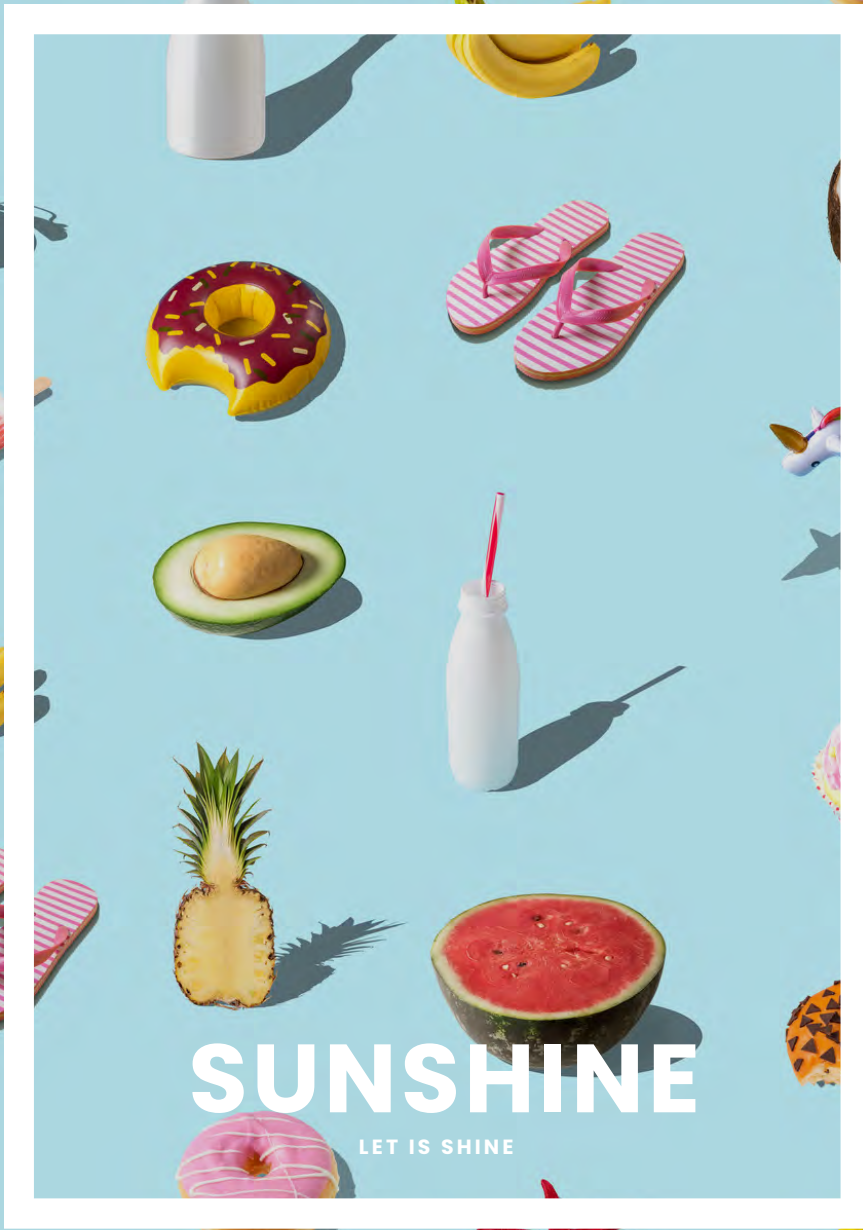


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on the website member
home page

Bookings now open!

BOAT YOUR WAY DOWN THE MIGHTY MURRAY WITH US!

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

What you need to know!

Dates:

17th – 20th March 2023

Cost:

\$520+ \$100 refundable bond per person twin or quad share, includes Houseboat hire and all meals.

Where:

Mannum, South Australia,

Getting There:

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

Contact:

Jeffrey P. Sproal

☎ 0412 651 429

✉ jeffreyps2@gmail.com

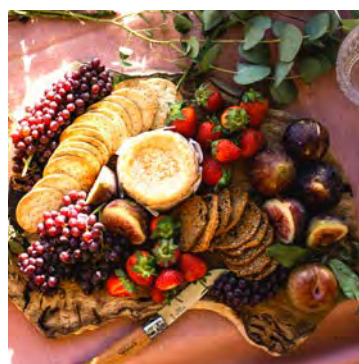
Get your booking in quick! You will not want to miss out on our 2023 Country Network Autumn Gathering!

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

Costs include all meals and houseboat hire.

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

For more information: ✉ president@countrynetwork.com.au or jeffreyps2@gmail.com **Bookings now open!**





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NETWORK EVENTS

events@countrynetwork.com.au

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

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

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WELCOME

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



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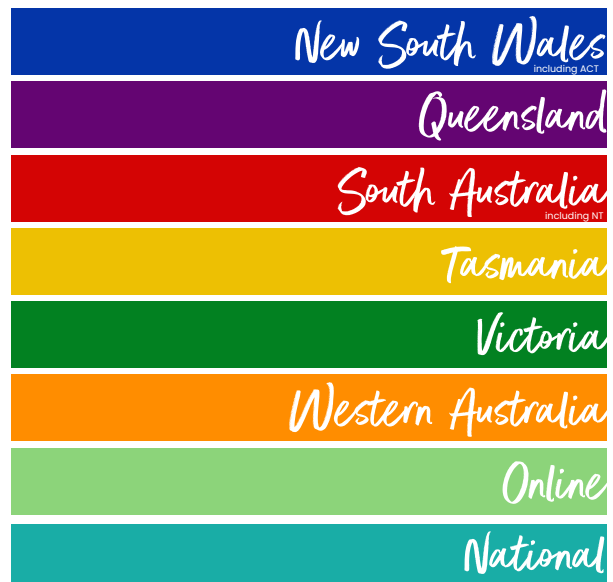


