

**Join GV Pride & friends for some films, fun & FAB-ulousness = don't miss this year's BQFF!**

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Ever thought about joining the GV Pride committee & 'making a difference'? Please contact us if you are keen to get more info on what each of the vacant positions on the committee are

Tix & accommodation packages available...

## Bendigo Queer Film Festival

GV Pride members & friends will be heading to Bendigo for one of our favourite regional GLBTIQA events, the "Bendigo Queer Film Festival"! Please join us this April 20 - 22! **More info inside...**



A \$10pp mini-bus will leave Shepparton @ 5.30pm sharp on Friday afternoon from 136 Maude Street & return approx. 8.00pm Sunday evening - pls contact Damien now to reserve your place (0418 511 562 or [treasurer@gvpride.org](mailto:treasurer@gvpride.org)).



Visit [www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au](http://www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au) for film previews & screening times!

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## Focus Group for same-sex attracted parents living outside Melbourne

Last year my colleague, Jennifer Power, and I conducted a series of focus groups exploring the experiences of same-sex parented families when they use mainstream health and community services. The focus groups were designed to support the development of a set of resources aimed at informing mainstream service providers about how best to meet the needs of parents who don't identify as heterosexual. A key part of these resources will be a set of Good Practice Guidelines for working with same-sex attracted parents and their children.

The service providers who attended the focus groups worked in areas such as maternal and child health, midwifery, breast feeding health and management, counselling, fertility and reproductive health and relationship mediation, to name a few. It was heartening to see that the people who attended have such a keen interest in the experiences of non-heterosexual families. There was a real sense of commitment to sharing their knowledge and learning from others so the services they offer can be appropriately tailored to the needs of a diverse range of clients.

Of course we also heard from same-sex attracted parents about their experiences of using the services. To make sure that the Guidelines have the maximum reach and effectiveness, we also want to hear from same-sex attracted parents who live outside of Melbourne. The findings from the study so far confirm that there are differences in the community connectedness of GLBT families in regional and rural areas and we are keen to hear from parents about what it's been like using health and community services in their local area or, as the case may be, why they choose to travel long distances to find services that do meet their needs.

Damien Stevens from UnitingCare Cutting Edge has kindly offered to help us host a focus group in Shepparton for local GLBT parents. This will be a chance to tell your story and play a part in shaping these resources.

The focus group will be:

**Sunday April 15**

**11am - 12.30pm then some lunch**

**UnitingCare Cutting Edge, 136 Maude Street, Shepparton**

Lunch will be provided

Children are very welcome

This is part of a larger study looking at family resilience in same-sex parented families. The study is called *Work, Love, Play: Understanding resilience in same-sex parented families* and is conducted by the Bouverie Centre at La Trobe University.

More information about the research project can be found on the Bouverie Centre website, <http://www.bouverie.org.au> or our blog <http://www.work-love-play.blogspot.com>, but please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have further questions.

My number is 0402 343 410 or email me on [hgvdoussa@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:hgvdoussa@latrobe.edu.au). Please email me if you can come so I can send you a draft copy of the guidelines for discussion in the group. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,  
Henry von Doussa



**GV PRIDE INC. wishes you a "Happy Birthday"**

**APRIL** Meaghan O

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**Happy Birthday 2 u... :) Many happy returns!**

Did we forget you (or have we got it wrong)?  
Sorry, but we probably don't have your date of birth! Email us & we'll fix that! ☺

**YOUR upcoming GV Pride events @ a glance**

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|-------------|--|
| Thu 5 Apr   | Eggsellent Easter Dinner @ Stefanos      |
| Sat 14 Apr  | [Minus18] same sex formal                |
| Sun 15 Apr  | Focus group/lunch for gay parents        |
| Sun 15 Apr  | GV Pride committee meeting               |
| Fri 20 Apr  | Dorothy's Friends (Ballarat) @ Haida Bar |
| Fri 20 Apr  | FAB CV, Fabyon @ ICON (Bendigo)          |
| 20 - 22 Apr | Bendigo Queer Film Festival              |
| Tue 24 Apr  | \$15 Steak Night @ GV Hotel Shepp.       |
| Mon 7 May   | PFLAG Shepparton meeting                 |
| Sat 16 Jun  | GV Pride's 7th Birthday Party Dinner     |
| Mar 2013    | Mardi Gras Luxury Coach Trip             |

**Fancy something else? Make a suggestion... :)**

GV PRIDE INC. - *THE* Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Allied (GLBTIQA) social group located in the Greater Shepparton (VIC) region, providing fellowship, community, fun & friendship!

