

BENDIGO

PRIDE

FESTIVAL 2023



FRI MARCH 17 - SUN APRIL 2
PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS



MOIST

FRIDAY MARCH 17, 8PM

Four absolute himbo thirst-traps getting soaking wet as they navigate epic circus feats and non-stop clowning. Winner of best physical theatre at Adelaide Fringe 2022.

See page 4 for details.



SOGGY

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 10AM

Moist, but for kids!

★★★★ "For kids that enjoy bubbles, water pistols and shiny fun performers, Soggy is the show for them." The Au Review

★★★★ "this is original circus at its finest" - Kids in Adelaide

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PRIDE IN THE PARK

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 10AM-4PM | FREE

Celebrate Bendigo Pride in the iconic Rosalind Park. Musicians, drag acts, face painting, games and the Thorne Harbour Health Dog Show. Bring a picnic and hang out with your Rainbow Family. Open to all.

See page 8 for details.



BRENDAN MACLEAN ALONE AT LAST

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 8PM

Singer - songwriter - star. See the man Baz Luhrmann called "a modern-day Mick Jagger" in his only Victorian performance of his one man show.

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THE REBEL ALLIANCE AND HOT DESK FROM THE BBC SERIES DOUBLE ACTS BY JOHN FINNEMORE

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2PM

A live performance of two multi-award winning radio plays from the pen of John Finnemore, author and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme. See page 5 for details.



MATTE FINISH - A MUSICAL: THE STORY OF MY LIFE AND, IF ALL GOES WELL, DEATH.

FRIDAY MARCH 24, 8PM & SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2PM

A musical exploration of how a young drag queen came to be from the performer behind Deborah Triangle. We all die someday, best to be prepared and pop one heel in the grave. See page 5 for details.



BENT BROADWAY BENDIGO

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 7:30PM

Every theatre performer has songs and roles they wish they could perform, but know that due to their gender, it is unlikely to happen... Until now. Come join Bendigo's finest performers as they dream a little dream. See page 6 for details.



MACBETH: MURDER ON THE DANCEFLOOR

FRIDAY MARCH 31, 7PM, SATURDAY APRIL 1, 7PM
SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2PM

Drag Queens - Murder - Cabaret - what more could you ask for? Enter the extravagance of the Drag Club scene with Offbeat Theatre's reimagining of Shakespeare's classic tragedy "Macbeth - Murder On The Dancefloor".

See page 7 for details.



GLAMAGANZA BALL

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 8PM-1AM

The inaugural Glamaganza Ball in the historic Town Hall. Drinks, dancing, performances, drag shows, cabaret and much more in this high camp, high class celebration of queer Bendigo. Dress UP! UP! UP!

See page 11 for details.



PERFORMANCE



FRIDAY MARCH 17, 8PM | FULL \$42, CONCESSION \$37 AND GROUP (4+) \$35 🎧

MOIST

This racy and hilarious spectacle is sopping wet as it takes you deep into a disco-fuelled dystopia.

Winner of best physical theatre at Adelaide Fringe 2022.

"Very camp and very entertaining" Adelaide Adventurer.

"An irrepressibly happy show" The Advertiser.

★★★★ The Advertiser ★★★★★ Glam Adelaide

It's four absolute himbo thirst-traps getting soaking wet as they navigate epic circus feats and non-stop clowning.

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall, 36-40 View St.



SATURDAY MARCH 18, 10AM | \$17 🎧

SOGGY

Let's get wet! It's Moist for all ages!

★★★★ "this is original circus at its finest. The cast interact beautifully with the kids in the audience, whilst showing off their skills." - Kids in Adelaide

★★★★ "For kids that enjoy bubbles, water pistols and shiny fun performers, Soggy is the show for them." The Au Review

Through storytelling, dance, acrobatics and performance art we teach kids how to share with one another and the need for access to

clean water. We aim to empower our audiences to question stereotypes and explore ways of working with one another, leaving them inspired to build a better future.

Soggy is great for primary aged children and will be enjoyed by the whole family.

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall, 36-40 View St.



SATURDAY MARCH 18, 8PM | \$30 🎧

BRENDAN MACLEAN ALONE AT LAST

Singer - songwriter - star. Brendan Maclean brings you the very best of his original music plus selections from the shows that have made him a star of the stage (along with salacious stories too saucy to put in writing). Called "a modern-day Mick Jagger" by Baz Luhrmann, spend a night with the leading man of smash hit productions Velvet, L'Hôtel, Jekyll & Hyde The Musical and creator of the most banned music video in modern history (do NOT Google "House Of Air" if you are at work or shocked by hardcore gay sex - you have been warned).

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall, 36-40 View St.



WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 7PM | \$10 🎧

PRIDE WRITE! FUTURE BRIGHT.

Embrace your unapologetic fabulousness at Pride Write! Future Bright. A spoken word event & fundraiser.

Liberate and transform through the power of poetry, spoken word and music as we celebrate LGBTQIASB+ writers, performers & allies.

Featuring a special live performance from local chaos agent, Frank Bell, and an open mic section.

📍 Piano Bar, 264 Hargreaves St.



THURSDAY MARCH 23, 6PM | \$25 🎧

WATCH CLOSELY NOW: A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE, MUSIC AND CAREER OF BARBRA STREISAND

Happy days are here again! In a homage to the show-stopping six-decade-long career, Rachael Grace with the Andy Pobjoy Jazz Trio brings 'Watch Closely Now: a tribute to the life, music and career of Barbra Streisand' to Piano Bar Bendigo.

Performing songs from the sensational catalogue of Streisand's classic films, musicals and hit records, 'Watch Closely Now' honours the endless talent and legacy of this icon of musical royalty.

📍 Piano Bar, 264 Hargreaves St.



