

NETWORK EVENTS

REACHING ACROSS AUSTRALIA

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NETWORK EVENTS

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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 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

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

Hector

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**

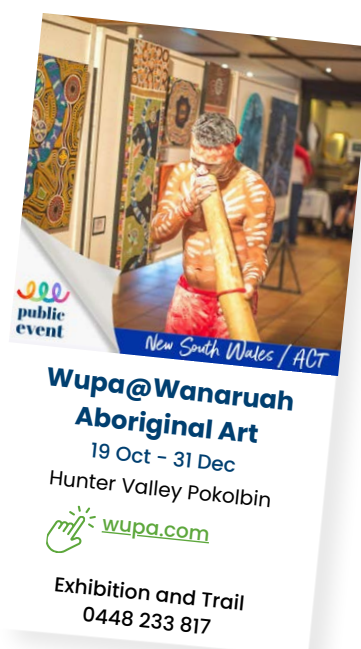


**public
event**

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!



New South Wales

including 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



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



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



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



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

SWANS ROAD, ULIDARRA NATIONAL PARK - 13TH MAY 2023



Swans Road, Ulidarra National Park

What you need to know!

When:

Saturday, 13th May

Time:

10:00am

Getting There:

Head north from Coffs Harbour. A short distance north of the Big Banana, turn left onto Bruxner Park Rd. (This is also the turnoff for Seely Lookout). Drive 5.5 km until you get to Swans Road on your left. Drive 100 metres and park at the picnic table beside the creek. The walk is fairly easy but mostly a gradual climb. Anyone not wanting to do the full 6 km can turn around at any point.

Contact:

Jack Ellis
☎ 0425 391 235

Trail Information:

- Duration: 2.0 to 2.5 hours
- Distance: Approximately 6 km return.
- Grading: 3. Fairly easy. A few slopes going in, downhill on the return
- No dogs allowed after about 1.5 km as you enter the National Park

Date: 13/04/23 (the second Saturday in May)

Time: 10.00 trek. See notes below.

Getting there: Head north from Coffs Harbour. A short distance north of the Big Banana, turn left onto Bruxner Park Rd. (This is also the turnoff for Seely Lookout). Drive 5.5 km until you get to Swans Road on your left. Drive 100 metres and park at the picnic table beside the creek. The walk is fairly easy but mostly a gradual climb. Anyone not wanting to do the full 6 km can turn around at any point.

I suggest that we each bring our own picnic lunch and have it at the picnic table

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](#) 

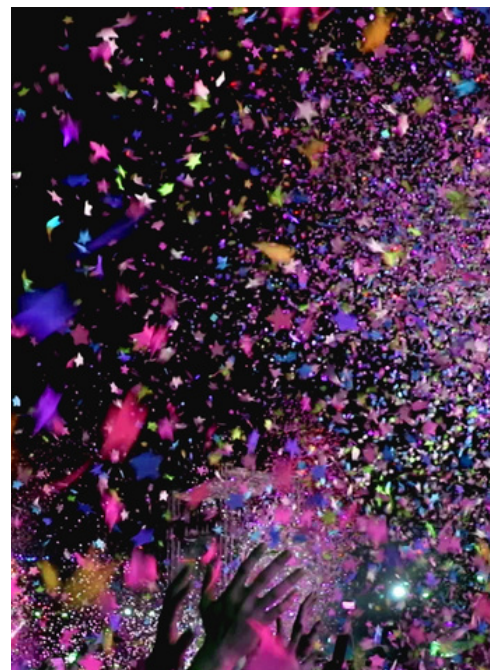


MUSTANG RANCH

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, 7th May

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Palmwoods Hotel,

28-34 Main Street, Palmwoods

RSVP by 12pm Thursday prior to event

Rodger Thomson

☎ (07) 5491 6776



Tamborine Mountain

For a green fix, head to Tamborine National Park. In this subtropical wilderness, you can hike through tranquil rainforests and eucalyptus forests, see waterfalls, and walk through a dense canopy of trees on the 45-minute Rainforest SkyWalk guided canopy tour. Listen out for lyrebirds as you wander through the treetops.

Save time to take the short hike to Curtis Falls, where you can relax to the soothing sounds of gushing water.

After soaking up all this natural beauty, you can refuel at the little town of Mount Tamborine. Craft shops, cafés, boutiques, and art galleries line the streets, and you can also sign up for a pampering spa treatment or cooking class.

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 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



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

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



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



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



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



Geelong Lunch Group

Third Sunday of the month

Various locations
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Peter Fairman
✉ fair01@bigpond.com



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](#) 



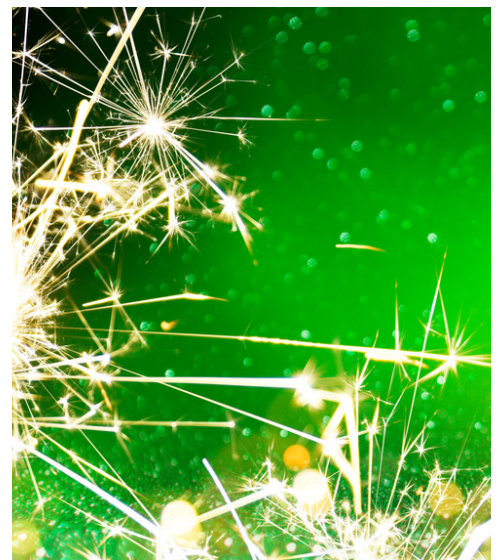
SPARTACUS LOUNGE

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

7th May and 4th June
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, 23rd May
Woodbridge Hotel, 50 East Street, Guildford
12:00noon

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



Wed Night Dinner

17th May
Location to be advised
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



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!