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**Join GV Pride members for the 11th Bendigo Queer Film Festival 25th - 27th April 2014**

Where: Official Launch at 6:30pm on the 25th April at Dudley House, 60 View Street Bendigo

Films screening at La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre, 121 View Street, Bendigo.

What: The longest running regional queer film and arts festival in Australia is now in its 11th year. Showcasing and celebrating rural queer culture by providing a diverse, accessible and quality event for everyone to enjoy. This event will be officially launched by the Mayor of Bendigo Cr. Barry Lyons.

Each year the BQFF present films produced locally and Internationally and we are back this year with a fantastic array of feature films. Any Day Now, is an emotionally powerful tale of love and acceptance, starring Alan Cumming. Reaching for the moon (Flores Raras), the passionate story of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Elizabeth Bishop and renowned architect Lota de Macedo Soares. Pit Stop, a romance between two men coming out of loveless relationships. Valentine Road, a documentary exposing intolerance, homophobia and

transphobia. Zoe.Misplaced, being young and in love starring Hannah Raven Smith who was born in Bendigo. OZ Shorts, the ever-popular collection of Australian short films. Strange by the lake, a gay thriller set in France and Cupcakes, a hilarious Israeli parody of the Eurovision song contest. Full program details and ticket sales can be found on our website

<http://www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au>

The Queer Country Art Exhibition, will exhibit carefully selected art works and displays the talent from queer rural artists during the festival, at Dudley House 60 View Street Bendigo.

Our Opening Night party will be staged after the screening of “Reaching for the moon” by FAB CV at ICON Bar in Bendigo.

We will also be holding a special BQFF Breakfast on the Sunday at the Basement on View. Special guest speaker Pauling Crameri will talk about issues facing older LGBTI members of the community. Background: From its small beginnings the Bendigo Queer Film Festival has blossomed to become the only queer film festival in regional Victoria and one of only three queer film festivals to be held in a regional Australian city.

More info @ [www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au](http://www.bendigoqueerfilmfestival.com.au) or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

**Accommodation available – contact our PR Officer Damien for more info on 0418 511 562**

**HOPPY EASTER! ENJOY A SAFE, HAPPY LONG WEEKEND (AND ANZAC DAY TOO)!**



**Event Report - Brunch - Sunday 6th April 2014 - Shebanis "Tastes of the Mediterranean"** in the historic Port of Echuca was the place where GV Pride members and friends gathered for one of favourite events - brunch! Set in the blissful morning sunshine on the footpath amongst a mixture of brightly coloured coffee cups we enjoyed the indulgent menu which offered many new tastes and variety that some of us, myself in particular, had not ventured in before. The menu offered all the usual favourites and a little something extra.



As I have a slightly adventurous spirit I loved being able to try new things, whilst for other members it was refreshing to see they had a gluten free option available and vegetarian as well. The staff were full of smiles and very welcoming to our large group. It was great to see some faces there that I had not seen in a while and others that were new to the table, which is one of the reasons I love our events so much, the atmosphere around the event is always friendly. The coffee (an essential for me any Sunday morning) served at Shebanis is sourced from a local establishment

in Bendigo, the Brewhouse, which is well known by a couple of our members and definitely a great addition to this lovely establishment. Many of us went back for a second cup - which I think is definitely saying something!

We have members that live all around the Goulburn Valley, and surrounds, and it was wonderful to be able to explore such a beautiful part of Northern Victoria, which all in all was only a fifty minute drive from Shepparton and as we car-pooled it was all the more fun. GV Pride committee endeavours to continue to

organise and host events at a number of new venues in different areas and this was a prime example of how wonderful and accepting many different business's and their staff in our community can be.