THURSDAY MARCH 23, 7PM | \$20 🎧

PATRICK COLLINS: THE NEW NINE LIVE

Ever thought about how nine is an upside-down six? Patrick has. More than anyone has.

Patrick is changing the number nine, but she needs your help. Patrick will convince you that we need to change the number nine, show you what we're changing it to, and tell you exactly how we're going to do it while delivering an exhausting, cry-laughing comedy experience you will think about every time you see an upside down 6. Don't be on the wrong side of history. Embrace The New Nine.

Winner Best Comedy Melbourne Fringe 2020

📍 Alphabet Garden, rear of Dudley House, 60 View Street



THURSDAY MARCH 23, 815PM | \$20/\$18 CONC. 🎧

DAISY WEBB: JOY

In the depths of 2020's repeated lockdowns, Daisy came to the realisation that she is a trans woman, and has since been on a non-stop ride of hormones, career changes, second puberty, a surprising amount of admin, and finally writing some very funny jokes about it all.

Being trans is great, actually, and Daisy is finally ready to share just how silly, awkward and joyful it is in her debut solo hour.

📍 Alphabet Garden, rear of Dudley House, 60 View Street



PERFORMANCE



FRIDAY MARCH 24, 8PM

SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2PM | \$25 🎤

MATTE FINISH - A MUSICAL: THE STORY OF MY LIFE AND, IF ALL GOES WELL, DEATH.

Matte Finish - A Musical is an exploration through new music and musical theatre parody of how a young drag queen came to be, growing up in Bendigo, his life to the present day and speculating on the future and whatever is beyond! We all die someday, best to be prepared and pop one heel in the grave.

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall, 36-40 View St.



SATURDAY MARCH 25, 7:30PM | \$25 🎤

BENT BROADWAY BENDIGO

Every theatre performer has songs and roles they wish they could perform, but know that due to their gender, it is unlikely to happen...Until now. Come join Bendigo's finest performers as they dream a little dream and bend Broadway to fit their mould. Returning after an outstanding performance in 2022, Bent Broadway Bendigo is a night not to be missed.

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall, 36-40 View St.



SUNDAY MARCH 26, 3PM | FREE 🎤

BENDIGO LIVE MUSIC SHOWCASE

An afternoon of live music from Bendigo's fantastic LGBTQIA+ musicians.

📍 Alphabet Garden, rear of Dudley House, 60 View Street



WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 6PM

\$40 VIP / \$25 GENERAL ADMISSION 🎤

MENXCLUSIVE AT PIANO BAR BENDIGO

An all-Male Cabaret will surely let your inner god or goddess out to play. Find out for yourself – come and see all-male Burlesque so tantalising and teasing, that leaves you breathless for the night.

Live cabaret-theatre style performance, interactive and classy, MenXclusive is the ultimate night filled with fantasy. Celebrate, dance, feel and drink. A production where circus meets cabaret to bring you Australia's best in burlesque.

📍 Piano Bar, 264 Hargreaves St.



THURSDAY MARCH 30, 8PM | \$40-\$60 🎤

KAREN FROM FINANCE PRESENTS DOING TIME

Karen From Finance's sophomore one-woman show DOING TIME puts our girl on trial in this hilarious follow up to her award-winning debut OUT OF OFFICE. Karen's unique approach to character drag and narrative driven story telling sets a precedent in this absurdist new show about self-determination, realisation, and affirmation.

After being made redundant from the accounts team at a small pie wholesaler in Geelong, Karen From Finance has since moved to the big smoke to become a real team player in Melbourne. So long as you don't pinch her stapler without asking, Karen From Finance really is a good time gal.

📍 Piano Bar, 264 Hargreaves St.



FRIDAY MARCH 31, 7PM, SATURDAY APRIL 1, 7PM

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2PM | \$25 🎤

MACBETH: MURDER ON THE DANCEFLOOR

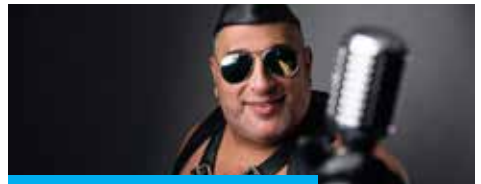
Murder - Cabaret - Drag Shows - Shakespeare! Offbeat Theatre's reimagining of this classic tragedy "Macbeth - Murder On The Dancefloor" sets the action in a glitzy nightclub, where you'll be entertained by our three Witches Fake News, Dark Web, and Swipe Left, and listen to Cabaret Hostess Lady Mac. Witness the full horror of Macbeth's murderous rampage as it unfolds in front of you until he pays the ultimate price! Direct from the Castlemaine Fringe Festival, "Macbeth

- Murder On The Dancefloor" brings to graphic life Shakespeare's tale of horror and revenge as Macbeth ruthlessly follows his quest for power, killing anyone who stands in his way.

Offbeat Theatre proudly presents zero-alcohol shows - our bar will be available for you to purchase zero-alcohol beer, wine, soft drinks and cocktails.

WARNING: "Macbeth - Murder On the Dancefloor" is not suitable for young children

📍 The Engine Room, 58 View St.



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 8PM | \$25 🎤

DEAN ARCURI - TO SIR WITH GLOVE

Melbourne's favourite cabaret kinkster Dean Arcuri is polishing his chaps and bringing his smash hit cabaret 'To Sir with Glove' back to the spotlight for Bendigo Pride.

This kinky cabaret takes aural satisfaction to a whole new level, stimulating ALL your senses, as Arcuri takes the gloves off and brings his edgy tongue-in-cheek twist to classic songs you know and love.

With sold out seasons during Midsumma and Mardi Gras, you won't want to disappoint Sir by missing out! The consequences could be ... entertaining!

