. It provides an unrivalled opportunity to celebrate the cultural, artistic and intellectual achievements of our community. It also promotes greater recognition of our lives and our rights.

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The Victorian AIDS Council and Gay Men's Health Centre are proud to support a Festival which enriches the lives of everyone who values social and cultural diversity.

**Joseph O'Reilly**  
President

## Our Programs

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### People Living With HIV/AIDS (Vic)

- Treatments information and action
  - HIV/AIDS Legal Centre
  - Education and empowerment
  - Peer support
  - Advocacy and political action
- Positive Living Centre* providing meals, therapies and a focus for support in an environment of inclusion, support and warmth.

46 Acland Street	Mon-Thurs	9.00-9.00
St Kilda	Fri	9.00-5.00
Ph 9525 4455	Sat	10.00-3.00

### Health and Education

- Preventative and health promotion information and campaigns
- Community outreach and development
- Comprehensive health, medical and counselling services

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 — St Kilda phone 9525 5866  
 — Northcote phone 9481 7155

### Support

A network of trained volunteers providing community based care and support to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, including:

- information, referral and advice
- transport
- emotional and social support
- financial advice and referral
- advocacy

### Finance and Development

- Volunteer recruitment, orientation, facilitation and skill development
- Fundraising and events
- Communication and administrative support

*The VACIGMHC offers unique opportunities to individuals to respond to the fight against HIV/AIDS and provide support to people living with and affected by the virus.*

*We are experiencing an unprecedented demand and are in urgent need of volunteers.*

*If you require further information to obtain services or would like to volunteer in one of our programs, please contact us.*

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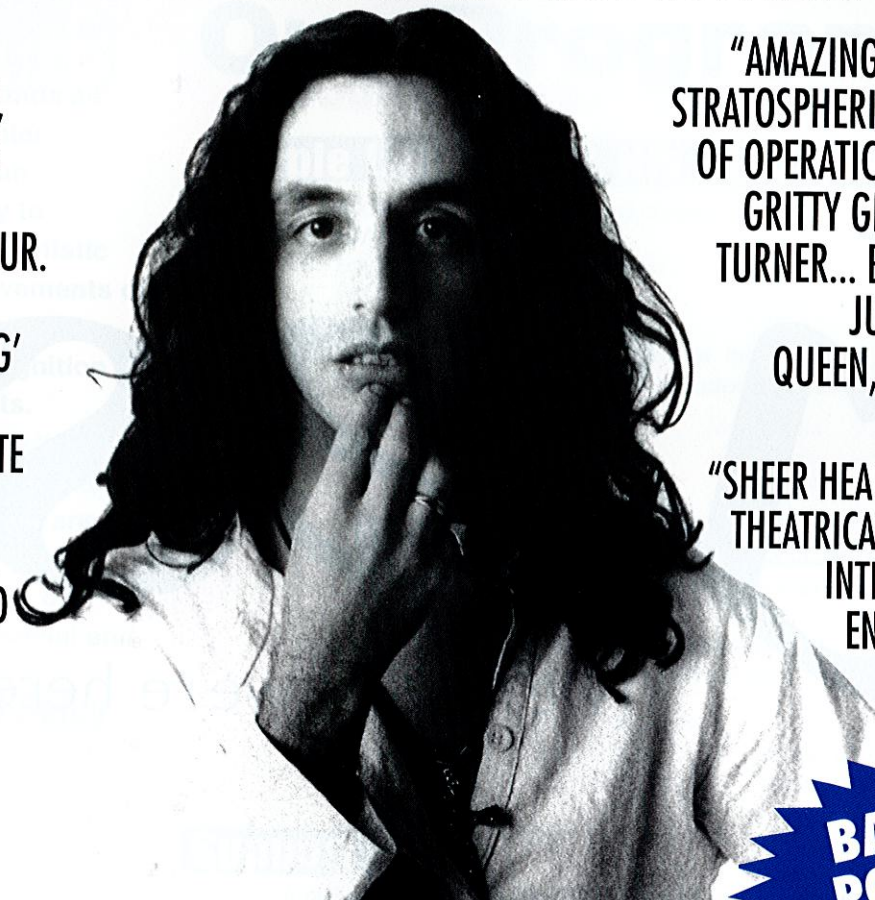


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Welcome to midsumma96, Melbourne's gay and lesbian festival!



Again in 1996, midsumma delivers a varied programme of performance, visual arts and special events to delight our senses. Not only has midsumma brought together talent from around Australia to entertain you, we have also attracted international visitors.

In addition, there's something every weekend with midsumma's fabulous four — four special events to please and entertain you, including Melbourne's inaugural PRIDE march, and the Luna Park extravaganza, RIDE96.

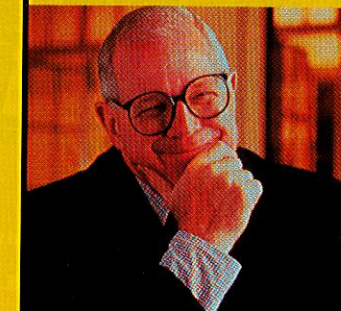
midsumma96 is an indicator of the continued strength and creativity that our community can offer.

Indulge yourself! Join other lesbians and gay men in showing off your pride and celebrating our diversity and strength. midsumma is your festival. Enjoy!

**Claire Beckwith**  
midsumma president

Congratulations to all involved in midsumma96. Organising any kind of festival is a tough call. midsumma does a great job and deserves the support of all who are interested in diversity and creativity.

**Leo Schofield**  
Artistic Director  
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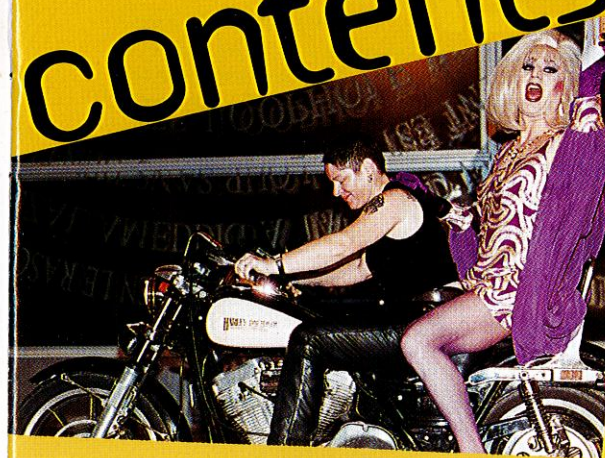


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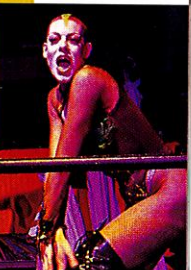


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Melbourne's gay and lesbian festival



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# midsumma.96 festival

The midsumma96 festival is a major arts event in Melbourne's cultural calendar, home for a rich variety of artistic and community events. It offers 23 days of opportunity for gay and lesbian performers - of every kind - to show off their talent.

This year brings an even wider selection of visual and performing arts, special events, forums and sporting events.

midsumma proudly applauds the talent and passion that exist within our communities.

### The Sun Also Sizzles

It's cool. It's intriguing. It's adventurous and passionate. It's Sun Valley - a place where men love men, women love women, and soap opera collides with drag. With a new episode each week, we'll keep you coming back. So move over Melrose Place - Sun Valley is now the hottest address in town.

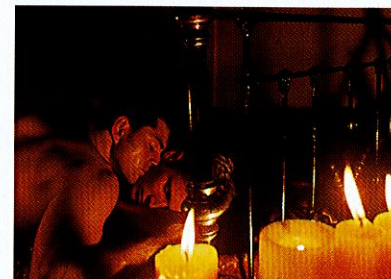
- ✓ Continental Cafe 134 Greville St Prahran
- 📅 Mon 22/29 Jan 5/12/19/26 Feb 9pm
- 💰 \$15 (group booking & season tickets/concession available)
- 📞 9510 2788



### Edward II

The hit of the 1996 Melbourne Fringe Festival! Edward II scandalised 14th Century England when he flaunted his love for another man. This affair erupted into a civil war which divided a country and killed its King. Christopher Marlowe's homoerotic classic - exploring the oppression of gay love - comes alive in a provocative and innovative stage production.

- ✓ The Organ Factory  
6 Page St Clifton Hill
- 📅 Wed 24 Jan - Sat 10 Feb
- 📞 9529 4460 or  
0414 911 302



### Paul Capsis

After a sell out season last year, Paul Capsis returns with a stunning new show. Once again Paul will charm Melbourne with his wonderfully funny show and amazing singing.

- ✓ Malthouse Theatre 113 Sturt St South Melbourne
- 📅 Tue 23 Jan - Sun 11 Feb 8pm
- 📞 9685 5111

### Over the Rainbow

A musical feast for the ears and eyes, this combined choirs extravaganza features the Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus plus the Sydney and Canberra Choirs, with special guest MC Joan Kirner.

- ✓ Melbourne Town Hall
- 📅 Sat 10 Feb evening
- 📞 Book at BASS/  
info 9510 4995



### Tim McKew's Cabaret Combo

This established jazz and cabaret ensemble celebrates jazz of the 20s through to the 50s, combined with satirical songs about contemporary culture including the songs of Johnny Mercer, Duke Ellington, Gershwin, Carlos Jobim, married with satirical songs about religion, Jung, drugs, S&M, bulimia, and more!

- ✓ Mechanics Institute Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds  
Brunswick
- 📅 Thu 18 Jan 8.30 - 10.30pm
- 📞 Bookings/info: Mechanics Institute Gallery 9387 1208

### What Right?

With the revised edition of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act nearly law, *What Right?* takes an unusual look at discrimination. In its quest for equal rights does the gay and lesbian community overlook extending themselves to others?

- ✓ To be confirmed
- 📅 Wed 24 Jan - Sat 27 Jan/Wed 31 Jan - Sat 3 Feb/Wed 7 Feb - Sat 10 Feb 8pm
- 📞 9754 8930

