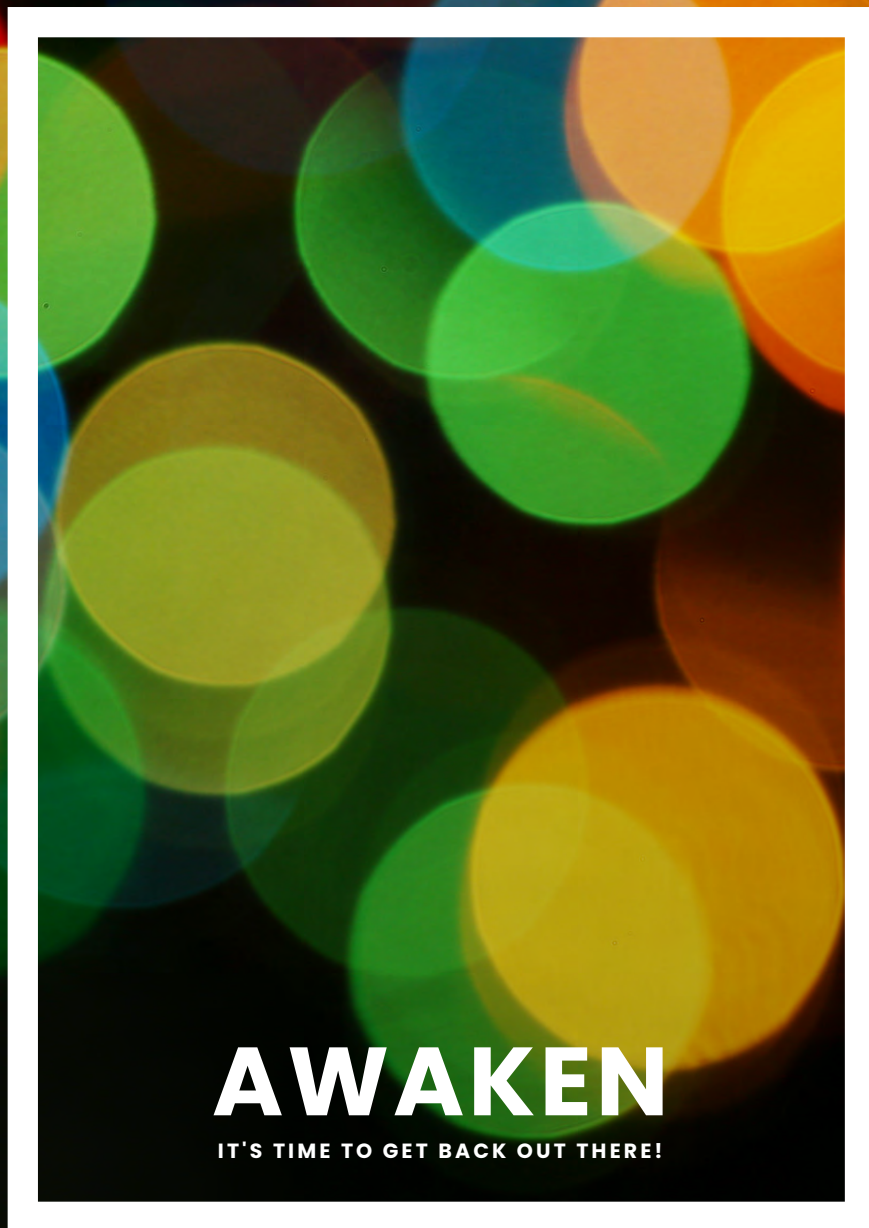


NETWORK EVENTS

REACHING ACROSS AUSTRALIA

NOVEMBER 2022



WORLD PRIDE
SYDNEY 2023

YOUR NEW COMPLETE GUIDE TO
COUNTRY NETWORK EVENTS

STATE
GUIDES



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 AET 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!

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.

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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!

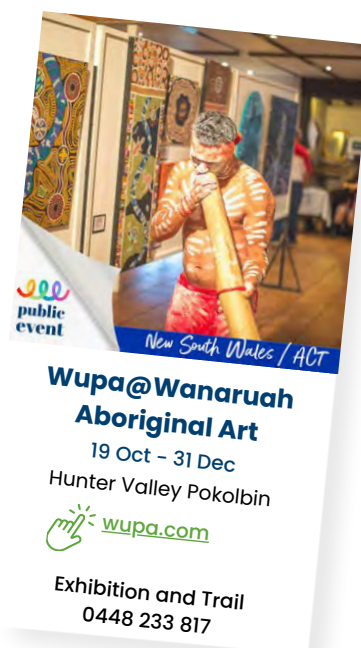


This guide and the new country network website will list various types of events for each state, online events and also national events.

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



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!



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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Online

No events listed in this issue

National

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

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.



major
event



WORLD PRIDE SYDNEY 2023

Sydney WorldPride will incorporate all the beloved Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras experiences like the parade, parties, fair days and sissy ball, but supersized into 200+ event festival.



major event

Sydney

WORLD PRIDE 17 FEBRUARY - 5 MARCH 2023



WorldPride is a global event licensed by InterPride, which is awarded to a different host city every 2-3 years. The first WorldPride took place in Rome in July 2000, followed by Jerusalem (2006), London (2012), Toronto (2014), Madrid (2017), New York (2019) and Copenhagen + Malmo (2021).

In 2019, Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras was successful in winning the bid to host WorldPride in Sydney in 2023, having competed against Houston, USA and Montreal, Canada.



Although the traditional Pride month in the northern hemisphere is June, Sydney WorldPride 2023 will be staged Friday 17 February – Sunday 5 March 2023 which is the traditional timing of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and of course, in the heart of the Australian summer!

Not only does Sydney WorldPride represent the first time the event will be staged in the southern hemisphere, but the 2023 festival coincides with the 50th anniversary of the first Australian Gay Pride Week, the 45th anniversary of the first Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, and the fifth anniversary of Marriage Equality in Australia.

