

# NETWORK EVENTS

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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 its territories.

We have listed major public events of interest, to many members, and there is 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 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*



Country Social Network Inc. (Reg Y2063541)

## CONTACT US NETWORK EVENTS

[events@countrynetwork.com.au](mailto: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](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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*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**

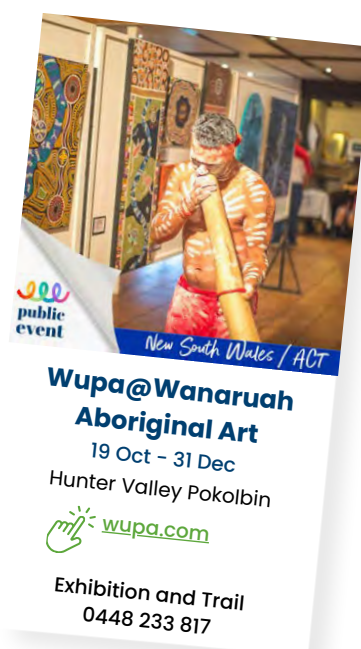


**public  
event**

**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!**

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major  
event

Pride



# PRIDE AROUND THE COUNTRY!

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# A REGIONAL CELEBRATION!

In 2023, Australia will continue to celebrate and showcase its diverse and inclusive society through regional LGBTIQ+ pride events. These events aim to celebrate and promote the visibility and acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer communities across the country.

These events provide a platform for LGBTIQ+ people to connect with each other, share their stories, and celebrate their identities in a safe and welcoming environment.

These events provide a space for people to celebrate their identities and connect with others, and they also serve as a reminder of the ongoing work that needs to be done to achieve equality and justice for all.

Here's our guide to upcoming regional pride events in 2023!

### **ChillOut Festival, Daylesford VIC : March 9 – March 13 2023**

From humble beginnings in 1997, ChillOut Festival has grown to become Australia's largest Queer Country Pride festival. ChillOut is recognised as a culturally important and nationally celebrated LGBTIQ pride event, supporting and representing Queer pride for all regional people. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Fresh Out Fair Day, Canberra - 11 March 2023**

This annual celebration welcomes the whole community and will showcase LGBTIQ+ pride and diversity. Fresh Out is a one-day outdoor event in Glebe Park featuring Australia's finest performing artists, a village of market stalls representing our diverse community organisations and local businesses. [WEBSITE](#)

### **SpringOUT Festival, Canberra - 29 Oct - 3 Nov 2023**

The SpringOUT Festival is Canberra's queer cultural festival which affirms the pride, joy, dignity and identity of Canberra's LGBTIQ communities through events of celebration. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Wagga Wagga Mardi Gras - 11 March 2023**

Wagga Wagga Mardi Gras aims to raise the visibility of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex communities in the Riverina, providing an opportunity to express their creativity and celebrate their identity. Organisers invite the whole community along for the ride, including an evening of amazing floats, laughs and fun. [WEBSITE](#)





### **Tropical Fruits Easter Party, Lismore – April 2023**

Held on the Easter long weekend, Tropical Fruits' Easter Party is the biggest little party you have ever been to! As the first party after all the excitement of New Year, Easter is a chance for the fruity family to get together for an uplifting electro-house, slightly hands-in-the-air euphoric groove-thang! [WEBSITE](#)

### **Broken Heel Festival, Broken Hill – 7–11 September 2023**

The Broken Heel Festival is a fabulous three-day festival which celebrates the theatrical anniversary of Priscilla Queen of the Desert at her spiritual home – The Palace Hotel and the township of Broken Hill, New South Wales. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Coastal Twist Festival, Central Coast NSW – October 2023 (Dates TBC)**

Central Coast NSW's good vibes, all out LGBTIQ A+ inclusion festival. Burst into spring with a bumper weekend of Queer happenings. This dynamic festival embodies authentic inclusion of all peoples with the intention of a Happier, Healthier and more welcoming Central Coast. 75mins from Sydney, 90mins from Newcastle. Coastal Twist is the ultimate Queer Spring getaway. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Newcastle Pride Festival – October 2023**

We are thrilled to be BACK with our annual LGBTIQ+ Festival with an amazing month-long program of out 'n' proud, glamorous events. Our vision is to make the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Hunter Region a happier, healthier, safer and more culturally rich place for all of the LGBTIQ+ community.