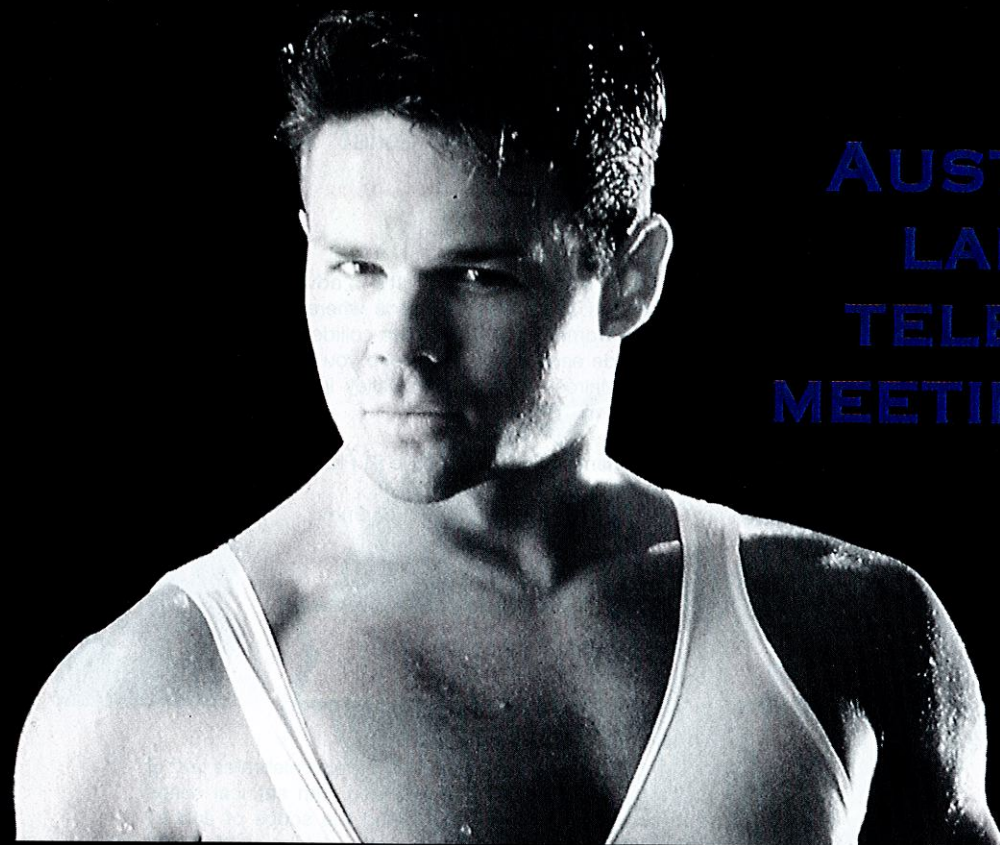
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### Masculine Women, Feminine Men

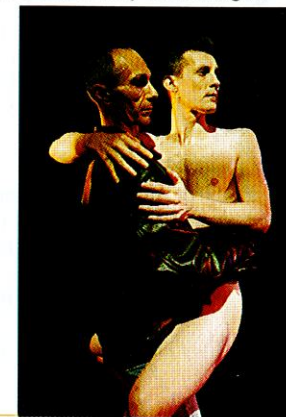
A late night musical cabaret about camp songs from the 20s through to recent musical theatre show tunes. "Brenda dares to sing about what others only thought about and her audience love it". With Geoffrey Baird on piano.

- ↓ Aquarium 416 Brunswick St Fitzroy
- ! Thu 1 - Sat 3 Feb 11pm
- i 9416 3942

### Dancing the Gay Fandango

Performed on alternate nights by lesbian and gay casts, *Fandango* is a unique experience; each version stands alone, but seen in tandem they resonate in unforeseen ways. For the dyke-or-fag-in-the-street, it's an affirmation of our lifestyle; for the general public, it's an opportunity to enjoy accessible contemporary dance which presents a new way of looking at old truths.

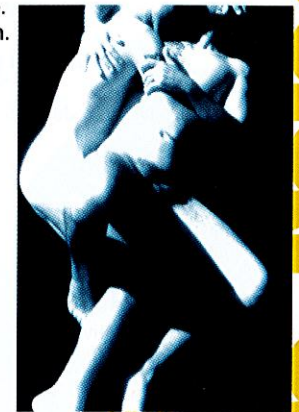
- ↓ Athenaeum Theatre II
- ! Tue 23 Jan - Sat 10 Feb
- i 9650 9599



### The Cleft in Words, The Words as Flesh

Within an installation of constructed pathways, sequences of photographs will be maps drawn for journeys to accessible but frequently untravelled places, each illuminating different states of being - sex, wonder, death, and desire. An exhibition of works by Marcus Bunyan.

- ↓ Stop 22 St Kilda Railway Station  
60 Fitzroy St St Kilda
- ! Mon 22 Jan - Sun 11 Feb
- \$ Free
- i 9530 2005



### Outline

Figurative drawings celebrating male sexuality with some works set in a mythological context. An exhibition of works by John Hill.

- ↓ The Blue Elephant 194 Commercial Rd Prahran
- ! Wed 17 Jan - Sat 17 Feb 8am - 11pm
- \$ Free
- i 9510 3654

### Alternative Miss World Costume Exhibition

A display of a variety of costumes and photographs from this and previous year's Alternative Miss Worlds.

- ↓ Moorabbin Arts Centre 979 Nepean Hwy (cnr Sth Rd)  
Moorabbin
- ! Mon 8 Jan - Wed 31 Jan Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Sat/Sun  
2-5pm
- \$ Free
- i 9556 4440

### Specular Bodies

A group exhibition of artists using various mediums to explore the constitution and possible shattering of identity through acts of looking, masquerade and the spectacular.

