

## Editorial

Dear Friends

We are in the countdown to our signature events on the June Kings Birthday Long Weekend.

The long months of planning have paid off and we are sure that you will enjoy what we have in store for you.

The Blackheath Disco is back home at Blackheath and we have built upon our Soirée format for the Sunday of the Long Weekend to bring you Thriller the Soirée.

I'm sure that the Soirée formula will see the start of new series of functions that will continue the tradition of the historic Three Sisters Queens Birthday Balls.

We have named Thriller as the culmination of the Blue Mountains Pride Festival programme.

Not only will it give our members and friends, especially the many of those who have begged for a replacement for the Ball, an opportunity to celebrate and continue our traditions; it will welcome new friends associated with the new association that Blue Mountains Pride represents.

To complement Thriller, Mt Vic Flicks is presenting one of the funniest movies ever made, Young Frankenstein. I think the movie and the soirée will be a perfect pairing.

On a final note, don't forget to join our Three Sisters table at bentART Trivia, Sunday 13 April 2025.

Make sure you have the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June reserved for Pride events.

Until then  
Terry

## Upcoming Events

### Dinner

Avalon Restaurant, Katoomba

7:00 PM Wednesday 9 April 2025

Price \$53

Prepay by Direct Debit. Card/Cash at Event.

Reservations by the Sunday evening prior [3sisters.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:3sisters.bookings@gmail.com)

### Luncheon

The Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls

12:30 PM Tuesday 22 April 2025

Price: \$42

Prepay by Direct Deposit. Card/Cash at event.

Reservations by the Sunday evening prior [3sisters.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:3sisters.bookings@gmail.com)

## Three Sisters Social Group

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Committee Executive:

President: Terence Preeo

Vice-president: Vacant

Secretary: Larry Singer

Treasurer: Rick Hawthorn

# Events and Other Distractions April to July 2025

9 April	Monthly Dinner Avalon
13 April	Trivia Katoomba RSL (bentART event)
22 April	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
13 May	Monthly Dinner TBA
28 May	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
6 June	bentART Grand Exhibition and Pride Weekend Initial Event (by invitation) Rex-Livingston Gallery Exhibition open until 15 June
7 June	Bush Lemons Inclusive Bush Walk Details TBA
7 June	Three Sisters Blackheath Disco Blackheath
8 June	Young Frankenstein Mt Vic Flicks
8 June	Thriller the Soirée Victoria and Albert Guesthouse Mount Victoria
24 June	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
8 July	Christmas in July

## 2025 Trivia - bentART Fundraiser



**Trivia @  
Katoomba RSL on  
Sunday 13 Apr,  
1pm - 4pm AEST**

The Three Sisters have participated in the bentART Trivia for many years. We have booked a table for this year's Trivia. Hope you join us.

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of fun, laughter, and friendly competition at the upcoming fundraiser on 13th April! This event promises to be a highlight of the season, bringing the community together for a great cause while putting your trivia skills to the test.

Hosted by the incredible Sue Collins of Mountains Tales, this trivia showdown will keep you on your toes with brain-bending questions and plenty of surprises.



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Join the Three Sisters Table by

Step 1 Buy your ticket \$25 +bf [Trivia Tix](#)

Step 2 Book your seat [3sisters.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:3sisters.bookings@gmail.com)

## Blue Mountains Pride

### Kings Birthday Long Weekend June 2025

The Blue Mountains LGBTIQ community is coming together under the Blue Mountains Pride banner to bring the Blue Mountains to life over the Kings Birthday Long Weekend 6 – 9 June 2025.

The Queen's Birthday Long Weekend has become the King's Birthday. It remains of great significance for our LGBTIQ mountains community, not to mention the many visitors who have attended the various events over time.

The branding of the weekend activities under the Pride banner gives us the ability to bring a unified programme of activities and events to the community, for both locals and visitors. By promoting a programme of events, we will also be encouraging you and your friends to attend multiple activities and make the most of the weekend.

<b>Blue Mountains Pride Kings Birthday Weekend 6 – 9 June 2025 Festival Programme</b>	
6 June – 15 June 2025	The bentART Prize and Exhibition Rex-Livingston Gallery 182 Katoomba St Katoomba
9.00 AM Saturday 7 June 2025	The Bush Lemons Fancy Dress Bush Walk for all in the LGBTIQ/Allies orbit GLBTQ+ as part of the King's Birthday Long Weekend Festivities! Leader: Jocelyn. This is always a fun walk where you are encouraged to dress up! Location TBA.
7.00 PM – 12.00 AM Saturday 8 June 2025	The Three Sisters Social Group present The Blackheath Disco at the Blackheath Community Hall Blackheath
3.00 PM – 4.55 PM Sunday 9 June 2025	Young Frankenstein Mt Vic Flicks Mount Victoria
5.00 PM – 9.00 PM Sunday 9 June 2025	Thriller the Soirée, the windup party, bringing the Blue Mountains Pride Groups together and bring the weekend activities to an epic close. The Victoria and Albert Guest House, Mount Victoria
	... watch this space



# 'Thriller the Soirée' Announced

The event to end all events. A little too dramatic? Perhaps, but Thriller the Soirée is the final event of our Pride Kings Birthday Long Weekend festival.

Three Sisters Social Group  
invites you to  
**THRILLER**  
THE SOIRÉE

Kings Birthday Weekend

**Sunday 8 June 2025**  
5pm to 9pm  
Victoria & Albert Guesthouse, Mt Victoria

Three Sisters Social Group  
BLUE MOUNTAINS PRIDE

\$99+bf early bird, \$109+bf full price  
Includes buffet dinner and drink on arrival

Details: <https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/soiree/>  
Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CZYFD>

Perfect timing for a post Pride Festival wrap-up.

Thriller is the successor to the Mountain Ball hosted by the Three Sisters Social Group and others since 1983.

Thriller will provide the opportunity to celebrate our success in showcasing the LGBTIQ+ communities extensive artistic talents.

Thriller the Soirée provides an opportunity to wrap up the weekend, to celebrate the success of Blue Mountains Pride and bring our members and friends together to swap war stories.

Thriller will be an ode to shlock from, but not limited to, such luminaries as Mary Shelley (Frankenstein 1818), Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (silent movie 1920), the pantheon of 1950s scifi/horror movies, and more recent movie offerings such as

Barbarella, Rocky Horror, Young Frankenstein and the Fifth Element. There's a lot of artistic inspiration to get you started.

The amazing Victoriana adorned Victoria and Albert Guesthouse provides an appropriate backdrop for our final celebration of the Blue Mountains Pride Kings Birthday Long Weekend.

It would be nice if the Vanda was haunted; just for that night.

Early bird tickets are available until 30 April.

<p>Thriller the Soirée Sunday 8 June 2025 5 pm to 9 pm Victoria and Albert Guesthouse Mount Victoria \$99 + BF early bird, \$109 Full Price Buffet Supper and Drink on Arrival. Cash Bar. <a href="#">Details</a> - <a href="#">Tickets</a></p>
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## But Wait.....There's More

How about a double feature?

Movie and Soirée. What more could one want?

Mt Vic Flicks will be partnering Thriller the Soirée with one of the funniest movies ever made, a movie that fits in with the theme and mood of Thriller the Soirée.

Young Frankenstein.

Join us in celebrating the ultimate horror spoof and the final event of the Blue Mountains Pride Festival.

[Mount Vic Flicks](#)



## Thriller. A Journey of Discovery

Do you remember Elvira's Thriller Theatre? That was 1989 to 1990. You must. No, you must. Stop denying it.

Elvira captured 30% of the viewing audience despite her Thriller Theatre being on channel 10 late on Monday nights. She brought such delightfully terrible movies as The Fly, Return of the Fly, Son of the Fly, The Fly Family etc. to the cathode tube. (OK, I made that last two up.)

I only mention Elvira because her version of schlock was the only version that many of us knew of this delightful genre.

Then something went wrong  
For Fay Wray and King Kong  
They got caught in a celluloid jam

I, of course, was around for the original movies. Not the original originals such as King Kong, that would be stretching it a bit after all that was the 1930s.

I refer to the 1950s scifi/horror movies care of the modern marvel of television, black and white television; not that that mattered, the movies were in black and white in any case.