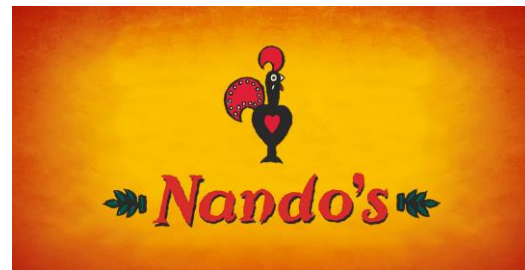
Hopefully we shall meet you all at Shebanis again another time. **By Georgie Poort**



**Fancy a bit of rainbow in your life?** GV Pride is selling (very good quality) rainbow umbrellas to raise awareness for IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia on **17 May**) – contact us now if you'd like one! Kids size (hook handle) \$20ea; women's (hook handle) & men's (golf size, long handle) \$30ea! **Call 0418 511 562.**







Join us for dinner from 5.45pm @ Nandos (301 Wyndham Street) in Shepparton before a short walk to Village Cinema to see a flick @ approx.. 7pm! All welcome! YES, that means YOU! Grab your \$11 voucher from a GV Pride committee member @ the cinema = cash only ... please try to have correct change :) Film Synopses @ <http://villagecinemas.com.au/Movies/Now-Showing-By-Title.htm> ... what do YOU want to see? :) Cinema is @ 9 - 13 Stewart Street, Shepparton - come for dinner &/or just the movie ... catch ya there ... be home & in bed by 10pm!

### **Event report – 24 Hour MegaSwim for MS Australia (March 22-23) in Shepparton**



Leading up to the MS mega swim saw a lot of my Facebook friends providing links to their Megaswim webpage asking for donations and sponsors. It was exciting to see so much interest, support and fundraising happening and being able to see each swimmers profile was great as well.

My son, Aidan, and I started setting up our tent on the day, which just started to build the excitement. There was so much buzz and excitement as everyone set their tents up as well, it felt like a little camping ground.

When the horn went off to start the event there was so much cheering as the swimmers took off it was pretty cool to think after signing up months ago it was finally time.

While some of the teams were counting laps and times our team seemed to take more of a relaxed approach just enjoying being there which was great.

I think every team member took a swim by 2pm and in all each swimmer swam at least a km, my 8 year old son swam 1.6km - yep I'm a bragging mum, and really everyone enjoyed being in the water.

As it got later in the evening, and a lot colder, we seemed to be the only team slowing down in

volunteers to get in the water. It was agreed at about 1am that it was time to call it a night and start fresh at sunrise. We left the other teams to it and packed it in.

The sleep was well worth it as by sunrise we all had our up and at 'em spirit back and powered through to the horn to signal the end of the mega swim.

While we didn't seem as serious about some parts of the experience as other teams, it really did feel like we were a part of something special and to share it with so many like-minded people made the freezing, damp night worth every second.

As a whole we reached our target donation wise and got a lot of people talking about the event which felt like a double win.

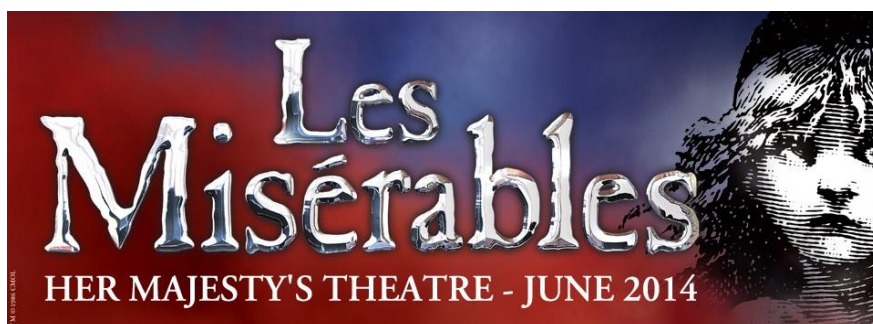
Meeting new people was wonderful, as was catching up with some people, some whom I hadn't seen since last year.