Our website has had a facelift – check it out NOW @ [www.gvpride.org](http://www.gvpride.org) – whaddya think?



Spot all the supportive businesses on the front page of the newsletter?  
There's plenty of room for YOUR business too – contact GV Pride today!  
Email [treasurer@gvpride.org](mailto:treasurer@gvpride.org) or SMS/phone 0400 053 892

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# bendigo queer film festival

20-22 april 2012

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GV Pride members & friends will be heading to Bendigo for one of our favourite regional GLBTIQA events, the "Bendigo Queer Film Festival" - please join us! :) Check-out the films/times @ [http://www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=80](http://www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=80) - we're taking a mini-bus over Friday afternoon 20 April departing approx. 5.30pm and will head home Sunday evening. We've organised an accommodation package too - please let us know ASAP if you're keen @ \$60pp/night ... queen/double/single available, shared town-house :)



Bendigo Queer Film Festival (BQFF) is now in its 9th year. We are very proud to be 1 of the few regional centres Australia wide which hosts its very own film festival celebrating the genre queer. It is the only 1 in regional Vic. and 1 of 3 queer film festivals to be held in a regional Australian city.

The BQFF is about providing gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (GLBTIQ) people, the general community living in Central Victoria and those who visit the region, with cultural and artistic opportunities.



Held over a weekend the festival presents high quality Australian and International short and feature length films. To cater for our audience tastes we offer features and short film packages tailored to male and female patrons as well as a feature and shorts package with general appeal. BQFF is indebted to the Melbourne Queer Film Festival for curating the film selection on our behalf and for their assistance in organising the festival.

'Queer Country' is an outstanding exhibition of visual art by regional artists. The exhibition runs alongside the festival for the weekend.



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# bendigo queer film festival

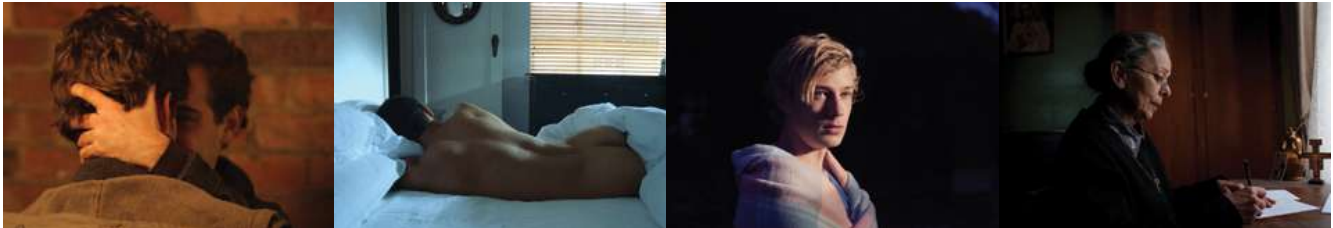
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(CONT.) Friends Alike of Bendigo (FAB), our local LGBTI social support group, host the Opening Night Party. An infamous evening of eclectic dance grooves, entertainment and a chance to catch up with friends or make new ones.



Each year a high profile member of the LGBTI community is approached to be patron of BQFF. As patron they officially open the festival and present an oratory at the Patron's event. Past patrons have inc. Judy Small, Rodney Croome, Sue-Ann Post, Anton Enus, Kristy Edmunds & Sarah Ward.



Bendigo Queer Film Festival is recognised as a significant event by the LGBTI community and by the City of Greater Bendigo. We are indebted to the businesses which support the festival through sponsorship or advertisement.

The festival is the responsibility of a remarkable, hardworking board of volunteers.



Join the event @ [www.facebook.com/events/244093009018241/](https://www.facebook.com/events/244093009018241/) & visit [www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au](http://www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au)



**It's time to renew your GV Pride financial memberships, please, folks!**

**Have you paid your 2011 - 2012 GV Pride Membership yet? If not, please do so TODAY!**



If you've received a FREE GV Pride rainbow NOTEPAD, then you probably have! THANKS!  
Please complete the Membership Renewal Form included with this newsletter & return with payment OR visit [www.gvpride.org/join.htm](http://www.gvpride.org/join.htm) to pay securely using PayPal.

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**Family Annual Membership - ONLY \$25.00**

Why? Members receive this regular newsletter via email (or snail mail) in addition to a membership card entitling you to CHEAPER events, products, special deals, etc!

Questions? Phone / SMS Damien (0418 511 562) or email [gvpride@gvpride.org](mailto:gvpride@gvpride.org)

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

Already renewed &/or want another notepad? Grab yours for only \$3.00 each!

**Support & enjoy the community that celebrates YOU!**



## OUT IN THE OPEN

Festival Celebrating Diversity in Shepparton  
THIRD WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER

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Please visit [myspace.com/gvpride](https://myspace.com/gvpride) & [groups.yahoo.com/group/gvpride](https://groups.yahoo.com/group/gvpride) too!

Miss out on hearing about the latest events? They are always listed online @ [www.gvpride.org/?page\\_id=8](http://www.gvpride.org/?page_id=8) & you'll find them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/gvpride) too! Check 'em out! :)

### PFLAG Shepparton meeting – Mon 7 May



We are a group of parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian and bisexual people who meet once a month and offer support and friendship to families, particularly parents, and also to members of the GLBTI community who may need support in coming out to their families and friends. 7.30pm @ UnitingCare – Cutting Edge, 136 Maude Street, Shepparton.

We offer support through public education and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights. PFLAG aims to provide a vital link between GLBTI people and the wider community.

More info? Go to <http://www.go.to/pflagsshepparton> or contact Glenys on 0409 626 647 or [pflag@ucce.org.au](mailto:pflag@ucce.org.au)

### Eggsellent pre-Easter Dinner @ Stefanos 276



Join GV Pride members and friends @ Stefanos 276 for a special pre-Easter dinner & drinks event - everyone welcome!

When? THIS Thu 5 April @ 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
Where? Stefanos 276 Pasta Restaurant  
276 Wyndham Street, Shepparton



GV Pride committee would like to wish you and your loved ones a very special, safe Easter! ☺

**Diversity Group Shepparton goes to Minus18  
Same Sex Formal 2012 - Teenage Dream**



Because the Minus18 crew are sooooo in love with us country bumpkins, we've got 10 sponsored tix to bring y'all down from Shepparton for this not-to-be-missed event! The first NINE people (from Greater Shepparton) under the age of 22 to let us know they wanna rock along, get to attend (with your 32 year 'OLD' group leader, Damien, lol)!  
**Hurry! Get in fast!**

**THE DETAILS...** Mini-bus will depart UnitingCare Cutting Edge (Shepparton) @ 2.00pm SHARP and return approximately 12.30am-ish :)

More than 250 people came to our very first Same Sex Formal in 2010. NOW, this year's formal will be **EVEN BIGGER!**

We're increasing capacity to 300, promising a night of incredible entertainment, food and a place to be yourself. This event is organised and run entirely by young people.



**AGE LIMIT:** This event is for anyone 21 and under.

**THEME:** The theme for this year's formal is Teenage Dream, in the hopes that one day, every single young person, irrespective of their sexuality or gender, may one day experience the dream of feeling comfortable expressing their feelings towards their same sex partner. Whether this is by holding hands in public, introducing a partner to their parents, or simply taking a same sex partner to their high school formal.

**THE NIGHT:** The Same Sex Formal is a 3 stage event, all happening in the one awesome venue:

5-6PM - Pre-Dinner mocktails and mingle.

6-8PM - Sit Down Dinner & incredible Shows.

8-10PM - The Dance Party.

You can come with your partner, your friends (gay or straight!) or even come by yourself! Still not sure what to expect? Check out the photos from last time!