"For the first time the event will be staged in the southern hemisphere"



Wanting to Travel to World Pride Sydney 2023?



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

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

Adam Bold

www.pointsofdifference.com

POINTS OF DIFFERENCE
Travel & Events



DEER POOLS, SYDNEY ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

Deer Pools is a gorgeous natural swimming hole in Royal National Park.

It's easy to access and a great spot to cool off on a hot day.



Sydney Naked Walking Group

First Thursday of the month

Various Locations

Details in CN private FB group when available

John Wenborn
☎ 0414 727 060



Coffs Coasters Walking Group

Second Friday of the month

Various Locations

Details in monthly Network Events & CN private FB group. Lunch after walk. BYO Drinking Water

Jack Ellis
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Meet your Coordinators

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Inland NSW

Phillip Jones
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North Coast NSW

Lindsay Sheppard
☎ 0429 225 222

Sydney Metro, Central Coast & Hunter Valley

John Wenborn
☎ 0414 727 060



Port Macquarie Lunch Meetups

Third Tuesday of the month

Settlers Inn, Port Macquarie
12:00pm start

Jeffery Sproal
☎ 0412 651 429



Wupa@Wanaruah Aboriginal Art

19 Oct - 31 Dec 2022

Hunter Valley Pokolbin

 wupa.com

Exhibition and Trail
☎ 0448 233 817



SYDNEY NATIONAL PARK WALK 3 NOVEMBER 2022



What you need to know!

Date:

Thurs. 3 November

Meet Time:

9:11am at the Cronulla Station
at the end of Beachcomber
Street and Bundeena.

Getting There:

Catch the 08.23am train from
Central arrives 09.11am
Cronulla.

Those travelling by car can
meet at the south end of
Beachcomber Ave.

Walk Leader:

Mike
mikefrnnd@yahoo.com.au

Contact:

George
☎ 0467 004 892

Established in 1879, the jaw-dropping Royal National Park spans over 15,000 hectares.

Many Sydneysiders treat it as an extended backyard, where they can enjoy nature at its finest. It's popular for picnics, family days out, walking and cycling the many trails through bushland and along clifftops. There's also great pics!

This bush walk is along the coastal track to Marley Beach then inland to Deer Pool. About 7km each way, medium difficulty.

Many visitors regularly spot native wildlife in the Hacking River Valley area, so keep an eye out for possums, sugar gliders and wallabies. This Sydney park is also home to a huge number of bats, amphibians and reptiles.

Plus, birdwatchers are in luck – over 300 bird species have been recorded here, look out for sulphur-crested cockatoos, crimson rosellas, yellow-tailed black cockatoos and rainbow lorikeets.

John Wenborn

☎ 0414 727 060



[Learn more](#)



NATURE THERAPY WALKS ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, SYDNEY



Established in 1816, the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney is the oldest botanic garden and scientific institution in Australia. Your Garden is home to an outstanding collection of plants from around the world with a focus on Australia and the South Pacific.

Originating from Japan, Shinrin-yoku (or forest therapy) is a preventative health practice that improves wellbeing by immersing your senses in nature.

This guided experience is designed to increase your mental and physical health by reducing stress levels and lowering your pulse and blood pressure.

Nature Therapy invites participants to take time out of their busy lives so they can slow down and connect with the calming and health-giving benefits of nature.

Facilitators will gently guide participants through a series of sensory experiences, mindfulness, quiet aware walking, and nature appreciation to help promote slowing down, nature connection, and relaxation.

The experience, presented by the Royal Botanic Garden and In My Nature, concludes with a Japanese-inspired tea ceremony.

Please Note: All walks are hosted by guides who have been certified and accredited by the International Nature and Forest Therapy Alliance (INFTA).

What you need to know!

Time and Date:

10:00am Sun, 6 November

Where:

The Visitor Centre at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

What to bring:

This is an outdoor activity, please wear comfortable footwear and clothing appropriate for weather conditions.

Cost:

\$35.00 per person

Contact:

☎ (02) 9231 8111



New South Wales

including ACT

TOP FIVE *places to camp!*

1

BOYDTOWN BEACH HOLIDAY PARK.

Situated in Eden in the New South Wales region, with Boyd Town nearby, Boydtown Beach Holiday Park features accommodation with free WiFi and free private parking.

2

FISHING HAVEN HOLIDAY PARK.

In Palmer Island. The camping offers a seating area with a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with free toiletries and shower. A microwave, a fridge and stovetop are also available in the kitchen, as well as a kettle.

3

BIG YARD ESCAPES.

Situated in Moonbah in the New South Wales region with Moonbah nearby, Big Yard Escapes features accommodation with free private parking.

