

# NETWORK EVENTS

REACHING ACROSS AUSTRALIA

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YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO  
COUNTRY NETWORK EVENTS

STATE  
GUIDES



# Autumn Gathering



## BOAT YOUR WAY DOWN THE MIGHTY MURRAY WITH US!

*It's time for our Country Network Autumn Gathering and what better way to celebrate than house boating on the Murray River?*

### What you need to know!

**Dates:**

17th - 20th March 2023

**Cost:**

\$450 per person twin or quad share, includes Houseboat hire and some meals.

**Where:**

Mannum, South Australia,

**Getting There:**

Mannum is located approximately 84km East of Adelaide. Flights via Qantas, Jetstar or Virgin. Airport transfers may be possible if enough interest.

**Contact:**

Jeffrey P. Sproal

☎ 0412 651 429

✉ [jeffreyps2@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyps2@gmail.com)

Keep your diaries free, you will not want to miss out on our 2023 Country Network Autumn Gathering!

Four glorious houseboats, full of Country Networkers gently floating in a parade down the Murray River. Filled with good food, great wine and ideal company. What could possibly go wrong?!

Costs are indicative at this stage and will include all meals and houseboat hire.

Could there be a better way to relax, catch up with old friends and make some new ones? We don't think so.

Express your interest to secure your spot on the boat today.

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Contributing to the Country Network Events guide is easy! Simply email your photos, notices or information to [events@countrynetwork.com.au](mailto:events@countrynetwork.com.au) by 2pm AEDT on the 19th of each month, to make the next month's issue.

We can accommodate last minute entries with prior notice, just drop us an email and we will hold the presses - for a short while!

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the fresh new look of Network Events. You will find more information than before about what's going on around Australia.

We have listed major public events of interest, and many member events, as well as an introduction to other relevant Facebook groups.

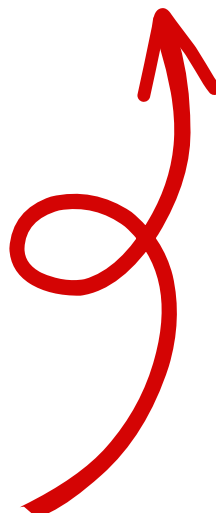
In this issue, there is a guide on how to print pages if you'd like to read it later over lunch, a cuppa, or like to save it for reference.

There is also a page explaining the icons in the headers and event notices. External links will help you find out more about a particular event.

If you know of anything happening around you, or in other areas which would be of interest to others, please email them to [events@countrynetwork.com.au](mailto:events@countrynetwork.com.au) or get in touch with your designated area coordinator so that other members will know what's on in their travels.

*Hector*

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*We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation in which we work, play and live.*

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE!

## Welcome to your new look *Network Events!*

This guide is designed to be easy to use and provides information on events held by Country Network or other organisations that may be of interest to our members.

The guide is sorted by State/Territory and colour-coded to make it easy to find events.

Events are listed for each State and Territory followed by a monthly 'Top Five' for that State. Check out our Top Five guides if you are visiting that State, or even take a staycation and enjoy your home State!

Where links are available they are marked with a click icon, simply click the link to find out more!

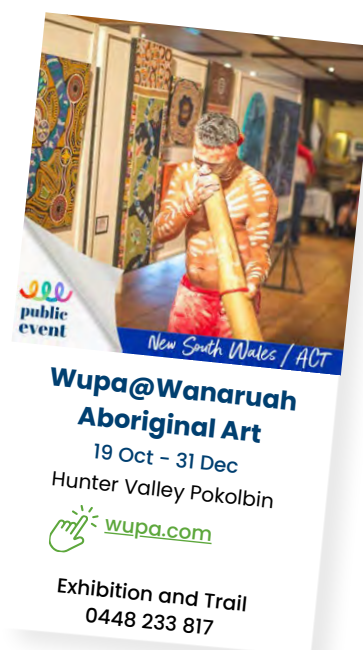


This guide and the new Country Network website will list various types of events for each State, online events and also national events.

Each event is classified as a Country Network member-only event, non-members welcome event or a public event.



**Adding your event to the Country Network Events guide is easy, check out our simple how to organise an event a the back of this guide!**



Click the page number to go straight to that section!

# PRINTING THIS GUIDE?

Use our simple guide below to print only the pages for your home state or states you are visiting!

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## What's happening in your neighbourhood?

We would love to hear what our members are up to in their part of the world.

Whether it's a monthly lunch, a bush walk, a get-together, bash out a paragraph or two and email it to: [events@countrynetwork.com.au](mailto:events@countrynetwork.com.au)

Find out about all upcoming events in the following locations:  
*Country Network Private Facebook Group*  
*Country Network Events Monthly Guide*

Once the new website is up and running, all events will also be listed on the website. Don't forget if you would like to organise an event: contact our Events Coordinator, Hector or your regional coordinator.





## JOIN US ON THE BOYS OWN TOUR OF SRI LANKA

A small group of 17, with own vehicle, driver and local guide will explore the best of this remarkable island nation over 21 days.

This Tour has been specially developed for us,  
and is a not-to-be-missed opportunity!

### What you need to know!

#### Dates:

26 April 2023 to 16 May 2023

Register by 18 December  
or miss out.

#### Cost:

Land only – USD 2,778 twin share,  
USD 3,670 single

Cost includes all accommodation  
(four star), all breakfasts plus  
many other meals, all transport  
(except to and from SL airport),  
and most entry costs.

#### Getting There:

Your responsibility. Assistance is  
available. Indicative costs ex. Syd  
or Melb to Colombo for the Tour  
dates start from \$1,076 return.

#### Contact:

David Breaden  
☎ 0418 170 311

Special interests in Sri Lanka? Just let me know!

Yes, there are three colonial occupations that have left their marks on the country, but a strong indigenous presence persists. The people are friendly and you will never be allowed to feel in any danger. The civil unrest of present times has been severely quashed. The problems however remain.

But tourism is an important part of the economy, so more tourists means more jobs means more money moving around. For our tour, there are no single night stays, and sometimes we will travel by train as well. We will cover most of this fascinating island, and we'll see all aspects of current living. What you do is up to your level of fitness. The pace is not fast.

Beautiful beaches, soaring mountains, spectacular scenery, and friendly people.

Aubowan

David B





## LOOKING FOR SOME INSPIRATION?

*Dreaming of travelling but don't want to go alone?  
Why not organise a Country Network travel event,  
to far flung lands or just across the country!*

### What you need to know!

#### Dates:

Set your own dates, avoid school holidays, allow plenty of time for planning, a year goes very quickly!

#### Cost:

Decide on your budget, or start planning with other members. Costs can be reduced by sharing!

#### Getting There:

Plan together or make your own way there and meet up. It's up to you.

#### Contact:

Looking to find other members who may be interested in organising a group trip?

#### Email:

[events@countrynetwork.com.au](mailto:events@countrynetwork.com.au)  
and we can put you in touch with each other.

**With borders opening up and travel resuming around the world, why not organise a holiday with some new friends from the Network?**

It's a great way to reduce some costs, share new experiences and meet other members. Always wanted to try a cruise? Spend a week in Margaret River or fly to Turkey?

Take a leap of faith and be inspired by David, who recently returned from Turkey and is planning a trip to Sri Lanka. If you get a chance chat to Neil Warner about the group of Networkers who travelled to Tuscany for a memorable holiday!

All it takes is an idea and some inspiration to start the planning.

Perhaps a weekend away in the city? A couple of days in the country? Find a town, pick a date and let other members know you'll be there. It's a great way to meet new members in your area.

Don't forget if you plan ahead you can promote your event in this guide and meet even more members from around the country!

## 15 DAYS IN TURKEY



**It was totally spontaneous, a knee jerk response to what I'd just read. I'd been vaguely looking for something for us both to look forward to after Brian recovered from his operation.**

**Suddenly, there it was -15 days in Turkey in a small group at a ridiculously reasonable cost that included return flights.**

**What to lose?**

Sixty years earlier I'd spent some time in Turkey. I had changed since then of course, but so had Turkey, and in what ways? Despite the manic congestion, human, animal, and vehicular in Istanbul, the smells, and the rubbish everywhere, I'd found it exciting. Truly cosmopolitan.

Crossing the Bosphorus (by ferry back then) the Asian side was comprised of a smattering of villages in hills covered by heather. Both villages and heather by now had disappeared and were replaced with densely clustered high-rise apartments and offices. Istanbul's current population is in excess of twenty-two million.

On that trip, I'd driven across Turkey towards the Arab lands. I recall in particular Cappadocia. What a stunning landscape. The harshness of the country was mitigated by the cliffs and pillars that successive generations had used for homes and churches. Just dug out of the solid rock. Now those habitations and holy places have been made readily accessible.

On this recent trip, we inspected an underground township that had been first inhabited in the first century AD. At its peak, it housed over three thousand souls.

Turkey's history, and the resultant culture, I found fascinating. Such a rich history, placed as it is on the junction of East and West, invaded and conquered by so many warring tribes over the centuries, and yet so much palpable evidence of sophisticated buildings and ways of life. I couldn't resist comparing Troy and Ephesus. The first comprised the remains of ten civilizations, each built on top of the other. It must be an archaeologist's nightmare. Ephesus on the other hand was just abandoned, the population simply walking away from all those incredible marble colonnades, temples, libraries, baths, and theatres. Much easier excavation.







# Inspiration



About the middle of the tour, one highlight occurred. We boarded our very own Gulet, a traditional Turkish ketch. It was ours (there were ten of us all up), with crew, for three days and nights in the Aegean Sea. We dribbled along the coast in incredibly turquoise water.

One could see the sea bottom when it was about thirteen metres deep. So many islands and Greece is so very close. We stopped at a few villages, and sometimes just to explore the steep, rocky shoreline. Swimming back out to the Gulet at anchor from such excursions was magic. Did I mention that the food was excellent?



For me, another highlight was a hot air balloon flight in Cappadocia. Pre-dawn start, we went out in the countryside where the balloons were being prepared to be blown up. We were well up to observe a stunning sunrise across this remarkable landscape. Our pilot had been doing this for twelve years, and I'd have to say that he was very skilled. From being quite high he dropped us so that we passed within a couple of metres of some of those remarkable very large pillars and cliffs. On the top of one, I saw a bird nest with young ones flapping, no doubt thinking we were bringing food. The bottom of the basket passed about a metre above the nest. There were one hundred and forty-nine other balloons in the air in the same region. What a sight! After about ninety minutes we landed extremely smoothly and were rewarded with glasses of freshly squeezed pomegranate juice and French champagne.

So much more to tell . . .

*David B*

## Looking for some more travel inspiration?



Would you like to enjoy some fabulous experiences, enjoy LGBTQI+ social events and connect with like-minded people?

For all your (gay) travel needs contact fellow CN member

**Adam Bold**

[www.pointsofdifference.com](http://www.pointsofdifference.com)

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PHOTO CREDIT

# WORLD PRIDE FEATURE: THE 78'ERS

As we celebrate world pride in 2023, we can thank the first LGBTQ+ activists whose protest march in 1978 became the modern-day Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras!





# Sydney

## THE 78ERS THAT STARTED IT ALL



© Neal Jennings

The 78ers are a group of LGBT activists who marched in the original Sydney Mardi Gras on 24 June 1978 and participated in the subsequent protests against police violence and the arrests of participants in the Mardi Gras. The protestors were assaulted and thrown in jail, with many affected by the trauma for years afterward. This group became known as the 78ers and has led each year's Mardi Gras parade since 1998.

### History

Those who participated in the 1978 Mardi Gras held a protest at Darlinghurst and Central Police Stations on 25 June and at Central Court, Sydney on 26 June where 300 protested outside the closed court in Liverpool Street, and seven were arrested. There was a gay rights march from Martin Place to Darlinghurst Police Station on 15 July 1978 where 2,000 protested and 14 were arrested and the March down Oxford Street from the 4th National Homosexual Conference to Taylor Square and Hyde Park on 27 August 1978 with 300 participants and 104 arrests.

Most of the charges against those arrested were eventually dropped and the New South Wales Summary Offences Act, which had given police very wide powers to arrest people, was repealed in May 1979.

In the days following the Sydney Morning Herald published the names, occupations, and addresses of people facing charges.

### Apology

On 25 February 2016, the New South Wales State Parliament made a formal bipartisan apology to the 78ers when Bruce Notley Smith, the member for Coogee, moved the motion of apology in the NSW Legislative Assembly.

On 24 February 2016, the Sydney Morning Herald published an apology to the 78ers, Darren Goodsir, editor-in-chief said "In 1978, The Sydney Morning Herald reported the names, addresses, and professions of people arrested during public protests to advance gay rights. The paper at the time was following the custom and practice of the day. We acknowledge and apologise for the hurt and suffering that reporting caused. It would never happen today."

On 9 August 2018 NSW Police Commissioner Michael Fuller gave an official apology on behalf of the Police Force for the actions of police during the events of 1978.

### Calling Rural 78ers

**A number of 78ers live in regional and rural areas.**

Helen Gollan, who is a member of the SGLMG 78ers Committee, encourages 78ers living in rural and regional locations to get in touch.

As Helen lives in a small rural town in Victoria, she understands some of the issues facing LGBTIQ+ individuals living in rural and regional locations.

Helen would like to hear about the experiences of 78ers living in locations outside of Sydney and your thoughts on how issues confronting LGBTIQ+ in such locations can be addressed.

Helen can be contacted at [hcg78er@yahoo.com](mailto:hcg78er@yahoo.com).





# Margaret River

## A ROLICKING GOOD TIME!



### What you need to know!

#### Best time to visit:

What is the best time of the year to visit?