**Just get in quick! This is a sell out event! Tickets on sale from Saturday February 25th.**



**TICKETS:** Go on sale Saturday 25th Feb.

\$25 (when purchased on/before 3rd March)

\$35 (when purchased after 3rd March)

can be purchased:

1. Online via our website.
2. Each Saturday, from our office between 12-5pm. Level 8 / 225 Bourke St Melbourne.

**MORE DETAILS**

Saturday 14th of April, 5pm - 10pm

156 Wellington St, Collingwood.

See you there!

More info? Contact Damien 0437 134 625 or [damien@ucce.org.au](mailto:damien@ucce.org.au)







**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

What a busy start of the year GV Pride has had so far! GV Pride has been everywhere from Melbourne's Midsumma Festival & Pride March Victoria to Sydney's Mardi Gras Parade & ChillOut Festival in Daylesford.

We have also had some fundraisers going with our Cadbury Chocolate drive (yum!), and 'Summer' raffle which was drawn at ChillOut Carnival Day, bringing in some much-needed funds for the group.

PLEASE SUPPORT GV PRIDE'S FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

**1ST PRIZE**  
PEAK BLENDER & PURPLE VELOUR BEACH/BATH/GYM TOWEL (\$99)

**2ND PRIZE**  
\$20 WISH GIFT CARD & GARDENING KIT (\$49)

**3RD PRIZE**  
BASEBALL CAP (\$20)

TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5  
RAFFLE DRAWN: SUN MAR 11 @ 5.00PM  
BUY TICKETS ONLINE @ WWW.GVPRIDE.ORG

And the winners are...

**1ST PRIZE** - Heather C.  
PEAK BLENDER & PURPLE VELOUR BEACH/BATH/GYM TOWEL (\$99)

**2ND PRIZE** - Cam M.  
\$20 WISH GIFT CARD & GARDENING KIT (\$49)

**3RD PRIZE** - Judy E.  
BASEBALL CAP (\$20)

Congratulations & thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising raffle! ☺ ♥

On 2 March GV Pride took 24 people up on a luxury coach to Sydney for the 2012 Mardi Gras Parade staying three nights at the beautiful Vibe Hotel (only 2km from the CBD). It took around 10 hours to make our way up, with a few stops along the way to break & have something 2 eat.

Once we all arrived in Sydney we enjoyed great food and great company. People were able to choose what they wanted to do while up there (free time!) and some chose to join the group in a Sunday afternoon activity (Sydney highlights Harbour Cruise) looking at all the land marks on the harbor!

But the main highlight of course was the Mardi Gras Parade itself - many of the attendee's first Mardi Gras - most were blown away by just how fun it was to be a part of (and most not wanting the trip to end!)

We had people coming on the trip from all over the globe - from Mildura, Geelong, Melbourne, Germany, Echuca, and Albury!

There was a mix of "all-sorts" on the bus from members of the general public always wanting the chance to experience Mardi Gras ("it was on my bucket list"), to PFLAG parents, and everyone else that fits on the GLBTIQA spectrum. A huge thank you to Damien Stevens for putting the event together with Cardwells Coaches.



GV Pride & Cardwells Coaches are working together again next year for the 2013 Mardi Gras Parade. Please contact myself for more info as bookings are NOW OPEN (0400 053 892 or [president@gvpride.org](mailto:president@gvpride.org)) - plenty of time to save your pennies and make regular payments ... more info inside newsletter. We hope to see you there.

Cris Todd, President GV Pride

P.S. There's HEAPS of events between then and now (inc. my fave, the Bendigo Queer Film Fest!), so check out this month's newsletter & come along - we'd love to see you!



**Swimming with Pride for MS**

Congrats to those GV Pride members & friends who swam in the Mega Swim (March 16/17 in Shepparton).



"The 24 Hour Mega Swim is a fun team event comprising of no more than 15 swimmers per team. Each team must have one swimmer in the water for the entire 24 hours. It is up to the team how they swim it. Some teams have been known to have their swimmers swim in blocks of 15 minutes right up to 4 hours. There is no set formula."