4

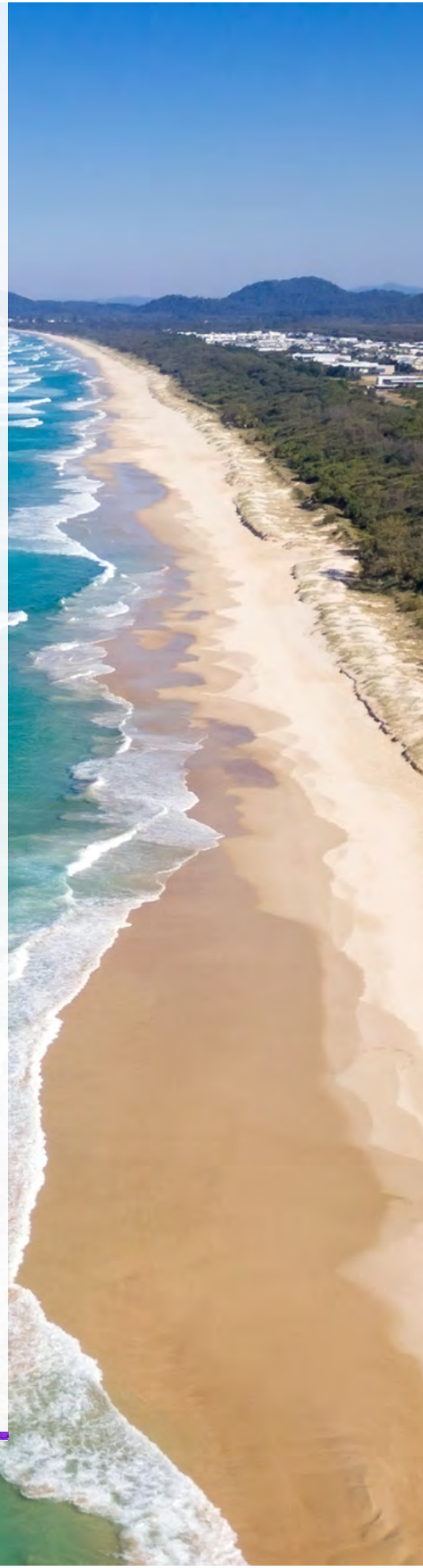
MOUNTAIN VIEW RESORT, SHOALHAVEN HEADS.

Located 2 km from Seven Mile Beach, Mountain View Resort provides accommodation with an outdoor swimming pool, a shared lounge and a shared kitchen for your convenience.

5

YOUNG CARAVAN AND TOURIST PARK.

Situated 700 metres from Young, Young Caravan and Tourist Park features accommodation with an outdoor swimming pool, a garden and a shared kitchen for your convenience. Both WiFi and private parking are accessible at the camping free of charge.



New South Wales

VENUE GUIDE

including ACT

3357 SYDNEY CITY STEAM

357 Sussex St, Sydney

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

Open 7 days

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.

THE COLOMBIAN

117-125 Oxford St, Darlinghurst, Sydney

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

FRIEDA'S

107-109 Regent St, Chippendale

Easy-going queer friendly pub with lip-smacking food, mouth-watering sours and creative art spaces.

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

KINSELAS

383 Bourke St, Darlinghurst, Sydney

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**

THE OXFORD HOTEL

134 Oxford St, Sydney

Standing proudly on Oxford Street for over 100 years, The Oxford Hotel is made up of four distinct spaces. At the top of the venue sits Polo Lounge, Level 1 hosts Ginger's and in the basement you'll find Oxford

Underground. The ground floor hosts the Oxford Bar with bistro and a large terrace.

PALMS ON OXFORD

124 Oxford St, Darlinghurst, Sydney

A vibrant, camp atmosphere and '80s and '90s pop hits - they say you always end up at the Palms for a reason.

Thurs-Sun

Open 7 days

THE STONEWALL HOTEL

175 Oxford St, Darlinghurst, Sydney

The much-loved, long-running epicentre of Oxford St, with fabulous shows, events and more across multiple floors.

Open 7 days

SYDNEY SAUNA

Level 1, 38-42 Oxford St, Darlinghurst, Sydney

Clean, well-maintained, well run sauna located right on The Strip.

Open 7 days

TRADE CLUB SYDNEY

273 Crown St, Darlinghurst, Sydney

A large male sex-on-premise venue known for its packed, ripped and sexy crowds from all walks of Sydney Life.

CUBE 33

Petre Plaza, Canberra

Canberra's premier LGBT+ nightclub.

Thurs-Sun

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

THE PINK ROOM

7-9 Westmorland Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Though technically part of Powerhouse, Pink Room has its own distinct flavour. Where cover charges apply all night for Powerhouse, it's free entry before 2am most nights. Pink Room stays open just as late. The music policy covers everything from chart to cheese. Check their Facebook to see which queen will be hosting the night. Entrance is to the rear of Powerhouse, by the coach station.

Closed Mondays.



LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club is coming to Brisbane!

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Gender Diverse, Intersex elders and their allies are invited to this fabulous, free social event. Learn new dances, and meet wonderful new people. LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club is a regular, safe, joyous and inclusive space for the whole community, elders, allies, friends and family. No dance experience required!

Light refreshments are provided. The social event of the month for the whole rainbow and allied community, by All The Queens Men.

LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club at the Powerhouse

November 9, 2022
3pm-5pm

Brisbane Powerhouse
119 Lamington St, New Farm

LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club at the Powerhouse

In addition to regular events at Grange Community hall throughout 2022, we are excited to present a special edition of the LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club presented at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

There is no need to book for this social event of the season, and no dance experience necessary. Come one, come all!

Meet your Coordinators

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Inland Queensland
Charlie Helyar
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North Queensland & Lockyer Valley
Jeffrey Sproal
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Click video to find out more

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

dog beaches!

1

North Shore

Bordered by both the beautiful Maroochy River and surf beach on the southern tip of Mudjimba, this wide slice of wild sandy paradise is one of the best-kept secret off-leash beaches perfect for dogs.

2

Sunshine Beach

One of the best doggie beaches in Sunshine Coast is located on the southside of Noosa National park. This stretch of surf beach is protected with plenty of room for dogs of all sizes to run freely.

3

Palm Beach

Nestled in the southern Gold Coast is an off-leash beach with the wow factor. Here, the dogs can chase the stick on the adjacent surf beach or paddle to their heart's content in stunning Currumbin Creek.

4

Tallebudgera

Situated at the north of the Palm Beach surf lifesaving club, this Gold Coast off-leash beach runs all the way to the rocky groin dividing the surf beach from the famous Tallebudgera Creek. This long stretch of surf beach with plenty of digging and running options and the opportunity to hike all the way to Bongaree, this is truly a worth a day trip to Bribie Island.

5

Buddina

Adjacent to the Sunshine Coast's best dog park, Buddina is a protected tract of sand surf and rock pools and a family-friendly surf beach where your pups can let their fur down.