#### Getting there:

The Margaret River wine region is approximately 200km South of Perth.

Flights are now available directly from Melbourne to Busselton Margaret River Airport with Jetstar Airways.

If driving from Perth to Margaret River, it is an easy three-hour drive.

Indulge in incredible food and wine experiences, discover a thriving art scene, immerse yourself in the pristine natural environment and go on amazing adventures.

Find plenty of inspiration here on things to do in the Margaret River region, from abseiling and coasteering adventures, to scenic helicopter flights and guided walks along the famous surf coast.

Discover natural wonders and find out what makes this land, rich in biodiversity, so special. Go birdwatching, meet a woylie, find secret swimming spots and walk through the Boranup Karri Forest. Make tracks for the mountain bike trails and gaze in awe at the crystal caves.

Sip craft beer, gin, or wine in the very place it was grown and made. Take a foodie adventure through farmers markets, in cafes, fish & chip shops, restaurants and winery dining rooms. Trust the chef, and always take the matching wine option. Watch the sunset with a picnic – this is what holiday memories are made of.

With so many artists and creatives drawn to the natural beauty and great lifestyle, you'll find a vibrant arts community. Find something special in a fine art gallery, visit working studios, enjoy a live gig or cinema under the stars.

Explore the best things to do in Margaret River, Busselton, Dunsborough, Augusta and beyond.





# Bathurst

New South Wales

## What you need to know!

### When:

4 November 2022 –  
15 January 2023

### Where:

Bathurst Regional Art  
Gallery (BRAG)  
70 -78 Keppel St  
BATHURST NSW 2795

### Getting There:

Bathurst is about 200  
kilometres west-northwest  
of Sydney

### Contact:

BRAG  
☎ (02) 6333 6555



## LIAM BENSON: VIRTUE WITHOUT STAIN

Liam Benson: *Virtue Without Stain* presents a collection of works, performances, and participatory workshops by Western Sydney based artist Liam Benson exploring issues of masculinity. The exhibition surveys Benson's photographic work, new media, performances, and embroidery practice. Importantly, *Virtue Without Stain* includes new collaborative works made with local communities to provide a context for the complexity of Benson's vision about what defines contemporary Australian masculinity.

*Virtue Without Stain* (*Virtus sine macula*) is the motto of the Russell Clan, a connection Liam Benson shares with his grandmother.

*"The clan crest features a set of scales, which is my star sign (Libra). As a Libran, I feel bound to the characteristic of always weighing up both sides of opposing perspectives. I never completely settle on an opinion. For me, the concept of Virtue Without Stain is impossible because my idea of virtuous is to acknowledge that I'm capable of both good and bad. My amended clan motto would be 'Virtue is a Stain'. (Liam Benson, 2021)"*



LIAM BENSON, *Above and Below*, 2020, Digital print on Solve Glaze cotton rag, edition of 5 + 2AP, 120 x 170 cm





# Rawson

Gippsland, Victoria

## RAWSON

Rawson is a town in Victoria, Australia, located on Tyers - Thomson Valley Road, in the Shire of Baw Baw.

The town was established for workers involved in the construction of the Thomson Dam, which was completed in 1983, Rawson Post Office opening on 17 April 1979.

The first buildings were constructed in 1977.



Thomson dam (Melbourne's largest) is about thirty minutes' drive from Rawson and well worth a visit. Currently the dam is full and overflowing.



Graeme



Image: rawson.vic.au

**What I love about Rawson...**Locals are laid back and friendly. After five at night, not a sound and no endless traffic! Yes, it is cold in the Winter with at least one snowfall per year, but summers are often moderate with a cool mountain breeze often at the end of a hot day.

**Where I wander...**The town has a large park and a lake "Crater Lake" not sure why is it called that, I don't think it is actually a crater. A nice walk around the lake or around town or a stop at the Rawson General Store for a morning coffee is a must. Locals generally keep their homes neat and tidy with lots of lovely introduced trees to mix with the local flora.

**My favourite place to get a beer with friends is...**Rawson Stockyard Hotel has a great old world atmosphere even though the pub is less than twenty years old. Meals are generous and yummy with friendly staff. (Only open on weekends & public holidays)

**If I want to escape from the world for a little while I go to...**Coopers Creek nearby was a former copper, gold, and lime mining area. Now under the care of Scott and Mark, who keep things in order. There have been occasional nude camping weekends held there. However, it is not a designated nudist retreat.

**What's the vibe?** Rawson is a quiet friendly little town. Am I the only gay resident? Mmmm not sure but I am sure the whole town knows I am lol! Nearby Walhalla is an historic old gold mining town, once boasting a population of around five thousand people, now twenty on a good day. A ride on the Walhalla Goldfields Railway with yours truly driving the train, is a must or you could visit the Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine.



# WORLD AIDS DAY 2022



**The national World AIDS Day theme for Australia in 2022 is Boldly Positive.**

**It is a day for the community to show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died of AIDS related conditions or other conditions associated with HIV.**

**World AIDS Day aims to encourage Australians to educate themselves and others about HIV; to take action to reduce the transmission of HIV by promoting prevention strategies; and to ensure that people living with HIV can participate fully in the life of the community, free from stigma and discrimination.**

**Show your support for people with HIV on World AIDS Day by wearing a red ribbon, the international symbol of HIV awareness and support.**

**World AIDS Day is held on 1 December each year. It raises awareness across the world and in the community about HIV and AIDS.**

The red ribbon has become an internationally recognised symbol for AIDS awareness, worn by people throughout the year in support of people living with HIV and in remembrance of those who have died. On 1 December this year, people around the world will be pinning on their red ribbons as they commemorate World AIDS Day. But where did the ribbon come from?

In 1988, a group called Visual AIDS was founded by arts professionals as a response to the effects of AIDS on the arts community and as a way of organizing artists, arts institutions, and arts audiences toward direct action on AIDS.

Three years later, in 1991, some of the Visual AIDS artists came together to design a visual symbol to demonstrate compassion for people living with HIV and their caregivers. Inspired by the yellow ribbons honoring American soldiers serving in the Gulf war, the artists chose to create a red ribbon to symbolize support and solidarity for people living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

The color red was chosen for its, "connection to blood and the idea of passion -- not only anger, but love, like a valentine," the Project founders say. The project was to become known as the Red Ribbon Project.

In a spontaneous campaign in 1991, Red Ribbon Project volunteers sent letters and red ribbons to all attendees at the Tony Awards in the United States where actor Jeremy Irons stepped out on national television with a red ribbon pinned prominently on his lapel.

"The fact that it was so widely imitated was amazing. We couldn't believe it," said Allan Frame, one of the Visual AIDS artists involved in the creation of the red ribbon symbol.

Today the Red Ribbon has become an international symbol of solidarity and support for people living with HIV. Wearing a red ribbon is a simple and powerful way to challenge the stigma and prejudice surrounding AIDS. Wear yours with pride this World AIDS Day.