[WEBSITE](#)

### **Tamworth Pride – 15th July 2023**

Here at Tamworth Pride, we know that all it takes to change the world is a little support. Since coming together in 2021 we formed great friendships between the LGBTQ+ community and our allies. We are a well balanced group of individuals who all have the same goals; to eliminate prejudice, to be able to celebrate who we truly are, create safe spaces for those that may need them and most of all show that Tamworth is an inclusive place to live. [WEBSITE](#)

### **FABalice Festival, Alice Springs – 9–12 March 2023**

Whether you join us for for a cabaret show, the main event – fabALICE Under the Stars, Drag Queen Story time, the Night Markets, or one of our many exciting partner events (or all of them!), there really is something for everyone at fabALICE Festival. Our weekend-long festival presents a program full of safe spaces where you can express yourself and celebrate in our close-knit community. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Top End Pride Festival, Darwin – June 2023 (Dates TBC)**

Top End Pride (NT) Inc is a community organisation that runs the annual Darwin Pride Festival celebrating our rich, diverse local LGBTQIA+ community – promoting values of inclusivity, diversity and respect. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Morton Bay Pride Fest – 10 June**

Welcome to Moreton Bay's biggest LGBTIQ+ celebration boasting a star-studded line-up. On Saturday, 10 June 2023, Pine Rivers Park will come alive with rainbow flags, glitter, and all things fabulous, as we introduce the first-ever Moreton Bay PrideFest hosted during World Pride month.

[WEBSITE](#)





### **Sunshine Coast Mardi Gras – Saturday 10 June 2023**

The 3rd annual Sunshine Coast Mardi Gras will showcase the sunny LGBTIQ+ community and celebrates diversity in a family-friendly event. So get ready to party into the night at the famous Aussie World and hosted by some of the regions top personalities, with a range of performances lined up from drag queens and singers to the Police Marching Band. And local market stalls and a full range of activities for the kids. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Cairns Pride Festival Fair Day, Cairns – October 2022**

Cairns Pride Festival's Fair Day is at the wonderful big open green space that is Fogarty Park this year! Fair Day brings you a wonderful, colourful day of culture, stalls, entertainment, dog show, a bake-off competition, chill out spaces, food, connection spaces and more! [WEBSITE](#)

### **Rainbow on the Reef PRIDE Festival – 10 –11 June 2023**

A weekend in the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef! A quality three-day celebration to cultivate a culture of pride in identity and diversity in the beautiful Gladstone Region. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Feast Festival – 5 – 27 November 2022**

Feast is Adelaide's only not-for-profit LGBTI Queer Arts and Cultural Festival that celebrates Pride and Diversity. Feast began in 1997 providing a safe and inclusive platform for the LGBTIQ community to share and express themselves through art and culture. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Bendigo Pride Festival – 17 March – 2 April 2023**

The Bendigo PRIDE Festival is a community initiated and run event that celebrates, explores and promotes diversity and inclusion within the Loddon Mallee Region with particular focus on LGBTIQ+ communities and people. Events include exhibitions, performances, Opening Night Party, Pride in the Park, and the Giant Pride Flag. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Castlemaine Pride – 21 April – 5 May 2023**

Get your picnic blankets ready! Castlemaine Pride – Picnic in the park is back. Join us for a celebration of diversity & equality for all ages at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens (near the Tea Rooms). Along with the annual Picnic in the Park, there will be a number of LGBTIQ+ events held across Castlemaine and surrounds. [WEBSITE](#)

### **OUT in the OPEN Festival, Shepparton – October / November 2023**

In its 12th year, there's something for everyone in this celebration of the LGBTIQA+ community including performances, dining experiences, education opportunities, tours and sharing all wrapped up in a fun festival experience. [WEBSITE](#)