VENUE GUIDE

THE WICKHAM **308 Wickham St.,** **Brisbane**

An inner-city gay pub in Brisbane that welcomes everyone. Today, this stylish pub offers a friendly atmosphere and a cosmopolitan feel. Following a recent renovation, the bar has a new drinking zone and a new outdoor terrace in the former car park. There's also an upstairs nightclub and game room. The Wickham's restaurant serves food and drinks all night.

Weekday: 11am-1am
Weekend: 11pm-3am,
11am-1am Sunday

The Sportsman Hotel **130 Leichhardt St,** **Brisbane**

Brisbane's only exclusively gay hotel with an onsite bar and entertainment. Sportsman is where you can drink coffee, have dinner and dance the night away - all in one place. Customer's (known as "Sporties") are usually locals from the city and the wider Queenstown area. The place gets busy on weekends when the downstairs bar is open. Open 7 days a week, albeit some of the bars are open on certain days/times.

Weekday: 1pm-2am
Weekend: 1pm-2am

The Boot Co. Brisbane

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. The group get together on the first Saturday of every month at The Sportsman Hotel in the Mineshaft bar. **For details on upcoming events, check out their website.**

The Beat MegaClub **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. There's even an onsite shop. The place to be in Brisbane if you want to go out, make new friends and have some fun. Very popular, and particularly busy on the weekend, with plenty of hot guys.

Wed - Sun

BrisBears **Various venues,** **Brisbane**

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. The club welcomes guys from all walks of life to their pack. The group meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at The Sportsman Hotel for a themed night, with dress codes. The group organises other activities, too - check their website for agenda.

WET Spa & Sauna **22 Jeays St, Brisbane**

Large gay sauna & cruise club in Brisbane. Facilities at WET Spa & Sauna include dry sauna and steam room, plus glory holes, cabins, maze and sling. There's a lounge area, a café with internet access and free WiFi. Wet has a laid-back, friendly atmosphere and hosts weekly events - a favourite is "Towel-less Tuesdays". There's free Rapid HIV Testing (2pm-7pm) - bring your medicare card.

Weekday: 11am-11pm
Weekend: 11am-11pm

Club29 **29 McLachlan St,** **Brisbane**

Brisbane's only 'real' gay cruise club. Facilities at Club29 include 'suckatorium', dark room, saddle room, double sling, cinema room, meat locker and cinema room. Free lube and condoms are provided. Prices from \$15 (cheaper during the day). Regular themed events include Nudie Dance Party, Undies Party, etc. - check their website for agenda.

Fluffy @ E18HT **8 McLachlan St,** **Fortitude Valley,** **Brisbane**

Weekly gay dance party, taking place every Sunday at E18HT club. Expect lots of glamour, live music and outrageous performances from the gay night, as Fluffy and the gang play host to dance groups, International DJ's and plenty of hot men each week.

White Wolf **Check website,** **Brisbane**

Irregular gay dance party in Brisbane. Previous themed parties: labourers/work men and leather/fetish.

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.



1033 Coffee Group

Every Saturday of the month

Muratti Cakes & Gateaux

10:15am

114B Prospect Road
Prospect

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768



Gay Mens Catch UP Group

Alternate Wednesdays

Mylk Cafe

10:15am

53 Tynte St. Nth
Adelaide

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768

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Adelaide Metro & South Australia Rural

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☎ 0400 478 768

Northern Territory

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768



Gay Mens Catch up at Divercity

Alternate Wednesdays

116 Grote St., Adelaide
10:15am

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768



Dinner Group at Hotel Astor

Every Friday

433 Pulteney St., Adelaide
6:00pm

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768



ADELAIDE QUEER ARTS & CULTURAL FESTIVAL

5 - 27 NOVEMBER 2022

FEAST

Ticketing & Access Information
How to Book Online:
Tickets can be purchased 24/7
via credit card at
www.feast.org.au



Click program to download

Festival hit picks!

Carnival Opening Night Party:

Sat 5 Nov 7pm-Late
Victoria Square /
Varntanyangga, Adelaide

Picnic in the Park:

Sun 27 Nov 11am til 8pm
Rundle Park / Kadlitpina
\$10 | Under 15 free



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



Lonesome

Josh Lavery Daniel Gabriel
A film by Craig Boreham

Tues 8th Nov
Capri Theatre
6:30pm

Content Warning

This film contains discussions of suicide
and depictions of BDSM that may be
confronting.



Gay Mens Dinner Group

Third Thursday of the month

Arab Steed Hotel
241 Hutt Street
Adelaide
6:00pm

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768



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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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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

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TOP FIVE

things to do!

1

ART GALLERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE CBD. Set within the North Terrace Cultural Precinct, the Art Gallery of South Australia boasts one of the largest art museum collections in Australia - with almost 45,000 pieces from across the globe.

2

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, ADELAIDE CBD. From the skeleton of an 18-metre sperm whale to an Ancient Egyptian mummy and its original coffin, your jaw's set to drop on repeat at the South Australian Museum. Spanning five floors, the museum offers a wealth of not-to-be-missed.

3

MORTLOCK WING, STATE LIBRARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE CBD. You'd be forgiven for thinking you're wandering around a film set at the State Library of South Australia's Mortlock Wing.

4

JAMFACTORY, ADELAIDE CBD AND THE BAROSSA. Ever wanted to be a fly-on-the-wall at an artist's studio? Or perhaps more aptly here a gloriously multicoloured butterfly? For almost half a century, JamFactory has been championing the very best in local craft and design, from furniture to jewellery and ceramics.

5

DAVID ROCHE FOUNDATION HOUSE MUSEUM, NORTH ADELAIDE. Oozing with opulence is this house museum in North Adelaide, holding one of the nation's finest private decorative arts collections. The complex includes David Roche's former Federation-style home and an adjoining museum wing.