**[World Aids Day events around Australia](#)**



**[Learn more](#)**



## Rainbow Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshores Picnic

Sunday, December 11

BYO everything  
12:00pm

At one of the Big Shelter areas  
Look for the rainbow flags

LGBTIQ+ Inclusive

 [Facebook group here](#)



## Sydney Naked Walking Group

First Thursday of the month

Various locations

Details in the CN Private FaceBook  
group, when available.

John Wenborn  
☎ 0414 727 060



## Coffs Coasters Walking Group

Usually Second Friday  
of the month

Various locations

Details in monthly Network Events & the  
CN Private FaceBook group. There is  
lunch after the walk. BYO drinking water.

Jack Ellis  
☎ 0425 391 235

## Meet your Coordinators

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## Port Macquarie Lunch Meetups

Third Tuesday of the month  
12:00pm start

Settlers Inn, Port Macquarie

Details in monthly Network Events & the  
CN Private FaceBook group.

Jeffrey Sproal  
☎ 0412 651 429



## Wild Hearts Tropical Fruits NYE

31 Dec - 02 Jan  
12:00pm start

Lismore Showgrounds crn. of  
Dunoon rd and Alexander pde

Tropical Fruits  
☎ (02) 6622 6440



# TROPICAL FRUITS WILD HEARTS NEW YEAR FESTIVAL



## What you need to know!

### When:

Sat 31st Dec 2022, 8:00 pm –  
Mon 2nd Jan 2023, 3:00 am

### Getting There:

The City of Lismore is a local government area in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales, Australia.

Flights to Ballina are via Qantas, Jetstar or Virgin Airlines.

The New Years Eve and Recovery parties take place at the Lismore Showgrounds (corner of Dunoon Road and Alexandra Parade).

More information [here](#)

### Contact:

Tropical Fruits  
☎ (02) 6622 6440

~ New Years Eve Party ~ Recovery Party ~ Camping ~ Cabaret ~

Prepare yourselves – Tropical Fruits NYE is back in force.

Tropical Fruits Inc, established in 1988, is the premier LGBTIQ+ community group in the Northern Rivers in NSW. A not-for-profit, incorporated association that holds regular events for diverse members and guests. They are a self-funding, independent, and voluntary organisation.

### Camping!

Want to really make the most of your Tropical Fruits NYE experience? Each year the Lismore Showgrounds transforms into a wonderful Fruity world as our campsite fills with festival attendees from all over Australia and the world.

It's a fabulous way to make new friends, share a drink or a meal in the communal kitchen area, have spontaneous campsite gatherings, and enjoy events such as the exclusive campsite party on December 30th.

Just a short stroll (careful in those heels!) from the official party site, camping is a great way to enhance your Tropical Fruits New Year Festival experience. The campsite opens days before the official NYE Festival events take place, giving you the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and enjoy the Fruity atmosphere.

Campers are free to come and go from the campsite as they please, with wonderful 'Rainbow Region' day trip options to enjoy during your visit, including waterfalls, Nimbin, and the famous Kings Beach.

# New South Wales

including ACT

## TOP FIVE

# dog beaches!

1

**Brunswick Head Beach, Brunswick Head.** The off-leash section of Brunswick Heads Beach is well signposted. It starts just south of the Surf Club and extends for 400m south to the boundary of Tyagarah Nature Reserve.

2

**Belongil Beach, Byron Bay.**

The off-leash section starts a little way west of the Main Beach car park and extends west to Manfred Street in Belongil.

3

**North Wall Beach, Coffs Harbour.** The beach is located just north of the break wall, near the marina and historic jetty. Is 24/7 off-leash.

There's plenty of parking right next to the beach, as well as a large grassy reserve (just keep dogs on a leash). On Google Maps, search for the beach marked "Park Beach South Dog Beach".

4

**Nobbys Beach, Port Macquarie.**

Just 4km south of the centre of town, it's easily accessible, with a carpark at the southern end of the beach and a short staircase down to the sand. Plus the surrounding cliffs keep dogs safe from the main road passing by.

5

**Nine Mile Beach, Tuncurry.**

Nine Mile Beach is one of those beaches that stretches for miles, and luckily dogs are permitted off-leash all day long along nearly all of it.



# New South Wales

including ACT

## VENUE GUIDE



### 357 SYDNEY CITY STEAM

357 Sussex St, Sydney

Four levels of cruising and a licensed bar makes this a popular sauna.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### THE BANK HOTEL

324 King St, Newtown

With a Newtown Flair and a foliage-filled beer garden, it's not just the cheap jugs the keep the people coming.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### THE COLOMBIAN

117-125 Oxford St, Darlinghurst

Another of the strip's iconic venues, with the main bar hosting drag shows and cage dancers with a lounge bar upstairs.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### THE STONEWALL HOTEL

175 Oxford St, Darlinghurst

The much-loved, long-running epicentre of Oxford St.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### PALMS ON OXFORD

124 Oxford St, Darlinghurst

A vibrant, camp atmosphere and '80s and '90s pop hits.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### THE IMPERIAL HOTEL

35 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville

The inner west's biggest LGBTIQI destination offering everything from dinner to dancing to queer parties and more.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### KINSELAS

383 Bourke St, Darlinghurst

Its history as a former funeral parlour makes this one of Taylor Square's most unique spaces, with friendly crowds and staff.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### THE OXFORD HOTEL

134 Oxford St, Darlinghurst

Standing proudly on Oxford Street for over 100 years, The Oxford Hotel is made up of four distinct spaces.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### SYDNEY SAUNA

Level 1, 38-42 Oxford St, Darlinghurst

Clean, well-maintained, well run sauna.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#) 



### TRADE CLUB

273 Crown St, Darlinghurst

A large male sex-on premise venue known for its packed, ripped and sexy crowds.

**Tues - Sun**

[Click for website](#) 



### CUBE 33

Petre Plaza, Canberra

Canberra's premier LGBT+ nightclub.

**Thurs - Sun**

[Click for website](#) 



### TRANSIT BAR

7 Akuna St, Canberra ACT.

Canberra's go to bar to see live indie rock and blues artists and arty queer acts touring around the country.

**Mon - Sat**

[Click for website](#) 



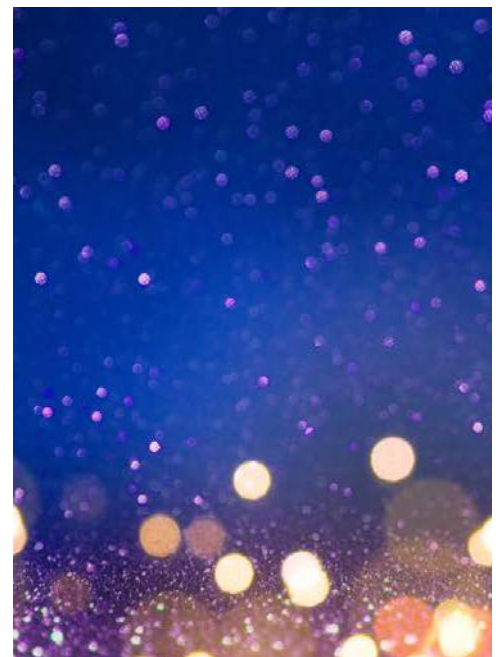
### MUSTANG RANCH

19 Molonglo Mall, Fyshwick ACT

Leading gay cruise club in Canberra. Fantasy Lane.

**10am-11pm 7 days**

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# Queensland



## **BLUSH – Circus for grown ups**

A non-stop celebration of the surprising, subversive, and supremely sexy, award-winning circus sensation BLUSH brings an outrageous brand of adult circus to QPAC this summer. Be shocked and scandalised in a decadent evening of sensational acrobatics, operatic cabaret, and tongue-in-cheek burlesque.

Winner of Best Circus Adelaide Fringe 2020, and weekly awards for Best Circus at Adelaide Fringe 2018 and Fringeworld 2019, this circus for grown ups is an unforgettable night out. Escape the every day and join BLUSH for the sexiest live circus cabaret experience.

**Warning: This production contains partial nudity, adult themes, sexual references, strobe and haze affects.**

## **Meet your Coordinators**

### **Brisbane Metro, Gold Coast**

Thomas Tiltmann  
☎ 0449 186 305

### **Sunshine Coast**

Rodger Thomson  
☎ 0476 444 024

### **Inland Queensland**

Charlie Helyar  
☎ 0417 102 587

### **North Queensland & Lockyer Valley**

Jeffrey Sproal  
☎ 0412 651 429



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Please note, there will be no further Country Network lunches that I can organise for the Gold Coast/Brisbane/Sunshine Coast for this year. The next lunch after this I plan to organise for January 2023.

*Thomas Tiltmann*

# Queensland

## TOP FIVE

## things to do!

1

### **Swim at one of the golden beaches.**

One of the most well-known and popular Gold Coast beaches is Surfers Paradise. Or Broadbeach, Burleigh Heads and Coolangatta where there are fewer tourists and the beaches are even more beautiful.

2

### **Cuddle a cute koala.**

Some places to consider going is Lone Pine in Brisbane, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the Gold Coast or Australia Zoo on the Sunshine Coast.

3

### **Drink at a rooftop bar in Brisbane.**

They're a great place to come after a day of sightseeing or to see the city from a different perspective. The Terrace in South Bank has great views across the South Bank Parklands.

4

**See a crocodile in the wild.** The best place to see crocodiles in the wild is in far north Queensland in the Daintree River. Join one of the various boat tours and get ready to see these massive beasts as they bask in the glorious Queensland sun.

5

**Visit a tropical island.** The most well known and popular islands of Queensland's are the Whitsundays, which are located off the coast from Airlie Beach.



# Queensland VENUE GUIDE



## THE WICKHAM

**308 Wickham St, Brisbane**

An inner-city gay pub in Brisbane that welcomes everyone. The Wickham's restaurant serves food and drinks all night.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#)



## THE SPORTSMANS HOTEL

**130 Leichhardt St, Brisbane**

Affectionately known as "Sporties" or, in the Brisbane LGBTIQ+ community as simply "The Pub", the only totally gay owned and operated hotel in Brisbane, serving the community since 1989.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#)



## Fluffy @E18HT

**641 Ann Street, Fortitude Valley**

Taking place every Sunday night at Cloudland, showcasing some of the best drag queens Brisbane has to offer.

Every Sunday

[Click for website](#)



## THE BEAT MEGA CLUB

**677 Ann St, Brisbane**

For over 30 years, The Beat has been one of Brisbane's biggest and most iconic gay venues. This massive nightclub features 6 gay venues, from the popular Main Bar to the 70's & 80's music played in the Street Bar.

**Wed - Sun**

[Click for website](#)



## BRISBEARS

### Various Venues

BrisBears (since 1993) is a social club for bears, friends and admirers in Brisbane, which organises various events and gatherings in the city throughout the year.

**Check website for details**

[Click for website](#)



## WET SPA & SAUNA

**22 Jeays St, Brisbane**

Large gay sauna & cruise club in Brisbane.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#)



## THE BOOT CO. BRISBANE

### Sportsman Hotel

The Boot Co. is a nonprofit, members-only organisation that hosts monthly events, and annual Leather Pride and other activities that are usually geared towards leather, uniform & fetish gay crowd in Brisbane.

**First Sat of the month**

[Click for website](#)



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business that would like this space?**

Let us know!

Psst... It's FREE for a member owned business!

# South Australia

including Northern Territory

## Attractions in Adelaide

Obviously being gay does not define which attraction most of us will want to see in each city and most queer travelers will simply want to check out the top things to see in Adelaide during the day!

Gay travelers in Adelaide do not need to take any extra precautions in this very tolerant and progressive city.

If you are at a loss for things to do in Adelaide or can't decide – we recommend just heading to one of the beautiful beaches during the day, or the seemingly endless supply of trendy coffee-shop and fabulous dining.



 non-members welcome

South Australia / NT

### 1033 Coffee Group

Every Saturday of the month  
10:15am  
Muratti Cakes & Gateaux  
114B Prospect Road, Prospect

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



 non-members welcome

South Australia / NT

### Gay Mens Catch UP Group

Alternate Wednesdays  
10:15am  
Mylk Cafe  
53 Tynte St. Nth Adelaide

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768

## Meet your Coordinators

### Adelaide Metro & South Australia Rural

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768

### Northern Territory

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



 non-members welcome

South Australia / NT

### Gay Mens Catch up at Divercity

Alternate Wednesdays  
10:15am  
Divercity  
116 Grote St, Adelaide

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



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South Australia / NT

### Dinner Group at Hotel Astor

Every Friday  
6:00pm  
Hotel Astor  
433 Pulteney St., Adelaide

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768

# TELSTRA NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAITS ART AWARDS

This exhibition captures the attention of the nation, with an inspiring breadth of work from around Australia.

Telstra NATSIAA is the longest running and most prestigious Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Experience the richness and diversity of current contemporary Indigenous artistic practice, and the pre-eminence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices, nationwide, within the visual arts.



## What you need to know!

### Exhibition date:

Open until Sunday 15  
January 2023

### Location:

Museum and Art Gallery  
Northern Territory  
19 Conacher Street,  
Darwin, Northern Territory  
0820



## Bear Life Drawing Bear Men of Adelaide

Second Sunday of the month

Duke of Brunswick Hotel  
2:00PM-4:00pm

Learn the art of drawing  
at this fun class.

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



## Qcar South Australia

Third Sunday of the month

Commencing at different areas  
of Adelaide and surrounding  
country

Starting point locations and details  
of the rally route varies.

