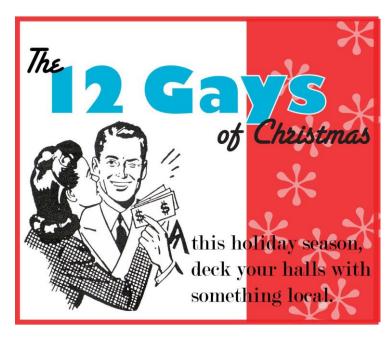
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Celebrate this Christmas with us this Sunday 7 December @ 11.30am – BBQ @ the Lake!



GV Pride members and friends alike are invited to share in the joy and happiness of the holiday season @ Victoria Park Lake this Christmas - ALL WELCOME! Meet us at the new BBQ pavilion on Wyndham Street (near the servo) - BYO steak or anything fancy, but in the spirit of giving we'll provide sausages, onions, bread, sauce, soft-drinks and salads! We may just have some bon bons and Christmas confectionary to share with you all too ... depending on whether you've been naughty or nice;) See you there! Ho, ho, ho! Please arrive by 12.00pm - otherwise the BBQs might get hijacked by Christmas elves (i.e. random strangers!)

When? 7 December at 11:30am – 3:00pm Where? Victoria Park Lake, Trevaskis Parade, Shepparton, Victoria





President's Message – Georgie Poort

December is upon us and the season of sharing has begun! So deck the halls and look out for a little Christmas cheer. Some of our very own GV Pride committee and friends will be wrapping presents

down in the Shepparton Mall next week (Dec 11 - 15) - if you have any free time and would like to join us, please do!

This coming weekend we have our Christmas BBQ down at the Victoria Park Lake on Sunday. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with everyone before our schedules are full of other commitments - I hope to see you there!

Three weeks ago Shepparton celebrated the third year of the OUTintheOPEN Festival. It was fantastic and brought many people from our rainbow family and the surrounding community together. **Cont. over page...**



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Check out the Gay & Lesbian Community Events Calendar too! www.gayandlesbiancalendar.org.au

Cont. from front page... Over the three day period there was a number of fabulous events held at some of our favourite venues. Members from our extended GV Pride family hosted and attended a great number of events and I would like to congratulate the hard work of all of those involved in making this Festival a great success! GV Pride hosted our annual community Brunch at the Lemon Tree, which was enjoyed by all. It is lovely to see this festival grow so much each year that passes by and as a committee we are glad to have been able to offer you all a chance to be a part of it yet again.

The next few months are exceptionally busy with Midsumma, Pride March, Shepparton's MS Mega Swim and other evetns across the state and in our own region. Please keep up to date with everything that you can be a part of through Facebook and our website. We look forward to catching up with you at an event or two.

Have a safe and lovely Christmas and Happy New Year's! - Georgie Poort



Check out our website for more info @ www.gvpride.org



Our Emcee! Some FABULOUS photos at OUTintheOPEN's Carnival Day! The Rainbow band!



Greater Shepparton City Council's Mayor with GV Pride members!

Family fun for everyone!



The Melbourne Rainbow Band (MRB) and The Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus (MGLC) proudly present their Christmas gift to the community: **'Carols by Queerlight'** in the historic setting of Eakins Hall in Queen's College – The University of Melbourne.

Join us and host Ty Frost for an evening of fun and all your favorite sing-a-long carols.

This year will offer a broad range of Christmas repertoire, with songs and music from all corners of the globe, bringing together the vocal power of MGLC and the musical excellence of the MRB in classics such as 'O Come All Ye Faithful', and works such as 'Betelehemu' and 'A Cambridge Carol' rounding out a beautiful celebration of song at this most joyous time of year.

When: 7.30pm Saturday 6th of December

Where: Eakins Hall, Queen's College, The University of Melbourne, 1-17 College Cres, Parkville Tickets: General Admission \$5 each

VIP Tickets \$30 each (Front two rows, includes a drink and Christmas goodies)
Available at the door, and online from

http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=112878

Alcohol and soft drink available from the bar. Strictly NO BYO. This is not a catered event. Please BYO snacks.