My son and I will definitely be joining again next year and I hope to take on a more organisational role for the event. (By Jess Peters, pictured) More info @ [www.megaswim.com](http://www.megaswim.com)



**NOTE: Volunteers will be selling "Kiss Goodbye to MS" merchandise @ Bunnings Shepparton from approx. 30 April – 11 May if you'd like to support the fundraising cause.**

**GV Pride (Shepparton) roadtrip to Les Miserables MATINEE | Wed 9 July 2014**



Who's keen for a roadtrip to Melbourne to see the most amazing musical in all the world? Depart GV Library (Shepparton) @ 8.30am for 1.00pm matinee, return by 6<7pm (return coach/bus provided & included in price), playing @ Her Majesty's Theatre in the City of Melbourne, more info @ <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=LESMIS14#TICKETS> ... \$115 for adults, \$110pp for concession ... contact Damien ASAP on 0418 511 562 to pay your \$65 deposit by 30 Apr 2014, balance must be paid by 9 June 2014.

**When? Sun 1 Jun, 10.30am – 12.30pm**

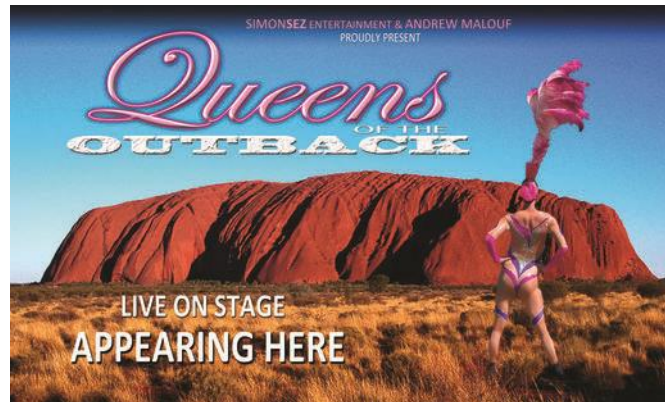


## Brunch @ Lemon Tree Cafe

Meet us @ 10.30am SHARP for brunch/coffee/chat - the Lemon Tree has a very yummy menu including pancakes. Up to 15 members & friends usually attend GV Pride brunches & we always have an absolute ball! Don't miss out! See you there! PLEASE NOTE: We book a table for 15 people & the Lemon Tree is ALWAYS busy - it's therefore important you arrive @ 10.30am SHARP please so the 15 seats are full almost immediately. Thank you for your cooperation :) Everyone welcome!

Find all this info & more @ [www.gvpride.org](http://www.gvpride.org) and/or [www.facebook.com/gvprideshepparton](https://www.facebook.com/gvprideshepparton)

**GV Pride goes to "Queens of the Outback" | Sat 24 May @ 8pm**



“Queens of the Outback is about three Melbourne drag queens that turns the outback upside down after accepting a gig in regional Australia. Join them in their mischievous and crazy road trip. These showgirls find love in unusual places, light beyond prison bars, strippers that surprise, manly bar brawls, breakdowns and hotel minibars just waiting to be emptied...All in the name of their final gala performance.”

Join GV Pride members/friends - call Riverlinks Venues Shepparton NOW and ask to buy/pay for one (or 2 or 3) of the tix (\$41.90pp) booked under Damien Stevens' name (GV Pride's PR Officer).

Tel: (03) 5832 9511 or Email: [boxoffice@riverlinksvenues.com.au](mailto:boxoffice@riverlinksvenues.com.au)

'A musical tribute to the movie 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert.'

