

# Matrix Guild of Victoria Inc.

Newsletter - October 2016

## 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!

Spring is in the air, so kick up your heels at the Matrix Spring Tea Dance. The Matrix AGM is also fast coming up, so here's your chance to learn more about the work of Matrix and get involved. Details of both events are in this edition. As usual, we tell you about other events and resources that may be of interest, so read on.....

## Annual General Meeting



## Matrix AGM!

Come along and have your say and celebrate that Matrix has endured for another year. We have entertainment, delicious food and drinks arranged. Apologies to Rachel Morgan and Dyke Divas – we went to print last month without checking the date with them, but Annie Pratten will be singing and playing guitar for you instead.

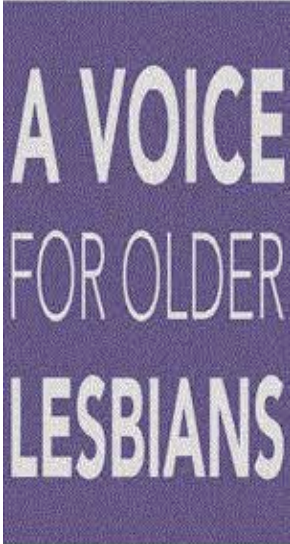
**When: Saturday 12th November 2016**

**Where: Clyde St. Community Hall, 64 Clyde St., Thornbury**

- **2.00 pm** Afternoon tea (come early to chat and socialise over a cuppa)
- **2.30 pm** Annie Pratten entertains you on her guitar
- **3.00 pm** AGM



- **4.00 - 5:00 pm Short Film (21 minutes) "Terra Nullius" by Aboriginal lesbian, Annie Pratten, with discussion over more cuppas and nibbles afterwards. The film is a somewhat impressionistic biographical drama, about a young Aboriginal girl raised in a white family. We also see her as an adult. Shame, fear and denial about her Aboriginality pervade the film....**



## Matrix Volunteer Visitors Program

Our next training day for visitors for Matrix Volunteer Visitor Program is on **October 8th 2016** and will be held at **Clyde Street Community Hall, 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury**, from **9.30am till 3.00pm**.

If you would like to become a volunteer visitor with Matrix and provide support for an isolated elderly lesbian, please contact Anna Cook at [inquiries@matrixguildvic.org.au](mailto:inquiries@matrixguildvic.org.au) or 0448002870

Matrix' next lunch and social get together for volunteer visitors is on November 12th 2016 at Clyde Street Community Hall, 64 Clyde Street Thornbury, from 12 noon till 2.00pm.

If you haven't trained as a visitor, but you'd like to find out more about the program, come along and share some lunch with us. There will be an opportunity for volunteers to socialise with other members of Matrix after lunch and to attend the AGM later in the day if they wish.

Cheers  
**Anna Cook - Matrix**





## Matrix Tea Dance



A pink event poster for 'Lesbian Tea Dance'. At the top, there are logos for 'CITY OF DAREBIN', 'Matrix Guild VICTORIA INC.', and 'VICTORIAN SENIORS Festival'. The main title 'Lesbian Tea Dance' is written in large, white, bold letters. Below the title, the date and time 'Sat 15 October 2016 2pm - 6pm' and the location 'Preston City Hall, 284 Gower St, Preston' are listed. The central image shows silhouettes of several women dancing against a red background. In the foreground, there is a black and white photo of a smiling woman with short dark hair, wearing a light-colored jacket. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'Live music by Kerryn Fields &amp; Rosie Burgess. DJ Kerry. Scrumptious afternoon tea included.' Below this, the ticket prices are listed: 'Tix at the door: \$5 members, \$7 concession, \$10 full'. At the bottom right, the website 'Matrixguildvic.org.au' is provided. The name 'KERRYN FIELDS' is written vertically on the right side of the photo.