- ↓ 1st Floor Gallery 1st Floor 5/95 Victoria St Fitzroy
- ! Wed 24 Jan - Sun Feb 4/ Wed-Sun 12-6pm
- \$ Free
- i 9380 8936

## visual arts

### Eros-Cloistered

A collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by a variety of Melbourne artists.

- ↓ An Affair to Remember-Gallery of Gifts 46 Grattan St  
Carlton
- ! Fri 2 Feb - Fri 23 Feb Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 11-5pm,  
Sat/Sun 12-5pm
- \$ Free
- i 9349 4111

### Sisters of the Immaculate Material

A group of sister artists for midsumma working in the mediums of cloth, sculpture and furniture, present an amazing array and variety of cutting edge work.

- ↓ Mechanics Institute Gallery Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds  
Brunswick
- ! Thu 18 Jan - Sun 28 Jan 1-6 pm Wed-Sun
- \$ Free
- i 9387 1208

Festival hotline 0055 34 2 34 (Telads 25c/24 sec).

**"Well, If You Put It That Way..."**

An exhibition of three dimensional wall pieces incorporating domestic objects, clothes, text and "art", displacing the familiar in a comic assemblage of juxtaposition. Frivolity with intelligence. An exhibition of works by Vinn Pitcher.

- ↓ Heads Will Roll 60 Commercial Rd Prahran
- ↓ Mon 15 Jan - Sun 11 Feb 10am-6pm
- ↓ Free
- ↓ 9510 1499

**ZJOOSH**

A retrospective exhibition of gorgeous proportions. Padded, fluorescent fluffy greeting cards ruthlessly retrieved from private collections around the country. A vivid display of glue-gunned gorgeousness.

- ↓ Oscar's Wilde Cafe 147 Commercial Rd Prahran
- ↓ Sat 20 Jan - Sun 11 Feb 7-11pm
- ↓ Free
- ↓ 9827 6262

**THREAD Group Art Exhibition**

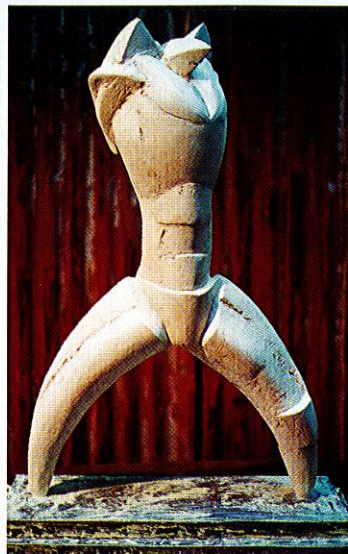
A diverse exhibition of individual artworks from the members of THREAD, the Gay and Lesbian Art Collective.

- ↓ to be confirmed
- ↓ Thurs 1 Feb - Wed 14 Feb
- ↓ Free
- ↓ 9529 2129

**Urban Bar Flies**

An exhibition of ink drawings and mixed media by Fitzroy-based visual artist, Sally McRae.

- ↓ Bocadillo Bar 365 Brunswick Street Fitzroy
- ↓ Wed 10 Jan - Wed 14 Feb
- ↓ Free
- ↓ 9417 3290



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video

**Movies in the Park**

presented by the Melbourne Queer Film and Video Festival

**The Living End**

Greg Araki's high octane movie about two HIV positive outcasts on the run through a desolate and surreal American wasteland. Also screening, the highly acclaimed *Together Alone*.

- ↓ Northcote Amphitheatre Fairfield Park Drive Fairfield
- ↓ Sat 3 Feb 8.30pm (rain date Sat 10 Feb)
- ↓ \$12/\$8
- ↓ 9510 5576



**Because the Dawn**

A modern day vampire comedy about the sax playing vampire Marie and the sports photographer Ariel, whom Marie seduces in the shadowy metropolis of New York City.

- ↓ Northcote Amphitheatre Fairfield Park Drive Fairfield
- ↓ Fri 2 Feb 8.30pm (rain date Fri 9 Feb)
- ↓ \$12/\$8
- ↓ 9510 5576

**A fireworks display will erupt on both nights!**

**Eclipse**

Bent TV presents a fundraising preview screening of *Eclipse* which "captures frissons of longing, guilt and regret as the aligning orbits of the celestial bodies mirror the crossing paths of 10 lovers."

- ↓ The George Cinemas Fitzroy Street St Kilda
- ↓ Wed 7 Feb 6.30pm
- ↓ \$14/\$10
- ↓ 9510 5592

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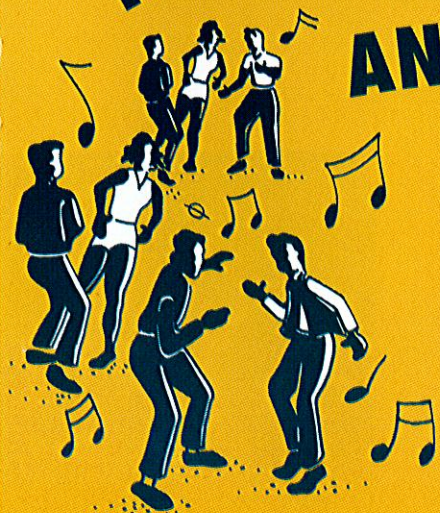
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 Saturday 20 January 6 pm - 1 am

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Maude Davey hosts old favourites and surprises at the Kerr Street stage.