### **Drag'd Out Beechworth, November 16th – 19th 2023**

Drag'd Out is a Queer, inclusive Festival of the Arts in the North East of Victoria. It celebrates all people within the LGBTIQ+ community and their allies. The festival's diversity will bring together people from all walks of life as a positive platform and safe space, enabling these cultures to explore themselves, educate audiences, and spread the love with entertainment. [WEBSITE](#)





# Pride

## **Albany Pride – 3 – 12 March 2023**

Albany Pride is determined to be rural Western Australia’s premier Pride Festival, and no matter where you are, we want you to come down to Albany and see what our glorious little city has to offer: we may be able to boast some of WA’s most spectacular views, but we reckon we can also boast a fabulous Queer community that is looking forward to showing the state what we have to offer. [WEBSITE](#)

## **Goldfields Pride: 26 October – 5 November 2023**

A queer led community organisation supporting the LGBTQIA+ community with resources; advocacy; work with local businesses; and inclusive events, to ensure the Goldfields is a safe and welcoming place for LGBTQIA+ folks. [WEBSITE](#)

## **PrideFEST: November 2023 (dates to be confirmed)**

PrideFEST is Western Australia’s ultimate celebration of all things queer – and a state-wide celebration of the LGBTQI+ community: our history, our presence and our future. Pride WA encourages the LGBTQI+ community and the broader WA community to come out in force and show its support for the groups, performers, community and its events during PrideFEST. [WEBSITE](#)





# BENDIGO

# PRIDE



# FESTIVAL 2023

**Discover Australia's most delicious queer arts festival in regional Victoria.**

Join our hosted gay group tours with direct flights from Sydney or train from Melbourne. Tour includes arts, theatre, dining, wine, tours, drag, entertainment, parties, the famous "last drinks" tram and much more.

Tour runs from Thursday 30th March to Monday 3rd April 2023. Hosted by CN member Adam Bold with Dean Arcuri aka the Fabulously Fury Frock Hudson.

## Event highlights

- Tour of Bendigo Art Gallery
- Performance: Pride Comedy Showcase
- Regional Winery Tour and The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion Tour (full day) • Discussion: Silver Rainbow: LGBTQIA+ Ageing
- Gay Stuff Markets
- Pride of the Mine Tour
- Performance: To Sir With Glove (Dean Arcuri)
- Glamaganza Ball
- Performance: "The Rebel Alliance" and "Hot Desk" from the BBC Series Double Acts • Last Drinks Tram
- Dinner: Harpoon Social Club
- Dinner: Ms Battershams

## Tour inclusions

- Return flight from Sydney (option) or Return train from Melbourne (option) • 4 nights accommodation 4 star or 5 star option
- Most evening meals included
- Group Host and Guide
- Airport Transfers in Bendigo
- Transfers to main events with VIP access
- Daily events and experiences with the group • Free time to explore Bendigo

Tour pricing currently being finalised. Please register your interest for updates and further details. Note that group size is limited and you are welcome to self drive to Bendigo.

Visit [pointsofdifference.com](https://pointsofdifference.com) or call Adam on **1300 990 390** to register today!

POINTS OF DIFFERENCE  
*Travel & Events*





## 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  
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?

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

Got an idea for a Country Network travel event, have a chat to our events coordinator Hector who can put you in touch with the right people to help you organise a network adventure!

### **WA Camping Weekend!**

**Our annual get-away to Myalup Pines is on again between Monday, 13th March (from 2.00 pm) and de-part Saturday morning, 18th March. If you wish to attend please contact Ric Shell on 0407 633 056 or email: ric.shell@bigpond.com. ASAP.**



# Armidale

Northern Tablelands  
New South Wales

## Armidale

British pastoralists first entered the region in the early 1830s, following the earlier exploration of the area by John Oxley. Oxley recommended the region for grazing, and soon squatters established large leaseholds in the locality. Armidale was initially founded in 1839 by George James MacDonald who was the Commissioner of Crown Lands and head of the local Border Police detachment in the New England district.



