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**OUT** IN THE **OPEN**

**Festival Guide**  
2019



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# 2019 Events

## of the Out in the Open Festival

### THU 31 OCT

10.30am | FAMILY FUN – Rainbow Storytime (GV Library)  
1.00pm – 4.00pm | FORUM – LGBTIQ+ Health Sector Training (GV Health)  
6.00pm – 8.30pm | EAT – United We Feast (Philippine House)

### FRI 1 NOV

9.00am – 1.00pm | FORUM – LGBTIQ+ Best Practice Forum (GOTAFE)  
5.00pm – 10.00pm | MIXER – Pop-Up Bar (Food Store)

### SAT 2 NOV

10.30am – 10.30pm | PARTY – Land Of Plenty LGBTIQ+ Party (Showgrounds)\*  
3.30pm – 8.00pm | MIXER – Pop-Up Club (The Deck)  
5.30pm – 8.00pm | EAT – Saturday Snacks & Sips (Aussie Hotel)  
8.00pm – late | PARTY – GLITZ (Aussie Hotel [Upstairs])

### SUN 3 NOV

10.30am – 4.30pm | CELEBRATE – Carnival Day (Queens Gardens)

### MON 4 NOV

6.00pm – 9.00pm | EAT – Winner Winner Chicken Dinner (Schnitz)

### TUE 5 NOV

10.00am – 5.00pm | PARTY – Melbourne Cup Day at the Races (Echuca)\*

### WED 6 NOV

11.00am | ART – Silo & Mural Tour (Greater Shepparton)\*  
2.00pm – 3.30pm | MEET – About A Girl - Book launch (GOTAFE)  
6.00pm – 8.30pm | SHOW – Transmansplaining (GOTAFE)

### THU 7 NOV

12.00pm | RELAX – Cafe Cruise on the MV Mary Ann\* (Echuca)  
10.00pm – 11.00pm | LISTEN – Pride in Diversity Show (98.5 ONE FM)

### FRI 8 NOV

10.00am – 2.00pm | FORUM – LGBT+ Aged Care Training (GOTAFE)  
2.30pm – 5.00pm | WORKSHOP - Let's Talk About It LDAT Roadshow (FamilyCare)  
6.30pm | PARTY – The Secret Garden Gigs (TBA)  
7.30pm | SHOW – The Laramie Project (Bakehouse Black Box Theatre)

### SAT 9 NOV

9.30am – 10.30am | RELAX – Earth Meditation (Queens Gardens)  
10.30am – 1.00pm | WORKSHOP - Let's Talk About It LDAT Roadshow (GOTAFE)  
2.00pm | SHOW – The Laramie Project (Bakehouse Black Box Theatre)  
7.30pm | SHOW – Open Connections Concert:  
The Rainbow Band & Shep Brass and Wind (Riverlinks Westside)  
7.30pm | SHOW – The Laramie Project (Bakehouse Black Box Theatre)

### SUN 10 NOV

10.00am – 11.00am | RELAX – Multifaith Service (Masonic Lodge)  
11.00am – 1.00pm | EAT – BIG Community Brunch (Lemon Tree Cafe)  
2.00pm | SHOW – The Laramie Project (Bakehouse Black Box Theatre)

Event times and locations subject to change.

\*denotes umbrella/external event not included in Festival Pass - check website for more info ([www.outintheopen.org.au](http://www.outintheopen.org.au))



During OUTintheOPEN Festival score a **FREE COFFEE** with every order over \$10 when you show your official Festival gig guide at Nourish! AND, on Saturday morning 2nd November rush into Nourish for \$5 smoothies! Heading to Carnival Day on Sunday 3rd November? Grab all your healthy picnic goodies from Nourish - sushi platters, raw cakes, macro bowls and super sandwiches available. **Nourish is at 86 Fryers St Shepparton**

# Rainbow Story Time

with Frock Hudson



As part of the OUTintheOPEN Festival, join Frock Hudson for a Rainbow Story Time!

Suitable for all ages!

THU  
**31** 10.30am  
OCT

FREE EVENT

Shepparton Library, Marungi Street, Shepparton  
Bookings: 1300 374 765 or [shepparton@gvrlc.vic.gov.au](mailto:shepparton@gvrlc.vic.gov.au)



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# Welcome to Greater Shepparton



Welcome to the 8th OUTintheOPEN Festival – Beyond the Rainbow.

This year's festival program is beyond good, it is Beyond Rainbow. From LGBTI health forums to Rainbow Storytime, Community Dinners to Dance Parties, this festival has something for everyone.

OUTintheOPEN is a great example of the fabulous work happening in regional and rural

Victoria to build a safer and more inclusive state. These events are important to our rainbow community as they promote connectedness, reduce isolation and inform and celebrate our diversity in all its forms.

I would like to acknowledge the great work of Goulburn Valley Pride in creating and organising this event. A volunteer-run organisation, they continue to provide safe spaces and support

for LGBTIQ community members throughout the region.

And what do I think is Beyond the Rainbow? Equality for everyone.

I look forward to seeing you all at the OUTintheOPEN Festival Carnival Day.

**Ro Allen**  
**Victoria's Commissioner  
for Gender and Sexuality**



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2019 OUTintheOPEN Festival.

Now in its eighth year OUTintheOPEN Festival continues to bring together individuals and organisations in celebration of our diverse community. United in our commitment to embrace and

value the importance of our local LGBTIQA+ community and show pride in who we are.

It is very exciting to see the growth of the Festival over eight years and the program of events on offer expanding year on year. I congratulate all who work very hard behind the scenes and those who join in

the festivities, coming together with open hearts and open minds, to enjoy all that is on offer during the Festival.

**Suzanna Sheed MP**  
**Independent Member for  
Shepparton District**



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 OUTintheOPEN Festival.

OUTintheOPEN gives the people of the Goulburn Valley the perfect platform to celebrate diversity and to show that we value each and every member of our community for the people they are and the contribution they make.

While we are lucky to live in a community that embraces diversity, there is still much more work to do in order to address inequalities faced by our LGBTIQ community.

The OUTintheOPEN Festival is a platform for the people of the Goulburn Valley to stand with our LGBTIQ community and I value the opportunity the

festival provides to show my strong support for your rights and equality.

I congratulate GV Pride on once again organising a wonderful event and I hope you enjoy this year's festival.

**Wendy Lovell**  
**Member for Northern  
Victoria Region**



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# Welcome to Greater Shepparton



Welcome to OUTintheOPEN Festival! I am so very excited and proud to be able to share with you, countless Festival events this year across Greater Shepparton! Over 11 huge days in 2019, there's absolutely something for everyone!

Locals and visitors alike have so many opportunities to celebrate LGBTIQ+ pride & community diversity in ALL its forms across our beautiful region! OUTintheOPEN's

invaluable team of volunteers have come together and worked so very hard to delight, surprise and entertain you!

I'm particularly thrilled this year to be including events that focus on children and families, and our multicultural communities.

We're growing each and every year - a strong testament to our Festival partners, and especially our LGBTIQ+ supporters and much-loved

allies - we couldn't do it without you! THANK YOU for your ongoing friendship and involvement!

Get ready, friends, & enjoy the almost 2-week-long celebration that is #OitO19!

***Damien Stevens-Todd***  
**OUTintheOPEN Festival**  
**2019 Convener**



Greater Shepparton City Council is proud to host and support the OUTintheOPEN Carnival Day, and welcomes you to the region.

Greater Shepparton has a long history of hosting events, and is pleased to support experiences that celebrate community diversity.

It is important to continue to address the inequalities faced by the local LGBTIQ+ community. Events such as this are an important tool in building a more inclusive and harmonious community in our region.

The OUTintheOPEN Carnival Day, now in its eighth year, provides an opportunity for people to come together and celebrate in an environment in which they feel comfortable and accepted.

Please enjoy your stay in Shepparton, and take a look at some of the region's other tourism attractions while you are here.

**Greater Shepparton City Council**

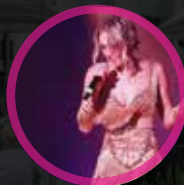
Join us to celebrate the year that was, and welcome in the new season.

## RIVERLINKS 2020 SEASON LAUNCH

**MON 2 DEC | 7.00PM | RIVERLINKS EASTBANK**

This year we are flipping the launch, join us for the presentation followed by a chance to mingle and discuss the season with like-minded people!

RSVP to the Riverlinks Box Office on **03 5832 9511**  
or **boxoffice@riverlinksvenues.com.au**



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# Festival Overview

OUTintheOPEN is Greater Shepparton's Festival celebrating LGBTIQA+ pride & community diversity. 2012 was our inaugural year. OUTintheOPEN was developed to address some of the inequalities faced by the local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer (LGBTIQ) & allied communities and to build a more inclusive community in Greater Shepparton. We are now in our 8th year. OUTintheOPEN Festival is a project lead by Goulburn Valley Pride Inc. and is proudly supported by many other organisations and community groups. The Festival consists of health/wellbeing forums in Shepparton's CBD, a Carnival Day on the first weekend in November in the Queens Gardens, and a further 25+ events in this it's eighth year. Community festivals can increase feelings of belonging to a community, create connections, bring diverse people and organisations together, both through the festival planning and festival events, and build social inclusion, which has been linked with improved mental health and wellbeing (Barraket & Kaiser, 2007). Social inclusion can be defined as "where all people feel valued, their differences are respected and their basic needs are met so they can live in dignity". We're pretty proud of what we've achieved! For further information about the history and background of OUTintheOPEN Festival, along with a full list of our community partners and sponsors, please visit our website @ [outintheopen.org.au](http://outintheopen.org.au)



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# United We Feast

## Philippine House



AGMC continues it's celebration and coming together of multicultural/faith and LGBTIQA+ communities - this time in the beautiful Shepparton as part of the OUT in the OPEN festival!

Come join us for some delicious FREE food, company, and entertainment including Heard Instinct Collective. This crew of young artists hailing from Shepparton, Numurkah and Echuca in north east Victoria, take you on a lyrical journey from their roots in Yorta Yorta country, to African and gospel inspired hip hop music, to the smooth vocals and soul of the Pacific Islands.

THU

31

OCT

6.00pm

FREE EVENT

Philippine House, 10 - 20 Evergreen Way, Shepparton North  
Registrations essential for catering purposes: [bit.ly/unitedfeast](https://bit.ly/unitedfeast)

# Inclusive Practice Forum

## Annual Forum Focused on LGBTIQA+ People



This years forum will be centered around inclusive practice relating to the trans and gender diverse community, in partnership with the Zoe Belle Gender Collective.

The forum will highlight the impacts on mental health, barriers for access and best practice for working with people who identify as trans or gender diverse.

Registrations will be open from 8.30am with the forum beginning at 9.00am. There will be a morning break, with catering provided to all attendees.

FRI

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NOV

9.00am

FREE EVENT

GOTAFE Harder Auditorium, Fryers St, Shepparton  
Bookings: [bit.ly/oitoforum](https://bit.ly/oitoforum)



# Pop Up Bar @ The Teller

## Networking at The Teller Collective



Unwind after the working week comes to a close at The Teller Collective. Cocktails, craft beer, cider & local wines + tapas menu of small plates & sharing platters – all welcome!

Surprise special guests will meet/greet you from 7pm.



FRI

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NOV

5.00pm

The Teller, 55 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Food & Drinks at Restaurant / Bar Prices

# GLITZ

## The Fabulous Pre-Carnival Day Event



Shepparton's biggest party is ready to explode! A night of fun, frivolity and debauchery!

Drag Shows throughout the night featuring Kandy & Dannii serving cabaret realness with fabulous shows, and a whole lot more!

A night you'll never forget... (if the door Madame lets you in!)

NOTE: Cash bar sales only - ATM on site. Tickets \$10 pre-sale.

SAT

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NOV

8.00pm

Aussie Hotel, Cnr Maude & Fryers St, Shepparton  
Bookings: [bit.ly/oitofestivalpass19](https://bit.ly/oitofestivalpass19) or at door | Cost: \$15





# Carnival Day

## at the Queens Gardens



OUTintheOPEN is Shepparton's Festival celebrating LGBTIQ+ pride and community diversity.

**CARNIVAL DAY** is our **BIG** event!

Wander through the stalls and markets; savour the smells and tastes of fresh local produce & home-made treats. There's music, entertainment, food and info galore including Lions Club of Shepparton BBQ, Top Notch Poffertjes, The Swig Rig mobile bar, I Love Churros, GV Water Cafe & more. Check our website for a full list. Bring your friends, family and loved ones and don't forget your picnic blanket or chair!

1030am - Bailey Slade

11.05am - Phoebe Bell

11.40am - The Murks

12.15pm - Parmy Dhillon & The New Science

12.50pm - Krystal Ring Performance

1.15pm - Jeffrey's Cabbage

1.55pm - Past Present

2.35pm - Cry Club

3.15pm - Huntly

SUN

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NOV

10.30am

GOLD COIN ENTRY

Queens Gardens, Cnr Wyndham & Nixon Sts, Shepparton  
BYO Picnic Chair & Rug | Strictly NO Glass



# About A Girl

## Book Launch



We're excited to be hosting an in-conversation afternoon with author Rebekah Robertson, her daughter Georgie Stone and Dr Rachel Richardson to celebrate the launch of Rebekah's new book, *About a Girl: A Mother's Powerful Story of Raising Her Transgender Child*.

Georgie is the first transgender person to star on *Neighbours*, an incredible step forward for celebrating diverse gender history through popular culture and the media. GOTAFE in partnership with the OUTintheOPEN festival are incredibly honoured to host Rebekah, Georgie and Rachel in Shepparton.

WED

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NOV

2.00pm

FREE EVENT

GOTAFE Harder Auditorium, Fryers St, Shepparton  
Bookings: [bit.ly/aboutagirl2019](http://bit.ly/aboutagirl2019)



# Transmansplaining

## Ben MacEllen



Transmansplaining is a one-man stage show based on the experiences of Ben MacEllen, a short, balding, bearded, gay trans man. Using humour, storytelling, music, and intimate disclosures, Ben reveals his unique perspective of life as a male trapped in a female body. Contains sexual and adult themes. Age recommendation of 15+. Finger food and wine will be served before show commences 7pm.

*This is a partnership between the University of Melbourne - Department of Rural Health - Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH) and OUTintheOPEN Festival.*

WED

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NOV

6.00pm

FREE EVENT

GOTAFE Harder Auditorium, Fryers St, Shepparton  
Bookings: [bit.ly/transmansplaining](http://bit.ly/transmansplaining)



# Let's Talk About It LDAT Roadshow

## Shepparton Sector & Community Events



Building on the success of Thorne Harbour Country's "Let's Talk About It" digital resource campaign, the 'rubber hits the road' as the Bendigo-based team embark upon an exciting regional engagement roadshow. Focusing on supporting LGBTI communities and LDAT's across the Loddon Mallee, the Thorne Harbour Country (THC) team will increase knowledge of harms and harm prevention associated with AOD use among LGBTI communities. A series of community-based workshops across the region will include use of the resources, group discussion, service promotion and community celebratory activities.

FRI  
**8**  
NOV 2.30pm

SAT  
**9**  
NOV 10.30am

FREE EVENT

Nov 8: Sector Event | FamilyCare, Welsford St, Shepparton  
Nov 9: Community Event | GOTAFE, Fryers St, Shepparton  
Nov 8: Sector | Nov 9: Community



# The Laramie Project

## Shepparton Theatre Arts Group Inc.



In October 1998 a twenty-one-year-old student at the University of Wyoming was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence in the middle of the prairie outside Laramie, Wyoming ... because he was gay.

Moisés Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project made six trips to Laramie over the course of a year and a half in the aftermath and have constructed a deeply moving theatrical experience from these interviews and their own experiences.

FRI  
**8**  
NOV 7.30pm

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NOV 2.00pm

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**9**  
NOV 7.30pm

SUN  
**10**  
NOV 2.00pm

Bakehouse Black Box Theatre, 17 Wheeler St, Shepparton  
Bookings: [bit.ly/staglaramie](http://bit.ly/staglaramie) | Cost: all tickets \$30



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**– Ro Allen, Gender & Sexuality  
Commissioner & GOTAFE Board Member.**

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LGBTQIA+ community and look forward  
to an inclusive future for all.**

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Diversity is Greater Shepparton Social support group  
for same sex attracted, sex & gender diverse young  
people aged 10-25yrs (and their friends)

Fortnightly  
meetings include  
guest speakers,  
food & fun  
activities.



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Parents, families and friends of LGBTI people who  
meet once a month & offer support and friendship  
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members of the LGBTI community who may need  
support in coming out to their family and friends.

[pflagshhepparton.org.au](http://pflagshhepparton.org.au)

**Venues:** Various cafes around Shepparton

**Email:** [info@pflagshhepparton.org.au](mailto:info@pflagshhepparton.org.au)

**Mail:** c/- PO Box 851, Shepparton 3632



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The "Diversity Project" aims to create a safer, more  
inclusive and healthier community for young people in  
the City of Greater Shepparton (& beyond) who are same  
sex attracted, sex and gender diverse.



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# Earth Meditation

with Jamile Long



Be nurtured and guided in a gentle relaxation and meditation which will awaken your senses, still the mind, relax the body in harmony with the earth and it's inhabitants around us. For beginners to advanced - all are welcome. No experience necessary.

Please bring water and your favourite wrap or blanket or rug or cushion to sit on. If sitting on the ground is not available to you, please bring a chair.

Please arrive on time for a 9.30am commencement.

SAT

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NOV

9.30am

GOLD COIN ENTRY

Queens Gardens, Cnr Wyndham & Nixon Sts, Shepparton  
RSVPs appreciated - SMS to 0488 559 194



# Open Connections

## One Night Only Gala Concert



The Melbourne Rainbow Band, Shepparton Brass and Wind and the OUTintheOPEN festival invites you to to the City of Shepparton for a one night only gala concert, Open Connections!

This show will connect City to Country, and stimulate pride and diversity though music. The two bands perform a selection of their favourite music, and will then team up with over 50 musicians on stage for a huge big band experience.

This event is proudly supported by Creative Victoria.

SAT

9

NOV

7.30pm

GOLD COIN ENTRY

Riverlinks Westside, Echuca Rd, Mooroopna  
Bookings not required, pay at event



# BIG Lemon Tree Brunch

## Annual Fundraising Event



Festival fans are invited to join us for the official OUTintheOPEN Festival Fundraising Brunch, taking place at Lemon Tree Cafe on Fryers Street, Shepparton.

The Festival Fundraising Brunch provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Festival together with friends over a cup of great coffee and a spread of goodies fresh out of the Lemon Tree kitchen. The cost is \$25pp pre-sale (\$35pp at the door) which includes one BIG breakfast item from the menu, and one BIG cup/mug of coffee or tea.

SUN  
**10** 10.30am  
NOV

Lemon Tree Cafe, 98 Fryers St, Shepparton  
Bookings: [bit.ly/oitofestivalpass19](http://bit.ly/oitofestivalpass19) | Cost: \$25 (\$35 at door)



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