Michael Rennie was ill  
The day the Earth stood still  
But he told us where we stand  
And Flash Gordon was there  
In silver underwear  
Claude Rains was The Invisible Man

One cannot underestimate the effect of 50s scifi/horror on a budding pubescently sensitive boy. The culmination of Vixens from Space merging with the self-devouring Id of excessively educated aliens in the Forbidden Planet was the stuff of nightmares. Nightmares that were bound to have a sticky ending.



Dana Andrews said prunes  
Gave him the runes  
And passing them used lots of skills  
But when Worlds Collide  
Said George Pal to his bride  
I'm gonna give you some terrible thrills

One could never grow out of the delights of that genre.

It all made sense when Rocky Horror first hit the stage and then the screen. I saw the film premier in London. There it all was, the coalescing of the bad acting, the over wrought scripts and the fevered imaginations and the sheer campness of all that had gone before now made sense.

I knew Leo G. Carroll  
Was over a barrel  
When Tarantula took to the hills

Anne Francis stars in Forbidden Planet  
Who was a model for Rocky's Janet.  
At the late night, double feature, picture show

I wanna go, ah-oh-oh  
To the late-night double feature picture show  
By RKO, woah-oh-oh  
To the late night, double feature picture show  
In the back row, ah-ha-oh  
To the late night double feature picture show. (1)

So, now's our chance to be our own version of that wonderful period of fantasy. Sci-Fi has covered an awful lot of ground since Mary Shelly. There's a lot to choose from. What is your inspiration?

Let's have a thrill at Thriller.

(1) Verses from 'Science Fiction/Double Feature', Rocky Horror Show by Richard O'Brien

## But Wait .... There's Much More

How can we miss the Blackheath Disco, Back in Blackheath.

Yes, the disco returns home to Blackheath, Saturday 7 June 2025, 7 pm to midnight.

Tickets are now on sale at [TryBooking](#)

Information at  
<https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/disco/>



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# Monthly Dinner and Luncheon



## Monthly Dinner

7 PM, Wednesday  
9 April 2025

## The Avalon

18 Katoomba St  
Katoomba

\$53 / 2 Courses

Reservations: by the  
Sunday evening prior

[bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au)



## Monthly Luncheon

The Grandview Hotel

Wentworth Falls

12:30pm Tuesday

22 April 2025

- A choice of main course and dessert
- Price: \$42

Reservations by the  
Sunday evening prior to

[bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au)



# IDAHOBIT

Blue Mountains City Council and the IDAHOBIT Committee are looking for an MC, Speakers and Acts to help us celebrate IDAHOBIT 2025 on **Saturday 17 May**.

This is such an important day to reflect, celebrate, raise the flag and raise our voices for LGBTQIA+ acceptance, love and anti-discrimination.

Find out more about

IDAHOBIT - <https://www.idahobit.org.au/> and <https://may17.org/>

The theme this year is "*The power of communities*". The event will be 10.00am – 12.00noon in Tibbi Whalan Hall, Katoomba Civic Centre, Katoomba St, on Saturday 17 May. This will be a free inclusive public event.

If you would like to be our MC for the event, send us an Expression of Interest email, we would love to hear from you.

If you have a story or an act to share on the day as one of our speakers or performers, whether it be sad, joyous or anything in between, send us an Expression of Interest email, we would love to hear from you.

Please email [communitydevelopment@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communitydevelopment@bmcc.nsw.gov.au) to put in an Expression of Interest. You can also call Sophie Davis, Program Leader Community and Social Planning at Blue Mountains City Council on 4780 5149.

Your Expression of Interest email should include "Expression of Interest for IDAHOBIT" in the title. In the body of the email include:

- Your name
- Email and phone number
- What you would like to do – MC, speak or perform
- What you would like to speak about, your message, or describe your act eg song, dance, poem, in a few sentences.

The Committee will review the entries and come back to you by 14 April, if not before.

If you are interested in having a stall on the day please also email [communitydevelopment@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communitydevelopment@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

More information to come on IDAHOBIT 2025 Saturday 17 May – save the date!





# The Long Lunch Pictures



## More Pictures of the Long Lunch

at [VandA Long Lunch Picture Gallery](#)