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VENUE GUIDE

MY LOVER CINDI

A super soft spot for this alternative, edgy, new gay bar in Adelaide. It isn't just your typical gay bar though. My Lover Cindy is an inclusive bar, and the vibes definitely scream 'everyone is welcome!'. Friday night has the more chilled, acoustic vibe going on, Saturday night has more the 'ladies leave your (wo)men at home' vibe.

Thur - Sat

PULTENEY 431

Adelaide's only gay sauna. Facilities at Pulteney 431 include dry sauna, steam room, pool, maze, sun terrace, private cabins, sling, massage and more.

Gay-owned & -managed, this really is the Aladdin's cave of gay saunas. The laid-back snack bar & lounge is nice if you fancy a rest from all the fun! Discounts on Tuesdays – best day to go if you want to save a few dollars.

Open 7 Days

MARY'S POPPIN

The drag queen shows are epic. Mary's Poppin, in Adelaide, opens at 9pm, but it's recommended getting there around 11pm. You have to pay an entry fee of \$20 to get in "unless you're Lady Gaga" as they say on their website.

Thur - Sat

THE UNLEY

This pub used to be a burlesque bar balled Boho. Yet the stained glass windows still remain from the burlesque days. Best time to visit would be Friday or Saturday evenings.

Open 7 Days

PELICAN POINT BEACH

A nudist beach located about 220 km from Adelaide by car – quite far away, but worth the drive. It's right next to the Pelican Point Nudist Resort. No public facilities here, so feel free to pitch up a tent and go canoeing, hitchhiking – all naked, of course. Just be careful to wear protection, the rocks can be quite sharp in places.

MASLIN BEACH

The closest 'clothing optional' beach to Adelaide. Maslin Beach is located 45 km away from the city centre. The drive down to the beach takes you through the scenic Morphett Vale, and there are plenty of car parks conveniently located near the sea. Nude-bathing is only allowed on the Southern half of the beach, about one and a half km of coastline in total. Nice and sandy, surrounded by cliffs – very picturesque. South Australia is renowned for its fantastic beach facilities, and Maslin Beach has plenty to offer guests – there are toilets, showers and cafes nearby.

CLUB X ADELAIDE

Adelaide branch of well-known adult shop chain in Australia. Club X sells an array of clothes, leather & fetish gear, sex toys, DVD's and other accessories.

Open 7 Days

BEACHPORT BEACH

Situated 350 km away from Adelaide, between the towns of Beachport and Robe. This is a large beach with plenty of sand dunes, a picturesque coral area and occasional treacherous tides. 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.

MOTHER VINE

If you love your wine and are looking for an LGBT+ wine bar in Adelaide, look no further. Mother Vine is beloved by the LGBT+ community and is renowned for being a super inclusive space. Mother Vine has a blind wine tasting, try and guess the country, region and year of the wine. They are freaking delicious.

Closed Monday



Tasmania Sparkling Wine Festival

November 11 - 13

Effervescence Tasmania
370 Relbia Road, Tas

☎ 6335 8704



Meet your Coordinator

Northern & Southern Tasmania

Tony Fumage
☎ 0407 917 540

BOOKS+ART

Mondays (monthly), 5.00pm - 6.30pm

The Devonport Regional Gallery's Books + Art Reading Group meets once a month to select and discuss chosen books relating to our exhibition program.

The group is free for all Friends of the Gallery - new members always welcome! Membership details are available on our website. Books are selected by members and at times connected with the exhibitions displayed at the Devonport Regional Gallery.

The informal monthly meetings discuss the chosen book alongside the exhibition, providing an open and friendly environment.

Meetings are accompanied by wine and cheese, and new members are always welcome.

Venue Guide

ALPHABAR HOBART

AlphaBar is a friendly Music-Video Bar with low price drinks, free retro arcade games and a chill-out vibe.



Tasmania

TOP FIVE *places to see!*

1

Flinders Island. Flinders Island, off Tasmania's north-east coast, is the main island of the Furneaux group, a collection of 52 islands that stretch across Bass Strait between Tasmania and mainland Australia.

2

Bruny Island. Windswept Bruny Island is about 360sq km (138sq mi) in size, divided by a narrow, sandy isthmus known as the Neck, which is one of its key attractions. Make your way up the timber staircase for an incredible view of Adventure Bay.