This is a not-to-be-missed celebration of lesbian life and love! An afternoon of uplifting music:

**Dyke Divas** choir will sing you a welcome as you arrive.

**DJ Kerry** will play all your favourite dance tracks and celebratory anthems. There will be fabulous live music by **Kerryn Fields with Rosie Burgess** on bass. Fields' warm personality and striking voice (reminiscent of Toni Childs) meld perfectly with her alt-country and roots stylings. Her songs are laced with rockabilly and soul. Rosie Burgess's energetic bass rounds out the sound.



**Saturday 15th October, 2pm-6pm**  
**Preston City Hall, 284 Gower St Preston, near corner of High St**  
**Free afternoon tea with savory and sweet delights.**

**Tickets at the door.**  
**\$5 Matrix members**  
**\$7 concession**  
**\$10 full**

**Free entry if you join or renew on the day. This fundraising event is subsidised by the City of Darebin and Seniors Victoria.**

All lesbians welcome – you don't have to dance, you may just like come to socialise and listen to some great music!

**A VOICE  
FOR OLDER  
LESBIANS**

## **A Heartfelt THANKYOU & Goodbye!**

Sadly, the Wayward Women Walkers group has ceased to operate. They decided to donate their residual funds - \$789.38 - to Matrix. Many thanks to Wayward Women Walkers, especially to Liz Smith who facilitated this donation.

## **Matrix Coffee Afternoons**



### ***Over the Road Cafe is the place to be on Thursdays***

Come along to the Matrix coffee afternoons for good company, good conversation and good food. Meet your mates, or someone new. Have lunch, or just a cuppa. Play games or just chat. Bring a friend along. It's a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and everyone is made welcome.

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It's every Thursday, from 12 noon to 3.00 pm at **Over the Road Café**, on the corner of Victoria Rd and South Crescent, Northcote.

The café is opposite Northcote Nursery and only 3 minutes' walk from the Dennis railway station, on the Hurstbridge line. (*Melways Ref Map 30, H10*)

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

### ***Matrix Raffle!***

Get your tickets to the Matrix raffle now! First prize is a two-night, midweek stay at Millduck Strawbale B&B, a lesbian operated 'Hideaway in the Hills', rated in the top 10 B&B's in Victoria. We thank Ada and Prue for their very generous donation. (See attached ad for more detail).

Second prize is a beautifully framed (76x42cm) herstoric piece of memorabilia- Julia Gillard's famous misogyny speech. Valued at \$150. Special thanks Harry Grrl for donating this.

Tickets: \$5 each: limited number of tickets sold, so your chances of winning are high! Raffle drawn at our Tea Dance on 15th October.

To get your tickets now, deposit into our Bendigo Bank account:

ACCT NAME: Matrix Guild of Victoria Inc.

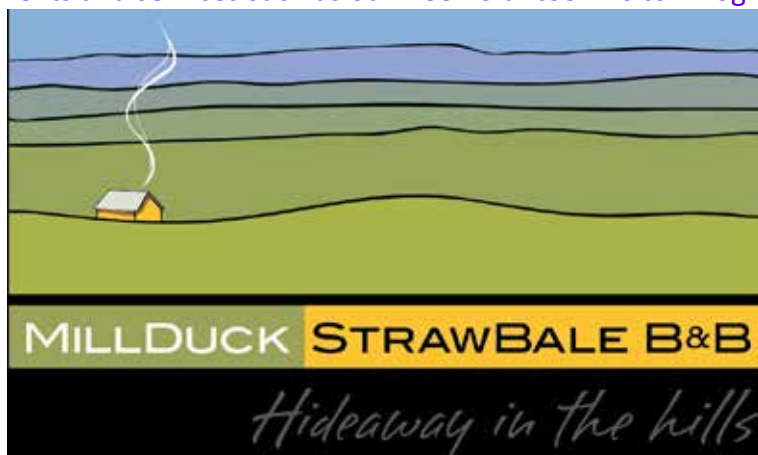
BSB: 633 000

ACCOUNT NO: 144 565 546

REF: Your name & phone Number

Call, text or email Harry Grrl on 0450 813 784 or [harrygrrl@gmail.com](mailto:harrygrrl@gmail.com) when you make your deposit and she'll send your ticket numbers. All proceeds go to fund Matrix

community events and services such as our free Volunteer Visitor Program.



