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The Matrix Guild Vic. Inc. Newsletter

January / March 2007

**Matrix Guild Vic. Inc. is for
the benefit of Lesbians over forty years of age.
We are committed to the support of, appropriate care and accommodation
choices, and alternative lifestyle options for the older lesbians in Victoria.**

**Matrix is a non funded organization and relies on money raised from functions
such as
the 4 dances we have in 2007
(Feb. Masked Ball, May Cabaret, August Dance, and The Oct. Velvet & Lace
Ball) and other activities.**

**We also ask you for generous financial donations, which are
Tax Deductible.**

**Support Matrix and you are in effect supporting yourself in your
older years.**

Matrix Midsumma Masked Ball

17 February 2007
7.30 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Northcote Town Hall
189 High Street Northcote

BYO Tea and Coffee Supplied
\$30 conc. \$40 full

Bookings 9364 7748
100% SOLD OUT!!!!

This is a fund-raiser for Matrix Guild.

One way you can support Matrix is to buy a
Coming Home Book.

You could ring Jane and ask for one to be sent in the post .

Coming out stories from older lesbians.

\$11 a copy.

THE NEW MATRIX WEB PAGE

www.matrixguildvic.org.au

Matrix Guild Committee
presents

The Matrix
Roaring Twenties
CABARET
DANCE

Wild, Way out and Elegant
ROARING Twenties Theme

19 May 2007



7.30 p.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Coburg Town Hall

90 Bell Street Northcote

Plenty of Parking in Urquart Street behind the Hall

BYO Drinks - Tea and Coffee Supplied

\$40 conc. \$50 full

Bookings Di 0406 024 113

diward1@hotmail.com

GET IN FAST WITH YOUR BOOKING

This is a fund-raiser for Matrix Guild.

Matrix Guild

1960s

DANCE

Wendy Stapleton as

Dusty Springfield

Dress up to the Sixties Theme

4 August 2007

7.30 p.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Collingwood Town Hall

BYO Drinks - Tea and Coffee Supplied

\$40 conc. \$50 full

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The Matrix Committee of Management Invite you to

The Glamour Event of the Year

VELVET and

LACE

Ball

20 October 2007

7.30 p.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Caulfield Town Hall

BYO Drinks - Tea and Coffee Supplied

\$40 conc. \$50 full

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Bookings Di 0406 024 113

diward1@hotmail.com

or Lillian/Gail 93647748

**These Events are fund-raisers for Matrix Guild of
Vic Inc**

The GLBTI Research Begins

In late 2006 Matrix Received \$20,000 from the Reichstein Foundation for a pioneering project titled: *Exploring the Experiences of Non-Heterosexuals in Aged Care in Relation to Discrimination.*

Matrix, in collaboration with Vintage Men, head up a Steering Committee of supportive organizations and individuals who represent.

- Australian Lesbian Medical Association Committee (ALMA);
- Brotherhood of St Laurence;
- Victorian Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby;
- Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria;
- The ALSO Foundation;
- Women's Health East;
- Women's Health in the South East;
- Women's Health West;

Other groups that are supporting the project with resources and in-kind support

- Victorian Council on the Ageing;
- Equal Opportunities Commission Victoria;
- Women's Health Victoria.

The monies for the 1st stage of a project that will provide evidence, from several case studies, of discrimination against lesbians, gay men, bi sexual, transgender and intersex peoples in aged care facilities and their own homes. The project will involve the employment of a researcher to compile the case studies.

This project is the first of three projects, which will together form a significant project with the aim to leverage governmental change to service provision and the training of health workers.

Matrix Guild has advertised for a researcher and will employ a suitable candidate in February 2007.

Matrix Guild's Managing Committee

meets 6.30 pm the 3rd Tuesday of the month at

Betty Day Centre

67 Argyle Street, St Kilda (Melways 58, C9).

Parking in streets nearby or Stop 33 St Kilda Road, tram

routes 3 and 67 or Stop 27 Chapel Street on tram routes 78 and 79. .