"Arcuri isn't afraid of putting himself out there..."
MCV

"Kitch and camp characters are silly, fun and just a lot cringeworthy..." Arts Hub

Arcuri's voice is truly impressive." -
Squirrelcomedy



PERFORMANCE



SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2PM | \$20 🎤

THE REBEL ALLIANCE AND HOT DESK FROM THE BBC SERIES DOUBLE ACTS BY JOHN FINNEMORE

A live performance of two multi-award winning radio plays from the pen of John Finnemore, author and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme.

In The Rebel Alliance, Eileen and Lizzie are set to enjoy the wedding - no matter what Yvonne does. And in Hot Desk, a receptionist and a security guard start a long simmering relationship as they meet every day at 7am and 7pm to hand over a desk. Performed by members of Bendigo's thriving community theatre scene.

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall, 36-40 View St.



FILM

BENDIGO QUEER FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2PM & 4PM | \$15 PER SESSION 🎬

BENDIGO QUEER FILM FESTIVAL

The BQFF International Short Film Competition brings the world's best queer shorts to Bendigo with two programs of cinematic delights - True Stories and Documentary & Short Tales Drama and Comedy. The winner of the BQFF Short Film Award will be announced at the end of the second session.

2pm True Stories and Documentary.

4pm Short Tales Drama and Comedy.

For the full list of shorts please visit our website.

📍 La Trobe Art Institute, 121 View St.



SUNDAY MARCH 26, 7:30PM | FREE 🎬

BQFF FREE SHORTS

Bendigo Queer Film Festival presents a series of short films taken from previous BQFF International Short Film Competitions. BQFF has scoured the world (from the safety of our lounge rooms) for the latest and best queer short films in the last couple of years. This short program highlights some of the best. Come and enjoy a fascinating queer cinematic experience at Dudley House in the Alphabet Garden. Bring a blanket in case it turns chilly!

📍 Alphabet Garden,
rear of Dudley House, 60 View St.



EVENTS

BENDIGO PRIDE FESTIVAL 2023 PROGRAM



FRIDAY MARCH 17, 12PM | FREE 🏳️

FESTIVAL OPENING FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Celebrate the opening of Bendigo Pride Festival 2023 with the raising of the pride flag at Library Gardens. The festival's official icon Deborah Triangle will be present to welcome everyone to Bendigo Pride along with local dignitaries.

📍 Rosalind Park, Pall Mall



SATURDAY MARCH 18, 10AM-4PM | FREE 🏳️

PRIDE IN THE PARK

A fun and inclusive all-ages event to celebrate Pride in the iconic Rosalind Park. Musicians, drag acts, face painting, games and the Thorne Harbour Health Dog Show. Bring a picnic and hang out with your Rainbow Family. Open to all.

📍 Rosalind Park, Pall Mall



2023 BENDIGO PRIDE DOG SHOW PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THORNE HARBOUR HEALTH



SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2PM | FREE 🏳️

Part of Pride in the Park! See our proud pooches and the human partners saunter on the catwalk. Prizes for most camp, most butch, best trick, best dressed owner and pooch lookalike and more!

Registrations will be available through the Bendigo Pride Festival website.

📍 Rosalind Park, Pall Mall



SUNDAY MARCH 19, 12-2PM | \$10 / \$5 CONC.
(FREE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES) 🏳️

FEAST: MULTICULTURAL, MULTI-FAITH LGBTQIA+ STORIES, POETRY & READINGS

Come and feast on multicultural, multi-faith LGBTQIA+ stories, poetry and readings followed by a multicultural feast. Speakers include Manu Kailom, Alushka Rajaram, Aisya Zaharin and Vitor Rocha.

Manu Kailom is author and LGBTQIA+ Peer Support Worker for Many Coloured Sky. Manu will discuss his experiences as a refugee and the current situation for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers and refugees.

Aisya Zaharin is on the AGMC board and University of Queensland PhD student, researching LGBTQIA+ voices experiencing intersecting discrimination and integrating them with her lived experience



EVENTS

Hailing from the shores of the Indian Ocean in South Africa, Alushka Rajaram is a spoken word poet, writer and activist.

Vitor Rocha is a gay Brazilian born, overseas medical trained GP, researcher and Palliative Care public health advocate in regional Victoria.

Event supported by the City of Greater Bendigo and Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council. AGMC hosts United We Feast events to celebrate multiculturalism and foster stronger social connections that embrace diversity within LGBTIQ+ communities through friendships and delicious food.

📍 La Trobe Art Institute, 121 View St.



SUNDAY MARCH 19, 6.30PM | FREE 🏳️

BENDIGO PRIDE MULTIFAITH SERVICE

An occasion to celebrate and affirm the presence and contribution of Proud people in all communities of faith.

📍 St Andrew's Uniting Church, 26 Myers St.



EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT, 7-9:30PM | \$10 🏳️

BITCHES WITH BALLS DRAG BINGO

Happy days are here again! Bitches With Balls is back! It's three hours of interactive entertainment, drag and campy that you love, hosted by our fabulous queens! A fabulous way to break up the work week with the chance to win a \$50 Piano Bar Gift Voucher! Doors open at 6pm and bingo kicks off at 7pm. Our full bar and kitchen menu will be available on the night.

📍 Piano Bar, 264 Hargreaves St.



SUNDAY MARCH 19, 12NOON | BISTRO/BAR PRICES 🏳️

LUNCH WITH THE BENDIGO PASSIONFRUITS

Women who love women are invited to lunch with the Bendigo Passionfruits at the National Hotel. The Passionfruits have been meeting monthly for Sunday lunch for the past five years in a variety of venues around the Bendigo district. We have a membership of 120 same sex attracted women, with approx 15-20 attending the lunches. We are younger, older, singles and couples.