### **First Prize 2-day stay at B & B**

Two, fully self-contained, STRAWBALE units provide a secluded & peaceful retreat with views of the Sedgwick ranges that take your breath away.



# A VOICE FOR OLDER LESBIANS

This picturesque 35-acre property offers guests the opportunity to cuddle an alpaca, wander through the gardens, stroll in the granite hills, and explore the nearby goldfields towns of Castlemaine, Maldon, & Bendigo. At the end of the day, a relaxing spa, crackling fire and glass of local wine will top off your experience.

- Centrally located - 20 mins to Bendigo, Castlemaine & Maldon, (40 mins - Daylesford / Heathcote)
- Quiet, peaceful & private retreat with views (from your unit) stretching to the distant mountain range
- Double spa / wood fire / late noon checkout / Free Wifi / DVDs, etc.
- Suitable for one couple in each unit – no extra people & no pets, thanks
- Cooking facilities: microwave / convection oven, electric frypan, hotplate, BBQ
- Gardens – browse or wander to the lookout; enjoy a snooze under the willows
- Wheelchair accessible in one unit – including mobile shower chair available
- Henry's Cidery; Bress Wine, Cider & Produce; Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens; Victorian Goldfields Railway, Bendigo Attractions & Events, The Great Stupa; Maldon & Castlemaine Attractions & Events, Bendigo Art Gallery, Goldfields Track; Tread Harcourt (Cafe/Restaurant);
- StrawBale House Tours & talk on passive solar design features, free if staying 2+ nights (pre book)
- Alpacas: mingle with ... pat .... or enjoy a picnic in the paddock with them
- For Sale - Fleece & Alpacas – Pets, breeding stock & Show animals: MillDuck Alpaca Stud

**Your Hosts: Ada Milley & Prue Walduck**

Ph. **+61 3 5439 6451** Mob. 0449 643 721 [bandb@millduck.com.au](mailto:bandb@millduck.com.au)

[www.millduck.com.au](http://www.millduck.com.au)

Note: If you make a booking at Millduck, please mention Matrix, as your hosts are interested to know how you heard about their B & B.

## Other People's events

Dear Sisters

Dyke Books Inc. is pleased to announce that due to a last minute grant from the City of Melbourne, which was totally unexpected, there will be another book launch of *Lesbians Ignite! In Victoria in the 1990s*.

Not all the details are finalised as yet but the date is **Saturday 19 November, 2 - 4pm**, and the venue is the **Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre, 251 Faraday Street Carlton**.

Please put the date in your diaries and we will post more details as they come to hand. Please note that this is an open and public event.

With love,

**Jean Taylor**

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## Lesbians Ignite!

In Victoria In the 1990s



written by Jean Taylor and published by Dyke Books Inc

will be launched by the award-winning playwright

**PATRICIA CORNELIUS**

on **Saturday 19 November 2016, 2pm - 4pm**

with entertainment by the singing group

**DYKE DIVAS**

at the

**Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre**

251 Faraday Street, Carlton

(between Swanston and Cardigan Streets, tram stop Melbourne Uni terminus)

come and enjoy a **delicious afternoon tea, singing, readings, speeches**, and much celebration

*photo of bees by Meg Irwin*



*Supported by the City of Melbourne Arts Grants Program*

# A Celebration of Ageing in all its Glorious Diversity



This Daylesford event features:

- live music by Ukulele Affair
- moving stories of gay and lesbian life with a peek at the soon-to-be-released doco called "Daylesford Story" about us and how we came to be the LGBTI rural capital of Australia.
- Dancing hosted by Sharyn and Sue
- Delicious afternoon tea and more....

Free entry

ALL WELCOME

**WHEN: Tuesday 11th October 1:30 – 4:30 pm**

**Where: The Pavilion, Victoria Park, Daylesford**

**The deadline for the next Newsletter is 27th October, 2016.**

Please send news items and short articles to:

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