"PFLAG Greater Shepparton are a group of parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian and bisexual people who meet regularly 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.

"We offer support through public education and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.

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"PFLAG aims to provide a vital link between GLBTI people and the wider community." Contact Glenys Leach for more info on 0409 626 647 or visit www.pflagshepparton.org.au

Midsumma Carnival Day: Visit our stall on Sun 18 January, 11.00am

Jump on the mini-bus departing 136 Maude Street, Shepparton on Sun 18 Jan @ 8am sharp (returns approx. 8pm). \$20pp - BOOK NOW! Contact Damien on gypride@gypride.org or 0418 511 562 to lock in your seat. NOTE: Mini-bus for GV Pride members is only \$15pp; FREE for "Diversity Group" young people - MUST confirm your seat



NOW! Cash payment MUST be received BEFORE boarding the bus. Meet at 136 Maude Street, Shepparton, then travel to Melbourne & back by mini-bus.

Midsumma kicks off our 27th festival again with Carnival and thanks to your feedback we return to **Alexandra Gardens** again to bring you five hours of free entertainment from our Main Stage, an opportunity to try out a new sport in the Beyond Blue Sporting Precinct, cheer on the furry children on show at our famous Dog Show and connect with our partners, sponsors, community groups and stallholders. Food and drinks available onsite so come along for our annual party in the park - there's something for everyone and it is FREE thanks to City of Melbourne. More info @ https://midsumma.org.au/event/carnival

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a current financial member of GV Pride. If there is a GV Pride m/ship form included with this newsletter then your m/ship has lapsed. GV Pride is run entirely by a committee of volunteers and your m/ship fees help support the group — we appreciate YOU! Membership gets you freebies, SMS reminders about events, \$12.50 Village movie tix, reduced bus fares & so much more! Please renew your 2014 - 2015 membership today! Only \$18/yr for individuals or \$30/yr for families — we value you & are grateful for your support!



Check out our website for more info @ www.gvpride.org

March with GV Pride @ Pride March Victoria | St. Kilda | Sun 1 Feb @ 2pm



Jump on the mini-bus departing
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Meet at 136 Maude Street, Shepparton, then travel to Melbourne & back by mini-bus. Assemble for March @ 12pm (cnr. Lakeside Dve/Fitzroy St), March 2pm More info @ https://midsumma.org.au/event/pride-march

Pride March celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2015. Come and join over 100 groups and individuals as we march down Fitzroy St in St Kilda. All the colour and excitement you have come to expect from Pride March Victoria with the added flavour this special anniversary celebration. See the original marchers lead us out again and celebrate our first timers. Groups who wish to march should register to march by 21 January 2015 to participate, then start thinking about your outfit!

When: Sun 1 Feb

Assembly: Noon at Cnr. Lakeside Dr & Fitzroy St March: 2pm After march festivities 'til 7pm in Catani Gardens at completion of the march.

Get your Christmas gifts wrapped by GV Pride in Shepparton (Dec 11 - 15)

Visit us on Thu/Fri/Sat 11/12/13 Dec (& Monday 15 Dec) at the charity gift-wrapping stall @ Santa's Workshop in the old Jetset store in the Maude Street Mall (in the Tower Arcade), Shepparton, from 11am - 3pm each day:)

For a GOLD COIN DONATION (per gift) let us wrap your gifts - take the time and hassle out of this mammoth task by getting us to do it for you! :) All funds raised support GV Pride!

NOTE: The gift wrapping service does NOT operate on Sunday 14 Dec.

Thank you for your generosity and support! Want to volunteer? Please let us know!





STAY TUNED FOR GV PRIDE'S
ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S 10TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – IT'LL BE A BIG ONE!!
TAKE OUR SURVEY -> www.surveymonkey.com/s/XCQYWG3

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Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Thesis Prize

Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives

For many years now the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives has offered a prize for the best fourth year thesis (honours or equivalent -- that is, of about 10,000 words) submitted at and Australian university in the field of GLBTI studies. The amount of the prize is \$250. The thesis may be in any discipline and must have

as its major concern some aspect of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and/or queer experience, contemporary or historical, in Australia. Work submitted at an overseas university that meets this criterion will be accepted for consideration. To nominate a piece of work please send a single printed copy, preferably bound, to the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives, PO Box 124, Parkville 3054 Victoria. The submission date is 1 December 2014. Late submission may be accepted by arrangement with Graham Willett (contact details below).

Theses will be retained by the Archives and will become part of its collection.

For more information on the prize, please contact Dr Graham Willett, President of the Archives on gwillett@unimelb.edu.au. The Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives is a community-based, volunteerrun, non-profit organisation that has been collecting and preserving Australian queer history since 1978.

More details about the Archives may be found at www.alga.org.au.



Do you know about DocLIST? "DocLIST is an online list of doctors and mental health professionals who have been recommended by lesbian and bisexual women in Australia. Lesbian and bisexual women can search for a doctor or mental health professional by going to the list. Lesbian and bisexual women can recommend a doctor or mental health professional by going to our contribute page. In September 2014 we launched a new section of our website DocLIST, "Links". Links features a searchable table of over 600 organisations and resources which may be of interest to lesbian and bisexual women. Visit www.doclist.com.au

Please support the businesses / organizations that support GV PRIDE!



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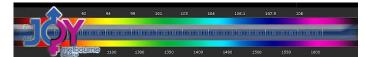
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GV PRIDE SUPPORTER - Go to http://www.starobserver.com.au/

JOY 94.9 - Melbourne's Gay/Lesbian Community Radio GV PRIDE SUPPORTER - Listen online @ http://www.joy.org.au/

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More upcoming events not to be missed...

GV Pride (Shepparton) has started a <u>Weekly Wednesday Walk</u> group who meet every Wednesday night at the Victoria Park Lake for a 30 min. or 60 min. walk (you can choose whether you do 1 lap of the lake or 2!) ... meet @ 7.25pm SHARP on the cnr. Tom Collins Drive & Welsford/Sobraon Sts for a 7.30pm SHARP walk! Next event will be <u>Wednesday 10 December</u> – dogs welcome!





NEXT BENDIGO FAB NIGHT IS FRI 26 Dec

FAB-CV is a social group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Intersex and Queer individuals who live, work and socialise in the Bendigo and 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. More info @ http://www.fabcv.org.au/

A Fruits and Blend Christmas – Thu 11 Dec

GLOBE is a non-profit organisation formed to provide GLBTI business, professional and like-minded people opportunities to further develop their business interests and network with other professionals and business persons.

Fruits and Blend Christmas is almost sold out!

You'll have to be quick if you want to attend the Fruits and Blend Christmas event at Gramercy Bistro in Prahran on 11

December at 6pm, our strictly limited tickets are almost all gone!

Come celebrate Christmas in style at our final Fruits and Blend for the year.

Enjoy canapés from Gramercy Bistro's highly acclaimed kitchen.

Tickets are free for members or \$15 for non-members. With limited numbers, pre-booking is essential. More info @ http://www.globemelbourne.com.au/



NETWORKING OUR COMMUNITY

HUME PHOENIX CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER on 13 December @ 4:30pm



Hume Phoenix will be supplying a free BBQ and soft drinks to say THANK YOU for your support! Come down to Oddies Creek Park Albury with the family first, then join us for our BBQ which starts around 6pm. Hume Phoenix Marquee will be up. Look out for the Rainbows! 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 & lesbian community. Upcoming events & more info can be found @ www.humephoenix.com.au



Wanna know what LGBTI festivals are happening across the country? View them all at http://midsumma.org.au/festival-circuit

You'll have noticed this newsletter is only 8 pages long – and there's a good reason for that! We used to pack pages and pages of info into our newsletters, and we'd be lucky if we got them out to you every 3 months! (Doing these newsletters is actually a pretty big job!) We've changed our style & will now be sending you monthly newsletters (as much as is practically possible) no more than 8 pages long – we'll also be updating both our website (gypride.org) and Facebook page (facebook.com/gyprideshepparton) for those of you who like to do it online. Let us know what you think!

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