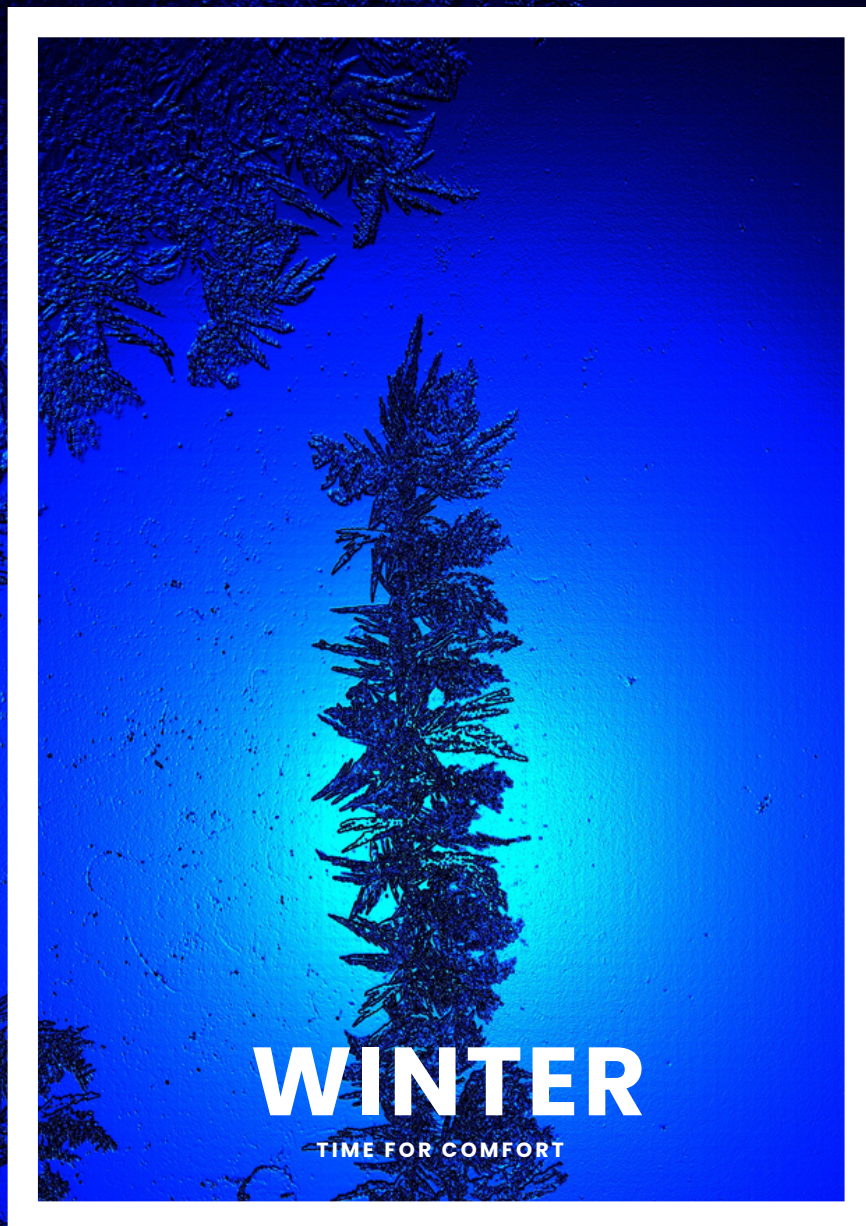


NETWORK EVENTS

REACHING ACROSS AUSTRALIA

JULY 2023



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YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO
COUNTRY NETWORK EVENTS

STATE
GUIDES



WELCOME

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

We have listed major public events of interest, to many members, and there is an introduction to other relevant Facebook groups.

In this **bimonthly** 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 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 or get in touch with your designated area coordinator so that other members will know what's on in their travels.

Hector



Country Social Network Inc. (Reg Y2063541)

CONTACT US NETWORK EVENTS

events@countrynetwork.com.au

Contributing to the Country Network Events guide is easy! Simply email your photos, notices or information to 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!

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Hector Vera

Editor

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 provide information on events held by Country Network or other organisations that may be of interest to our members.

The guide is sorted by state and colour coded to make each state easy to find.

Events are listed for each state 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 on 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, a non-members welcome event or a public event.