MacDonald established his barracks on the site and named it after Armadale on the Isle of Skye in Scotland which was the ancestral home of the MacDonald clan.



Mike



**What I love about Armidale...** The Armidale War Memorial Library is an ultra modern library which has excellent resources. Don't be fooled by the library's title; it stocks what most libraries stock, and furthermore has the latest IT devices, CDs, DVDs, and now includes a Podcast studio. Curtis Park in the middle of town is bounded by a shallow creek and has long stretches of walking trails to areas further afield. These trails are for cyclists' use too. There are several large grassed sporting fields for those who are feeling active. The Arboretum is situated above the town and affords a pleasant vista of Armidale's surroundings. There is a duckpond and an artificial waterfall to enhance the visit and there are barbecue facilities as well. It's a good place for relaxing and pondering where one is in life.

**Where I wander...** Besides strolling around town I like to drive to any of the 59 national parks around the region. It goes without saying that I haven't visited all of them, not even after nine years residency in Armidale. If you have limited time on your stay in New England, the Oxley Wild Rivers, the Dangar Falls and the Wollomombi Falls are not to be missed, especially after heavy rain! The latter is the highest waterfall in NSW, and second highest on our continent.

**My favourite place to get a beer with friends is...** My favourite places for a coffee are the Court House Café (outdoors) or the Armidale Bowling (indoors). At the former you can watch the good burghers of Armidale walking through the Mall, while in the bowling club, it's common to see women in groups with their noisy little ones exercising their lungs while I try to enjoy an extra hot cappuccino. For a decent, well cooked meal you cannot beat the Shua Hu Chinese Restaurant which is two kilometres beyond the CBD. The ingredients are fresh and tasty!



# Armidale

Northern Tablelands  
New South Wales

## **If I want to escape from the world for a little while I go to...**

My favourite place to escape is sitting on the train travelling to Tamworth for a day's excursion. Believe me, you would too if you had lived here for nine years! This must reveal something about the excitement or lack thereof, of living in Armidale, which lays claim to being a city, but is merely a country town.

**What's the Vibe?** What vibes? I haven't felt any since moving here! As far as I'm concerned I am the only gay in town. Armidale is very peaceful and the only busy places are the Woolies and Coles carparks and that's because people are behind the wheel of a car! Several intended initial meetings didn't even eventuate. Hence I joined Country Network and am happy about that!

**Places of interest to a visitor include...**Such places of interest to show a visitor are mentioned above. Overall Armidale is worth a visit but there's no need to plan a lengthy stay, unless you can somehow make contact with a "friendly" man, and believe me, it's easier to find a needle in the proverbial haystack!

There are no big landmarks here, but if there were, it would have to be this..... a gigantic ?



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](http://www.bentcouch.com) | [admin@bentcouch.com](mailto:admin@bentcouch.com)



public event  
LGBTIQ+ Inclusive

New South Wales / ACT

## Coffs Coasters Walking Group

Second Friday of the month  
Various locations  
There is lunch after the walk  
BYO drinking water  
LGBTIQ+ inclusive

Jack Ellis  
☎ 0425 391 235



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



non members welcome

New South Wales / ACT

## Bush Walks Sydney Region

Various dates & times

Usually 8 km and medium grade  
Walks in and Around Sydney  
Contact host for details

John Wenborn  
☎ 0414 727 060

## Meet your Coordinators

### Australian Capital Territory

David Benger  
☎ 0413 088 717

### South Coast NSW & Northern Tablelands

Jeffrey Sproal  
☎ 0412 651 429

### North Coast NSW

Lindsay Sheppard  
☎ 0429 225 222

### Sydney Metro & Central Coast

John Wenborn  
☎ 0414 727 060

### Inland NSW North

### Inland NSW South



non members welcome

New South Wales/Border

## Albury Wodonga Brunch

Third Saturday 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

## Bent in Bellingen Queer Beers

Monthly Meet Ups  
3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Federal Hotel  
77 Hyde Street  
Bellingen, NSW

join group on Facebook

# Coffs Harbour

## PICNIC AT BINDARRAY PICNIC AREA - 10TH MARCH 2023



### Bindarray Picnic Area

#### Trail Information:

This month it's a picnic and swim with the option of a short walk. This will be about the warmest time for a swim in the creek, and not too hot for a walk.