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welcome**

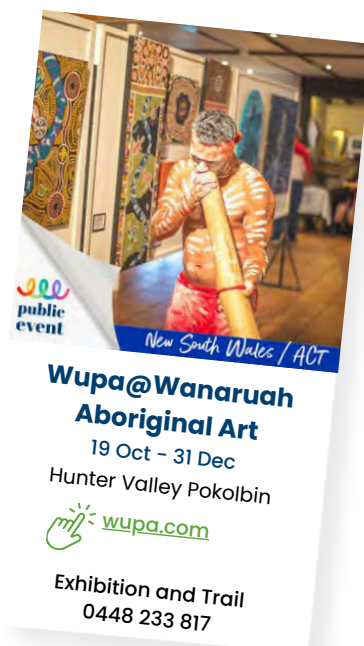


**public
event**

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 the state above to go straight to that page!





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WORLD PRIDE FEATURE: SYDNEY FAIR DAY

Kick off Sydney WorldPride in true Mardi Gras style! Roll up with your dog, your Nan and your neighbour as the Mardi Gras festivities begin at an all day rainbow extravaganza in Victoria Park.



WORLD PRIDE FAIR DAY



© Neal Jennings

What you need to know!

When:

Sunday 20th February, 2023

Where:

Victoria Park, Paramatta Road, Broadway, NSW

Getting there:

Get in quick Fair Day is part of world pride, so flights and accomodation are booking quickly if you are coming from interstate.

Walk from Central Station

Head south-west on Pitt St towards Eddy Ave, Continue onto George St, Continue onto Broadway, Turn left.

Victoria Park
Parramatta Rd, Broadway
NSW 2008

19 min (1.4 km)
via Broadway
Mostly flat



This annual all day celebration that kicks off the Mardi Gras Festival is back in all its glory for 2022. This year sees camped up festival vibes with themed spaces and fairground fun for everyone – so bring your puppies, your neighbour and your Nan, no one will want to miss this!

Join thousands of revelers for a picnic in the summer sunshine, shop at one of the 200+ community stalls, savour cocktails at boutique bars, cheer on pooches at the world-famous Doggywood Pageant, or recline in the shade and enjoy performances by the many ground-breaking and culture defying LGBTQIA+ artists on stage.

As a celebration of our glorious community, Fair Day 2022 will put the spotlight on the shining stars, ground-breaking and culture defying LGBTQI+ artists, musicians and organisations.

Five speciality bars will cater to all tastes and serve up unique beverages and experiences. The Express Yourself Lounge by American Express will welcome all Fair Day fans and serve up a delectable bespoke cocktail – created especially for Fair Day.

The Squealing Pig Wine Bar is a space to relax in the shade and sip on a range of delectable wines, or if you're feeling spirited, try Mardi Gras gin cocktails at the Archie Rose Bar. The Little Creatures Garden Bar amps up the energy with sets by queer DJs and performances throughout the day.



For all world pride events, check out this link!



For fair day information, check out this link!





major event

Sydney

WORLD PRIDE: A MEMBERS PERSPECTIVE



Country Network Member
Carl Milton brings us a
unique local perspective of
World Pride.



**SYDNEY
WORLDPRIDE
2023**

Sydney is my home town. It is where I was born 60 years ago and it is where I currently live. I haven't always resided in Sydney, having lived big chapters of my life in other cities, other countries and in different parts of rural Australia. Like all big global cities, Sydney has become a bit generic and has lost some of its quintessential Sydney-ness. Despite this, it still remains high on most people's list as a city where they would most like to live in the world.

When Sydney was chosen to host 2023 World Pride in conjunction with the Mardi Gras Festival it necessitated a date change from the tradition of being held mid-year during the northern hemisphere summer. It will be the first time World Pride has been hosted down in the southern hemisphere. As I don't have a crystal ball, I can't predict how the 2023 Sydney World Pride event will unfold. We are living in a decade of disruption with a lot of uncertainty about the various changes and transitions that are happening in the world on many levels.

The clock is now ticking toward the launch of 2023 Sydney Pride/Mardi Gras and action is underway to try and revitalize Oxford Street, which was once the thriving mecca of Sydney gay life. Sadly, the nightlife of this once world-renowned gay ghetto was been whittled away by lock out laws, gentrification, Covid ramifications and by online activities, as well as social media replacing personal face to face interactions. There are however, plans to reopen former gay venues such as ARQ and Bodyline and it is likely that some new venues will be emerging along Oxford Street to cash in on the anticipated pink dollar spending. Inner-city areas such as Newtown and Erskineville also offer a few gay establishments and maintain a strong and visible gay presence.

Beyond the 'gay' milieu, Sydney has so much to offer – museums, art galleries, etc. as well as the pulse and buzz of big city life. Also, the stunning landscapes of the Blue Mountains are worth a big day trip and Sydney's iconic beaches such as Manly and Bondi are relatively easy locations to visit.

With 300 plus events listed for Pride, it is too onerous to list individual events and venues. It is best to research online at the World Pride site, or obtain a free hard copy of the events listings in order to find the events of that speak to your individual interests. It can be wise if CN Members are visiting Sydney to have done a bit of preparation in regard to public transport usage (an Opal card, or tappable credit card is required). Also, be sure to pre-check things like toll roads charges in order to avoid the unwelcome surprise of unforeseen expenses



It will be the first time world Pride has been hosted in the southern hemisphere!



"...the experience you have will depend largely on the energy and the attitude that you yourself bring along to Pride"

Some may lament that the 2023 Pride/Mardi Gras is shaping up to have become too sanitized, commercialized, corporatized and monetised. The days of Sydney being a feisty wild party town are no longer so evident. CTV cameras are now everywhere. Social media and a woke and wellness cancel culture has largely seen overt discrimination and gay bashings become a thing of the past. Gone too, are the days of numerous AIDS deaths in Sydney.

At the time of writing, (early Jan 2023) the Monkeypox virus in Sydney has been largely contained with minimal transmissions. Gay men in Sydney have had fairly easy access to being able to be vaccinated. Although, it is no longer looming large on the media radar, Covid is still very much doing the rounds in Sydney. Even despite one having been vaccinated and having previously caught Covid, it is possible to be reinfected a 2nd and even a 3rd time! In regard to Covid, individual caution, personal responsibility and safeguards are required.

On a positive note, the strong La Nina weather system of the past few years is forecast to be coming to an end. No one wants it to rain on their parade. There are so many wonderful things to celebrate in term of LGBT progress. When I was a teenager, options such as gay marriage seemed totally unconceivable. It is important that we ensure that hard-fought for LGBT human rights like marriage equality aren't diminished in any way.

If, as a CN member you are planning on heading to Sydney to attend World Pride, the experience you have will depend largely on the energy and the attitude that you yourself bring along to Pride. Beyond the self-seeking of one's own personal pleasures and experiences, events like Pride can be a beacon of hope to oppressed and vilified LGBTQ people living in different countries. It is worthwhile remembering that in some parts of the world celebrations like Pride would not be tolerated, and even being involved in an event like Pride event could result in violence and even death. In some ways by attending Pride, being visible, celebrating life and having a voice one can radiate hope and acceptance to others.

Article submitted by:

Carl Milton

Life is short. Enjoy.

NSW Seniors Festival Expo 2023

Check out this free and fun annual expo. Get the latest on travel, lifestyle, home, health and more. Plus games, giveaways, workshops and performances.

2 & 3 February 2023

International Convention Centre, Sydney





LOOKING FOR SOME INSPIRATION?

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.

Dreaming of travelling but don't want to go alone? Why not organise a Country Network travel event?

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!

Like Country Network member **Gregg Wilson...**

Come cruising with me

28-day trip around Australia, out of Sydney, leaving March 7th 2023

"I'm wondering if any members would be interested in going on a cruise - not to live out of each other's pockets- but a bit of company for a five o'clock drink and maybe dinner? I'm going on a 28-day trip around Australia, out of Sydney, leaving March 7th 2023 on Majestic Princess. Still cabins available last time I looked."

Connect with Gregg via his Country network profile [HERE](#)





Inspiration

LET'S GO CRUISING!



Have you considered taking a cruise?

Cruising is a great way for travellers to explore the world in style and comfort. There are many benefits to taking a cruise, such as the variety of destinations, the convenience of having everything taken care of for you, and the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Throw in a sprinkle of gay spray and you'll have a rollicking good time.

Cruising provides all-inclusive experiences, with everything from meals to entertainment included in the price. This means that you don't have to worry about finding restaurants or organising activities – you can just sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride. Plus, cruise ships typically feature a wide range of amenities, including pools, spas, and gyms, which are perfect for unwinding and recharging.



Looking for a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Many cruise ships offer events and activities tailored to the LGBTIQ+ community, such as drag shows, gay-themed movies, and dance parties.

So if you're looking for an unforgettable vacation experience, a cruise ship holiday is definitely worth considering.



Modern day cruising is a way to see the world, to enjoy new cultures and experiences, to enjoy indulgence in fine food and wine through different venues each day, all with the convenience of 'unpacking once' and a balcony view!

From the world's largest cruise ships to small luxury yachts sailing the Antarctica, to beautiful calm river cruising up some of the world's most exotic waterways, modern cruising is very much about the customised experience. Whatever you want, we can find a cruising product that suits you.

In the post COVID-19 world, cruising will offer a safe, manageable vacation experience. Many cruise lines have developed a whole raft of new safety measures to support safe cruising. And it's worth noting that many of the luxury smaller cruise ships already had good practices in place.

Have a chat to
Country Network
member Adam Bold
from Points Of
Difference Travel
about your next
cruising holiday!

The best Gay Group Cruises from Australia

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Your luxury resort afloat, providing fun,
connection, relaxation, gourmet dining
... and cruising!

... South Pacific Adventure

13 nights, departs 6th April 2023, onboard **Celebrity Eclipse**.

Ports of call include Noumea (New Caledonia), Suva and Lautoka (Fiji),
Nuku ' Alofa (Tonga), and Mystery Island (Vanuatu).

... New Zealand Exploration

11 nights, departs 13th March 2024, onboard **Celebrity Edge**.

Discover New Zealand and ports of call: Picton, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch,
Dunedin, Dusky Sound, Doubtful Sound and Milford Sound.

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Bendigo

PRIDE & JOY - BENDIGO 28TH JANUARY 2023

EXCLUSIVE MEMBER OFFER!

We have a double pass to give away to both Pride & Joy Bendigo and Warrigal

Be the **FIRST** member to email events@countrynetwork.com.au with the subject line 'PRIDE' and the pass is yours.

Let us know in the email which pass you would like!

Your chance to win a free double pass!

What you need to know!

When:

28 January 2023
7:00pm

Where:

The Capitol Bendigo
50 View St, Bendigo

Getting There:

Midsumma events are held all over Victoria, check out the guide for details.

Website:

midsumma.org.au



A celebration of queer composers across time and place

The voices of LGBTQIA+ composers can be heard in music throughout history, yet this is often omitted from historical retellings, and so from our collective memories. Join the musicians of Orchestra Victoria as they celebrate queer luminaries of the past, and contemporary voices lighting the way into the future.

Artists

Orchestra Victoria
Simon Bruckard conductor
Program
Deborah Cheetham AO - Gulaga
Aaron Copland - Quiet City
Caroline Shaw - Limestone and Felt
Naima Fine Fine - Crystal Ruth Bell: We Keep Going
Pytor Ilych Tchaikovsky - Serenade for Strings

Orchestra Victoria

Orchestra Victoria is a world-class opera and ballet orchestra. With a rich history of performing with opera, dance and musical theatre companies, Orchestra Victoria is dynamic and versatile, with expertise in an incredible breadth of repertoire from contemporary to classical. The performance partner of The Australian Ballet, Opera Australia and Victorian Opera, the company is committed to true collaboration, breathing life into performance on and off the stage and screen.

Also appearing at the
West Gippsland Arts Centre,
Warragul | February 17, 7:00pm



[Book tickets](#)



Sydney

New South Wales

What you need to know!

When:

3 February – 19 March 2023

Where:

National Art School
Forbes Street, Darlinghurst
Sydney

Getting There:

NAS' Forbes Street entrance is a short, two-minute walk from Taylor Square on Oxford Street, and conveniently located near bus routes 311, 333, 352, 373, 389, 392N, 396, and 440. Limited paid street parking is available along Forbes Street as well as Darlinghurst Road and surrounds; we advise visitors to walk, cycle or take public transport where possible.



QUEER CONTEMPORARY: BRAVING TIME

Braving time is a queer exhibition that celebrates the work of artists who identify as part of the Australian LGBTIQ+ community. This significant exhibition has been curated by Richard Perram OAM for the National Art School in celebration of Sydney WorldPride in 2023. The artists represented in the exhibition celebrate the diverse voices of LGBTIQ+ people in contemporary Australia society, reflecting the breath of genders and sexualities within the community, including artists who identify as lesbian, gay, transgender, inter-sex, asexual and non-binary.

The artists present artworks that explore queerness in ways that are direct and indirect through historical and contemporary artworks that are critical, experimental and political, connecting to our contemporary culture. Together these works instigate conversations about queer experience; what it is and what it means to be queer in Australia today.

The key themes and connections that flow and overlap through this exhibition are rich and complex and represent issues that have been and remain central, to LGBTIQ+ lived experience including Our Queer Ancestors, Queer Worthies, Death and History, Feminist Expression, Family and Community, Maleness and Power, Humour, Gender and Sexuality.



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Surf Coast Victoria

THE TWELVE APOSTLES



What you need to know!

Best time to visit:

All year round! Each season shows off these beautiful natural wonders in their own way.



Getting there:

The 12 Apostles are accessible from Melbourne via the Great Ocean Road (4.25 hrs) and via the Princes Hwy (3.25 hrs).

Which ever way you arrive remember the 12 Apostles is just one area in what is one of Australia's most spectacular coastal National Parks.

The Twelve Apostles is a group of rocks found on Victoria's Shipwreck Coast. A beautiful end to the stunning Great Ocean Road Drive.

The Twelve Apostles is a group of rock stacks in the Southern Ocean off the shore of Port Campbell National Park, by the Great Ocean Road in Victoria, Australia. The rock stacks are made of Port Campbell Limestone, which was deposited some 15 to 5 million years ago. The extreme Southern Ocean weather eroded the soft limestone and thus shaped the stacks over millions of years.

There are 7, not 12 stacks

Despite the name, there were never 12 rock stacks. There were nine original rock formations. However, when officials renamed them 'The Twelve Apostles' there were only eight standing. In July 2005, a stack collapsed. Now, just seven stacks remain!

The original name was the Sow and Piglets

Until the 1960s, the rock stacks went by the Pinnacles and the Sow and Piglets. The Sow is Mutton Bird Island, which stands at the entrance to Loch Ard Gorge. The Piglets the many rock stacks dotted along the coast, including the Twelve Apostles.

There are other rock formations in the area

Also along this stretch of coast in Port Campbell National Park are other impressive rock formations, for instance, London Bridge, Thunder Cave, Razorback, Island Archway, Bakers Oven Rock, Sentinel Rocks, and the Grotto.

The Twelve Apostles are part of the Shipwreck Coast

Port Campbell National Park is also home to the Loch Ard Gorge. This gorge is named after the clipper ship Loch Ard which ran aground on nearby Muttonbird Island. You'll soon discover why this part of the Great Ocean Road is called the Shipwreck Coast. Stretching some 130km from Cape Otway to Port Fairy, there are approximately 638 known shipwrecks along Victoria's coast.



[Learn more](#)





Ravenshoe

Far North Queensland

Ravenshoe

Pronounced; 'Ravens ho'. Ravenshoe is on the Atherton Tableland in Far North Queensland. It is located 123 kilometres (76 mi) south west of the regional centre, Cairns.



My Husband Geoffrey and I live at Ravenshoe on the southern end of the Atherton Tablelands, North Queensland. We'd love you to come and visit, we have a very comfortable home stay or a perfect grassy campsite for motorhomes or tents. Clothing optional. A small donation (\$15-\$30) to cover costs and meals would be appreciated.

Drop us a line to organise a stay in our piece of paradise.

✉ neilbirch@bigpond.com



Geoffrey & Neil



What I love about Ravenshoe... We would be able to show you around Ravenshoe as follows: Waterfalls, wind turbine farms, highest hotel in Queensland, Koombooloomba Dam, Tully Falls Gorge, Innot Hot Springs mineral spa, Railway Museum, pristine rainforests.

Where we wander... There are numerous National Parks in our surrounding area with walking tracks, picnic facilities and terrific places for a dip in the clear mountain creeks with pristine rainforests all around, perfect for a picnic. Not far from our Home is the Millaa Millaa Lookout giving outstanding views over the Valley to Millaa Millaa.

My favourite place to get a beer with friends is... Ravenshoe Hotel. A two story timber building dating back to early pioneering days. It has a lot of antique furniture and memorabilia, good food and cold beer. Rumours Cafe at Millaa Millaa is a good place to call in for a cuppa and a good meal.

If we want to escape from the world for a little while I go to... The idea from escaping from the world to our favourite place mostly is wishful thinking for us. Occasionally it does happen and this is having the freedom of being nude on a beach, just over a 2 hour drive away. We are able to have our own piece of happiness, contentment & fulfilment every day on our lovely 6.5 acre property clothes free. Every day is different and every day is a blessing to us for what we have together. The clean fresh air 850-900 meters above sea level is amazing.

What's the Vibe? During the early pioneering days the town of Ravenshoe was a timber town, with huge areas of trees logged for timber. The facades of the shops in town reflect the pioneering days, and the township can become busy, with the next town approximately the same size of Ravenshoe west hundreds of kilometres away. We live a quiet life 9km out of town and do not have contact with other gay males in our area. We would love this to change though.



Sydney Naked Walking Group

First Thursday
of the month

Various locations

Details in the CN Private FaceBook
group, when available.

John Wenborn
☎ 0414 727 060



Coffs Coasters Walking Group

Second Friday
of the month

Various locations

Details in CN Private FaceBook group.
There is lunch after the walk. BYO
drinking water. LGBTIQ+ inclusive

Jack Ellis
☎ 0425 391 235



Port Macquarie Lunch Meetups

Third Tuesday of the month
12:00pm start

Settlers Inn

101 Hastings River Drive
Port Macquarie

Jeffery Sproal
☎ 0412 651 429

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



Bent in Bellingen Queer Beers

Monthly Meet Ups
3:00pm-5:00pm

Federal Hotel
77 Hyde Street
Bellingen, NSW

 [join group on Facebook](#)



Bling it On Drag Show & Dance

Saturday 14th January

8:00pm

Yarrahapinni Hotel
70 Ocean Avenue
Stuarts Point

Rocky
☎ 0474 025 803

non-members
welcome



Sydney

SYDNEY NAKED WALKING GROUP 18TH JANUARY 2022



What you need to know!

When:

Wednesday, 18th January

Time:

MEET at 0900 Redfern Station, near the bicycle dock, corner of Lawson St and Gibbons St.

Getting There:

From Redfern Train station. WALK to bus stop Stand C, Regent St.

BUS 392. Get off in Hastings Ave Hastings Av near Hall St, opposite Chifley Sports Reserve (possible meeting place).

Contact:

John Wenborn
☎ 0414 727 060

Walk from Botany Cemetery to La Perouse

MEET at 0900 on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at Redfern Station, near the bicycle dock, corner of Lawson St and Gibbons St.

WALK to bus stop Stand C, Regent St.

BUS 392. Get off in Hastings Ave Hastings Av near Hall St, opposite Chifley Sports Reserve (possible meeting place).

WALK through Chifley Sports Reserve and through Botany Cemetery pausing at points of interest along the way. Morning tea before walking along the coastal path passing Yarra Bay and Frenchmans Bay to La Perouse where the walk will end and we eat lunch.

DIFFICULTY Easy. Six kilometres.

BRING water, sunscreen and hat; morning tea or buy morning tea at the cemetery cafe; lunch or buy your lunch from the shops at La Perouse.

RETURN frequent buses depart from La Perouse bound for Bondi Junction, Juniors Kingsford Light Rail stop and the Sydney CBD.

Hope to see you there!

Leader Daz



Coffs Harbour

SYNDICATE TRACK - DORRIGO NATIONAL PARK - 10TH FEBRUARY 2023



What you need to know!

When:

Friday, 10th February

Time:

Meet up at 9:30am at the old Catholic Club on West High Street for a 10.30am start at the track.

Getting There:

From Bellingen head out toward The Promised Land. Left into Gordonville Road. There is a small sign at the intersection for Syndicate Ridge Track. Drive 1.6 km on Gordonville Rd. There is a sign pointing to the track. Turn right and drive to the end of the road, approximately 2 km.

Contact:

Jack Ellis
☎ 0425 391 235

Syndicate Track

Trail information: (from Coffs Trails)

- Duration: 2.0 to 2.5 hours
- Distance: Approximately 5 km return.
- Grading: 3. Fairly easy. A few slopes going in, downhill on the return
- Dogs aren't allowed on this trail as it is within a National Park

Date: 10/02/23 (the second Friday in February)

Time: 10.30 am at the start of the walk. 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 10.30am start at the track.

Getting there: Turn right in Bellingen, cross the bridge and head out toward The Promised Land. When you get to an intersection with a hall and small church on your right, turn left into Gordonville Road. There is a small sign at the intersection for Syndicate Ridge Track. Drive 1.6 km on Gordonville Rd. There is a sign pointing to the track. Turn right and drive to the end of the road, approximately 2 km.

After the walk we will have a picnic lunch at a reserve beside the Never Never Creek/River.

Jack Ellis

☎ 0425 391 235



New South Wales

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TOP FOUR

things to do!

1

Nan Tien Temple. Visit or stay at Nan Tien Temple, the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere. The visual delights of grandeur architecture, art and culture including unique exhibitions and festivals, Buddhist festivals, vegetarian culinary delights, educational and healthy lifestyle classes and retreats, accommodation, top-class conference and auditorium facilities.