The SWIMMING WITH PRIDE team raised over \$2,000.00 for the cause! Well done to Damien Stevens for winning "highest individual fundraiser" award (\$1,400.00+)! ☺



GV Pride continues to support & host successful weekly social events, in addition to providing a voice & safe space for Greater Shepparton's GLBTIQA-community to hang out. Not a member? Become a member (or renew your m/ship) today @ [www.gvpride.org/?page\\_id=10](http://www.gvpride.org/?page_id=10) - enjoy benefits the whole year 'round! :) Pretty please? :D



**\$15 Steak Night @ GV Hotel – everyone welcome!**

Meet your GV Pride friends for \$15 steak (or another yummy dish!) @ Shepparton's GV Hotel!



Please join us for dinner! There's always special meals / prices @ the GV, so it's the perfect place to share a great meal – vegetarian options available too!

**When? Tues, Apr 24, May 29 & Jun 26 from 6.30pm!**

**Where? GV Hotel, 223 High St, Shepparton**

We look forward to seeing you there!  
Rock up on the night or RSVP (Damien 0418 511 562)



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**Only \$25 per year to let the GLBTIQA community of Greater Shepparton (and beyond) know you're 'out' there!**

**Email [gvpride@gvpride.org](mailto:gvpride@gvpride.org)**



**The "In-and-Out-box"**

We get SOOOO many emails each month, we've decided to add this NEW 'cut+paste' section to the newsletter.

From Melbourne to Madrid, we'll keep you up-to-date with anything from near-or-far that might be relevant to you! Feel free to contribute your own bits of info! We'd love to hear from YOU! See you at the events, folks!



**Ideas for social events?**

Email [gvpride@gvpride.org](mailto:gvpride@gvpride.org)

Remember: All of our events are open to newcomers, members, your family & friends. **Join GV PRIDE TODAY!**



**Dorothy's Friends (Ballarat) drinks night**



**Where? The Haida Bar, 12 Camp Street, Ballarat**  
**When? 20 April 2012**  
**Time? 9 pm to 4 am**  
**Cost? \$10 entry**

Another month, another awesome party. Come and join us in the function room for a night of dancing. Live entertainment including the lovely Eureka Rice, the amazing Crystal Decanter as well as a debut appearance by the very sexy Nellie Minelli who can both sing and dance. Something for the girls to see for sure. Also starring Michael T and his spunky dancers and Shorty Mic and Gav in the booth.

Management reserves the right to refuse entry. Limited numbers in venue, so get in early. Lockout 1 am.



GLBT Christian Resources/Support [www.gaychristian.net](http://www.gaychristian.net)



**\*\*\* FAB-CV monthly dance party in Bendigo – 20 Apr**

FAB-CV is a social group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Intersex and Queer individuals who live, work and socialise in Greater Bendigo and the surrounding regions.



Founded in April 2003, FAB-CV has grown to become a fun, supportive and friendly network for GLBTIQ guys and gals of any age.

With regular chat nights, social events, monthly newsletters and dance parties FAB-CV has become an integral part of the Gay Community within Central Victoria.

With over 200 members, FAB has plenty to offer for any age group, whether you enjoy a dance at the Icon nightclub every last Friday of the month, or a quiet Coffee night and a chat, FAB can bring good times in a safe, supportive atmosphere.

So if you're GLBTIQ, or same sex attracted and would like to become part of the flourishing Gay Community around Bendigo, feel free to drop in at our many social events or a coffee night - you will always be welcome at FAB! Go to <http://www.fabcv.org.au> for more info.

GV PRIDE membership application form included. Please give it to a friend or family member so they can enjoy the benefits too!



Country Awareness Network - <http://www.can.org.au/>



hume phoenix  
an open community

Hume Phoenix started during the mid 1990's and was formed from 2 smaller local support groups under the guide of Albury Community Health. It grew into a large group that covered a lot of Southern NSW and North East Victoria. Hume Phoenix has a history of being a social group as well as supporting the rights for the gay and lesbian community.

More info @ <http://humephoenix.com.au/>



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### Private Lives 2 report launch – Tue 3 Apr



Private Lives 2 The second national survey of the health and wellbeing of *gay, lesbian, bisexual* and *transgender* (GLBT) Australians will be launched by the Victorian Minister for Mental Health the Hon Mary Wooldridge on

**Tuesday April 3 2012 9.30am – 11.00am**

at 215 Franklin Street, Melbourne.