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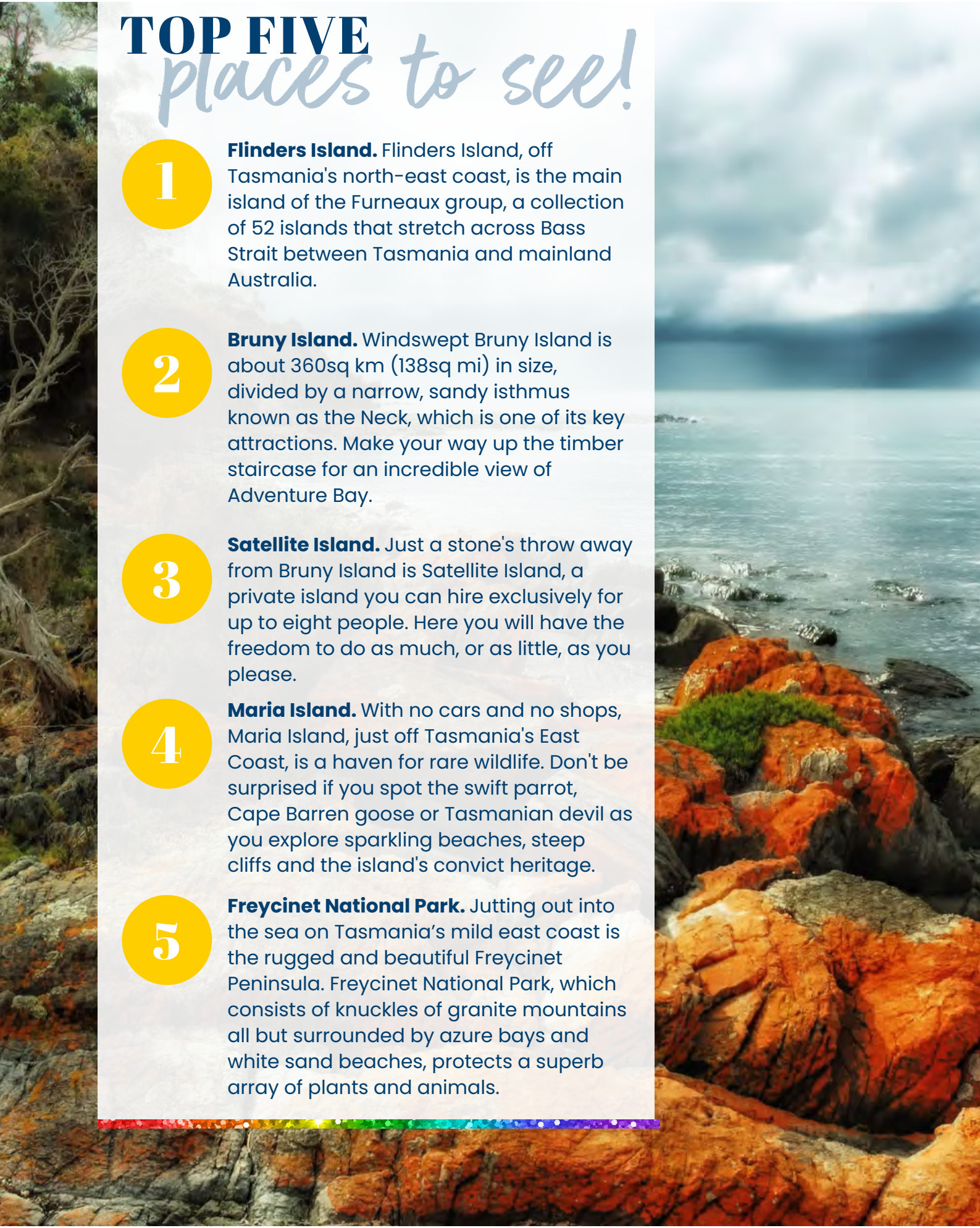
Satellite Island. Just a stone's throw away from Bruny Island is Satellite Island, a private island you can hire exclusively for up to eight people. Here you will have the freedom to do as much, or as little, as you please.

4

Maria Island. With no cars and no shops, Maria Island, just off Tasmania's East Coast, is a haven for rare wildlife. Don't be surprised if you spot the swift parrot, Cape Barren goose or Tasmanian devil as you explore sparkling beaches, steep cliffs and the island's convict heritage.

5

Freycinet National Park. Jutting out into the sea on Tasmania's mild east coast is the rugged and beautiful Freycinet Peninsula. Freycinet National Park, which consists of knuckles of granite mountains all but surrounded by azure bays and white sand beaches, protects a superb array of plants and animals.



November in Victoria is jam packed with events!

It's time for the spring racing carnival as Melbourne emerges from the Winter slumber.

Around the state there are plenty of regional towns to tempt you with great food, wines and activities.

The Melbourne Queer Film Festival is a highlight this month, well worth a trip to Melbourne to catch up on some queer cinema.

Goulburn Valley pride will launch Road to Pride on the 11th November at the Shepparton Art Museum



Victoria

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



Victoria

Breakfast in Blackburn

Second Sunday of the Month
Various Locations
10am start

Glenn
☎ 0428 235 323

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



Victoria

Geelong Lunch Group

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

Peter
fair01@bigpond.com



Victoria

North Eastern Victoria Lunch

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

Paul West
☎ 0409 497 273



major event

Melbourne

32ND MELBOURNE QUEER FILM FESTIVAL 10 - 21 NOVEMBER 2022



Click program to download

Get ready for a twelve-day jam-packed program stronger than ever.

MQFF has curated a prime selection of local and international drama, comedy, documentary, and everything in between, from boundary-pushing filmmakers across the globe. And it's all 100% queer!

Screening in cinema from 10-21 November 2022, this year's festival features 49 feature films and documentaries, 12 short film packages, and 35 Australian and four Melbourne premieres.

Melbourne has been hosting the famous Queer Film Festival since 1991; making it one of the oldest queer film festivals in the world and the largest in the southern hemisphere.

This film event is the second-largest film festival in Australia, drawing visitors from all over Australia and countries from all across the world.

Village Jam Factory will serve as the main host of the festival, while a number of other nearby locations across the city also contribute to hosting duties including Cinema Nova in Carlton and the Village Coburg Drive-In in Coburg.

You can find out more about the incredible films that have screened at MQFF over the past thirty years by looking through past programs. All of the programs going back to 1991 are available to view online.

Festival hit picks!

Opening Night: 10 Nov
Private Desert

Australian Feature of the Year: 17 Nov
The Longest Weekend

Editor's pick: 11 Nov
In from the Side

Closing Night: 20 Nov
Uýra: The Rising Forest

 mqff.com.au



PASSING THROUGH RUTHERGLEN?

For the best coffee & scones in the district and the best patisseries this side of Gay Paris, be sure to drop into The Other Place.

Ask for Coxy.



TOP FIVE

Coffee places!

1

PELLEGRINI'S ESPRESSO BAR

One of Melbourne's most iconic destinations, in a city that prides itself on coffee and fine food, you can't miss this espresso bar located in Bourke St Melbourne

2

FIKA

Located in the heart of Ballarat on Doveton St North, you'll find FIKA Coffee Brewers, FIKA is all about a attention to detail to deliver a special experience.