2

TIMBERTOWN HERITAGE THEME PARK. Step back in time with a visit to Timbertown Wauchope, where you can ride the steam train on a trip out through and forest and return, experience the Carriage ride around the village, observe the timber craftsmen at work and smell the coals of the blacksmith.

3

Full-Day in the Blue Mountains: Three Sisters, Scenic World and Featherdale.

Head into the Blue Mountains from Sydney. Visit Featherdale to see koalas, kangaroos, crocodiles, and more incredible animals. Enjoy thrilling rides at Scenic World, and check out dramatic cliffs, waterfalls, and the striking rock formation known as the Three Sisters. Take in scenic views of Sydney with a ferry ride down the Parramatta River under the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

4

Kayaking with Dolphins in Byron Bay.

Kayak alongside a resident pod of bottlenose dolphins in beautiful Byron Bay! Learn about the protected aquatic environment along the way, see Cape Byron lighthouse and refresh with a tea and Tim Tam biscuit break on the beach.



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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 LGBTIQ 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](#)





AUSTRALIA DAY LONG TABLE ON THE BALONNE 2023

Riversands Long Table on the Balonne is held on Australia Day down amongst the vines to showcase regional food and wine. This year's theme is "Put a sparkle into Australia Day"!

A five course extravaganza will be prepared by Mitchell chef Sue Alm & staff. This will include with Queensland Red Claw, 3 Rivers branded beef, Elliot's organic lamb roast, locally grown grapes, onions, carrots & figs, ginger crumble and lamington trifle. All paired with Riversands medal winning white, red, sparkling and fortified wines. Hear from the food suppliers about their journey. Bring your grape stomping gear for the grape stomping challenge. Live music by popular entertainer Cathy Drummond. Book a table for your family, friends and workmates. Come dressed in your sparkling best! Coach groups and clubs welcome to book.

Riversands Long Table on the Balonne

January 26, 2023

66 Whytes Road
St. George, QLD



[Learn
more](#)



Meet your Coordinators

Brisbane Metro, Gold Coast & Sunshine Coast

Thomas Tiltmann
☎ 0449 186 305

Inland Queensland

Charlie Helyar
☎ 0417 102 587

North Queensland & Lockyer Valley

Jeffrey Sproal
☎ 0412 651 429



Sunshine Coast Lunch Meetup

Saturday, 7th January

Beerah Hotel

53 Beerwah Parade, Beerah

12:00pm - 2:00pm

RSVP by: 20th January 2023

Rodger Thomson

☎ (07) 5491 6776



Brisbane Central Lunch Meetup

Sunday, 22nd January

Grand Central Hotel

12:00pm - 2:00pm

RSVP by: 20th January 2023

Thomas Tiltmann

0449 186 305

freedom47@outlook.com.au

Queensland

TOP FIVE

places to see!

1

Daintree Forest. The Daintree Forest is one of the oldest and most diverse rainforests in the world, and is located in the far north of Queensland. It is home to an incredible array of plants and animals, including the famous cassowary bird and the elusive tree kangaroo. Visitors can a guided tour through the rainforest, learn about the plants and animals that call it home, and explore the many walking trails that wind through the forest.

2

Whitsunday Islands. A group of 74 islands located off the coast of Queensland, and are known for their beautiful beaches, crystal clear waters, and vibrant coral reefs. Visitors can take a boat tour to explore the islands, go sailing, snorkeling, or scuba diving to see the coral and marine life, or just relax on one of the many beautiful beaches.

3

Noosa. It is known for its stunning beaches, crystal clear waters, and lush rainforests. The town is a popular destination for tourists looking for a relaxing holiday, as well as for those who want to explore the natural beauty of the area.

4

Cairns. A tropical city located in the far north of Queensland, and is known for its beautiful beaches, vibrant nightlife, and diverse cultural offerings.

5

Great Barrier Reef. The Great Barrier Reef is one of the world's most famous natural wonders and the largest coral reef system on the planet. It stretches over 2,300 kilometers along the northeastern coast of Queensland, and is home to an incredible diversity of marine life, including over 1,500 species of fish, 400 species of coral and thousands of other marine creatures.



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




non-members
welcome

South Australia / NT

Gay Mens Dinner Group

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

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768




non-members
welcome

South Australia / NT

1033 Coffee Group

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

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768




non-members
welcome

South Australia / NT

Gay Mens Catch UP Group

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

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768

Meet your Coordinators

Adelaide Metro & South Australia Rural

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Northern Territory

Michael Stokes
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South Australia / NT

Gay Mens Catch up at Divercity

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

Michael Stokes
☎ 0400 478 768




non-members
welcome

South Australia / NT

Dinner Group at Hotel Astor

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

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

TOP FIVE

Coffee places!

1

The Little Rascal. Located in Adelaide, the Little Rascal is a popular coffee spot for its unique and delicious coffee blends. They use only the highest quality beans, sourced from local and international suppliers. The café also offers a variety of delicious food options, including sandwiches, pastries, and cakes.

2

The Grind. This coffee spot, located in Glenelg, is known for its unique coffee blends and delicious food options, including sandwiches, salads, and pastries. The café also offers a variety of teas and cold drinks.

3

The Coffee Collective. This coffee spot, located in Adelaide, is a popular destination for coffee lovers.

4

The Coffee Club. This coffee spot, located in Adelaide, is a popular destination for coffee lovers.

5

Adelaide Coffee Bar. The coffee is up with the best in Adelaide. The occasional alcoholic coffees really hit the spot, too. The range of paninis is good. The best things that really stand out are that the services is quick (even at peak times), the ambience of the shop is inviting (and a good place to go for a quiet chat), and, best of all, the proprietor, Fulvio, is a colourful character who loves to have a chat with his customers. He's got some great stories to tell about his experiences in Adelaide.



