

# Matrix Guild of Victoria Inc.

## Newsletter - August 2017

### The aims and objectives of Matrix are to:

- Promote appropriate care and support for older lesbians
- Provide some accommodation that caters to the needs of ageing lesbians who experience financial disadvantage
- Support ageing lesbians' accommodation choices
- Challenge ageism and oppose discrimination against older lesbians
- Advocate on behalf of older lesbians to governments and other relevant bodies
- Promote social contact and support among older lesbians
- Research lesbians' experience of aged care

Hello Everyone,

Three Matrix events are coming up fast – the AGM, the Daylesford Lesbian Weekend (in association with Chillout), and of course our October dance. You will find details of all these in this edition. As usual, we have included details of other events that you might find inviting – Pandoras next event *“It’s my Party!”* and the *Coming Back Out Ball* to name two. We like to include opportunities for you to participate in current research studies, and this month we have provided details of two studies that relate to older lesbians. There is useful information for those who would like to make a bequest to Matrix and to end on a lighter note, the next instalment of the comic strip, *Esther’s Nine Lives!* Enjoy.....

## Matrix News and Events



**Matrix AGM is coming up fast- put the date in your diary**

All Matrix members are warmly invited to the 2017 AGM. It’s a fantastic opportunity to exercise your vote and express your views. It’s also a chance to socialise with other members. Come and join us.

**When:** Saturday, September 16th

**Where:** East Reservoir Senior Citizens’ Centre, 7A Strathmerton St. Reservoir  
1:30 Cuppa & chat  
2:00 AGM  
3:00 Afternoon Tea

**MATRIX annual membership fees are due on 16th September.**

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## Matrix Coffee Afternoons



On Thursday July 13th at our Coffee Afternoon we had a small addition to our number – Coconut the Miniature Pincer. She seemed to enjoy all the attention and the warm laps to sit on while her owner worked at a nearby table.

The Coffee Afternoons are held at *Mamma Says café*, 120 Station Street, Fairfield. The café is on the left side of Station Street heading north, between Wingrove St and Duncan St. The nearest railway station is Fairfield, on the Hurstbridge line, accessible from Wingrove Street. (*Melways Ref Map 30, K10*)

When you arrive at the café, go through to the outdoor covered area (pictured) at the rear of the café, and you will find us there. There is street parking along Station Street, but you can also park in the carpark behind the shops, which you enter from Gillies Street.

The company and the food are good, so come and join the group. Everyone is welcome, and you can bring a friend along. Check out the menu here: [www.mammasays.com.au](http://www.mammasays.com.au)

If you want more information phone **Carole 0437 891 981**

**Celebrate International Lesbians' Day and Matrix 25th birthday at the Matrix October Dance**



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**When:** 2.00 – 6.00 pm on Sunday, October 8th  
**Where:** Preston City Hall, 269-286 Gower Street, Thornbury

With International Lesbian Day coming up on Sunday 8th October, we're having a party! Put on your dancing shoes and come along and CELEBRATE Matrix's 25th birthday in the company of lots of other lesbians. Dance if you like to, or just relax, chat and enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea. Music by DJ Kerry. We want to play the music you like, those songs that you can't resist dancing to, even if your knees and hips ache. **Please send your musical requests to [secretary@matrixguildvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@matrixguildvic.org.au) now!**

**Tickets at the door:** Members: \$5 Non-members: \$7 concession, \$10 full

Supported by the Victorian Senior's Festival and the City of Darebin

**NB: Photos needed for a slide show at Matrix's 25th Birthday Party**



## Daylesford Lesbian weekend

Chillout and Matrix are putting on a weekend just for lesbians! Make sure you don't miss out – plan a trip away to celebrate the coming of Spring. Book your tickets and accommodation now, or let your Daylesford friends know you want to stay in their spare room!

### Events include:

**Saturday 2nd Sept 11:30 am**

**'Gender Troubles: The Butches'** a film by American filmmaker, Lisa Plourde

Venue: Daylesford Community Cinema

"A refreshing portrait of lesbians who want to be one thing: themselves."

Pink Apple Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, (Zurich, Switzerland)

This film celebrates butch lesbians.

Trailer: <http://gendertroubles.com/index.html>

AND a sneak preview of the first episode of local lesbian series: **'Back to Goode'**, plus a Q & A with some of the cast and crew.