3

OLD GREEN BEAN

When looking for a great cup of coffee, you can't really go past a café that roasts its own beans. This cafe and micro-roastery is one of our regional favourites, located at 179 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo.

4

BENCH COFFEE CO.

The standing-room-only space located at 321 Little Collins St is home to some of the best coffee in Melbourne with seasonal blend, single-origin espresso and filter options from around the globe.

5

THE OTHER PLACE.

This vibrant cafe serves a selection of breakfast and lunch meals right in the heart of Rutherglen, by one of our very one Country Network Members, make sure to stop in for a coffee if you are passing through!



VENUE GUIDE

SIRCUIT BAR

**103-105 Smith St,
Fitzroy VIC 3065**

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

Wed-Sun

THE LAIRD

**149 Gipps St,
Abbotsford VIC 3067**

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 Tue

DT'S HOTEL

**164 Church St,
Richmond VIC 3121**

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

Tues - Sat

THE PEEL HOTEL

**46 Peel St,
Collingwood VIC 3066**

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

Fri & Sat Open Late

POOF DOOF

**386 Chapel St, South
Yarra VIC 3141**

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

Sat Only

PRIDE OF OUR FOOTSCRAY

**NIGHTCLUB & BAR
1/86-88 Hopkins St,
Footscray VIC 3011**

Fun, friendly & famous for fabulous entertainment

Closed Sun & Thur

Yah Yah's

**99 Smith St,
Fitzroy VIC 3065**

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

THURS GAY NIGHT

RAINBOW HOUSE CLUB

**125 Smith St, Fitzroy
VIC 3065**

Hip, modern venue featuring live bands, local beer & global fare in an upbeat space with an arcade.

Open 7 days

THE 86

**185 Smith St, Fitzroy
VIC 3065**

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

Thurs-Sun

MOLLIE'S BAR & DINER

**103 Smith St,
Fitzroy VIC 3065**

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

Wed-Sun

SUBWAY SAUNA

**Vault 13/393-397
Flinders St, Melbourne
VIC 3000**

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

WET ON WELLINGTON

**162 Wellington St,
Collingwood VIC 3066**

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

Open 7 days

SPARTACUS LOUNGE

**12 Waratah Pl,
Melbourne VIC 3000**

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

Open 7 Days

Meet your Coordinators

Perth Metro

Cliff Moores
☎ 0422 799 929

South West, Greater Southern & Rural North Western Australia

Jeffery Sproal
☎ 0412 651 429



Cards & Board Games Afternoon

Nov 10th

Venue to be advised
1:30pm start

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



Intersex Community Coffee Meet Up

Sunday, Nov 06

Steamhaus Cafe. 206 Whatley Crescent Maylands, WA
2:30pm - 5:00pm

Hosted by City of Bayswater and Intersex WA

VENUE GUIDE

THE COURT HOTEL

One of the biggest and most popular gay venues in Perth, The Court House attracts a large gay and lesbian crowd and serves food, their pizza is one of the best in town. The outdoor terrace is the perfect place during the hot summer months. The Court Hotel hosts regular events and functions, including drag and karaoke nights

Wed - Sun

HULA HULA BAR

The funky, gay-friendly bar serves a delicious range of fruity cocktails and tasty rums. The vibe at Hula Bula is great, with tropical interiors, reminiscent of the Tiki culture of the 50's and 60's, combined with drums and percussion music help create a relaxed, laid-back atmosphere which has proven popular with Perth residents and tourists since 2006.

Wed - Sun

THE AVAIRY

This breathtaking popular rooftop gay bar & restaurant offers stunning views of the city whilst guests dine, drink or dance the night away. Aviary's restaurant uses local produce to serve Asian inspired cuisine. Upstairs is "The Nest", a large rooftop lounge that hosts regular special events with international DJ's and live music.

Open 7 Days

THE MUSTANG BAR

The Mustang Bar has a distinct American feel, with a major focus on sport and quality LIVE entertainment. Features over 50 bottled and draught beers incorporating a large selection from USA and the Americas. check out the website for gig guides

Tues - Sat



PERTH PRIDEFEST 2022

4 - 27 NOVEMBER 2022



[Click program to download](#)

This year's theme is Shine

Pride in Western Australia is celebrated annually in the month of November with PrideFEST. But the party doesn't stop there, with so much happening through out the year all over the our beautiful state.

Pride regularly organises social catch ups and plenty of other events. Show your support of Pride by becoming a member and keep up to date with all the lastest on What's On in WA, make sure you follow Pride WA on Facebook and Instagram.

We also have a wide network of LGBTQI+ friends. Find new friends that you can connect with regularly amongst the many community groups and regional groups in Western Australia.

Fairday will be held at Hyde Park
Sun 13 Nov 2022 from 10am – 6pm.

Parade will be held in Northbridge on Sat 26 Nov 2022. With over 65 events across the Festival, there's something you can attend and participate in every day.

Parade route: Aberdeen, William & James Sts, Northbridge. Pre-parade entertainment at Pride Piazza and along Parade route from 6pm.

Festivities kick off at 7.30pm. Free (including After Party)

Get ready to SHINE! Perth's first Pride Parade in Northbridge in nearly 3 years calls for a celebration like no other. Expect all the lights, colour, music and sensational costumes you've come to expect and then some!

At the end of the Parade, spectators will be invited to join the procession which moves to Russell Square, where a free family-friendly community party featuring DJ Timbee, Dean Misdale and the incredible Kween Kong from RuPaul Drag's Race Down Under.

Festival highlights!

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Western Australia

TOP FIVE walking tracks

1

Bibbulmun Track

The Bibbulmun Track is one of the world's great long distance walk trails, stretching 1000km from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills, to Albany on the south coast, winding through the heart of the scenic South West of Western Australia.

2

Short and sharp: Kings Park. The 2.5km Law Walk loop may only take an hour, but it gets the heart pumping. Depart from the Swan Carpark (within Kings Park) and follow the rollercoaster-like bush trail up and down an escarpment overlooking the Swan River.

3

Easy and urban - with kangaroos: Swan River Loop. If you like to be within sight of city skyscrapers, this easy 10km loop walk is for you. Kicking off from Elizabeth Quay, it traces the edge of the placid Swan River, heading east then crossing to the city's southern side using the Causeway Bridge.

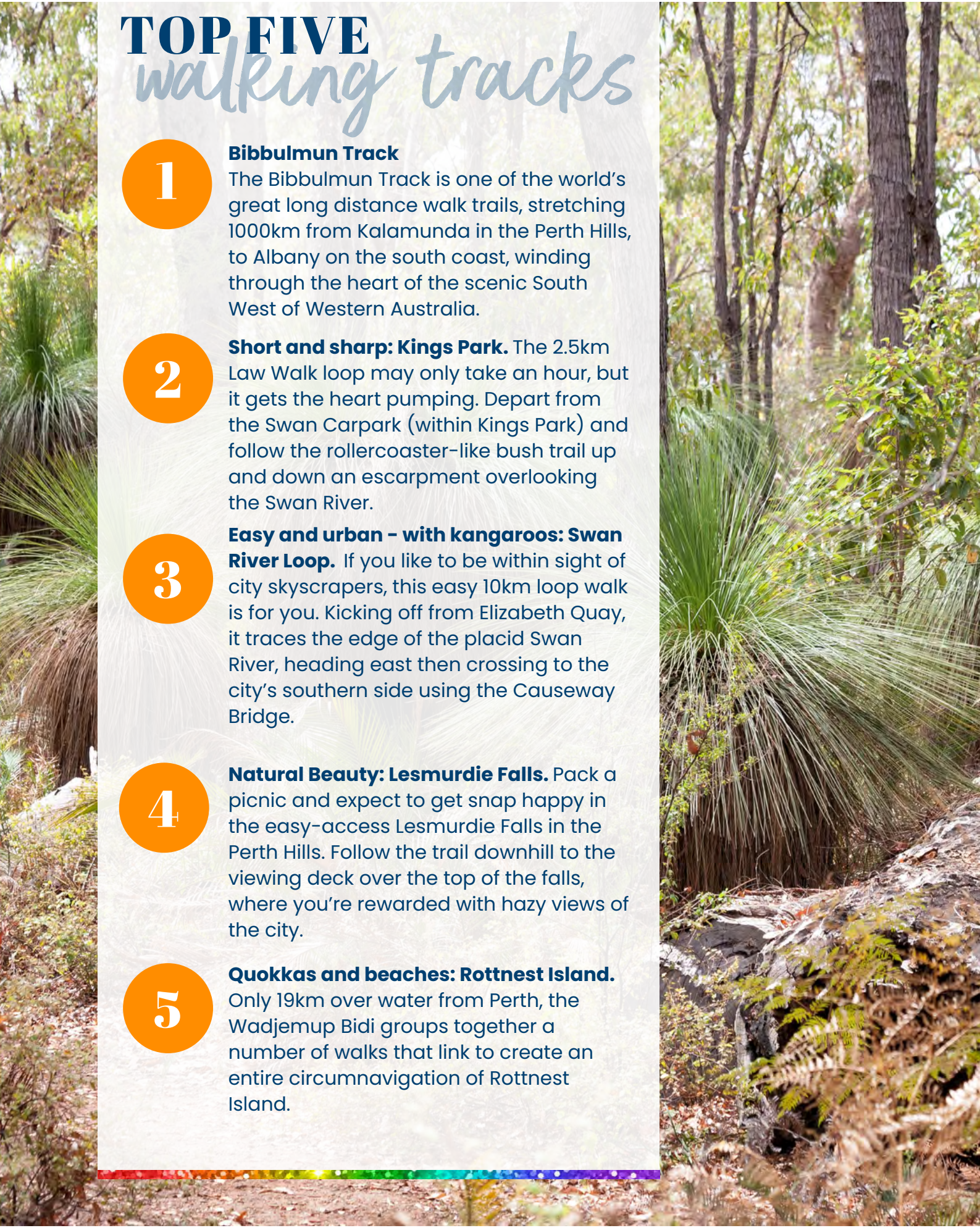
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Natural Beauty: Lesmurdie Falls. Pack a picnic and expect to get snap happy in the easy-access Lesmurdie Falls in the Perth Hills. Follow the trail downhill to the viewing deck over the top of the falls, where you're rewarded with hazy views of the city.

5

Quokkas and beaches: Rottnest Island.

Only 19km over water from Perth, the Wadjemup Bidi groups together a number of walks that link to create an entire circumnavigation of Rottnest Island.



Zoom with Neil!

Would you like to join fellow members on Zoom each Saturday at 5pm (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
for details of the access link.



Tell us what you think

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

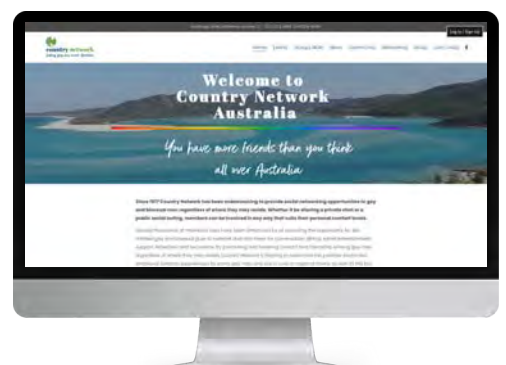
Tell us what you think about all things to do with the Country Network, including your chance to help guide the website team with the new updated website!

Find the survey here: www.offthefairroad.com.au/survey
Please allow 10-15 minutes to complete 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 and we will pass those comments on to the group looking at this exciting 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!