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

Tasmania



TasPride has been around for 20 years. It began as a community support group in Hobart in 1992 but changed its name to TasPride in 2009.

Every November, TasPride produces the highly successful annual TasPride Festival – an event dedicated to celebrating, uniting and promoting the Tasmanian LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex) community.

TasPride hosts cultural events all year (including the Queens Ball in June) and promotes various activities produced by the many LGBTQI organisations in Tasmania. So, if you are visiting the island, it's worth checking their website.

TasPride Festival: 10 – 14 February 2023

Celebrating 30 years of Diversity – come fly your Flag! TasPride has provided a voice and close knit community for LGBTQI Tasmanians and their friends. We're passionate and dedicated to celebrating, uniting and promoting the Tasmanian Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer community. We do this by providing opportunities for everyone to come together and share our collective pride!

TasPride Parade and Party in the Park: (Hobart): February 2023 (date to be confirmed)

Join TasPride for the 2022 Pride Parade & Party in the Park celebrations! The Pride Parade is the signature event of the TasPride Festival! The Parade starts on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Patrick Street and finishes in Franklin Square for the Party in the Park.

Meet your Coordinator

Northern & Southern Tasmania

Tony Fumage
☎ 0407 917 540

Tasmania

TOP FIVE

walking tracks!

1

ALUM CLIFFS. This delightful walk near the town of Mole Creek, holds a surprise. After a short climb, the track winds through forest before suddenly reaching a set of cliffs 200m above the Mersey River. There are stunning views from the lookout, as the Mersey River rushes through a narrow, cliff-lined gorge.

2

APSLEY RIVER WATERHOLE AND GORGE. This walk starts as a gentle stroll through open woodland before reaching the surprising and lovely Apsley Waterhole. The beautifully tranquil pool in the Apsley River begs you to stop and gaze into its waters.

3

COAL MINES HISTORIC SITE. It's eerie that a place of such amazing beauty and tranquillity was once the scene of hard, unrelenting convict labour. The peaceful site, overlooking the shallow waters of Ironstone Bay, is now largely in ruins. Parts of the penitentiary, underground cells, and mine shaft remain, while the history of coal mining and confinement are revealed via subtle interpretation signs.

4

DONAGHYS HILL. You'll want to take your camera on this wonderful walk. Apart from being a great leg stretch for those driving the Lyell Highway between Derwent Bridge and Queenstown, this walk offers superb wilderness views.

5

GRASS POINT. Located within South Bruny National Park, the walk to Grass Point is an easy track which offers spectacular coastal views and a peek at the ruins of an old whaling station. Suitable for family groups and less experienced walkers, the walk begins in beautiful Adventure Bay. Start by walking along the short beach next to the car park, before turning left onto the well-formed track.

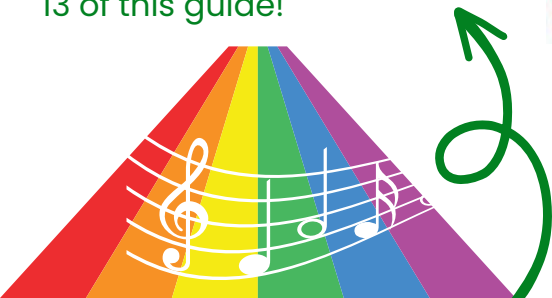


Victoria

EXCLUSIVE MEMBER OFFER!

We have a double pass to give away to both Pride & Joy Bendigo and Warrigal

Check out the article on Page 13 of this guide!



Your chance to win a free double pass!



West Gippsland Dinner Group

First Wednesday of the month

Royal Hotel

2/4 Main S Rd, Drouin VIC

6:30pm

RSVP Essential

 **New contact!** Ross Dawson
☎ 0418 724 455



Breakfast in Blackburn

Second Sunday of the Month

Enrik's Bistro

25 Railway Rd, Blackburn

10:30am

Glenn
☎ 0428 235 323

Meet your Coordinators

Melbourne Metro

Neil Warner
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Western Victoria

Kerin Byrne
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North Eastern Victoria

Paul West
☎ 0408 497 273

Geelong Region

Daryl Jarvis
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Gippsland

David Adams
☎ 0473 951 736



Geelong Lunch Group

Third Sunday of the month

Various locations

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Next Lunch Feb!

Peter Fairman
✉ fair01@bigpond.com



North Eastern Victoria Lunch

Fourth Sunday of the month

GV Hotel,

223 High St, Shepparton

11:30am - 2:00pm

Paul West
☎ 0408 497 273



MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

21 JANUARY - 12 FEBRUARY 2023



Click on the guide above to view the complete Midsumma Festival program



[click here to find out more about the Midsumma hero image for 2023](#)

Midsumma is Victoria's premier queer arts and cultural organisation, bringing together a diverse mix of LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, communities and audiences.

Our primary event, Midsumma Festival, usually runs over 22 days in Melbourne's summer (January/February) each year with an explosion of queer events that centre around hidden and mainstream queer culture, involving local, interstate, and international artists.

Midsumma attracts broad attendances across broad age ranges and demographics; truly representing inclusion and diversity in all its forms. For this reason, we are ideally placed to make the many diverse queer communities in Victoria more visible and to provide a platform for creative voices and stories that are often not heard or seen otherwise in the broader community.

In 2021 Midsumma created a guide category specifically for older audiences. The category was established to encourage older audiences to participate in Midsumma Festival and to feel safe and connected to their local and broader communities. View this guide [here](#)

What you need to know!

