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19 JANUARY - 9 FEBRUARY 2020

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The Midsumma Westside program draws together the wonderful array of events that take place during Midsumma Festival in Melbourne’s west.

MESSAGE FROM MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, KAREN BRYANT

Through festivals we share our most important stories; honouring, celebrating, exploring. Festivals are about new adventures, remarkable journeys, moments full of meaning, and sometimes just having a great time with friends old and new. With 16 separate events, Midsumma Westside provides unique opportunities to explore new creative talents. Travel with artists to new places. Explore queer politics and share remarkable personal journeys. Be invigorated by exciting theatre, visual arts, talks, picnics, parties and even a pageant. Be bold and experience something new. Join us for a walk on the west side.

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Accessibility: Some accessibility guidance is provided within but please also see midsumma.org.au/info/access-information
WESTGAY

Littlefoot Bar, 223 Barkly St, Footscray

Presented by Closet and Fannys

Between them, team Closet and Fannys have 15 years of chucking some pretty epic queer parties! They head West again for a special Midsumma edition at the always lively, always lovely Littlefoot. Complete with a pumping dance floor and beer garden for chilling out with your new Westie Besties, Westgay is guaranteed to be a good time and is a night for the whole rainbow community and their friends.

Come early, stay late!

18 Jan | 8pm–3am
$10 door sale

Zero tolerance towards jerk-like behaviour, harassment, homophobia, transphobia or racism. Bring photo I.D.
D.R.A.G.

Pride Of Our Footscray, 1/86–88 Hopkins St, Footscray

Art presented by the Fabulous Art Group Society

This Midsumma, Pride of our Footscray Bar will play host to D.R.A.G. featuring works by Dave Behrens, Jake Cruz, Jimmy Twin, and Brett Willis (Toonarama). Featuring Pride of our Footscray’s finest drag talents, this exhibition explores the art of drag through art. The opening night will blur the lines between drag performance and art exhibition as performers become living art pieces. Throughout the exhibition, a ‘cent auction’ will be carried out, where visitors can bid for donated art pieces, with all proceeds going to support LGBTIQA+ mental health services. Each artist has kindly donated an artwork from their exhibition to this cause.

22 Jan–8 Feb | Wed–Sat 6–10pm
Opening night 18 Jan | 6pm
Closing night 8 Feb | 6pm
FREE

Venue has limited accessibility
WHAT REMAINS
Sunshine Art Spaces Gallery, 2 City Pl, Sunshine

What Remains invites the viewer to reflect on how we relate to a space, the built environment, a normally busy space removed of people and activity. Feeling like an outsider, we move through spaces at a distance, as a photographer, we are behind a tool that lets us capture an image - a moment in time, reality as we are experiencing it, that keeps us at a distance. In creating these images, the artist illustrates their connection to space, as it relates to their depression, anxiety, queerness, identity and intersections of belonging.

Exhibition 19 Jan–9 Feb | Mon–Sun 9am–5pm
Celebration 6 Feb | 6–7:30pm
FREE
CREATING COMMUNITY IN MELBOURNE’S WEST

Williamstown Library, 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown

From Gay-Skate in Footscray to the infamous Sunshine ‘Gay’ Girl article, this exhibition tells the story of the communities’ journey for recognition and understanding from the 1970s until today.

19 Jan–9 Feb | Sun 2–5pm | Mon–Thu 9:30am–8pm | Fri 9:30am–6pm | Sat 10am–1pm
FREE
POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE

The Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess St, St Albans

Postcards from the Edge is a story of two small town boys surviving against the odds. Being a homo in homogeneity was a hard task but we learned if you can’t assimilate, its time to exaggerate. As Oscar Wilde said “Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.” We took that and embellished it. The images tell the tale of two lost boys from opposite sides of a sunburnt land looking for that rare kindred bird of a feather to fly together.

20Jan–8 Feb | Mon–Fri 9am–5pm | Sat 9am–12pm
Exhibition celebration & performance 31 Jan | 6–7:30pm
FREE
Nudity
VENUS IN THORNS

Trocadero Art Space, 1/119 Hopkins St, Footscray
Bluestone Church Arts Space, 8A Hyde St, Footscray

*Venus in Thorns* is a project exploring queer bodies as arcadia. While querying binary concepts of heaven and hell, and queering notions of paradise, this project draws upon queer ecologies. It investigates spirituality and sexuality, as well as esotericism and eroticism, as a means of radicalising the present and empowering queer people in the future. It maps new and existing amorous architectures pertaining to queer arcadia, both physical and psychical.

Trocadero Art Space, Exhibition 22 Jan–1 Feb | Wed–Sat 12–5pm
Opening 22 Jan | 6–8pm
Bluestone Church Arts Space, Performance 1 Feb | 2–5pm
FREE
Nudity, Coarse language
Venue has limited accessibility

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MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

The SUBSTATION, 1 Market St, Newport

Presented by Queer Youth Alliance Network

Don’t be late for this very important date celebrating sexual and gender diversity! Are you 12–25 living in Victoria? Want to meet other LGBTQIA+ young people? Join us for a mad hatter tea party! Friends and allies welcome! There will be live music, food provided and giveaways along with prizes for best costumes. This is an alcohol and drug free indoor event.