More info @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUXVNv1sQs0>

**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, \$11 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!**



**Please support the businesses / organizations that support GV PRIDE!**



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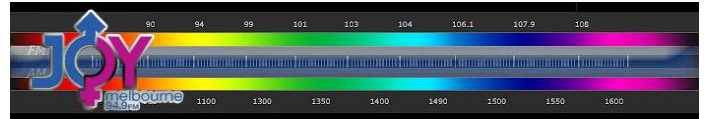
GV PRIDE SUPPORTER – Go to <http://www.lotl.com/default2.asp?Category=146>

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GV PRIDE SUPPORTER – Go to <http://www.ucee.org.au>



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

**More upcoming events not to be missed...**

**LEADING FROM WITHIN  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER**

Wednesday 21 May, 2014  
Sherbourne Hotel, Wyndham Street, Shepparton  
6.30pm for 7pm  
\$60 per person includes 2 course meal and antipasto  
Drinks at bar prices  
Tickets available from: Printworks, 95B Corio St, Shepparton (03) 5822 2925 or  
Shepparton Foot Clinic, 14 Welsford St, Shepparton (03) 5822 1855

Guest Speaker: Jeff Kennett AC  
Jeff Kennett AC is a former Premier of Victoria,  
former President of Hawthorn Football Club,  
and founding Chairman of beyondblue.

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[www.leadingfromwithin.org.au](http://www.leadingfromwithin.org.au)

**Wanna know what LGBTI festivals are happening across the country?**

View them all at <http://midsumma.org.au/festival-circuit>

**Daring to Celebrate 2014 6th-9th of June**

WHAT: Daring is the National Conference of Uniting Network. In 2014 we will have our conference in Sydney 6-9th of June. Titled: Daring - reflections of faith, power and the not so normative. At this conference we seek to engage in some public theology, education and narrative explorations of human sexuality that seeks to be holistic, just and loving in a way that is accessible to all.

VENUE: Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

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[minister@paddingtonuca.org.au](mailto:minister@paddingtonuca.org.au) (Registrations now open @ <http://www.trybooking.com/ECNU>)

More info about Uniting Network Australia -> <http://www.unitingnetworkaustralia.org.au/>

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 2-3 months! (Doing these newsletters is actually a pretty big job!) We've changed our style & will now be sending you monthly newsletters no more than 6-8 pages long – we'll also be updating both our website ([gvpride.org](http://gvpride.org)) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/gvprideshepparton](https://facebook.com/gvprideshepparton)) for those of you who like to do it online. Let us know what you think!



go to the movies at least 4 times a year?

just another way your gv pride membership pays for itself!



**WIN a share of over \$200 worth of prizes** in our Autumn raffle - please send us a private message on Facebook or an email ([gvpride@gvpride.org](mailto:gvpride@gvpride.org)) if you wish to purchase tix, or visit us @ an upcoming event - Tickets only \$2ea!

1st prize - 2 x tix to see "Queens of the Outback" in Shepparton on Sat 24 May PLUS HSV laptop/toiletry bag set (valued \$100)

2nd prize - 2 x tix to see "Road Trip" in Shepparton on Sat 7 June PLUS HSV laptop/toiletry bag set (valued at \$80)

3rd prize - Wine cooler bag + bottle opener (valued at \$25)

Raffle Drawn 30 April & winner notified by phone.

Pay by cash (or bank transfer [BSB: 033 254

ACC: 276454] & email

[gvpride@gvpride.org](mailto:gvpride@gvpride.org) when you make a

deposit) - good luck, and thank you for your support!

Thanks to Riverlinks for the prizes!



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**RALLY for MARRIAGE EQUALITY**

1pm Saturday 17 May

State Library of Victoria

Want a better value Village cinema experience? Email [gvpride@gvpride.org](mailto:gvpride@gvpride.org) to order your \$11 tickets for Shepparton Village cinema to any 2D film – please allow 5 business days for your order to be processed. Enjoy!



PLEASE SUPPORT GV PRIDE'S  
**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE

Wine cooler bag + bottle opener (wine not included, bag may differ slightly from one pictured)



**Tickets \$2ea**

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Buy tickets online @ [www.gvpride.org](http://www.gvpride.org)

## IDAHOT & Equal Love Rally for Marriage Equality – Sat May 17

"Join Equal Love on International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT) to send a message to the Abbott government: marriage equality now." More info @ <http://www.equallove.info/>