Tickets: \$10 at the door or online at [www.daylesfordcinema.org.au](http://www.daylesfordcinema.org.au).

This event is a fundraiser for Matrix Guild & the Daylesford Community Cinema.

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## **More about the film....**

*'Contrary to the stereotype, butch lesbians aren't trying to be feminine and failing. They are not going through a rebellious stage or imitating men. Rather, they are women who while being true to their own selves, may look and or act in ways that society has decided is appropriate only for men. And some people have a problem with that.*

*"The women portrayed in this film examine and challenge society's assumptions about what it means to be female. Their struggles reveal how everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation, is pressured to conform and measure up to restrictive gender standards. But they also show the rewards that come when we learn to accept ourselves as we are. This is a film to celebrate butch women." (Lisa Plourdes)*

**Saturday 2nd September 8pm-1am**

**Chillout's Flappers Women's Spring Ball**



Shake out your finest this spring and celebrate music and dance from the 20s through to the mad 80s. **ChillOut's Spring Women's Ball!**

*plural noun: flappers*

*(1920s) women intent on enjoying themselves and flouting conventional standards of behaviour*

A women-only event.





Tickets: Full Price \$25/\$35 online (\$30/\$40 at door)  
Concession \$25 online (\$30 at door)  
Table of 10 \$320

Daylesford Town Hall, 74 Vincent Street Daylesford, VIC.

- 8pm - 1am
- Cabaret Style Seating.
- Licenced Bar (please no BYO alcohol)
- BYO supper encouraged.

**Buy Tickets**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/438626523167028>

<http://www.chilloutfestival.com.au/upcoming-events/flappers-ball>

**Sunday 3rd September 1pm-3pm**

Monique Brumby & band

Old Hepburn Hotel

Tickets: \$15 presale or \$20 at the door.

<http://www.chilloutfestival.com.au/upcoming-events/chilloutmoniquebrumby>

## Other People's News and Events

### Party at Pandoras!

Here is a message from the organisers of the next Pandoras' event.

*PANDORAS presents 'It's My Party' performed by The Retro Girls! Book signing by Anita Gibbons - legend from JOY 94.9, and Paulas Photo Booth!*

*Sat 5th August 2017, doors open 7pm! This is a night to Rock ya socks, Bop ya Boobs, Shake ya Booty & Groove ya Thing, so there's not gonna be a lot of time for sittin, THE RETRO GIRLS are gonna take ya back to the Sensational 60s, the Psychedelic 70s & the Outrageous 80s!*

*Kindred Studios, 212a Whitehall St, Yarraville (park & enter via Harris St)  
Book online: \$15 <https://www.trybooking.com/POBZ> or cash at the Door \$20.*

*FB Event link: <https://web.facebook.com/events/289073351514405/>*

*Enjoy outta sight burgers, brownies, barista lattes & mouth-watering salads at the Kindred Cafe, there is a lovely outdoor courtyard! Kitchen open till 10pm. Bar shuts at 1am.*





For more info SMS Rachel on 0417557011 <https://web.facebook.com/pandorasmoon/>

*PANDORAS is a regular event (not a venue) created to provide a safe space for queer (LGBTQIA) women and friends. It's inclusive; men are welcome. We thought it was important to provide a supportive platform where queer-friendly female artists could take to the stage and be outrageous, funny and uplifting, and that is exactly what we have provided. We have also created an event where queer isolated individuals feel confident to come out on their own; they are welcomed by friendly faces, who seat them and introduce them to others.....PANDORAS is a beautiful thing.....*

*PANDORAS is a time where women gather...a safe space.....a beautiful night of entertainment..... an inclusive event for queer women and friends, a time for LGBTQI folk to come together and celebrate their diversity!*

*The Retro Girls are way TOO much FUN! Great for birthday parties TOO! Totally engaging, high energy, fabulous costumes, this comedic vocal duo get everyone up on the floor as they take you on an unexpected JOY-RIDE! <https://web.facebook.com/TheRetroGirls/>*

*PANDORAS is always seeking new artists to feature, so please contact us if you are a performer who identifies as: female queer-friendly, FUN, outrageous, and you engage positively with your audience!*

**Rachel Antonik & Sandy Belcher**  
**Co-Directors / Core Performers of 'The Retro Girls Entertainment'**  
 San dee 0414 996 604 Rachel 0417 557 011

**Psychedelic**  
**PANDORAS presents 'Its My Party'**  
**performed by The Retro Girls**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August  
 \$15 online \$20 door

Rock ya Socks  
 Bop ya Boobz  
 Shake ya Booty  
 Groove ya thing

Sensational 60s  
 Psychedelic 70s  
 Outrageous 80s

Doors open 7 pm  
 Kindred Studios  
 Yarraville

[facebook.com/pandorasmoon/](https://web.facebook.com/pandorasmoon/) SMS Rachel 0417557011



## Other News

### Join the Old Lesbian Tram Ride

In October 2017, as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival, a group of lesbian elders will board a tram from the Melbourne CBD and travel through the City of Port Phillip to the St Kilda Town Hall for afternoon tea and to share their stories of resistance. The event recognises the historical experiences and resistance of older lesbians. It also acknowledges societal change – including the announcement of a **Pride Centre** in Port Phillip. Date: Wednesday 11 October 2017 1 – 4 pm.



**Location:** Tram No.16 from CBD – please contact the project coordinator for more details. (Dr Catherine Barrett, Director Alice's Garage/Project Coordinator: 0429 582 237 or email: [director@celebrateageing.com](mailto:director@celebrateageing.com))

Photographer Lisa White will be aboard the tram to photograph lesbians holding hands. Please RSVP for numbers. If you want to read more about this or if you can't go, but want to contribute a story or archival material to the project, go to: <https://alicesgarage.net/tram/>

### Ready for the next instalment of the comic strip Esther's Nine Lives?

Daylesford lesbian Sandra Broman is prolific artist, illustrator, tailor, hat-maker and creator. She and her partner, Coby, are the proprietors of Sister George Productions in Duke St, where you can buy some of her original pieces at very affordable prices.

A couple of years ago, Sandra agreed to sell Esther Olivares's recently released autobiography from her shop. Then she read it and got inspired to create a comic-strip interpretation of Esther's life. We're very excited because she's just agreed to let us publish these in serial form – two each month in the Matrix newsletter.

Sandra expects to finish this funny, heart-rending and beautifully drawn pictorial version of Esther's life next year. Enjoy!

The next two appear on the following pages.



My father was doing well so we moved to a house on Arlegui Street.

TRASATRAS POR LA TRASTASERA

It rarely ended well. WHO IS HE?

Nobody!

Life was good. They loved a party.

But next weekend they would go dancing again...

...followed by another fight.

MEANWHILE

¡YO SE QUE EL HOMBRE CON LA FACETA ESTOY AMANTE! ¿QUE DICES, VOY A DONDE A...

Father decided we needed a good education so he put us in the cheapest of the private schools in Viña.

This is how I met Cecilia.

We sat next to each other all day.

Cecilia was not a pretty girl but she was very feminine.

HA HA! Look at the HORSE! BUCKTEETH! BUCKTEETH! NEEIGH! BUCKTEETH!

HA HA HA HA HA HA







## Coming Back Out Ball

If you love performer Robyn Archer, opera singer Deborah Cheetham, and conductor Kathleen McGuire, make sure you save the date for the **Coming Back Out Ball**. It sounds like it's going to be an extravagant evening. It's **FREE for LGBTI people 65 and older!** The rest of us have to pay \$50/\$100. Includes dinner.

**Saturday 7th October 6pm**

Melbourne Town Hall

Bookings essential: 0439 820 607 or [www.comingbackoutball.com](http://www.comingbackoutball.com)

About ninety of our members are 65 or older, so get in quick and book – there's not many occasions that we get rewarded for being old!

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A spectacular social event celebrating  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender  
and Intersex (LGBTI) elders

**THE  
COMING  
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BALL**

Hosted by much loved Australian icon Robyn Archer, this night of nights will blend showbiz bells and whistles, community celebration, heartfelt story telling, dinner and dancing.

Leading Australian and international LGBTI performers will take to the stage including Carlotta, Deborah Cheetham and Toni Lalich, Gerry Connolly, Lois Weaver as Tammy WhyNot, conductor Kathleen McGuire alongside many more special guests.

This is an event the whole LGBTI (and allied) community won't want to miss!

**WHEN**  
Saturday 7 October 2017, 6.00pm

**WHERE**  
Melbourne Town Hall  
90 - 130 Swanston St, Melbourne

**TICKETS**  
Full: \$100  
Concession: \$50  
LGBTI elders 65+: FREE

Booking essential  
All tickets include dinner and drinks

**DRESS CODE**  
Formal and fabulous

For further information and tickets call 0439 820 607 or visit [www.comingbackoutball.com](http://www.comingbackoutball.com)

The Coming Back Out Ball is created by All The Queens Men and presented as a premiere event of 2017 Victorian Seniors Festival in association with the 3rd National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Conference. Supported by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, City of Melbourne, Margaret Lawrence Bequest and Victorian Seniors Festival. Auspiced by Auspicious Arts Projects Inc and Victorian AIDS Council.







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## **Greetings Matrix Sisters**

I am offering Reiki and Sound Healing sessions for women at a Preston venue Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will also be teaching Reiki 1 for Women this August.

Reiki is a natural hands-on session which uses the Universal Life Energy. It involves gentle non-invasive touch received fully clothed whilst lying on a massage table in a relaxing environment. Energy is transmitted through the Reiki practitioner and may be experienced as a gentle warmth, tingling, or deep relaxation. There is no dogma or belief system, just a set of principles that Reiki practitioners adhere to.

Sound Healing also works with Universal Life Energy transmitted through sound using instruments such as the Tibetan Singing Bowl, natural voice, and drum.

Reiki 1 is the first level of Reiki training. During the weekend you will learn about Reiki, and how to give a hands-on session. This is a gentle form of healing touch which can be used both for yourself and working with others. Reiki also works effectively with hands placed close to the body without direct touch for those who prefer this.

### ***Reiki 1 for Women:***

**When:** Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August, from 10am to 4pm

**Where:** The Reiki Cottage, 15A Breffna St, Preston

**Costs:** Fully Waged \$375, Part Waged \$320, Unwaged \$280. These costs include a free Reiki share session in September (Wednesdays 10 to midday) at the same venue.

***Reiki and Sound Healing Sessions:*** One- hour sessions \$85 waged \$75 part and unwaged

For further information and to book either a Reiki / Sound Healing session or a place in Reiki 1 for Women please contact Rachel:

**Email** [rachel@rachelmorgan.net](mailto:rachel@rachelmorgan.net)

**Mobile:** 040 288 0178

## Hannah Gadsby's last show "Nanette" comes to Melbourne – don't miss out

*Reprinted from LOTL, 14/06/2017. Author: Madeleine Gray*

If you've seen the gay creative genius that is Josh Thomas' Please Like Me, then you'll be aware that comedian Hannah Gadsby is a gift to the universe. On Please Like Me she plays Josh's Mum's fellow nut-house (their words, not ours!) patient, and is totally coincidentally also named Hannah. PLM Hannah is a depressed lesbian with a bone-dry sense of humour and some of the quickest quips in the show.

What you might know is that Hannah Gadsby exists outside of Please Like Me. In fact, she exists outside of it so much that she's now 39 and she's being doing stand-up comedy for so long that she's announced that after this year, she'll retire from the comedy scene.

But not without one last round of self-described 'swansong' shows. Gadsby has won a bloody Barry Award (i.e. Australia's comedy version of an Oscar) for the show that she'll be touring, Nanette, and she'll be blessing us with it in Sydney and Melbourne this September/October, and November, respectively.



Gadsby's show unveils the disingenuousness that lies behind feel-good proclamations to "just be yourself!" Gadsby knows from experience that this is folly and that all the cool kids are in fact normal. She always dreamt of being a cool kid but she had to accept that, just like her childhood dream of being a dog, normal isn't possible for her. Over the past year, Gadsby decided to embrace solitude, determined to see what harvest might come from nurturing her left field life.

This is a show about learning to thrive as "not normal". Gadsby's year of gentle exile not only saw her harvest silly projects like making homemade jam and adopting a "blue clothes only" policy, it gave her the strength she badly needed when she observed with increasing horror the same sex marriage debates that began to hit all the same sickening notes she'd heard as a teenager in the 1990s when Tasmania resisted the decriminalisation of homosexuality.

Don't miss your chance to be spellbound by one of Australia's most applauded comedians, and the inner workings of Hannah's unique mind.

***Nanette*** comes to the **Sydney Opera House** from 27 September to 8 October, and to **Melbourne Arts Centre** on November 24 and 25.





## Lesbians at Least 77 Years Old Needed Now

In a recent newsletter, we included a notice about a PhD student doing research at Swinburne University on gay and lesbian lives in Australia from 1946 to 1959. David Gould is hoping to interview equal numbers of gay men and lesbians. Participants must have been born between 1917 to 1939. So far only two of twelve interviews have been with women, so we need to step up if we are to have our stories told too! If you would like to participate and are in the targeted age group you can contact David on 0425 850685 or at [dgould@swin.edu.au](mailto:dgould@swin.edu.au) and he will forward further information to you. Further information here: [LGBTIQ Mental Health Carers Research](#).

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## LGBTIQ Mental Health Carers Research

Do you support an adult LGBTIQ partner, friend or family member with mental illness?

Have you had contact with mental health services in Victoria in the past 3 years?

We're keen to hear about your experiences helping and supporting them.

### Tell us what you think mental health services need to know

Our survey focuses on carers of LGBTIQ people who have had contact with mental health services since the introduction of the Victorian Mental Health Act 2014.

What was and wasn't helpful about the experience? What could services do better to support you and the person you care for?

We want to hear from you if you care for someone who:

- is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and/or questioning
- has been diagnosed with a mental illness or experienced a mental health crisis
- has used either in-patient or community mental health services in the last 3 years
- is over 18.

You may or may not be LGBTIQ yourself. We welcome carers of any ability, background, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status.

### Every caring situation is unique

Research indicates discrimination and stigma can affect the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ people. Carers of LGBTIQ people can experience unique challenges in their caring role. The aim of this 20-30 minute survey is to ascertain what is and isn't helpful and to learn from carer experiences.

**Complete the Survey at:** [carersvictoria.org.au/LGBTIQsurvey](http://carersvictoria.org.au/LGBTIQsurvey)

Findings from this research may be used in future publications and presentations. These will be available via the Carers Victoria website.

If this survey has brought up any feelings for you and you would like to talk to someone about them please contact Switchboard/QLife on 1800 184 527, Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Carers Victoria on 1800 242 636.

### For more information:

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## NEW VIDEO: Aged care must consider barriers for gay seniors

Aged care providers should “stop being coy” about including questions on sexuality in their intake forms, a health promotion organisation says. Australian aged services need to identify any barriers that may be preventing older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people from identifying as LGBTI.

That’s according to Roy Starkey, client services officer with ACON, a NSW organisation specialising in LGBTI health.

“We didn’t ask years ago about being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as we didn’t want to offend. Now we’re well past that. We need to think about asking a question on sexuality. And bringing that into all of our literature, that we are accepting of diversity,” he said.

Mr Starkey appears in a new training resource, *LGBTI: Inclusion and Awareness for the Aged Care Sector*. The film is produced by the Aged Care Channel and co-funded by the Department of Health.

He says Aged Care needs to consider how LGBTI seniors, many of whom have been stigmatised and discriminated against, may be reluctant to access services.

## Housing News

### Radio Interview

There’s an interview on Wellington NZ Lesbian radio. Click this link if you want to listen to Esme Mulligan’s interview with Anneke

<https://www.mixcloud.com/wellingtonlesbianradio/lesbian-radio-show-16-april-2017-presenter-esme/>

### WPI’s Older Women’s Housing Project

Breaking news! The Women’s Property Initiatives (WPI) board has just approved the pilot of their Older Women’s Housing project. They will be buying a block of land in Melbourne & will build four units on it. The four women residents will be consulted as to where this will be. It will first be offered to the 8 who participated in the interviews of Stage 1 of the project – including 3 Matrix members. The women who decide to participate will each lend WPI \$100,000+ in exchange for a life tenancy. They’ll pay rent calculated at 30% of their income & they need to be on the full pension, aged at least 55 & eligible for rent assistance. If they decide they want to move, go into aged care, or when they die, their money will be returned to them (or their estate) with interest.

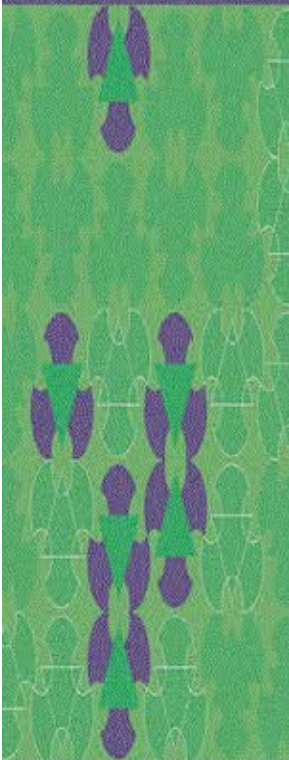
In conjunction with Jeanette Large, the CEO of WPI (the group Anneke worked with to make Heather’s Flats happen), we’ve organised a bit of publicity about this project. There’s an ABC Life Matters pod cast which features Pat Mitchell,







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Matrix's wonderful treasurer and Jeanette.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lifematters/homes-for-older-women-who-fall-through-the-cracks/8715330>

You can also read an interview with Pat, and one of our tenants in Heather's Flats – Rhonda, in this the online article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-18/giving-older-single-women-the-chance-of-owning-a-home/8702582>



They also featured on the ABC Victorian TV news on 11th July if you want to have a look at that.

This project is targeted at low income, older women who have some money, but not enough to house themselves, nor the income to service a loan. If you want to find out more, call or email Anneke on 0427 482 976 or email [secretary@matrixguildvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@matrixguildvic.org.au)



### **In Memory of Sara Elkas**

The wonderful Sara Elkas, quiet achiever, founding member of Matrix, the lesbian feminist activist who made everyone feel valued, is still alive in our hearts. Two more members have given very generous donations in her honour.

Our sincere thanks to:

- Margaret Young
- Sue Pamplin



## Consider Matrix in Your Will

Just as Heather Chapple has done, you too could make a difference to some of your lesbian sisters who are elderly, perhaps living with a disability and are in a poor financial position. Lesbians who aren't homeowners find it almost impossible to afford market rent on the aged or disability pension.

Please remember Matrix and Heather's work in providing affordable, secure housing when you make your will. You can stipulate exactly how you'd like the money spent. For bequests, please identify Matrix as: *Matrix Guild of Victoria Incorporated; ABN: 13 869 266 126; ACN: A00 260 57B.*

If you have any specific questions about a bequest, Jennifer Feeney (Solicitor) is familiar with our affairs as she has done a lot of pro bono work for Matrix. She can be reached on either her mobile number 0416 167 555 or landline 03 9029 2285.

If lesbians don't bequest and donate money to Matrix's housing projects, who will?

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

*Q: What if the Matrix committee changes? Can I be confident that new committee members will carry out my wishes?*

*A: The terms of your bequest will bind Matrix in accordance with your intentions, so a change in the composition of the committee cannot affect the obligation of Matrix to carry out your specific wishes as expressed in your Will.*

*Q: How secure would my bequest be?*

*A: All Matrix bequests are placed in a Term Deposit account until they are used for the purpose stipulated. Matrix bank accounts require two signatories for all transactions. Currently, the signatories are Pat. Mitchell, Anneke Deutsch and Carole Ann. As an incorporated association, Matrix's finances are audited by independent auditors when required by law. We are endorsed as a Charitable Institution with Deductible Gift Recipient status by the Australian Taxation Office.*

*Q: What if Matrix is dissolved after I've made my Will?*

*A: There is a wind-up clause in the Matrix constitution which provides for any remaining assets to be transferred to a lesbian organisation with similar aims. You also have the option of nominating an alternative beneficiary/charitable organisation in your Will which would receive your bequest should the gift to Matrix fail because Matrix no longer exists.*



## On a Personal Note.....

### A message from Diana

Do you love the beach?  
Do you love cats?  
Do you enjoy peace and quiet?

Maybe we can work something out to suit us both. I'm going overseas from mid-September to the end of November and have a house and cat that need to be "sat".



Said cat: "Nutmeg". 18 y. o. Sleeps a lot, loves a bit of lap time, but can be noisy at night (unless she sleeps on your bed, when she's pretty good)



Said house: older style 2 BR + study "holiday house" at Somers, 5 minutes' walk from the beach.



Occasional visits from koalas (so no dogs, sorry!)

Contact Diana Langmead. [dianalangmead@hotmail.com](mailto:dianalangmead@hotmail.com) 0421 443 297





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## WILLS POWERS OF ATTORNEY

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## CONVEYANCING

Family Law Financial Agreements

*20% off for Matrix Members  
Home Visits may be possible*

Marilyn Nuske BA, LLB, GradDip AT

*Solicitor*

Tel: 0400 784 754

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The deadline for the next Newsletter is 27th August, 2017.

Please send news items and short articles to:

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