For enquiries and to book, contact Ruth at bendigopassionfruits@gmail.com

RSVP: By CoB Monday 6 March

Note: this event is intended to enable attendance at the Bendigo Queer Film Festival screening at 2pm

📍 National Hotel, 182-186 High St.



THURSDAY MARCH 23, 6PM | FREE 🏳️

GARY LONESBOROUGH: THE BOY FROM THE MISH

Gary Lonesborough is a Yuin man who grew up on the far south coast of NSW as part of a large and proud Aboriginal family. A heart-warming queer Indigenous YA story, The Boy From the Mish was shortlisted for the 2022 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards.

📍 Online, via Zoom. Visit the Bendigo Library website for more details.



SATURDAY MARCH 25, 1-5PM | \$45 🏳️

THE REAL DRAG BRUNCH OF BENDIGO

Looking for a Hens, Birthday or just an excuse to have a party with a twist? Look no further than Piano Bar's new Ladies Lunch. An afternoon of great live entertainment, campy, fun games & performances. With one of our pianists on the piano from 1pm to 5pm taking all your requests and hosted by some of our fabulous Piano Bar drag queens, who have some naughty & nice games to be played.

Tickets include champagne on arrival and light finger food through-out the afternoon.

📍 Piano Bar, 264 Hargreaves St.



SUNDAY MARCH 26, 12PM | FREE 🏳️

QUEER HISTORY DISCUSSION PANEL

Historian Wayne Murdoch and guests discuss the surprisingly rich queer history of Bendigo and the regions.

📍 Alphabet Garden,
rear of Dudley House, 60 View St.



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 11AM-4PM | FREE 🏳️

GAY STUFF MARKETS

Gay Stuff Market is a collection of the finest creators, artists & style makers from the queer community. Come browse and enjoy the queer-friendly attitude and indulge in a little retail therapy!

📍 Library Gardens, Hargreaves St.



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 11AM-4PM | FREE 🏳️

TRANS & GENDER DIVERSE CLOTHING SWAP

Tired of clothes that no longer serve you? Refresh your wardrobe with fashion that fits your true self at our free, fun, fashion fair! This free all-ages event is for trans, gender diverse and TGD allies. Explore our racks and discover the perfect piece to affirm and express your identity.

📍 Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves St.



IDEAS



SUNDAY MARCH 26, 3PM | FREE ✍️

JASPER PEACH AND QUINCE FRANCES BOOK LAUNCH: YOU'LL BE A WONDERFUL PARENT

Jasper Peach is a trans, non-binary and disabled writer. They are passionate about equitable access and inclusion, focused around the dismantling of misplaced shame via storytelling.

Their work has been published in The Age, HireUp, The Big Issue, Archer, The Guardian, Verandah, Australian Poetry Journal and SBS online.

You'll be a Wonderful Parent is their first book.

Quince Frances is a non-binary artist, mother, horticulturalist and educator, living on stolen Dja Dja Wurrung Country. Spanning illustration, landscape and textiles, their work explores relationships and respect for country, whilst centring the voices of the LGBTQIA+ community. They studied Design Arts, graduating in 2014 and have since studied horticulture, permaculture and urban farming. Quince has been commissioned to make images for local community groups, small businesses and academics. In 2020 Quince was awarded the Rainbow Prize in the Biblio Art Prize. You'll Be a Wonderful Parent is Quince's first published book.

📍 Bookish, 1/358 Hargreaves St.



SATURDAY APRIL 1, MIDDAY | FREE ✍️

HOW TO PITCH A NOVEL WITH LINDY CAMERON FROM CLAN DESTINE PRESS

Lindy Cameron is an award-winning writer, book editor and journalist who in 2010 started her own publishing company, Clan Destine Press.

Clan Destine's aim is to publish the best Aussie genre fiction they can find, including debut novels by awesomely-talented new writers; the next novels by a couple of names you already know; and new editions by others who shouldn't have 'not published in Australia yet' or 'out of print' next to their names.

In this workshop and discussion Lindy will tell you how to pitch a novel, how NOT to pitch a novel, and share her knowledge from decades in publishing. You'll also be able to purchase Clan Destine's books at Gay Stuff Markets on the same day.

📍 Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2PM | FREE ✍️

CREATING LESBIAN CHARACTERS

Authors KJ and Narrelle M Harris (plus guests) will discuss their experiences of creating lesbian characters in fiction. What are the successes and the pitfalls? The tropes to be celebrated or avoided? What makes a character and not a caricature? Hosted by mainFM Queer & Now host Sherene Clow. There will be an opportunity to buy the authors books at the Gay Stuff Markets on the same day.

📍 Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St



SATURDAY 1 APRIL, 10-11:30AM | FREE 🗓️

SILVER RAINBOW: LGBTQIA+ AGEING

Hear about LGBTIQ+ ageing options and experiences in regional Victoria and enjoy a scrumptious morning tea. How can you age fabulously? What services are available to older LGBTIQ+ people as they age?

Panel: Andrew Rogers: Lead Educator, Val's LGBTIQ Ageing & Aged Care, Rainbow Health Australia
Val's LGBTIQ Ageing & Aged Care works to empower older LGBTIQ+ people, and the people and services that support them, to improve their wellbeing, care and visibility as they age.

Max Primmer: Ageing Disgracefully
Vitor Rocha: Palliative Care Lead, Murray PHN
Ruth Reading: Convenor, Bendigo Passionfruits, a social networking group for same sex attracted women.

Event supported by Val's LGBTIQ Ageing & Aged Care and the City of Greater Bendigo.

📍 Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 4PM | FREE 🗓️

FRANKIE & PATRICE - HOW TO BE A FAMILY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Frankie Mazzone (she/her) is a 14 yr old transgender student in year 9, and also a passionate activist for her community.

Frankie and her mum, Patrice Capogreco (she/her), share their journey of finally arriving at a supportive and inclusive school after years of

Frankie being bullied around her gender.

Their story acknowledges the destruction of discrimination and the impact this had on Frankie, her well-being and her education. This Power Parent-Daughter duo are using their story to start conversations and make change.

📍 Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St.



SUNDAY APRIL 2, 12PM | FREE 🗓️

A THOUSAND THREADS: A CONVERSATION ABOUT GENDER DIVERSE WRITING

Join us to talk writing, creative expression and community collaboration, as trans* and gender-diverse (TGD) authors and editors from the recently released anthologies *We Twinkle Like Gold* and *IN FLUX: Trans and Gender-Diverse Reflections and Imaginings* (Thousand Threads Press) read and reflect on their work.

Ashlyn McDonald will lead a conversation with David Azul and other writers on how they explore what gender diversity means to them, and how their particular trans-perspectives are expressed through experiments with genre and voice, fantasy and metaphor.

Whether you're a word nerd or just want to celebrate TGD awesomeness, this FREE event is for you!

Bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/trans-perspectives-a-conversation-about-gender-diverse-writing-tickets-565960782937>

📍 Alphabet Garden, rear of Dudley House, 60 View Street



TOURS



SUNDAY MARCH 19, 10.30AM | \$10 ↗

BENDIGO QUEER HISTORY WALK

Join historian Wayne Murdoch (author of *Kamp Melbourne In The 1920s and 30s* and *The Mystery Of The Handsome Man*) on a guided tour through Bendigo's queer history.

Supported by Acorn Drafting. **acordrafting**

📍 Meet at the Giant Pride Flag, Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves St.



FRIDAY MARCH 31, 6PM | PRICE: CHECK WITH VENUE ↗

AUSTRALIANA: DESIGNING A NATION TOUR

From 6pm on March 31, join a Gallery curator for a floor talk that highlights objects in our major exhibition, *Australiana: Designing a Nation*. Enjoy a glass of sparkling on arrival and an after-hours exclusive viewing.

📍 Bendigo Art Gallery, 42 View St.



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 12:30PM | \$35 ↗

PRIDE OF THE MINE TOUR

Join us for a private tour of Deborah's golden reef, 61 metres underground! You'll be welcomed by the fabulous Deborah Triangle, a Bendigo icon who emerges from the depths once a year to invite visitors into her shadowy crevices. With only the light on your helmet to light the path, and an expert tour guide to lead the way, you'll be enthralled by the honeycomb of hidden tunnels that lie far below Bendigo on a fascinating Mine Experience Tour. Your guide will delve into Bendigo's golden heritage, the geology of the rock formations that are encountered, demonstrate the mining methods that were practised on the Deborah Reef and explain what it was really like to be a miner during the harsh gold rush era.

📍 Central Deborah Gold Mine, 76 Violet St



ART/EXHIBITIONS

BENDIGO PRIDE FESTIVAL 2023 PROGRAM



MARCH 17–APRIL 3, LIBRARY HOURS | FREE

QUEER BENDIGO HISTORY EXHIBITION

A selection of exhibits, posters, literature and ephemera showcasing local LGBTQIA+ history from the 1880s to the current day. The exhibition highlights the contribution of Bendigo locals to our vibrant LGBTQIA+ culture.

📍 Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St.

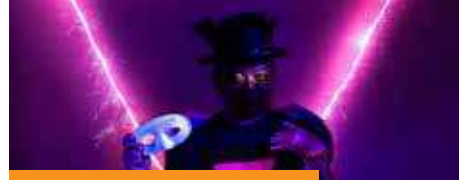


MARCH 17–APRIL 3, LIBRARY HOURS | FREE

PRIDE LEGO EXHIBITION

An exhibition that takes you somewhere over the rainbow. A celebration of Pride created by the Bendigo LEGO User Group.

📍 Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St



MARCH 17–APRIL 2, LIBRARY HOURS | FREE

FREEDOM IS MINE - PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION OF LGBTQI+ ASYLUM SEEKERS

Freedom is Mine is a photographic portrait exhibition of LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum. The subjects are members of Many Coloured Sky's Queer Refugee and Asylum Seeker Peers community. Photographer Peter Casamento gave his time to depict each participant in ways that help them to share their stories, challenges and hopes for the future. LGBTQI+ people from many parts of the world face persecution, violence and expulsion from their families and communities, and may be forced to flee their country. Those who come to Australia can experience prejudice, isolation, and material deprivation as they seek the freedom to be themselves. Freedom is Mine was developed as a collaborative project between photographer Peter Casamento and Many Coloured Sky, the Queer Development Agency of THREE for All Foundation.

Event supported by the City of Greater Bendigo, Many Coloured Sky and Goldfields Libraries

📍 Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St





ART/EXHIBITIONS



THURSDAY-SUNDAY EACH WEEK
MARCH 17 - APRIL 3, 11AM-6PM | FREE

QUEER COUNTRY ART EXHIBITION PROUDLY SPONSORED BY PINOT & PICASSO BENDIGO

**PINOT
 & PICASSO**

Now in its 17th year, Queer Country Art demonstrates and celebrates the talents of queer artists from Bendigo and regional Victoria. The exhibition is a platform for queer artists to express themselves, showcase their creativity, offer another perspective and celebrate LGBTQIA+ arts and culture with the broader community. Includes the awarding of the annual Craig Middleton Memorial Award for photographic and visual art.