Register for details

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



## Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Art Awards

On until 15 January 2023

Museum & Art Gallery  
Northern Territory

### Featuring

The richness and diversity of current  
contemporary Indigenous artistic  
practice



## Gay Mens Dinner Group

Third Thursday of the month

Arab Steed Hotel  
241 Hutt Street  
Adelaide  
6:00pm

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768

South Australia

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### LGBTIQ+ MID NORTH SA

[join group on Facebook](#)

A group for the LGBTIQ+ Community on the Yorke Peninsula. Chat, make new friends, catch up, seek advice and support, find information about local LGBTIQ+ events and services.



### Q CAR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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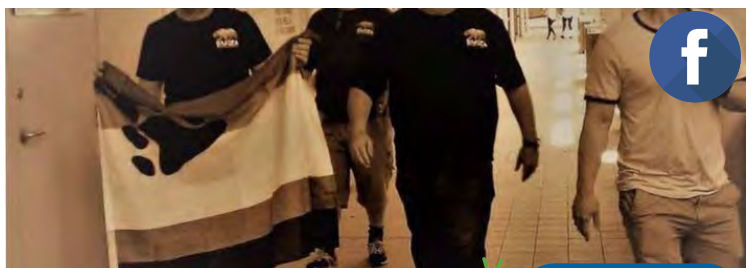
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### GAY ADELAIDE

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### BEAR MEN OF ADELAIDE

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### FRIENDS UP IN ADELAIDE GAY MENS SOCIAL GROUP

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### GAY CAMPING SA

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### LGBTIQ ADELAIDE SA

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### LGBTIQ+ YORKE PENINSULA

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# South Australia Online

including Northern Territory

# NT and surrounds

SA & Northern Territory

## TOP FIVE places to see!

1

**Finke Gorge National Park.** Remote Finke Gorge National Park is home to ancient landscapes and Aboriginal cultural sites. Accessible only by four-wheel drive, it's a handy 140km day trip from Alice Springs, or a great place to break your four-wheel drive trip to Uluru.

2

**Rainbow Valley.** Rainbow Valley is renowned for its sandstone bluffs and cliffs with bands of different coloured rock. An easy day trip from Alice Springs, it's at its most spectacular in the early morning light or late afternoon sun when it changes from ochre red to orange and purple.

3

**Hermannsburg.** The Aboriginal settlement of Hermannsburg is famous as the home of Aboriginal landscape watercolour artist Albert Namatjira. The historic settlement is an easy 130km drive from Alice Springs. Explore the buildings of the restored historic town and see work by local artists.

4

**Simpson Desert.** The Simpson Desert is a vast expanse of rolling dunes, seemingly endless horizons and deep red sand. See the brilliant wildflowers, rare pine trees and unique wildlife that thrives in the harsh desert environment.

5

**East MacDonnell Ranges.** The East MacDonnell Ranges stretch 150km east of Alice Springs and hide some of Central Australia's most famous outback landscapes – gaps, gorges, bush walks, Aboriginal art and amazing geological formations.



# South Australia

including Northern Territory

## VENUE GUIDE



### MY LOVER CINDI

**223 Flinders St, Adelaide**

An alternative, edgy, gay venue that's super inclusive & welcoming.

**Tues - Sat**

[Click for website](#)



### MARYS POPPIN

**5 Synagogue Pl, Adelaide**

The drag queen shows are epic. Mary's Poppin, in Adelaide, opens at 9pm, but it's recommended getting there around 11pm.

**Thur - Sat**

[Click for website](#)



### THE UNLEY

**27 Unley Rd, Parkside SA**

This pub used to be a burlesque bar and the beautiful stained glass windows still remain from the burlesque days.

**Open 7 Days**

[Click for website](#)



### MOTHER VINE

**22-26 Vardon Ave, Adelaide**

A super inclusive LGBT+ wine bar in Adelaide.

**Closed Mondays**

[Click for website](#)



### PULTENEY 431

**431 Pulteney St, Adelaide**

Adelaide's only gay sauna. Discounts on Tuesdays – best day to go if you want to save a few dollars.

**Open 7 Days**

[Click for website](#)



### CLUB X ADELAIDE

**348 King William St, Adelaide**

Club X sells an array of clothes, leather & fetish gear, sex toys, DVD's and other accessories.

**Open 7 Days**

[Click for website](#)



### PELICAN POINT BEACH

A nudist beach located about 220 km from Adelaide by car, worth the drive. It's right next to the Pelican Point Nudist Resort.

**No public facilities**

[Click for Location](#)



### BEACHPORT BEACH

Situated 350 km away from Adelaide. The nude section of the beach is located near the Sunland Holiday Village – which also offers nude camping if you want to stay the night.

[Click for Location](#)



### MASLIN BEACH

Located 45km from Adelaide, nude-bathing is only allowed on the Southern half of Maslin beach. There are toilets, showers, car parks and cafes nearby.

[Click for Location](#)



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with the Network!**

**It's time to tell us all about your town!**

**What makes it great and why members should visit!**

**We want it to be upbeat, a bit of fun, and don't take your answers too seriously.**

**Share the quirks of your town that make it interesting.**

**Find all the information you need [here](#)  
or email [events@countrynetwork.com.au](mailto:events@countrynetwork.com.au)**

A little bit shy? Don't worry you can still tell us about your town anonymously



## SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

The Sydney to Hobart starts on Boxing Day and usually finishes on NYE. There are 120 boats are locked in for this year's Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

The race begins in Sydney Harbour at 1pm (AEDT) on Monday 26 December.



## SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE BOXING DAY 2022

With 628 nautical miles of salt, sweat and stamina, the Sydney to Hobart is one of the world's toughest and most prestigious yacht races.

Since its beginning in 1945, with just nine yachts in contention, the race has grown to includes hundreds of maxi yachts and weekend racers from across the globe. With tight-knit crews sporting sailors as old as 86 and as young as 18, everyone works around the clock, in each sloop, aiming for the holy grail of a 40-hour finish.

Once out of Sydney Harbour on Boxing Day, and past the chop of Bass Strait - "the paddock" - the yachts skirt Tasmania's east coast and enter Storm Bay. Then it's on, with a sprint up the River Derwent, where a slight change in breeze can unseat an expected winner.

Hobart locals and visitors line the shores as the leading yachts sail through and into Sullivans Cove. Whether or not every boat arrives in time for the New Year's Eve fireworks, all finishers are greeted by the waterfront Tasmania's Taste of Summer, a festival that sprawls across the New Year - a sail past the gathered festival goers is part of race tradition.

### Meet your Coordinator

#### Northern & Southern Tasmania

Tony Furmage  
☎ 0407 917 540

## TOP FIVE Cafes in Hobart

1

**Pigeon Hole.** Tucked away in the quiet hilly streets of West Hobart, yet a stone's throw from the city centre, this little gem of a cafe is supported entirely by its own farm, Weston Farm.

2

**Villino/Ecru.** Villino Coffee serves a concise and flavour-packed food menu alongside its comprehensive range of just-roasted brews: choose between espresso, cold brew, pour-over, cascara tea made from coffee cherry pulp and even a coffee flight (doppio, batch brew and flat white).

3

**Yellow Bernard.** The owners of this specialty spot in the middle of Hobart's CBD are passionate about perfecting the art of good coffee and delivering it with ever-friendly and efficient service. Pull up a stool along the window bench with your cup, find a sunny spot on the street outside or grab it to go.

4

**The Stagg/Atlas Espresso.** This small, family-run coffee shop is all about delivering high-quality takeaway coffee and homemade treats to the people of Hobart. Order your coffee, pick up a sweet or savoury daily-baked muffin or banana bread with cinnamon butter and you'll feel like a local in no time. The owners of The Stagg also run Atlas Espresso, a seven-minute walk down Elizabeth Street towards the waterfront.

5

**Room For A Pony.** Room For A Pony is a standout here – a cafe occupying a former petrol station site that's been outfitted with a light industrial touch, wall art, hanging plants and a sunny outside spot out front. It serves an all-day menu and wood-fired pizzas into the night. And, of course, excellent coffee.





## West Gippsland Dinner Group

First Wednesday of the month  
Railway Hotel, Warrugal  
6:30pm

Contact David in advance,  
to help the hotel with catering.

David Adams  
☎ 0473 951 736

## Breakfast in Blackburn

Second Sunday of the Month  
Enrik's Bistro  
25 Railway Rd, Blackburn  
10:30am

Glenn  
☎ 0428 235 323

## Meet your Coordinators

### Melbourne Metro

Neil Warner  
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Kerin Byrne  
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### North Eastern Victoria

Paul West  
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### Wodonga Region

Dean Shawcross  
☎ 0499 023 440

### Geelong Region

Daryl Jarvis  
☎ 0429 347 796

### Gippsland

David Adams  
☎ 0473 951 736



## Geelong Lunch Group

Third Sunday of the month  
Various locations  
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Peter Fairman  
✉ fair01@bigpond.com



## North Eastern Victoria Lunch

Fourth Sunday of the month  
GV Hotel, Shepparton  
11:30am - 2:00pm

**Next Lunch: 27th Nov 2022**  
**No Lunch In December**

Paul West  
☎ 0408 497 273



## CHRISTMAS GARDEN SPECTACULAR 4TH DECEMBER 2022



### What you need to know!

#### When:

4th December 2022

#### Getting There:

Beeac is a town in the Western District of Victoria, Australia. The town is located on the shore of the hyper-saline Lake Beeac in the Colac Otway Shire local government area, 160 kilometres southwest of Melbourne.

#### Contact:

Kerin Byrne

☎ 0478 229 730

byrnekw@netspace.net.au

**Bob from Beeac will be having the December get together on Sunday 4th of December from 12 noon.**

The address will be advised upon RSVP to Kerin.

BYO drinks, meat, and a chair. Salads and desserts will be provided by Bob but there will be a cover charge of \$10 per head toward the cost of his culinary degustations.

Left over proceeds will go to Country Network.

This day is always popular and I would suggest that if you don't come to the monthly lunches at least come to Beeac.

*Peter Fairman*

✉ [fair01@bigpond.com](mailto:fair01@bigpond.com)



## You're always welcome at the Vine Hotel!

The Vine Hotel Wangaratta is located in the heart of North East Victoria, the hotel offers contemporary Australian cuisine in a charming atmosphere. Enjoy dining alfresco during the lazy summer months, or get cosy by the fire in winter.

**27 Detour Rd North Wangaratta , Victoria 3676**  
**License No. 31915711**



# Victoria

## VENUE GUIDE



### SIRCUIT BAR

**103-105 Smith St, Fitzroy**

Nightly DJs, dance and drag shows in a colourful, popular gay bar.

**Wed- Sun**

[Click for website](#)



### POOF DOOF

**386 Chapel St, South Yarra**

Poof Doof is a dance club for all colours of the rainbow and allies.

**Sat Only**

[Click for website](#)



### PRIDE OF OUR FOOTSCRAY

**1/86-88 Hopkins St, Footscray**

Fun, friendly & famous for fabulous entertainment

**Closed Sun & Thur**

[Click for website](#)



### DT'S HOTEL

**164 Church St, Richmond**

Unpretentious gay hot spot with quirky decor and a beer garden, hosting drag and karaoke nights.

**Tues - Sat**

[Click for website](#)



### The 86

**185 Smith St, Fitzroy**

Cocktails, Pan-Asian eats, cabaret & drag shows in a hip space with red lamps & exposed brick.

**Thur-Sun**

[Click for website](#)



### THE LAIRD

**149 Gipps St, Abbotsford**

The Laird, Melbourne, is one of Australia's longest running gay-owned and operated venues. The hotel attracts a masculine yet varied crowd ranging from leather men through to bears and the average 'man off the street'.

**Closed Tues**

[Click for website](#)



### THE PEEL HOTEL

**46 Peel St, Collingwood**

DJ and drag nights at a long-running gay nightspot with a late license, 3 bars and a courtyard.

**Fri & Sat Open Late**

[Click for website](#)



### MOLLIE'S BAR & DINER

**103 Smith St, Fitzroy**

Award winning Mollie's Bar & Diner serves up fresh food and fresh attitude, with a heated rooftop terrace overlooking Fitzroy.

**Wed-Sun**

[Click for website](#)



### YAH YAH'S

**99 Smith St, Fitzroy**

Weekly queer party feat. rotating DJs, babes, booze and bangaz. Get in early to avoid bad lines...

**Gay Night Thurs**

[Click for website](#)



### SUBWAY SAUNA

**Vault 13/393-397 Flinders St, Melbourne**

Subway has many features including 30 serviced rooms, 2 separated cruise areas, 2 private rooms, glory holes, video lounges, newly renovated wet area and a fully serviced cafe and bar.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#)



### WET ON WELLINGTON

**162 Wellington St, Collingwood**

Friendly and popular sauna, with gym, pool and sauna.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#)



### SPARTACUS LOUNGE

**12 Waratah Pl, Melbourne**

Spartacus Lounge is a gay adult DVD shop, with action-filled cruising areas and a few small cabins with no beds.

**Open 7 days**

[Click for website](#)





## TOP FIVE walking tracks!

1

**Pyrenees Endurance Walk.** Rising nearly 800m the Pyrenees Ranges is a diverse environment with more than 200 species of plants and over 100 bird species recorded in the forest. It's also home to mammals and reptiles including kangaroos, koalas, bats, goannas and snakes.

2

**Murrindindi River Walk.** Starting at either Suspension Bridge or the Cascades picnic area, this 12km one-way walk follows the Murrindindi River. It extends the entire length of the reserve and crosses over several footbridges. Enjoy spectacular river views through a variety of forest types, from tall, open forest to damp ferny gullies.

3

**Reform Hill.** Reform Hill is in Myrtleford, approximately three hours drive northeast of Melbourne. Now known for its rich agricultural offerings, Myrtleford has a history of tobacco farming and mining. Reform Hill takes its name from a rich gold-bearing quartz reef discovered in 1854.

