King's Birthday Weekend Extra

You may remember it as the Queen's Birthday long weekend, but it is now officially the King's Birthday long weekend. At the Three Sisters Social Group, however, we still like to think of it as the Queens' Birthday. As usual, we have a fabulous weekend planned for the Queens and all the other members of our community including our allies.



Saturday night we bring you the **Blackheath Disco** at the Blackheath Community Centre.

Sunday night is all about the **Queens' Ball** 'On the Catwalk' being held at The Carrington, Katoomba.

The **bentArt** exhibition is open all weekend at Rex-Livingston Art+Objects, Katoomba.

Read on for all the details. Or visit the Three Sisters website.









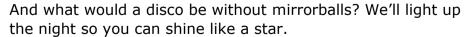
The Blackheath Disco starts at 7pm on Saturday 10 June at the Blackheath Community Centre. Close your eyes now and your heart will take you there.



Dj shOrty will serve a mix of disco greats and more recent tunes that are sure to get you grooving. You may hear Sylvester, Donna Summer, The Weather Girls, Sheryl Lee Ralph, ABBA, Eurythmics, Madonna, Kylie, Kim Petras, Lizzo and many more. Make sure you bring your dancing shoes.

Miranda Fair, the glamorous singing retail therapist from the Sutherland

shire, will be entertaining us on the night. Miranda is excited to bring us two sparkling shows. Expect some camp pop anthems that will have you singing along.





The Blackheath Disco is BYO. We will have water, soft drinks and snacks available. