

*January 2013  
Edition:*

## *"The Matrix Flyer"*

### *Matrix Volunteer Visitor Program*

Hi Everyone,

We trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years, and we wish you a safe healthy and wonderful 2013....

We welcome you to the January edition of "The Matrix Flyer". AND we hope that you enjoy our snippets and information.....

*Coffee & Chats...Back by popular demand*



Please feel free to pop along and join us for a delicious coffee or perhaps a bite to eat and our informal gatherings. The get togethers will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at

*"The Curious Goose"  
307 Sydney Road  
Brunswick  
2 -4pm*

If you have any queries please contact Sharon on 0419 992 966 or by return email. Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to catching up with you very soon.

Matrix committee members currently visit and support a number of older, isolated lesbians; some who live alone, others who reside in Aged Care facilities. We are hoping to formalise and expand this service, taking advantage of the Federal government's recent announcement of LGBTI- specific funding for such a Community Visitor Program. The grants will be available in the middle of 2013. Matrix is holding discussions with Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria to strategise and work out the best way to access these grants. The government has said that they want to give the funding to a single agency to deliver the service. That means we'll need to work in coalition with other LGBTI groups. We want to set up a program where volunteers receive training, support, debriefing and their travelling costs are covered. We have a new Matrix member who has a lot of experience with similar programs at the Office of the Public Advocate who is interested in working to further develop this important service. We think it is vital, that even though we might be working alongside other LGBTI groups, that it is only volunteer lesbians who visit lesbians. So we need YOU. If you have any interest in supporting an older lesbian, it might mean one visit a month, (or more if you have the time), please call Anneke on 0427 482 976 9 or email: [housing@matrixguildvic.org.au](mailto:housing@matrixguildvic.org.au) to register your interest.

The Matrix Guild of Victoria Inc.  
 Proudly Presents  
*The Satin & Silk Ball*  
 Featuring  
**SOUL SISTER SWING**

Saturday 13th April 2013



A women's only event with proceeds to assist our women's community

**Date:** Saturday 13th April 2013  
**Time:** 7.00pm - 12.30am  
**Venue:** St Kilda Town Hall  
 99a Carlisle Street, St Kilda  
**BYO:** Nibbles & Drinks  
 Light Nibbles, Tea, Coffee,  
 & Water Provided

**Ticket Prices:** \$50 / \$40

**Ticket Sales**  
 Anna Cook: 0448 002 870  
 Sharon Stanton: 0419 992 966  
 Email: [matrixevents@matrixguildvic.org.au](mailto:matrixevents@matrixguildvic.org.au)

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