### Performance

Join your hostess Barbara Quicksand at the Leicester Street stage for drag kings and queens, tattoos, karaoke and more!

### Bootscoot

Bootscootarama - happening all night at Rose Street.

### Rides

Will you ride the "wheel of death" this year?

### Outdoor cinema

Short films, cartoons, clips and exotica.

Don't go without your midsumma pink dot: show you support midsumma, help pay for the night, and keep yourself safe among other queers.



dance party

## red raw

presented by the ALSO Foundation  
 Red Raw is a boiling point, celebrating mind blowing music, tantalising shows and a dance floor reserved for you.  
 Saturday 27 January  
 Shed 14 Victoria Dock Port of Melbourne  
 info: 0055 34 2 34 (Telads 25c/24 sec)



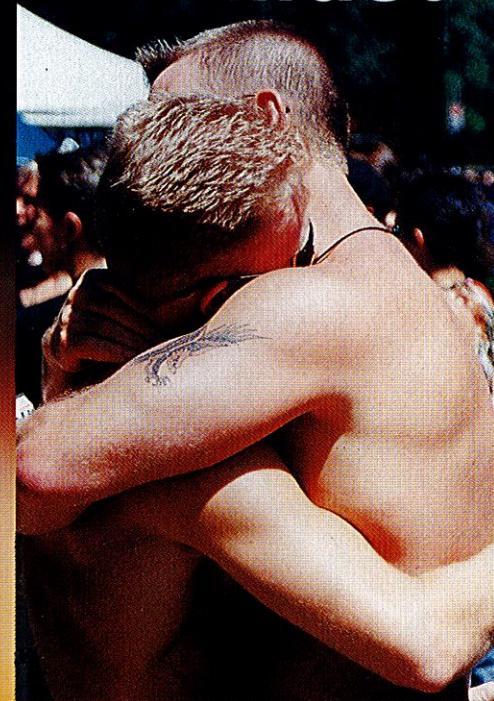
# midsumma 96 carnival

Sunday 11 February  
 noon - 8 pm  
 Alexandra Gardens

You just can't miss being part of this grand Melbourne gay and lesbian tradition.

midsumma96 carnival is the eighth year gay men and lesbians and their families and friends gather with their picnic baskets, their dogs and their wigs to enjoy a day and evening of performance and entertainment. Plus, more bootscooters than you've ever seen in one place before!

The biggest queer carnival day you've ever been part of.



Our community organisations and businesses will also be on display, offering things to admire, buy, eat and drink!

It's not too late to book your stall! Ring 9525 4746 for a registration kit.

## RIDE96

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Sunday 4 February 6pm - midnight  
 Luna Park St Kilda

Luna Park opens its doors to Melbourne's lesbians, gay men and friends after the inaugural PRIDE march. All the rides and entertainment you can handle: thrills, spills, cabaret, drag ride operators and street theatre.

info: 9510 5569

Wigstock 2 pm



Dog Show 4 pm



## PRIDE march

Sunday 4 February 4pm - 6pm  
 Starts cnr Fitzroy & Princes  
 St. St Kilda

Melbourne's lesbians, gay men, transgenders, bisexuals and their friends and family join together to march for PRIDE.

Celebrate our solidarity, strength, and diversity.

info: 9510 5569 or 9525 4746

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**New Years Eve** Sunday 31st December 1995.

**Red Raw** Saturday 27th January 1996.  
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Telad .25 cents per 21.4 seconds.

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### The Word is Out Again

Presented by Hares and Hyenas bookshops and *Screaming Hyena*.

### Some Siblings Share...

Photographer Debra Strutt and journalist Mathew Jones present an exhibition of intimate B & W infra-red portraits that show lesbian and gay siblings on their own terms.

↓ Hares & Hyenas Bookshops 135 Commercial Road South Yarra & 360 Brunswick Street Fitzroy

! Sat 20 Jan - Sun 11 Feb

\$ Free

i 9824 0110

### Cavafy: When the Lips and Skin Remember...

A song-cycle of fifteen of the sensual poems of gay Greek poet Constantine Cavafy, in English translation, composed for guitar and voice, performed by Joe Dolce. Read, in the original Greek by Costas Athanassiou. Accompanied by a two-course Greek dinner and coffee.

↓ Oscar's Wilde Cafe 147 Commercial Road South Yarra

! Wed 24 Jan 7.15pm

\$ \$38

i Pre-paid bookings essential 9824 0110

### Queer Comic Forum and Exhibition

Cartoonists and wordsmiths Brett Willis, Deborah Kelly and Leahanne Hunter (and other special guests) discuss the essentials of creating the cartoons that entertain and inform the queer community. Accompanied by exhibition of several Australian cartoonists.

↓ Virgin Mary's 199 Commercial Road South Yarra

! Thu 25 Jan 7.30pm

\$ \$6/\$5

i 9419 4445

### Ladykillers

Hero and anti-hero, subversion and retribution: writers Dorothy Porter and Jennifer Fulton read from their own and others' work and discuss women and crime fiction. Refreshments provided. BYO cushion.

↓ Hares & Hyenas Fitzroy 360 Brunswick Street

! Fri 2 Feb 8pm

\$ \$6/\$5

i 9419 4445

### Girls and Boys: Fast and Furious Poetry

Catherine Magree, Michael Farrell, Spiros Panigirakis, Lily Sian, Gavin Walburgh and Beau Stenberg will read their short works in what promises to be a fast-paced and scintillating event. Refreshments provided. BYO cushion.

↓ Hares & Hyenas South Yarra 135 Commercial Road

! Tue 30 Jan 7pm

\$ \$6/\$5

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### Rapid Fire

Twelve writers are given six minutes each to captivate an audience. No, this is not a speed reading event, but we will be keeping a close eye on the clock. Writers include: Letizia Mondello, Urszula Dawkins, Dean Kiley, Delia Scales, Peter Blazey and Tim Herbert. Refreshments provided. BYO cushion.

↓ Hares & Hyenas South Yarra 135 Commercial Road

! Wed 31 Jan 7pm

\$ \$6/\$5

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### Burning the Canon

Well-known writers Colin Batrouney, Kathleen Mary Fallon, Dean Kiley and Christos Tsiolkas read from their work and discuss recent Australian writing in a short forum. Refreshments provided. BYO cushion.

↓ Hares & Hyenas South Yarra 135 Commercial Road

! Thu 1 Feb 7pm

\$ \$6/\$5

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### Desperately Seeking Stimulation:

#### The Gaystronomic Adventure Continues

Following their huge success at Melbourne's Fringe Festival, Madeleine Swain and Jennifer Fulton and celebrity guests are back, with a reprise of their romp through the annals of lesbian literature. Two-course dinner (vegetarian available) plus coffee.

↓ Venue to be confirmed

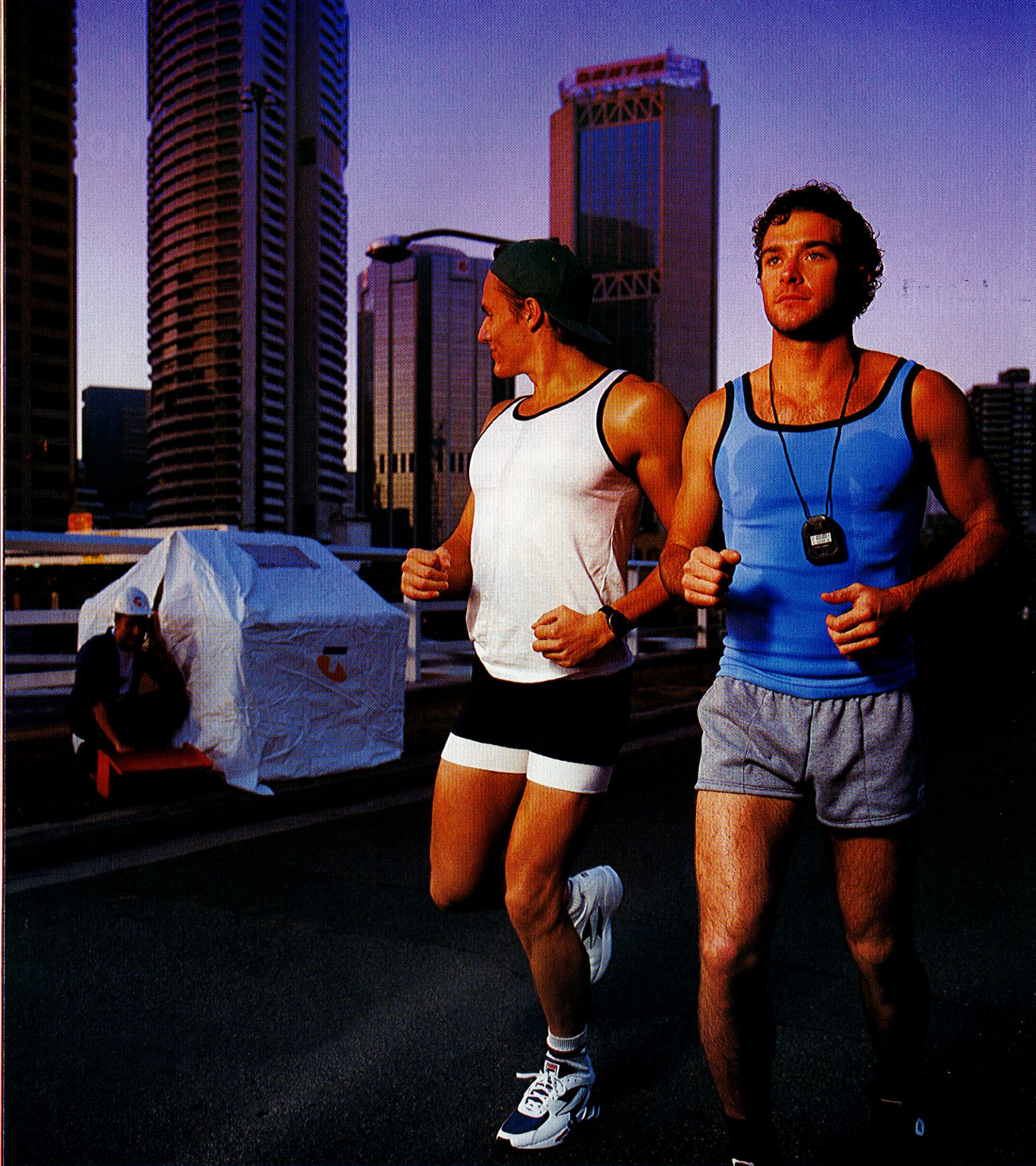
! Wed 7/Thu 8 Feb 7.15pm

\$ \$40/\$38

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## literature cont.





### Australia Queer

Join us for the launch of the queer issue of *Meanjin*. Guest editors Annamarie Jagose and Chris Berry will introduce selected contributors who will read from the journal.

-  Hares & Hyenas South Yarra 135 Commercial Road
-  Fri 9 Feb 7pm
-  Free
-  9824 0110





### To Sappho My Sister

To coincide with the release of the Canadian book *To Sappho My Sister*, Spinifex Press presents an insightful and sometimes humorous forum about the lives of some Aussie lesbian sisters. Refreshments provided. BYO cushion.

-  Hares & Hyenas Fitzroy 360 Brunswick Street
-  Tue 23 Jan 7pm
-  \$6/\$5
-  9419 4445

### Absolute Trivia




The gay and lesbian bookclub brings you a quiz night with a difference: spot the lesbian, name the gay icon, pick the tune and more... tables of eight or individual bookings available.

-  Virgin Mary's, 199 Commercial Road, South Yarra
-  Tues 23 Jan 7-10 pm
-  \$8/\$6
-  9824 0110

## forums




### The Lesbian Parenting Conference

This one day conference for lesbians who are parenting and lesbians thinking about parenthood will provide information, fun and the opportunity to discuss and network.

-  Jika Jika Community Centre Cnr Plant and Union Sts Northcote
-  Sat 27 Jan 9.30am-5pm
-  9481 8668




### AGLTA midsumma Dinner

The Australian Gay and Lesbian Tourism Association once again hosts its annual midsumma dinner. The evening features speakers from the tourism industry.

-  The Vic Restaurant Victorian Arts Centre 100 St Kilda Rd Melbourne
-  Fri 9 Feb 7.30pm
-  Michael 9419 5230 or Bruce 9525 4040

### GINA forum

"Have you heard the one about the lesbian actress and the politician?" will be the seventh forum hosted by the Girls In New Alliance. GINA has previously brought us topics such as body art, censorship, women and HIV/AIDS and ... lesbian detective fiction! Watch local gay press for details on panel speakers.

-  1st floor Labrys 433 Brunswick Street Fitzroy (Limited accessibility/assistance provided)
-  Sun 21 Jan 3-6pm
-  9419 4445

## special events

### Lotus Drag Queen Extravaganza

A spectacular presentation of drag performers from Asia performing a variety of latest hits in English and Asian! See sensational costumes that have to be seen to be appreciated. The evening includes the winners of the Miss Gay Asia Pacific Quest 1995.

-  Partners Tavern Hotel 505 City Rd Sth Melbourne
-  Wed 7 Feb 9pm
-  \$5 no booking required
-  9419 9846




### Porter St RED RAW Wet Recovery

Once again the infamous Porter St RED RAW Recovery happens after the party. Soak your feet to the best music at Melbourne's leading sauna, Porter St.

-  55 Porter St Prahan
-  Sun Jan 28 6am
-  Normal entry fee
-  9529 5166

### Picnic in the Park

Joy Melbourne's annual Australia Day picnic at the Glades.

-  The Glades Main Road Mt Macedon
-  Fri 26 Jan 11am-6pm
-  9690 0907

### Hoedown Under the Stars

The Bootscoot Arena promises to be an exciting new addition to midsumma96. The Hoedown Under the Stars, in conjunction with New Frontier Dance Association, will offer live bands and non-stop dancing.

-  Alexandra Gardens City
-  Sat 10 Feb 7.30-12pm
-  9525 4746

Festival hotline 0055 34 2 34 (Telads 25c/24 sec).



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midsumma provides an umbrella for events organised and managed by individual artists and performers.

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To register your interest in being part of the midsumma97 festival, please call the midsumma office on 9525 4746.



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### Mystery Car Rally

The Multicultural Gay Group presents a car rally and BBQ. This is not a speed race! Each car is given instructions and has to collect answers to clues to win prizes at the "finish line".

- ↓ Mystery location
- ⌚ Sun 21 Jan from 10am
- i Mike Hull 9890 1327 or B Butcher 9531 9534

### midsumma Jack Off

The Melbourne Wankers 6th 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.

- ↓ Club Spa 482D Glenhuntly Rd Elsternwick
- ⌚ Mon 22 Jan and Mon 12 Feb Arrive between 7-8pm
- 💰 \$10
- i 9525 4040

### She's Famous Extravaganza

Low culture for high-brows! Ms Bete Noir and Madame Zagrev bring you the best and most radical of lesbian burlesque. Dress: up, up, up!

- ↓ The Stage 231 Smith Street Collingwood
- ⌚ Sat 10 Feb 8pm-1am
- 💰 \$10
- i Reservations recommended 9417 2703

### The Ultimate Yarra Cruise

Before the midsumma Carnival, join us for a two hour barge cruise along the Yarra, a fundraiser for the VAC/GMHC Youth Project. Drinks and nibbly bits are included and entertainment will be provided by our captain and crew.

- ↓ Princess Bridge
- ⌚ Sun 11 Feb 10.30am-1pm
- i 9865 6700

### Pridewear Scavenger Hunt

Gather 10 friends to compete in the first annual Pridewear Scavenger Hunt! Collect the top secret list of goodies to gather and stunts to perform from the Melbourne Queer Film and Video offices. You then have 48 hours to beg, borrow, or otherwise procure items from our outrageous list. Inaugural winners will be crowned at midsumma96 carnival.