4

**Summit Walk.** Mt Disappointment State Forest is one of Melbourne's most accessible areas for recreation. Though damaged by bushfire over the years, the forest is regenerating. It remains a popular spot for bushwalking, camping and mountain biking.

5

**La La Falls.** The La La Falls walking track is a popular short walk that has long been drawing tourists to the region to see the beauty of the old water race. Add it to your itinerary as a place to stretch the legs and enjoy stunning natural scenery before or after visiting Warburton, a charming town just an hour outside of Melbourne.



# Western Australia

## Meet your Coordinators

**Perth Metro**  
Cliff Moores  
☎ 0422 799 929

**South West, Greater Southern & Rural North Western Australia**  
Jeffrey Sproal  
☎ 0412 651 429



## Cards and Board Games Afternoon

14th December 2022  
Venue to be advised (Mt Lawley)  
1:30pm start  
RSVP Eugene  
☎ 0401 644 070  
eugeniomaguire@hotmail.com



## Coffee Morning Dome Hotel

4th December 2022  
293 Albany Highway, Vic Park  
10:00am  
Table booked under Chris Hart or Prime Timers.  
Cliff Moores  
☎ 0422 799 729  
✉ cliff12@iinet.net.au

Wishing all our members a very Merry and Happy Christmas.

As I will be away from Perth for an extended period, I won't be able to arrange a Christmas function.

If any-one would like to do so, please contact me before I leave on 5th December.

Big Hugs and thank you for your support throughout the year.

Cliff



## Dinner @ Bayswater Hotel

21st December 2022  
Bayswater Hotel  
78-80 Railway Parade, Bayswater  
7:00pm  
RSVP: Terry  
✉ pteventswa@gmail.com



## Luncheon Group

27th December 2022  
Woodbridge Hotel,  
50 East St, Guildford  
12:00pm  
Table booked under Cliff  
No need to RSVP just turn up.  
Cliff Moores  
☎ 0422 799 729  
✉ cliff12@iinet.net.au

# Western Australia

## VENUE GUIDE



### THE COURT HOTEL

**50 Beaufort St, Perth**

One of the biggest and most popular gay venues in Perth. The Court Hotel hosts regular events and functions including drag.

**Wed- Sun**

[Click for website](#) 



### THE MUSTANG BAR

**46 Lake St, Northbridge**

The Mustang Bar has a distinct American feel, with a major focus on sport and quality LIVE entertainment.

**Tues - Sat**

[Click for website](#) 



### THE AVIARY

**Level 1, 140 William St, Perth**

This breathtaking popular rooftop gay bar and restaurant offers stunning views of the city while guests dine, drink or dance the night away.

**Open 7 Days**

[Click for website](#) 



### HULA HULA BAR

**12 Victoria Ave, Perth**

This funky, gay-friendly bar serves a delicious range of fruity cocktails and tasty rums.

**Wed- Sun**

[Click for website](#) 



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# Western Australia

## TOP FIVE

## beach camps!

1

**Cleaverville camping area, Karratha.** In the very north of WA, Cleaverville is an informal campground located between Karratha and Point Samson. It's just you and Mother Nature out there, though with no facilities of any sort it's more for experienced campers, but the sunsets are worth it. And be sure to pack insect repellent, as the sand flies are notorious.

2

**Gnoorea Point Campground, Karratha.** Gnoorea Point, also known as 40 Mile, is a great spot for those keen on a true beach camping experience. The bay offers good fishing, as well as wind protection for those wanting to cool off in the tranquil waters.

3

**Warroora Station, Ningaloo.** Warroora Station offers what is arguably the quintessential Aussie camping experience. There are 11 beachfront camping spots that all step out on to a white-sand beach, and from there it's just a few steps into the warm turquoise water.

4

**Cape Range National Park, Exmouth.** Cape Range is one of the state's most iconic national parks, and also happens to be home to a whopping 11 beachfront campgrounds. You do need to be fully self-sufficient though, with the only amenities being toilets and a couple of picnic tables where you can sit and enjoy a cracking Exmouth sunset.

5

**Dirk Hartog Island.** Dirk Hartog Island is renowned for its natural beauty and excellent fishing, and it also happens to be home to a couple of camping spots right on the sand, including Withnell Point and Dampier's Landing.



## ZOOM WITH NEIL!

Would you like to join fellow members on Zoom each Saturday at 5 pm (AEST) for an hour of relaxed conversation? Make new friends around the country, and catch up with other members.

For the Zoom access link details, contact Neil Warner at [ecosh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ecosh@bigpond.net.au)



Keep up to date with all the latest news about our new website. Look out for your weekly website update email, hitting your inbox every Tuesday!

### Key dates:

- Old website shutdown: 1st Dec 2022
- New website Live: approx. 15th Dec 2022

### Some of the new features on our new website include:

- A friendly, welcoming homepage
- An easy-to-navigate menu
- A simple login process using your email and your own password
- A simple sign-up and renewal process with online payment
- A searchable members list, by location, interests, and by map
- Your profile is updatable with your own personalised bio.
- YOU control how much information you share with other members
- You can add your own interests to your bio to meet more members with similar interest
- Searchable events calendar, by State/Territory or by interest
- Member exclusive news, events, member profiles, past newsletters
- Dynamic news and events on the homepage
- The ability for members to submit news or events through online forms
- Community organisation listings that are searchable by State/Territory and purpose such as health, retail, etc
- An extensive library of resources for the network across the country.



Please keep in mind that things may not work perfectly the first time, there may be some small errors or it may take a while to find your way around the new website. Rest assured that we will work through any issues methodically and respectfully.

We will have training videos, how-to documents and website Zoom sessions to answer all your questions. Your patience as we work through the website transition is greatly appreciated.

# WANT TO ORGANISE AN EVENT?

## Here's How!

**Anyone within Country Network can organise an event, and it's simple and quick.**

**1**

### **Decide on your event type.**

Are you organising a coffee catch-up, dinner or lunch, a walk, attending a show, or planning a short getaway for members? If it's your first event, we recommend keeping it simple and small.

**2**

### **Register your event**

Make sure you let Hector, our Country Network Event Coordinator, know the when, where, how, and who of your event. Our new website will allow you to register your event online.

We recommend asking for an RSVP to allow you to make any bookings required to make the event a success.

**3**

### **Promote your event**

Reach out to other members in your area. Planning ahead allows for inclusion in the Network Event guide.

**4**

### **Communicate with attendees**

Should any plans change, make sure you communicate to any members who have contacted you and also our Events Coordinator, who can post any changes through our communication channels.

**5**

### **At the event.**

We suggest arriving a little early to allow for any early attendees at the venue.

A warm welcome is always appreciated by new members or event attendees.

If taking photos of your event, make sure that everyone is comfortable being photographed.

**Most Importantly...Have Fun and enjoy yourself!**