You are most welcome to attend and contribute. Ring to check if meeting is still on 3rd Tues. before you come - 0438 411 441.

Services For Senior

Lesbians



★ *Matrix is for and by lesbians over forty years of age.
We are committed to appropriate care and alternative options for older lesbians.*



★ Matrix Guild's *Home Based Services* incorporate

★ **health,**

★ **counselling,**

★ **home care**

★ **maintenance**

★ **qualified practitioners.**

★ If you are a senior lesbian and/or a disabled lesbian and you want a qualified lesbian to assist you in the above areas for affordable rates (means tested) give us a call.

★ If you are looking for contracted work, qualified in one of these areas and would like to be considered for the service send your resume.

★ **Now is your chance to become involved in a unique service for senior lesbians.**



0438 411 441 - jkent1@vtown.com.au



Dr Dawn Riisik - Clinical Psychologist

9723 4333 - 0419 874 017

Dawn is contracted to Matrix Guild as part of its Home Based Services.

She provides individual counselling including hypnotherapy, as well as couple and family therapy.

Dawn has particular empathy towards issues which may arise for older lesbians such as: acceptance; sexuality; relationships; family issue; grief and loss; separation; loneliness; shyness; self-esteem; depression; anxiety; motivation; life direction; ageing; health; illness; stress and trauma.

I am located at **Boronia and Emerald.**

Medicare Funding Available

Food Matters

Proud contributors of the Matrix Home Based Services

is a holistic personalised service offering:

1 meal preparation **in your own home**

2 weight management programs

3 nutritious meal planning

4 grocery shopping

5 therapeutic massage

6 individualised fitness programs

Food Matters

provides the support required to achieve optimal health management at **reasonable rates.**

Contact Delia Browning for your free consultation

Ph: 9531 3884 or 0413 489 159 or

deliab@tpg.com.au

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NEWS FROM VGLRL

TRIBUNAL DECISION CONFIRMS TAX DISCRIMINATION

Following a decision last month in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal that denied a same-sex couple capital gains tax concessions upon property division, the VGLRL has issued a media release calling on the Howard Government to remove discrimination against same-sex couples in Commonwealth legislation.

The Tribunal's decision confirmed previous decisions that same-sex couples are not treated on a like basis to mixed-sex couples when it comes to tax and superannuation laws.

The effect of the decision means that same sex couples are subject to capital gains tax on property settlements after their relationship breaks down, in contrast to heterosexual de facto couples who qualify for relief under relationship breakdown laws.

Read the full media release on the Lobby's website at www.vglrl.org.au

HAVE YOU BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP?

In the last edition of the VGLRL newsletter we asked for real-life examples of discrimination. Your individual stories can help the Lobby argue for improved relationship recognition.

* Have you been asked to produce proof that you are in a de facto relationship with your same sex partner for insurance or superannuation?

* Have you had to argue the point to be included as next of kin in a hospital when your partner was sick?

* Was it impossible to obtain full and equal division of property when you split up from a long-term partner because you didn't live together?

If you've had these or any similar experiences, we'd like to hear your story. We will keep your information confidential, and will not identify you by name.

For more information, call Gerard on 0415 223 211 or [click here](#) to send an email.

MELBOURNE QUEER FILM FESTIVAL

March 15 - March 25, 2007

All tickets and passes can be booked via our website at <http://www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au> It's quick and easy, totally secure and available 24 hours. Tickets also available at: ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne, Box Office open daily from 10am – 6pm (extended hours during festival). Tickets – 03 8663 2200 and: Hares and Hyenas, 63 Johnson St, Fitzroy 3065, Tel: 9495 65 89 [http://hares-hyenas.com.au/](http://hares-hyenas.com.au) <http://hares-hyenas.com.au/> Tickets can be bought 10 – 7 Mon to Sat; 12 – 6pm Sun

For group bookings of 10 or over, phone the MQFF office on 03 9827 2022
Email at info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au - <http://www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au> Tel 61-3-9827 2022 Fax 61-3-9827 1622 - Lisa Daniel - Festival Director.