Dudley House, 60 View St



MONDAY-SUNDAY EACH WEEK
MARCH 17 - APRIL 3, 9AM-5PM | FREE

MATTO LUCAS IMPOSSIBLE DANCE

Using performance as a foundation, I aim to further the understandings of systems of control, power and propriety. In questioning human and social worth, my concern is to redistribute discourse around authority and autonomy. My work presents both the 'passive body', and the body 'at work' - bodies that transgress both fragility and empowerment, both as the individual and as the individual within a community.

Exhibit B, Bendigo Bank Central,
 3 Mitchell St.



MARCH 17-APRIL 3 | FREE

EDWARD DE LACY EVANS MURAL

Edward De Lacy Evans immigrated from Ireland to Australia in 1856 and worked as a servant, blacksmith and gold miner in the Bendigo area. He made international news in 1879 when, during a forced visit to hospital, it was revealed he had been assigned female at birth. Before this moment, Edward had lived his true life for more than 20 years in 19th century Australia. He married three times and had successful careers as a labourer and miner. This mural by Chris Duffy (with input from Bendigo's trans community) is a celebration of one of our extraordinary elders. Visit Edward and take a picture with him to celebrate his amazing life.

Chancery Lane



MARCH 17-APRIL 3 | FREE

GIANT PRIDE FLAG

Launched by City of Greater Bendigo mayor Andrea Metcalf for Bendigo Pride Festival 2022, this giant Progress Flag adorns the Town Hall concourse on Hargreaves Street. Take a selfie (just don't get run over- it's a road people!) and be part of the celebration!

Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves St



THURSDAY TO SUNDAY EACH WEEK
MARCH 17 - APRIL 3, 11AM-6PM | FREE

THE (POP UP) NATIONAL QUEER MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Part museum, part art project, The (Pop Up) National Queer Museum Of Australia asks whose stories get told and who goes unrecorded. It's an incomplete museum as so much of our history was destroyed or hidden, but we invite you to look upon such sacred items as the costume one of Kylie's backing dancers wore at Mardi Gras in 1994, or the commemorative ashtray from Peter Allen's fundraiser performance to bring the Olympics to Melbourne, alongside works from queer artists that engage and comment on LGBTQIA+ history. Exit through the gift shop.

Thorne Harbour Country, 58 Mundy St.



WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY EACH WEEK
MARCH 17 - JUNE, 11AM-3PM | \$9 /\$7

SERVING IN SILENCE

This exhibition, curated by Noah Riseman, Shirleene Robinson and Graham Willett in 2018 is the result of many years of research. Former and serving members of the Australian Defence Force were interviewed, records dug out of archives, stories collected and analysed.

The exhibition brings together photographs, objects, documents and the life stories of current and former service personnel to explore how LGBTI Defence members navigated their lives in

the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, and Royal Australian Air Force.

Bendigo Military Museum, Pall Mall.



FRIDAY MARCH 17, 6-8PM | FREE

QUEER COUNTRY OPENING NIGHT

Celebrate the opening of the 16th annual Queer Country Art Exhibition with the artists!

Dudley House, 60 View St



SATURDAY MARCH 25, 11AM-3PM | FREE

RAINBOW ART HAPPENING

Feeling a little arty? Come and hang out at the Rainbow Art Happening. Activities include: Diverse Life Drawing models, paste-up workshop, fanzine workshop, live music, or just hang with the vibe. Groovy! All ages welcome.

Supported by YO Bendigo with funds provided by the Victorian Government's Engage! Program



Alleyway at Valentine's on View, 16-22 View St.



ART/EXHIBITIONS



FRIDAY MARCH 31, 5PM | FREE

ANNUAL EDWARD DE LACY EVANS CELEBRATION - TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

Come and raise a glass (of non-alcoholic fizz) to Bendigo's own celebrated Victorian-era transman. Join us in acknowledging Edwards amazing achievement in living his best life.

📍 Edward De Lacy Evans Mural, Chancery Ln.



FRIDAY MARCH 31, 7PM | \$79

RELEASE YOUR INNER DRAG QUEEN

A 3 hour guided painting of your Inner Drag Queen and a special guest appearance from a drag queen yet to be revealed!

📍 Pinot & Picasso Bendigo, 274 Hargreaves Mall



PARTIES



FRIDAY MARCH 17, 8PM-LATE | \$10

FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT PARTY

Come join Deborah Triangle as she rises from her slumber to welcome all to Bendigo Pride Festival 2023! Bendigo's Rainbow family are invited to celebrate ourselves and our town with a dance, a drink and maybe a kiss. 8pm - 3am, admission to general public from 1am

📍 Babylon Lounge & Garden Bar, 94 Pall Mall, Bendigo



SATURDAY MARCH 18, 6PM-11PM | \$10

RAINBOW RAVE



This all-ages event will be a magical rainbow garden of delight for the young and the young at heart to frolic and play. Bring your friends or the whole family! The Hosted by DJ Bear Bax with an amazing lineup of live DJs, musicians and performances. Rainbow Rave is produced by YO Events, YO Bendigo's FReeZA team - a fun-loving team of young people creating arts events and experiences for other young people.

FReeZA is a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug-, smoke- and alcohol-free music and cultural events for other young people. Rainbow Rave will be safe and secure with no pass outs.

📍 Alphabet Garden, rear of Dudley House, 60 View Street (enter from back gate)



FRIDAY MARCH 24, 6-9PM | FREE ★

ROLLER DISCO WITH DRAGON CITY ROLLER DERBY & BENDIGO PRIDE FESTIVAL

Come strap on some skates and celebrate Bendigo Pride Festival with Dragon City Roller Derby.

You bring the fabulous outfits and good attitude. We'll bring the tunes, skates and safety gear and helpful experienced skaters to help get you rolling.