RSVP Nancy Yin 03 9285 5382 email [n.yin@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:n.yin@latrobe.edu.au) by 23 March 2012.

You can hear Liam Leonard talk about the research on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WwzNgLhQVI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WwzNgLhQVI)



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GOULBURN VALLEY PRIDE INC. Newsletter

Check out the Gay & Lesbian Community Events Calendar too! [www.gayandlesbiancalendar.org.au](http://www.gayandlesbiancalendar.org.au)

GV Pride would like to thank you for your ongoing friendship, support, attendance at events & commitment to your financial membership. We look forward to seeing you all 'out' there real soon! Have a great month!



### GV PRIDE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

GV PRIDE INC. currently has **40** financial members / reciprocal / community / supportive-businesses on board! We've reached **275** on our Yahoo! group website too – <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gvpride/> – absolutely FABULOUS! Please help GV Pride grow by telling your family & friends we're here!



Remember to visit our sponsors and use your membership cards to get discounts when you visit them! Go to [www.gvpride.org](http://www.gvpride.org) for an up-to-date list of our growing sponsors! Why not register your business (or suggest a friend/family member does so) and come on board with this great initiative!?

### Contact Details/Links – Useful Organisations

**Gay/Lesbian Switchboard – 1800 184 527**  
Counselling, referral and information service  
Mon – Thu 6 – 10pm (Wed 2 – 10pm)  
Fri – Sun 6 – 9pm  
<http://www.switchboard.org.au/>



**Lifeline – 13 11 14**  
24 hour counseling service

**Diversity Group – [diversity@ucce.org.au](mailto:diversity@ucce.org.au)**  
Shepparton's only same-sex attracted & gender questioning young person's (12 – 25 yr olds) social-support group  
Ph. 03 5831 6157 or SMS 0437 134 625



Remember, we want this newsletter to be YOUR newsletter, so please email us with comments, feedback, pix, jokes, stories, film reviews, birthdays & any other fun things. We look forward to hearing from, and seeing you all 'out' there soon! It's okay GREAT to be gay!

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Email [gvpride@gvpride.org](mailto:gvpride@gvpride.org)

**CAN Find Guide 2012 now available!**



Take Care OutBack There has developed a resource guide/directory to help GLBTIQ people find services and social activities that are gay specific and/or gay friendly in rural and regional Victoria.

The Guide is a directory of support agencies, sexual health agencies and GLBTIQ groups and organisations that provide services in rural and regional Victoria. It includes a list of rural gay social and support groups, services that provide information or support toward maintaining good health and other snippets. It is also a guide to recreation activities, tourism destinations and places to eat, drink and play where GLBTIQ people can trust that they will be welcomed.

You can get your copy of the CAN Find Guide from the Diversity Project team @ **UnitingCare Cutting Edge** (139 Maude Street Shepparton) or contact us to get one posted out.



**Gay Men's Prostate Cancer Support Group in Bendigo**

The Cancer Council Victoria, CAN Victoria and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia are exploring the possibility of a community based support group for gay and bisexual men in Bendigo.

This confidential support group would be open to all gay and bisexual men who have had a prostate cancer diagnosis. Partners would also be welcome to attend. The group would aim to provide a safe environment where issues relating to gay men and prostate cancer could be openly discussed.

The Cancer Council Helpline is currently taking expressions of interest for the first meeting.

**To register your interest, or for more information, please call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20**

**Seahorse Victoria Inc.**

We are a support and social group for the transgender community.

Seahorse Victoria Inc was formed in 1975 as a support and social group for the Victorian transgender community and is the longest running organisation of it's type in Australia.

Seahorse Victoria aims to create a safe and supportive space in which those who identify as transgendered can meet and communicate with each other. Common issues, problems, successes, and – to a degree – similar life stories are the threads that bind members together.

We don't have a Y2K name or a fancy website and are a "real life" group, as opposed to internet based. While the internet is a valuable tool, nothing can replace what we believe is vital, everyday human communication and friendship. Common issues, problems, successes and, to a degree, similar life stories are the threads that bind members together.