22 Jan | 12–3pm
FREE (bookings required)
RAINBOW FAMILY STORYTIME

Newport Community Hub, 13 Mason Street, Newport

Join drag performers Walter Melon and Rex Spandex for a special storytime celebrating diverse families, identity, and embracing who you are. Bring your picnic rug and a snack; there’ll be giant games, rocking tunes, face painting and a fabulous time in the park!

24 Jan | 2–4pm
FREE (bookings required)
Non-traditional sitting
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FRONTIER

Joel Gallery, 5 Sargood St, Altona

In August 2019 (Europe’s summer), Matto Lucas travelled through 13 different countries, in the back of an Audi convertible. Part retro road trip, part travel log, FRONTIER is an experimental video artwork about a queer body existing in various new geographies, documenting an organic experience; a journey, and discovering the multitude of landscapes while telling multiple intersecting narratives and exploring the transient spaces one occupies in transit.

31 Jan–13 Feb | Mon–Fri 10am–4pm | Sat–Sun 11am–3pm
Opening 31 Jan | 7pm
FREE
MISS GAY & MISS TRANSSEXUAL AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL

Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown

Presented by Trans Angels Victoria Inc & Trans Pageant Australia International

Who will be crowned in 2020? Find out and be fully entertained by this exciting, fabulous and sensational none-of-its-kind pageant with a mission this year to help “Save Planet Earth”.

1 Feb | 6–11pm
VIP $70 | Premium $60 | General Admission $50 | Concession $45
Smoke/Haze

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MARCH WITH THE LOCAL WESTERN REGION COUNCILS AT MIDSUMMA PRIDE MARCH

Fitzroy St, St Kilda

The western region Councils invite our community members to join us at the annual Midsumma Pride March. This is a day to support and celebrate the LGBTIQA+ culture in Melbourne’s west! So bring your family, friends, neighbours, flags, ribbons or anything to wave around and meet us at the Ian Johnson Oval so we can march with pride together!

Send your RSVP’s to TerriS@brimbank.vic.gov.au

2 Feb | Meet at 10.30am | March begins at 11am
LIVING OUT LOUD

Williamstown Library, 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown

Join Dr Graham Willett, active in gay politics in Melbourne since 1979, as he shares his account of the remarkable journey of the Australian LGBTIQA+ community. Recognition, understanding, lively, thoughtful and often surprising, this is a story of events and the people who changed society.

5 Feb | 6:30–7.30pm
FREE (bookings required)
OUT IS OUT

Wyndham Art Gallery, 177 Watton St, Werribee

OUT IS OUT examines the generation gap in queer politics, exhibiting work by people who paved the way for LGBTIQA+ self-expression and freedom and a new generation of activists; young Queer mob who challenge gender identifying language and norms.

Featuring artists Alison Bennett, Susan Maco Forrester, David Sequira, Peter Waples-Crowe and invited guests.

6 Feb–8 Mar | Mon–Fri 9am–5pm | Sat–Sun 11am–4pm
Opening 6 Feb | 6:30–8:30pm
FREE
THAT TIME EVERYTHING WENT WELL AND WE WERE TOTALLY FINE

The Bowery Theatre, 33 Princess St, St Albans

Presented by the Bowery Theatre’s Be Bold Residency Program and Wit Incorporated

Gerry and Frankie are going out. They’re going to have a great night. Everything will go well, because they’re both totally fine. No, really. They’re fine. Just have to remember the tickets, get on the train, make it to the show on time, obey the law, make conversation, keep smiling and remember to breathe. A brand-new sketch comedy for anyone who’s ever had one of those days.

7 Feb | 8–9pm
$28 full | $22 concession

Coarse language, smoking on stage
RAINBOW PRIDE IN ALTONA

Logan Reserve, Altona

Bring your rainbow picnic rug and your rainbow picnic lunch to show your support for rainbow families by picnicking with pride in Logan Reserve, Altona. At 1pm, there will be rainbow art activities for the kids. At 2pm, the Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre will provide rainbow treats with rainbow cupcakes, rainbow jellies and rainbow fruit. Rainbow bubbles will finish an afternoon of rainbow pride family fun in Altona.

8 Feb | 1–3pm
FREE

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PARK LOUNGE

Kelly Park Cnr Cherry & Synnot St, Werribee

Indulge your adventurous spirit and head to Werribee for a fun day of music, performance, and a jam-packed program to entertain you as the great Western sunset descends revealing a rainbow like no other! Featuring Yana Alana and Tha Paranas, DJ Hip Hop Hoe, Kilia Tipa, Jex Lopez, Tristan Meecham, and PO PO MO CO.

8 Feb | 5–9pm | Auslan: All event
FREE
STATEMENT AND (AN) ARCHIVE OF YEARNING

Melbourne’s Living Museum of the West, Pipemakers Park, Van Ness Av, Maribyrnong

Susan Long’s (an) Archive of Yearning reveals how a single snapshot (found object), can become an imagined archive of desire and longing. Lex Middleton’s STATEMENT uses the text from a police report documenting a violent homophobic crime. This work re-presents the official facts deemed relative in describing the proceedings of an act of violence. Moving image and voice by Belinda McClory.

8–9 Feb | Sat–Sun 12–5pm | Opening 8 Feb | 2–4 pm
FREE
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