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Dear Friends

I must apologise for the two-day delay in publishing the newsletter. I have no excuse other than pure lethargy. I console myself with the realisation that most of you have been in somewhat similar state. As a good friend of mine remarked, there is nothing in the papers this time of year so why should you be any different.

I'm not really sure that this comment passes the accuracy test as we do have two extremely important announcements.

One is about King's Birthday Weekend Ball, our Royal Gala Performance and the impending ticket release. More in this newsletter.

Secondly, is announcing the formation of Blue Mountains Pride, an alliance of LGBTIQ+ groups in the Blue Mountains under the Pride banner. Larry has done a sterling job in conceptualising, promoting and enrolling our partner queer social groups in the mountains to this endeavour.

Also, I would be remiss not to thank Peter Horan for providing a superb entertaining experience at the piano at the Three Sisters Annual Christmas Dinner. He and the evening were a great success. I hope we will see more of him in the future.

Until then, stay safe
Terry



UPCOMING EVENTS



14 February 2024

TBA

Reservations: by the Sunday evening prior

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The Grandview Hotel

Wentworth Falls.

1230pm Tuesday

23 January 2024

A choice of main course and dessert

Price: \$37

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Royal Gala Performance Ball



This is advance warning that tickets for this must attend event will be available on 1 February, 2024.

It's time to take stock, plan your costume, conceptualise your table decorations and organise your guest list.

Following our past practice, we will be publishing a Ball Special edition of the newsletter shortly that will give you all the information you need about ticket purchase, accommodation options, theme ideas and entertainment plans.

Don't forget to check out our Ball Special Edition Newsletter, out soon.



Blue Mountains Pride

Blue Mountains Pride is an alliance of LGBTIQ+ groups in the Blue Mountains under the Pride banner. Larry has done a sterling job in conceptualising, promoting and enrolling our partner queer social groups in the mountains to this endeavour.



June is Pride month around the world. While Sydney's main celebration is Mardi Gras, it also holds a Pride festival in June. We are seeing more local Pride festivals around Australia.

A Blue Mountains Pride festival will make a great addition to the calendar.

In the Blue Mountains we already have a huge annual LGBTQIA+ weekend on the June (King's Birthday) Weekend. bentART has their annual exhibition that attracts more than 100 art works and hundreds of visitors. Three Sisters Social Group runs the popular Blackheath Disco on the Saturday night and the Annual Costume Ball on the Sunday night. Bush Lemons organise a bushwalk on the weekend (weather permitting). There have been other events over the years including from Pink Mountains and the Trans community.

Blue Mountains Pride has been conceptualised as an umbrella organisation to coordinate and promote this weekend as a Pride festival. It will enable the various Blue Mountains LGBTQIA+ groups to attract more interest in their events.

Each participating organisation will use their resources and networks to promote the weekend along with the events of the whole Festival.

The existing events already constitute an exciting program in the Blue Mountains and serve as the foundation of the Blue Mountains Pride festival. While there is little need to create more events, this will likely happen over the years.

Blue Mountains Pride has the potential to develop as a vibrant LGBTQIA+ presence in the Mountains.

Three Sisters Annual Christmas Dinner

The Three Sisters Social Group Christmas Dinner was held at our traditional venue, the Chalet Guest House and Studio. Our hosts, David and David, provided the usual fabulous service.

Dinner was attended by 30 members and friends who were royally entertained by Peter Horan, pianist extraordinaire, who also accompanied Patrick in his now famous annual Christmas serenade.

Maurice Cooper, OAM, took the opportunity to express his thanks to the Three Sisters for his conferring of a Life Membership of the group. Maurice has been an



enduring member of the group and a very great friend to and supporter of it over the decades. His thoughtful and moving speech was warmly received.