We did this short walk last year and followed the walk with a 4x4 drive up to Bangalore Falls. February and March on the mid north coast of NSW being a bit warm and humid, this will be a short drive from the meeting point (details below) of 1.5 km to the Bindarray picnic area. There is a small creek crossing halfway, so probably best suited to 4x4 vehicles.

**Date:** 10/03/23 (the second Friday in February)

**Time:** 10.00 trek. See notes below.

**Car pooling:** I suggest that those of us who are in the immediate Coffs Harbour area meet at the old Catholic Club on West High Street at 9.30am for a 10.00am start at the track.

**Getting there:** Head west on West High Street/ Coramba Road until you reach Karangi just past the cemetery. Turn left onto Upper Orara Road and continue for 6.2 km until you reach the Dairyville Hall on your right hand side at the intersection of Upper Orara Road and Dairyville Road. Turn right onto Dairyville Road and continue for 8.0 km to the end of the road. Sealed all the way except for the last 100 (approx.) metres.

*Jack Ellis*

☎ 0425 391 235

### What you need to know!

#### When:

Friday, 10th March

#### Time:

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#### Contact:

Jack Ellis  
☎ 0425 391 235



# 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, 5th March

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Yandina Hotel,

1 Stevenson St, Yandina

RSVP by 12pm Thursday prior to event

Rodger Thomson

☎ (07) 5491 6776

## **Meet your Coordinators**

### **Brisbane Metro, Gold Coast & Sunshine Coast**

Thomas Tiltmann

☎ 0449 186 305

### **Inland Queensland**

Jeffrey Sproal

☎ 0412 651 429

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

Jeffrey Sproal

☎ 0412 651 429



# 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 LGBTIQA+ 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](mailto: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



## Gay Men's Catch-up at Divercity

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

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



## Dinner Group at Hotel Astor

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

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



## 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

### Adelaide Metro & South Australia Rural

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768

### Northern Territory

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



## Gay Men's Catch-up at Mylk

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

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



## Gay Men's Dinner Group

Third Thursday of the month  
6:00pm  
Arab Steed Hotel  
241 Hutt Street  
Adelaide

Michael Stokes  
☎ 0400 478 768



major event

# Adelaide

## FRINGE FESTIVAL: FEBRUARY AND MARCH

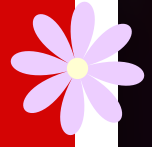
### What you need to know!

#### When:

17 February - 19 March 2023

#### Where:

Various locations around Adelaide.



Visit website for more details  
[Adelaidefringe.com.au](http://Adelaidefringe.com.au)

#### Getting There:

There are direct flights to Adelaide from major Australian capital cities with Virgin Australia, Qantas and jetstar



Adelaide Fringe Festival is the party that defines this city! It is the largest open-access festival in the Southern Hemisphere, bursting at the seams with local, interstate and international five-star acts that transform the state for 31 wonderful days and nights.

Whether you're a cabaret connoisseur, comedy king or queen, theatre tragic or just want to sit back and enjoy the atmosphere, there's something for you at Adelaide Fringe. Join the Adelaide Fringe in 2023 with festival dates of 17 February to 19 March.



### 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



### 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

# 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](#)



# Victoria



non-members welcome

New South Wales/Border

## Country Network Bendigo Luncheon

First Sunday of the month  
Brougham Arms Hotel Bistro  
150 Williamson Street  
12:00pm - 2:00pm