**member
event**



**non-members
welcome**

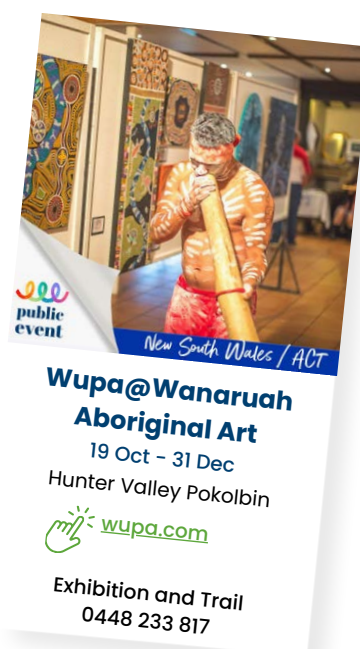


**public
event**

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



click page number above to go straight to that page!



Meet your Coordinators

Australian Capital Territory

David Benger
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South Coast

Vacant

Inland North

Vacant

Inland South

Mark "Spud" Russell
☎ 0411 664 375

Albury/Wodonga

Dean Shawcross
☎ 0499 023 440

North Coast

Lindsay Sheppard
☎ 0429 225 222

Sydney Metro

John Wenborn
☎ 0414 727 060

Central Coast & Hunter Valley

Vacant




non members
welcome

New South Wales / ACT

Port Macquarie Lunch Meet-ups

Third Tuesday of the month

12:00pm start
Settlers Inn

101 Hastings River Drive
Port Macquarie

Jeffery Sproal
☎ 0412 651 429




public
event

New South Wales / ACT

Bush Walks Sydney Region

Various dates & times

Walks in and Around Sydney
Contact host for details
Not affiliated with CN

John Wenborn
☎ 0414 727 060




non members
welcome

New South Wales/Border

Albury Wodonga Brunch

Third Sunday of the month
10:00am - 12:00pm

Reflections Cafe
(inside the Commercial Club)
618 Dean Street
Albury, NSW

Dean Shawcross
☎ 0499 023 440




public
event
LGBTIQ+ Inclusive

New South Wales / ACT

Coffs Coasters Walking Group

Second Saturday
of the month
Various locations

There is lunch after the walk
BYO drinking water
LGBTIQ+ inclusive

Jack Ellis
☎ 0425 391 235



ARTARMON TO NORTHBRIDGE - 6TH JULY 2023



Artarmon to Northbridge

Walk information:

The walk will end at Northbridge, with a bus back to the City or North Sydney. Arriving by car not recommended, there is no commuter parking at Artarmon and it would be time consuming to get back to Artarmon station after the walk. This is a mid-winter walk. It is only a fortnight from the shortest day of the year. There is no opportunity for swimming. It is midwinter so could be cold, come prepared.

Date: July 6, 2023

Time: 10.00 trek. See notes below.

Detail: First stop is an opportunity to view a historical building. It was built in the 1900's as an incinerator, designed by Walter Burley Griffin, of Canberra designer fame. It is now an art gallery and cafe.

Second stop is a cave, known as Lawson's Cave. Supposedly the poet Henry Lawson came here to write poetry and recover from his drinking at the local pubs! There is a small amphitheatre here and you recite your favourite poems to your fellow bushwalkers! So come prepared to perform.

The path passes under Willoughby Road. Those who do not want to go further can walk up to Willoughby Road, where there is a frequent bus service to North Sydney Station or to City QVB.

John Wenborn

☎ 0414 727 060

What you need to know!

When:

Thursday, 6th July

Time:

10:00am

Getting There:

Exit from the station, turn right at the bottom of the stairs, and meet in the Plaza area. (Coffee shops here.) The walk will end at Northbridge, with a bus back to the City or North Sydney. Arriving by car not recommended, there is no commuter parking at Artarmon and it would be time consuming to get back to Artarmon station after the walk.

Contact:

John Wenborn
☎ 0414 727 060



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](#) 