Entry is free and this event is family friendly (ages 8+ on skates)

📍 Truscott Stadium, Murdock St, California Gully



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 8PM-1AM | \$50 ★

GLAMAGANZA BALL PROUDLY SPONSORED BY AGNICO EAGLE FOSTERVILLE



Put on your glad rags and get downtown! Bendigo Pride Festival presents the inaugural Glamaganza Ball in the historic Town Hall. Drinks, dancing, performances, drag shows, cabaret and much more in this high camp, high class show-off celebration of queer Bendigo. Dress is UP! UP! UP!

📍 Bendigo Town Hall, 189-193 Hargreaves St.



SUNDAY APRIL 2, 6-7:30 PM | \$22 ★

LAST DRINKS TRAM PROUDLY SPONSORED BY SILVER TONGUE BENDIGO



Join Pride's official drag queen, Deborah Triangle, for a journey and a drink in a Bendigo heritage tram, before waving her off to her slumber until next year's festival. Ticket includes first drink. The official last event of Bendigo Pride 2023

📍 Departs from Charing Cross.

KEEP AN EYE OUT!

PRIDE YARN-BOMBING

Bendigo's guerilla yarn bombers may (or may not) take their skills to View Street to celebrate the festival.



PRIDE WALL

Pin a message of pride/allyship on the Bendigo Library Pride Wall for all to see throughout the Festival.



BENDIGO ART GALLERY

Frances Cannon will run a 'self-love and self-portraiture workshop' on April 1st at the Bendigo Art Gallery - Visit Bendigo Art Gallery website for more details.





MARCH 17 - APRIL 2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL FESTIVAL

FREE 🗳️

EDWARD DE LACY
EVANS MURAL

📍 Chancery Lane

FREE 🗳️

GIANT PRIDE FLAG

📍 Bendigo Town Hall

LIBRARY HOURS | FREE 🗳️

QUEER BENDIGO
HISTORY EXHIBITION

📍 Bendigo Library

LIBRARY HOURS | FREE 🗳️

PRIDE LEGO EXHIBITION

📍 Bendigo Library

LIBRARY HOURS | FREE 🗳️

FREEDOM IS MINE -
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION OF
LGBTQ+ ASYLUM SEEKERS

📍 Bendigo Library

THURSDAY-SUNDAY

11AM-6PM | FREE 🗳️

THE (POP UP) NATIONAL QUEER
MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

📍 Thorne Harbour Country

9AM-5PM | FREE 🗳️

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IMPOSSIBLE DANCE

📍 Exhibit B

WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

11AM-3PM | \$9/\$7 🗳️

SERVING IN SILENCE

📍 Bendigo Military Museum

THURSDAY-SUNDAY

11AM-6PM | FREE 🗳️

QUEER COUNTRY EXHIBITION

📍 Dudley House

TUESDAYS 7-9:30PM | \$10 🗳️

BITCHES WITH BALLS
DRAG BINGO

📍 Piano Bar

FRI MARCH 17

12NOON | FREE 🗳️

FESTIVAL OPENING
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

📍 Library Gardens

6-8PM | FREE 🗳️

QUEER COUNTRY OPENING NIGHT

📍 Dudley House

8PM | \$42/\$37 🗳️

MOIST

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall

8PM-LATE | \$10 ★

FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT PARTY

📍 Babylon Lounge & Garden Bar

SAT MARCH 18

10AM-4PM | FREE 🗳️

PRIDE IN THE PARK

📍 Rosalind Park

10AM | \$17 🗳️

SOGGY

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall

2PM | FREE 🗳️

2023 BENDIGO PRIDE
DOG SHOW

📍 Rosalind Park

FROM 6-11PM | \$10 ★

RAINBOW RAVE

📍 Alphabet Garden

8PM | \$30 🗳️

BRENDAN MACLEAN
ALONE AT LAST

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall

SUN MARCH 19

10:30AM | \$10 🗳️

BENDIGO QUEER HISTORY WALK

📍 Meet at the giant pride flag

12-2PM | \$10/\$5/FREE 🗳️

FEAST: MULTICULTURAL,
MULTI-FAITH LGBTQIA+
STORIES, POETRY & READINGS

📍 La Trobe Art Institute

12PM | BAR/BISTRO PRICES 🗳️

LUNCH WITH THE BENDIGO
PASSIONFRUITS

📍 The National Hotel

2PM | \$15 🗳️

BENDIGO QUEER FILM FESTIVAL

📍 To be advised.

4PM | \$15 🗳️

BENDIGO QUEER FILM FESTIVAL

📍 To be advised.

6:30PM | FREE 🗳️

BENDIGO PRIDE
MULTIFAITH SERVICE

📍 St. Andrew's Uniting Church

WED MARCH 22

7-9:30PM | \$10 🗳️

PRIDE WRITE! FUTURE BRIGHT.

📍 Piano Bar

THU MARCH 23

6PM | FREE 🗳️

GARY LONESBOROUGH:
THE BOY FROM THE MISH

📍 Online via Zoom

6-9:30PM | \$25 🗳️

WATCH CLOSELY NOW: A
TRIBUTE TO BARBRA STREISAND

📍 Piano Bar

7PM | \$20 🗳️

PATRICK COLLINS:
THE NEW NINE LIVE

📍 Alphabet Garden

8:15PM | \$20/\$18 CONC. 🗳️

DAISY WEBB: JOY

📍 Alphabet Garden



FRI MARCH 24

6-9PM | FREE ★

ROLLER DISCO WITH
DRAGON CITY ROLLER DERBY

📍 Truscott Stadium

8PM | \$25 🎟

MATTE FINISH - A MUSICAL:
THE STORY OF MY LIFE AND, IF
ALL GOES WELL, DEATH

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall

SAT MARCH 25

11AM-3PM | FREE 🎟

RAINBOW ART HAPPENING

📍 Alleyway at Valentine's on View

1-5PM | \$45 🎟

THE REAL DRAG BRUNCH
OF BENDIGO

📍 Piano Bar

2PM | \$25 🎟

MATTE FINISH - A MUSICAL:
THE STORY OF MY LIFE AND, IF
ALL GOES WELL, DEATH

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall

7:30PM | \$25 🎟

BENT BROADWAY BENDIGO

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall

SUN MARCH 26

12PM | FREE 🎟

QUEER HISTORY
DISCUSSION PANEL

📍 Alphabet Garden

3PM | FREE 🎟

BENDIGO LIVE MUSIC
SHOWCASE

📍 Alphabet Garden

3PM | FREE 🎟

JASPER PEACH & QUINCE
FRANCES BOOK LAUNCH: YOU'LL
BE A WONDERFUL PARENT

📍 Bookish

7:30PM | FREE 🎟

BQFF FREE SHORTS

📍 Alphabet Garden

WED MARCH 29

6PM | \$40 VIP / \$25 GENERAL 🎟

MEMCLUSIVE AT
PIANO BAR BENDIGO

📍 Piano Bar

THU MARCH 30

8PM | \$40-\$60 🎟

HAREN FROM FINANCE
PRESENTS DOING TIME

📍 Piano Bar

FRI MARCH 31

5PM | FREE 🎟

ANNUAL EDWARD DE LACY
EVANS CELEBRATION -
TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

📍 Chancery Lane

6PM | PRICE: CHECK WITH VENUE 🎟

AUSTRALIANA: DESIGNING
A NATION TOUR

📍 Bendigo Art Gallery

7PM | \$25 🎟

MACBETH: MURDER
ON THE DANCEFLOOR

📍 The Engine Room

7PM | \$79 🎟

RELEASE YOUR INNER
DRAG QUEEN

📍 Pinot & Picasso Bendigo

SAT APRIL 1

10AM | FREE 🎟

SILVER RAINBOW:
LGBTQIA+ AGEING

📍 Bendigo Library

11AM-4PM | FREE 🎟

GAY STUFF MARKETS

📍 Library Gardens

11AM-4PM | FREE 🎟

TRANS & GENDER DIVERSE
CLOTHING SWAP

📍 Bendigo Town Hall

12PM | FREE 🎟

HOW TO PITCH A NOVEL
WITH LINDY CAMERON
FROM CLAN DESTINE PRESS

📍 Bendigo Library

12:30PM | \$35 🎟

PRIDE OF THE MINE TOUR

📍 Central Deborah Gold Mine

2PM | FREE 🎟

CREATING LESBIAN
CHARACTERS

📍 Bendigo Library

4PM | FREE 🎟

FRANKIE & PATRICE -
HOW TO BE A FAMILY IN THE
21ST CENTURY

📍 Bendigo Library

7PM | \$25 🎟

MACBETH: MURDER
ON THE DANCEFLOOR

📍 The Engine Room

8PM | \$25 🎟

DEAN ARCURI -
TO SIR WITH GLOVE

📍 Alphabet Garden

8PM-1AM | \$50 ★

GLAMAGANZA BALL

📍 Bendigo Town Hall

SUN APRIL 2

12PM | FREE 🎟

A THOUSAND THREADS:
A CONVERSATION ABOUT
GENDER DIVERSE WRITING

📍 Alphabet Garden

2PM | \$25 🎟

MACBETH: MURDER
ON THE DANCEFLOOR

📍 The Engine Room

2PM | \$20 🎟

THE REBEL ALLIANCE AND
HOT DESK FROM THE BBC
SERIES DOUBLE ACTS
BY JOHN FINNEMORE

📍 Bendigo Trades Hall

6-7:30PM | \$22 ★

LAST DRINKS TRAM

THE MAP

- 1 DUDLEY HOUSE**
📍 60 View St.
- 2 ALPHABET GARDEN**
📍 Rear of 60 View St.
- 3 THE ENGINE ROOM**
📍 58 View St.
- 4 LA TROBE ART INSTITUTE**
📍 121 View St.
- 5 BENDIGO ART GALLERY**
📍 42 View St.
- 6 BENDIGO TRADES HALL**
📍 36-40 View St.
- 7 VALENTINE'S ON VIEW LANEWAY**
📍 16-22 View St.
- 8 ROSALIND PARK**
📍 Cnr. Pall Mall & View St.
- 9 BENDIGO MILITARY MUSEUM**
📍 Pall Mall
- 10 CHARING CROSS**
📍 Cnr. Pall Mall & View St.
- 11 EXHIBIT B**
📍 Inside Bendigo Bank Central
- 12 BOOKISH**
📍 1/358 Hargreaves St.
- 13 PINOT & PICASSO**
📍 274 Hargreaves Mall
- 14 PIANO BAR BENDIGO**
📍 264 Hargreaves St.
- 15 CHANCERY LANE**
📍 Chancery Lane
- 16 BABYLON LOUNGE & GARDEN BAR**
📍 94 Pall Mall



- 17 BENDIGO LIBRARY & GARDENS**
📍 259 Hargreaves St.
- 18 BENDIGO TOWN HALL**
📍 189-193 Hargreaves St.
- 19 ST. ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH**
📍 26 Myers St.
- 20 THORNE HARBOUR COUNTRY**
📍 58 Mundy St.

NOT SHOWN ON MAP

- 21 CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE**
📍 76 Violet St.
- 22 THE NATIONAL HOTEL**
📍 182-186 High St.
- 23 TRUSCOTT STADIUM**
📍 Murdock St., California Gully

HOMOSEXUALISTS

*Have a gay time
in Bendigo!*



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