Paul West  
☎ 0408 497 273



member event

Victoria

## 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



member event

Victoria

## 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

## Meet your Coordinators

### Melbourne Metro

Neil Warner  
☎ 0419 551 245

### Western Victoria

Kerin Byrne  
☎ 0478 229 730

### North Eastern Victoria

Paul West  
☎ 0408 497 273

### Geelong Region

Daryl Jarvis  
☎ 0429 347 796

### Gippsland

David Adams  
☎ 0473 951 736



member event

Victoria

## Geelong Lunch Group

Third Sunday of the month

Various locations  
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Peter Fairman  
✉ fair01@bigpond.com



member event

Victoria

## Goulburn Valley Lunch

Fourth Sunday of the month

GV Hotel,  
223 High St, Shepparton  
11:30am - 2:00pm

Paul West  
☎ 0408 497 273

# 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](#) 



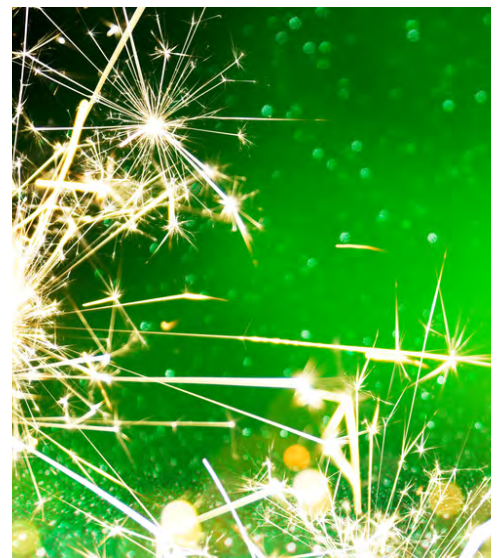
### SPARTACUS LOUNGE

**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](#) 



# Western Australia

## Meet your Coordinators

### Perth Metro

Cliff Moores  
☎ 0422 799 929

### South West, Greater Southern & Rural North Western Australia

Jeffery Sproal  
☎ 0412 651 429



## Coffee Morning Dome Hotel

Sunday, 5th March & 2nd April  
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



## Luncheon Group

Tuesday, 28th February  
Woodbridge Hotel, 50 East Street, Guildford  
12:00noon

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



## Wed Night Dinner

15th March  
Mt. Henry Tavern,  
27 Manning Rd., Como  
7:00pm

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



It's with much sadness that we note the passing of Brian Mead on Saturday, 14th January. To our longer term Country Network members, you will have remembered Brian who was a lovely man and was a member of Country Network for many years.



# Western Australia



**WA Camping Weekend! GET IN QUICK!**

**Monday 13th March - Saturday 18th march!**

Our annual get-away to Myalup Pines is on again between Monday 13th March (from 2.00 pm) and de-part Saturday morning, 18th March. If you wish to attend please contact

Ric Shell on 0407 633 056 or email: [ric.shell@bigpond.com](mailto:ric.shell@bigpond.com).  
ASAP.

## 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](#) 





## 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.

Contact Neil Warner: [ecosh@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ecosh@bigpond.net.au) for Zoom access link details.



## Tell us what you think

### Don't forget about our Great Country Network National Survey!

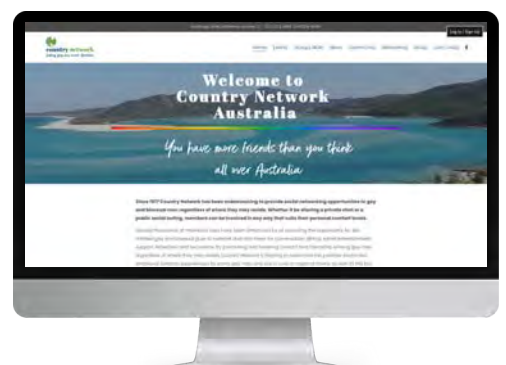
Tell us what you think about all things to do with the Country Network, including your chance to help guide the website team with the new updated website!

Find the survey here: [www.offthefmainroad.com.au/survey](http://www.offthefmainroad.com.au/survey)  
Please allow 10-15 minutes to complete the survey.



## Our new website

if you would like to make a comment about the website and what you would like to see in a new website, please drop a line to [president@countrynetwork.com](mailto:president@countrynetwork.com) and we will pass those comments on to the group looking at this exciting new development.



# 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!**