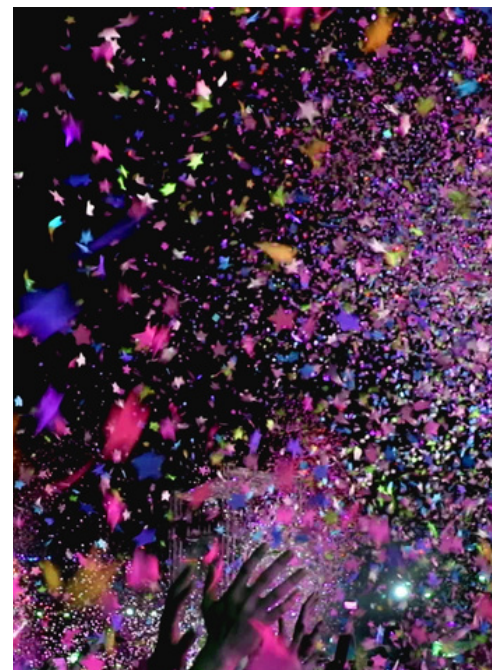


MUSTANG RANCH

19 Molonglo Mall, Fyshwick ACT

Leading gay cruise club in Canberra. Fantasy Lane 10am-11pm 7 days

[Click for website](#) 





Sunshine Coast Lunch Meet-up

Sunday, 9th July

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Kings Beach Tavern

43 Burgess Street, Caloundra

RSVP by 12pm Thursday prior to event

Rodger Thomson

☎ (07) 5491 6776



Blackall

Named after Sir Samuel Blackall, the second Governor of Queensland, Blackall is located on the Matilda Highway. The district was discovered in 1846 by explorer Major Thomas Mitchell and the township was gazetted in 1868; there is plenty of heritage and history to uncover. Blade shearer Jack Howe put Blackall on the map in 1892 at 'Alice Downs' when he set a world record by shearing 321 sheep in seven hours and 40 minutes. It actually took another 58 years before anyone could match this feat and that was by machine shears. Blackall was the first Outback town to start drilling an artesian bore back in 1885, today visitors can rest, relax and revive in the natural artesian waters at the thermal spa and swimming pool at Blackall's Aquatic Centre. Blackall is also the home of the Black Stump which was used for surveying purposes and permanently marks the original Astro Station established in 1887. Anything west of this point is said to be 'beyond the black stump'.

Meet your Coordinators

Inland

Vacant

North

Vacant

Central Coast

Vacant

Sunshine Coast

Rodger Thomson

☎ (07) 5491 6776

Gold Coast

Vacant

Brisbane Metro

Vacant

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](#)



What's happening in your neighbourhood?

We would love to hear what our members are up to in your 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

Find out about all upcoming events in the following locations:

[Country Network Website](#)

[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.

Tell us
your
news!



South Australia

including Northern Territory



Diverse-City Men's Catch Up Group

Alternate Wednesdays
10:15am
Diversity

116 Grote St, Adelaide
Hosted by Keith & Warren
Not affiliated with CN

 [join group on Facebook](#)

Hotel Astor Dinner Group

Every Friday Night
5:45pm

433 Pulteney St., Adelaide
RSVP by 11am on day of event
Not affiliated with CN

Tony
☎ 0414 227 707

1033 Coffee Group

Every Saturday of the month
10:15am

Muratti Cakes & Gateaux
114B Prospect Road, Prospect

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768

Meet your Coordinators

South Australia - Rural

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768

Adelaide Metro & South Australia Rural

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768

South Australia - Limestone Coast (south of Bordertown to Murray Bridge)

Patrick Smith
☎ 0423 703 819

Northern Territory

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768




Mylk Bar Gay Men's Catch-up

Alternate Wednesdays
10:15am
Mylk Cafe

53 Tynte St. Nth Adelaide
Not affiliated with CN

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768



Arab Steed Hotel Dinner Group

Third Thursday of the month
6:00pm

241 Hutt Street
Adelaide

Not affiliated with CN

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768

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 called Boho 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](#)



Anyone who identifies as a man is welcome at Bent Couch Counselling, where they will find a supportive and therapeutic setting. In addition to online group support sessions geared specifically towards men, I also provide individual online counselling sessions for those who require it.

I'm compassionate, deal with insight and empathy and I can assist other men in dealing with these and similar challenges. By dealing with my own personal experiences to seek inner healing, it has allowed me to find purpose in helping others.