- ↓ Collect instructions 5-8pm Fri 9 Feb Meeting Room 1/35 Cato St Prahran
- i 9510 5576

## sport

### Australia day Sports Carnival

The annual fun sports day for anyone who wants a bash at volleyball, touch football, softball, baseball, novelty events. Sponsored by the *Melbourne Star Observer*. Food and drink available or BYO picnic.

- ↓ Albert Park Lake
- ⌚ Fri 26 Jan 12 noon-4pm
- i 9419 9877

### midsumma Tennis Tournament

The midsumma tennis events will cater for interested tennis players of all levels, both social and competitive. The competitive tournaments will attract players from around Australia. Players are welcome to enter both tournaments.

- ↓ Social tournament: Elsternwick Park Tennis Centre Cnr Glenhuntly Rd & St Kilda St Elwood.  
Competitive tournament: Tulip Street Tennis Centre 107 Tulip St Sandringham
- ⌚ Social tournament Sun 4 Feb.  
Competitive tournament Sat 20/Sun 21 Jan
- i Robert 9527 2923 or Brent 053 335 285

### midsumma Swimming Carnival

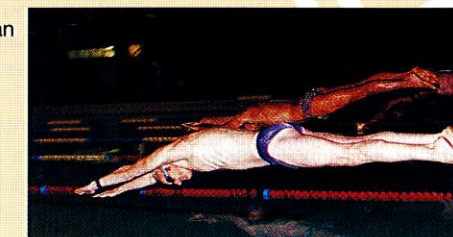
The midsumma96 swimming carnival will offer both sport and entertainment. Entries taken on the night for mainly short course (under 200m) events. For spectators this event will offer both swimming and entertainment throughout the night.

- ↓ Prahran Pool Essex St Prahran
- ⌚ Sat 3 Feb 7-11pm
- i Adam Pickvance 9510 3085

### midsumma Volleyball Tournament

Join the Melbourne Spikers in playing friendly indoor volleyball against teams from Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide in open and social grades. Pre-registration of teams (6 people or more) by Fri 19 Jan is essential. Lunch is provided.

- ↓ Melbourne High School Recreation Centre Chapel St Sth Yarra
- ⌚ Sat 27 Jan 9-5pm
- i PO Box 396 Kew 3101/ Thomas 9853 0460



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Festival hotline 0055 34 2 34 (Telads 25c/24 sec).



# midsumma's mission

## mission statement

midsumma is committed to presenting an annual gay and lesbian cultural festival in Melbourne.

midsumma promotes a safe and healthy environment in which the lesbian and gay community can celebrate its pride and diversity.

midsumma supports and encourages all community activities it perceives as having cultural relevance within the lesbian and gay community.



midsumma96 volunteer board of management

## It's your festival help make it happen

midsumma is an incorporated non-profit organisation whose sole purpose is to host the midsumma festival. It provides an umbrella for artists, performers and community groups who wish to organise various events of relevance and appeal to the gay and lesbian community.

Hundreds of volunteers ensure midsumma happens each year. A board of management meets year round to plan overall direction of the midsumma festival. Made up of 12 elected members, and two co-opted members, elections are held each year. The midsumma AGM will be held in May 1996.

It's your festival and you can contribute to making it a resounding success again. Together, we can make sure midsumma grows bigger and better.

midsumma needs volunteers for hundreds of important tasks. If you have skills and experience in any one of the three working group areas listed opposite; or if you have time to devote, please call 9525 4746.

All volunteers are in the running for great prizes thanks to Optus and the Volunteer Incentive Scheme.

### Thanks

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The midsumma96 festival poster - also used on the cover of this guide - was designed by Catherine Gleeson, winner of the midsumma96 design competition.

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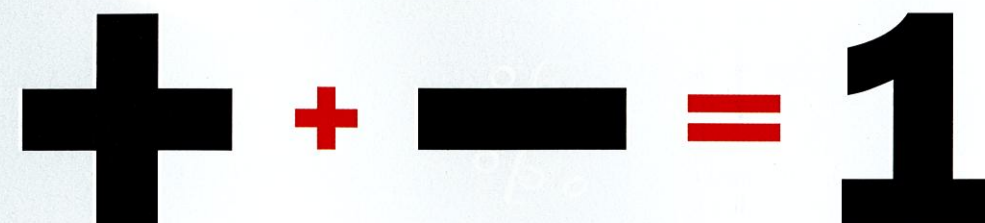
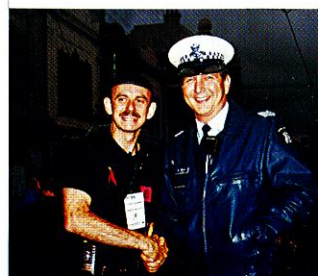


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Each board member is involved in one or more of three working groups: promotion (marketing, public relations, sponsorship and fundraising); festival (visual and performing arts, community forums and activities); and production (management of the midsumma street party, midsumma carnival and RIDE96.)

To get in touch with midsumma call (03) 9525 4746, fax (03) 9525 4779 or write to PO Box 6769, 600 St Kilda Road Central, VIC 3004.

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