While some in our community cling steadfastly to their labels and decline to gather under the transgender banner, Seahorse has always recognised the value of inclusiveness- everyone has something to share that can benefit others, and of power in numbers. We do not judge, discriminate or apply labels to members. We are all individuals and understand that everyone has different needs and life circumstances. All we ask is that all members treat each other with dignity and respect. All member information is strictly confidential.

As well as providing support and friendship, members have gone on to advocate in legislative reform and work with government and community groups in all aspects of human rights for the Victorian transgendered community and broadcast transgender issues on Joy 94.9fm and 3CR community radio.

Seahorse Victoria fully endorses and supports the work of the Zoe Belle Gender Centre.



Membership to Seahorse Victoria is open to all people who identify themselves as transgendered, regardless of where on this wide spectrum you fall. But before you can become a member we'll need to speak to you first, as we need to protect the privacy of our members.

If you would like to contact us please visit [www.seahorsevic.com.au](http://www.seahorsevic.com.au)

**Brunch @ Lemon Tree – Sun 6 May @ 10.30am**



**WE WANT YOU FOR BRUNCH!**

**Why?** Because we all like eating breakfast & also hanging out with friends, allies & new people to GV Pride!  
**When?** Sunday, May 6 from **10.30am SHARP!**  
**Where?** Lemon Tree Café, 98 Fryers St, Shepparton  
**Cost?** Prices range from \$3 - \$15+ for full big breakfast & lunch! We look forward to seeing you there!  
Rock up on the day or RSVP (Damien 0418 511 562)

**PLEASE NOTE:** We book a table for 10 ppl & The Lemon Tree is ALWAYS busy - it's therefore important you arrive @ 10.30am SHARP please so the 10 seats are full almost immediately and there aren't TWO people left sitting on the table waiting for everyone else to arrive, with other restaurant goers giving daggers to the ...TWO ppl sitting alone on a table with 10 seats (wanting to steal our table, hehe)! Thank you for your cooperation.



**Badminton, Baby!**

'Shuttlecock'... an awesome word used in an awesome sport! **Gay**



**Badminton Melbourne** is a social sports club open to all queer crew to participate. Whether you're a rookie on the court or a hard-hitting pro, the group is all about having a run around and a bit of fun. Sessions run every Thursday from 7:30-9:30pm at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, and court hire costs are shared among participants (generally \$8-\$10). Email the group ([gbm.feathers@gmail.com](mailto:gbm.feathers@gmail.com)) or join them on Facebook for more info @

[www.facebook.com/pages/Gay-Badminton-Melbourne/190848417607682](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gay-Badminton-Melbourne/190848417607682)



**Sporty fun out West**

The Westgate Entertainment Centre ([www.wsis.com.au](http://www.wsis.com.au)) in Altona North is seeking interest from groups within the GLBTIQ community to participate in regular exclusive Sunday Twilight Fun and sporting activities. Activities include (but are not limited to): beach dodgeball, trivia, rock climbing, social meets, indoor cricket, and gourmet food tastings. Contact Greg on 9369 2311 or 0406 831 705 to register your interest.

**Mystery dinner/drinks @ a restaurant in**

**Echuca = roadtrip! Fri 11 May @ 7.00pm**



Join GV Pride members & friends for dinner/drinks in Echuca - meet us there @ 7.00pm or jump on the mini-bus (departing Shepparton @ 6.00pm, returning by 11.00pm) ... the location will be announced on 1 May :)  
Contact Cris on 0400 053 892 for more info!



**Help shape health and wellbeing for GLBTI**

**Victorians**



Would you like to be directly involved in helping the Victorian Government improve the health and wellbeing of our GLBTI community? The Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Mental Health are inviting applications for a **Ministerial Advisory Committee on GLBTI Health and Wellbeing**, members of which will be appointed on a voluntary basis for a term to 30 October 2014. Visit <http://www.vic.gov.au/news-detail/new-ministerial-advisory-committee.html> for further details, noting that applications close at 5pm on Fri 13 April 2012.