Shaun Williams
Counsellor & Facilitator
0499 487 492

Bent Couch Counselling. "Let's Connect"
www.bentcouch.com | admin@bentcouch.com

Victoria

Meet your Coordinators

Western Victoria

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Gippsland

David Adams
☎ 0473 951 736

North Eastern Victoria

Colin Armstrong
☎ 0481 302 327

Geelong & Surf Coast

Kerin Byrne
☎ 0478 229 739

Melbourne Metro and Eastern

Neil Warner
☎ 0419 551 245

Ballarat

Vacant

Bendigo

Paul West
☎ 0408 497 273

Mildura

Vacant



Brunch in Blackburn

Second Sunday of the month

Enrik's Bistro

25 Railway Rd, Blackburn

10:30am

Please RSVP by 11am Saturday prior to event for numbers

Glen

☎ 0418 724 455



Geelong

Lunch Group

Third Sunday of the month

Various locations

12:30pm - 2:30pm

Peter Fairman

✉ fair01@bigpond.com



West Gippsland

Dinner Group

First Wednesday of the month

Royal Hotel

2/4 Main S Rd, Drouin VIC

6:30pm

RSVP Essential

Ross Dawson

☎ 0418 724 455



North Eastern

Victoria Lunch

Fourth Sunday of the month

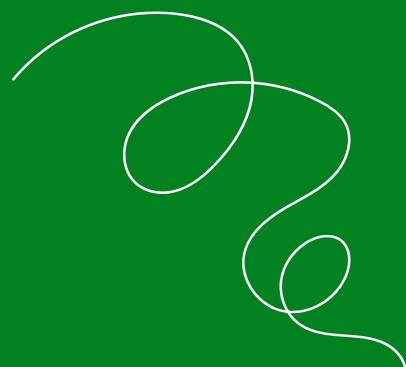
GV Hotel

Shepparton

11:30am - 12:00pm

Colin Armstrong

colin@countrynetwork.com.au



Victoria

VENUE GUIDE



SIRCUIT BAR

103-105 Smith St, Fitzroy

Nightly DJs, dance and drag shows in a colourful, popular gay bar with a quaint bar and diner above.

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 Mon (except spec events)

[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](#)



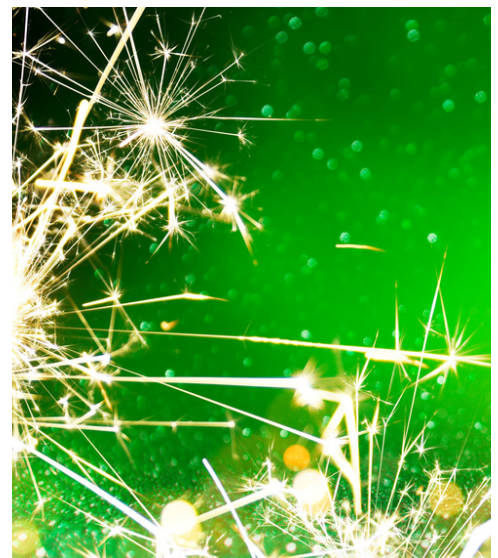
SPARTACUS LOUNGE

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](#)



What you need to know!

When:

14 July & 15 July

Time:

Friday 14 July 2023

5pm - 11pm

Saturday 15 July 2023

10am - 12am

Where:

2064 Huon Highway

Grove

Tasmania

7109



Meet your Coordinator

Northern & Southern Tasmania

Tony Furmage

☎ 0407 917 540

HUON VALLEY MID-WINTER FESTIVAL - JULY 14 & 15, 2023

The Huon Valley Mid-Winter Festival is all about celebrating the region's apple-picking history and at its core is the wassail: the ages-old tradition of scaring evil spirits from the orchard to bring on a bumper crop.

All the festivals' much-loved traditions make a comeback including the Big Willie Burning Man, Tassie's best folk-funk bands, the coveted costume competition, tales tall and true from Tassie's best storytellers and of course the Wassail.

So get ready to sing with us to the apple trees, dress in pagan finery, bang pots and pans and let go of any negative energy to make way for the new.

Western Australia



Coffee Morning Dome Hotel

First Sunday
293 Albany Highway, Vic Park
10:00am

Cliff Moores
☎ 0422 799 729
cliff12@iinet.net.au



Cards and Board Games Afternoon

Second Wednesday
Venue to be advised
1:30pm start

Cliff Moores
☎ 0422 799 729
cliff12@iinet.net.au



Dinner at the Bentley Hotel

Wednesday, 19th July
1120-1124 Albany Highway
Bentley

7:00pm
Cliff Moores
☎ 0422 799 729
cliff12@iinet.net.au

Perth Metro
Cliff Moores
☎ 0422 799 929

South West, Greater Southern & Rural North Western Australia
Vacant

Rural North
Vacant

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 & restaurant offers stunning views of the city whilst 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](#)

WANT TO ORGANISE AN EVENT?

Here's How!

Anyone within Country Network can organise an event, 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 a 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!