When:

21 January - 12 February 2023

Getting There:

Midsumma events are held all over Victoria, check out the guide for details.

Website:

midsumma.org.au



You're always welcome at the Vine Hotel!

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

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



TOP FIVE

places to camp!

1

Tidal River Campground - Wilsons Prom

One of the best-known campsites inside The Prom. And for good reason. On the one side you've got the clear waters of Tidal River, and on the other, there's Norman Beach, one of the best in the national park.

2

Cape Conran - Gippsland

You'll find Cape Conran near Marlo in East Gippsland. It's a giant coastal park, and the Cape Conran campgrounds (also known as Banksia Bluff) are just 100m back from the beach.

3

Cooks Mill - Cathedral Ranges

Cooks Mill is one of the most popular campsites in Victoria's Cathedral Ranges. 30 shady campsites, tucked among the tall gum trees.

4

Halls Gap Lakeside - Grampians

There are a heap of good campsites from which to explore The Grampians, but Halls Gap Lakeside is still one of our favourites. Spend your days soaking up some serenity, kayaking on the nearby Lake Bellfield or go fishing for brown trout

5

Wye River Foreshore - Great Ocean Road

Wye River has a special vibe about it. Most day trippers drive straight on through on their way to Cape Otway and the Twelve Apostles, but the Beachfront Camp Ground is well worth a pitstop if you've got a few nights to spare.



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 Tues

[Click for website](#) 



THE PEEL HOTEL

46 Peel St, Collingwood

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

Fri & Sat Open Late

[Click for website](#) 



MOLLIE'S BAR & DINER

103 Smith St, Fitzroy

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

Wed-Sun

[Click for website](#) 



YAH YAH'S

99 Smith St, Fitzroy

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

Gay Night Thurs

[Click for website](#) 



SUBWAY SAUNA

Vault 13/393-397 Flinders St, Melbourne

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

Open 7 days

[Click for website](#) 



WET ON WELLINGTON

162 Wellington St, Collingwood

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

Open 7 days

[Click for website](#) 



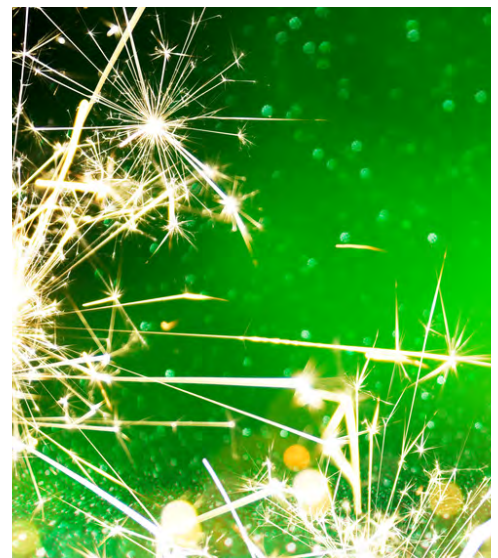
SPARTACUS LOUNGE

12 Waratah Pl, Melbourne

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

Open 7 days

[Click for website](#) 



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



Cards and Board Games Afternoon

January 11, 2023

Venue to be advised
1:30pm start

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



Coffee Morning Dome Hotel

Sunday, 5th February

293 Albany Highway, Vic Park
10:00am

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

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](#) 



Western Australia

TOP FIVE

Perth dog beaches!

1

Quinns Rocks Dog Beach. Located on Ocean Drive, the Quinns Rocks Dog Beach provides calm, sheltered waters for your dog to splash in thanks to a set of natural offshore reefs. The beach is popular with owners of small dogs, as it's quite safe and rarely experiences hazardous or rocky conditions.

2

Hillarys Dog Beach. The Hillarys Animal Exercise Park and Dog Beach is a large recreational area with plenty of space for your dog to run (or splash) around in. The beach has small waves and crystal-clear water all year round. You'll be able to let your dog off its lead on the beach, just make sure they're under supervision at all times.

3

North Beach Dog Beach. Located a short stroll from the popular Flora Terrace café strip, the North Beach Dog Beach is one of Perth's smallest dog beaches at just 500 metres long. The water here is quite shallow and calm – just be wary that you'll need to climb down a steep rocky section if you're accessing the beach from the end of Lawley Street (via the Flora Terrace strip).

4

Peasholm Dog Beach, Floreat. Nestled between the popular Scarborough and Floreat beaches, Peasholm Dog Beach (also known as the Floreat Dog Beach) is a great spot for an early morning dip, when the waves are a little smaller.

5

South City Beach. Much like its northern counterpart, South City Beach is a beautiful, long beach that is a favourite with families thanks to calm conditions and shallow waters. This is a particularly busy beach, so it's only recommended for dogs who are well-behaved around other dogs.



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: ecossh@bigpond.net.au for Zoom access link details.



Tell us what you think

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

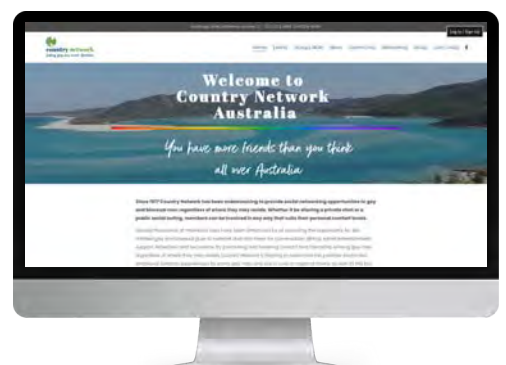
Tell us what you think about all things to do with the Country Network, including your chance to help guide the website team with the new updated website!

Find the survey here: www.offthefmainroad.com.au/survey
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 digital@countrynetwork.com.



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!