**Take a musical journey to the Yarra Valley**



Fancy a trip to the country this month? Enliven your senses with 'So Far': an intimate musical celebration brought to you by Melbourne's only male pop choir, **Low Rez**. Take in the autumnal splendor of the Yarra Valley, then take a seat and let the smooth voices of Low Rez showcase a selection of past concert favourites and new songs in a stunning chapel setting. From there, you're invited to join the choir for lunch in the **STONES** restaurant and explore the array of events being held for the **Yarra Valley Food and Wine Festival**. Seats are limited so book early at the Low Rez website @ [www.lowrezmelbourne.com](http://www.lowrezmelbourne.com)

GV PRIDE membership application form included. Please give it to a friend or family member so they can enjoy the benefits too!



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<http://www.twitter.com/gvpride>

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR GV PRIDE INC.**

Please provide us with your updated information (to assist us in serving you better) – then return your form with your annual payment (cheque/money order/concealed cash) to the address above.

Please circle: Individual M/ship \$15 per person Family M/ship \$25 per couple / family

For ease of administration, the committee would like to keep in contact with its members via e-mail. Please tick here if you **DO NOT WISH** to be contacted via e-mail.

**ALL** paid members will receive our regular newsletter via email or regular mail (Australia Post - the newsletter will be on A4 sheet/s of paper and will be enclosed in an envelope to maintain your privacy [no mention of GV PRIDE INC. anywhere on the envelope]).

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb\*: \_\_\_\_\_ State\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

We have established links with 'supportive' businesses and organisations through whom paid members are entitled to special offers & discounts – details are on the GV PRIDE INC. Yahoo! website in our 'Links' section! **For this reason, take your membership card with you EVERYWHERE!** More businesses to come! Stay tuned! GV PRIDE INC. thanks you!

Office Use Only

Annual Membership Renewal Received? Y / N Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Updated Membership Card Issued? Y / N Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* this information is mandatory. The personal information you provide will be used appropriately and not for personal use/gain. The information will be kept in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (1981).

Always wanted 2 go 2 Mardi Gras but never had the chance? Greater Shepparton's GLBTIQA social group is doing it AGAIN in 2013 and YOU'RE INVITED! 48 seats ONLY luxury coach - DON'T MISS UR CHANCE 2 ATTEND NEXT YEAR'S PARADE @ THIS YEAR'S PRICES!



**4 Day**  
**gv.pride** Departs: Friday 1 March 2013  
**SYDNEY GAY & LESBIAN**  
**MARDI GRAS**



Double/Twin	\$525.00
Triple	\$490.00
Single	\$799.00

**\*\* All prices are per Person**



**Pay your \$100 deposit NOW - prices increase 30 June 2012!**

**Includes:- 3 Nights Accommodation & Breakfast at the Vibe Hotel Rushcutters & Luxury Coach Travel.**  
Please Note Departure Times:  
Friday 1 March - Departing Shepparton @ 7:30am sharp (arrive 6:00pm)  
Monday 4 March - Departing Sydney @ 7:30am sharp (arrive 6:00pm)

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**Contact Damien Stevens**  
**Phone: (0418) 511 562**  
**Email: treasurer@gvpride.org**

**Only need a lift to Sydney & back? Jump on the coach \$200.00pp!**

**Pictured: The friendly folks who attended this year's Mardi Gras Parade weekend getaway – what a super special bunch! :)**



Keen to come next year? Pay your \$100 deposit before 30 June 2012 & access THIS year's package prices!

**TOTAL COST PER PERSON:**

**\$525.00pp twin share**

**\$490.00pp triple share**

**\$799.00pp single**

(price inc. luxury coach/bus return-trip, 3 nights accommodation, full buffet breakfast each day)

Join us in Sydney for Sydney's Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade - an outrageous, unforgettable event! "2011 saw 185 eye-popping floats, containing nearly 8,500 people make their way down Oxford St, through Darlinghurst, with huge crowds cheering on in support." Be there in 2013!

Send \$100 cheque/money order now to: 'GOULBURN VALLEY PRIDE INCORPORATED'

Post to: GV Pride Mardi Gras Trip, C/- PO Box 1697, Shepparton, 3632

OR

Bank transfer to: BSB 033 254 , ACC 276454 **See y'all there!**



**230 days to go!**  
**OUTintheOPEN: What is it?**  
**Shepparton's newest festival celebrating diversity**  
**16/17 November 2012 - Stay tuned!**