DOG

MINDING

- * Have your dog minded by caring lesbians.
- * All doggie needs catered for in a relaxed, natural environment.
- * Indoor accommodation, daily walks, individual attention.

All enquiries to LIC on 5966 2053



Dance Cats

Hello Dance Cats & Kittens out there.. Hope you're well and are surviving this heat!
I hope to see you at our events!
Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail - I'm always happy to discuss your dancing issues.
Stay gorgeous, keep smiling.. Anny - Mama Cat.
Dance Cats - 1/3 Hodgson St Fitzroy 3065
PO Box 1514 Collingwood 3066
www.dancecats.com.au
9417-6072 / 0418-671-157

Other ACTIVITIES Around Town

GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

For a comprehensive list of upcoming events visit the Gay & Lesbian Community Events Calendar at <http://www.glcec.20m.com>

SHE BAR - Women Only Events

2nd and 4th Sat. every month

Fun and friendly atmosphere with regular live acts, female DJs and special events.

BENDIGO HOTEL 125 Johnston Street, Collingwood.

www.shebar.org - Call Sharon & Andrea 0419 992 066

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RECOVERY

1st Sun. each month

LIVE acts. BENDIGO HOTEL

Womyn and Friends. \$10 - 5.30 - 11.00 pm.

Also note following websites

www.outnproudmelb.com.au - www.groups.yahoo.com/group/lesconnectmelb

ChillOut

The Palais Hepburn Springs is ChillOut's major entertainment partner during the annual festival over the Labour Day Long Weekend in March each year. The 2007 ChillOut Festival runs in Daylesford and Hepburn Springs between 9 – 12 March. <http://www.chilloutfestival.com.au> - www.100percentkylie.com. The Palais, 111 Main Rd Hepburn Springs. Ph (03) 5348 4849. www.thepalais.com.au

Frangipani Holidays

Wholesale travel operator that supports gay and lesbian community.
Holidays and airfares on all budgets from all states.

Darwin 0889423333 fax 08 89 42 33 44 frangipani2@bigpond.com



Matrix Guild Victoria Inc

A voice for older lesbians

Matrix Guild was founded by and for the benefit of lesbians over forty years of age. We are committed to the support of appropriate care and accommodation choices and alternative lifestyle options for older lesbians in Victoria.

Matrix Guild was founded on 9th May 1992 by a group of lesbians and it was incorporated in September 1992. The visions and aims of these women were to raise money to assist and aid older/disabled lesbians.

Matrix Guild Statement of Purposes

The Guild is established for the public charitable purposes of the relief of poverty, helplessness and suffering of women, and in particular lesbians, by without limitation providing home based services and accommodation to aged, disadvantaged and disabled women.

As an incidental and ancillary purpose, the Guild may provide training and education to home care providers on issues relevant to caring for lesbians to increase the sensitivities of the carers and the standard of home care to lesbians.

Do you want to support Matrix? Here's what you can do.

- Organise and/or attend Matrix Guild fund-raisers.
- Include Matrix Guild Victoria Inc as a beneficiary in your will. Phone Jane Kent on 03 9347 2532 or 0438 411 441 for information on how to go about it.
- Become a financial member.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to Matrix Guild

You will receive a receipt from Matrix, with our ABN number on it, that states the receipt is for a tax-deductible gift for Matrix Guild benevolent services.

Application/Renewal Matrix Guild Membership

Yearly fee period from Annual General Meeting (Aug/Sept)

Full membership: \$15 waged / \$10 concession

Organisation membership: \$30 (or donation)

Send to: The Secretary, PO Box 99 Fairfield, Vic 3078

Name:

Address:

Phone:

This is a renewal / new membership.

I agree / do not agree to my name and details as listed above being made available to Matrix Guild members.

Signature:

Date: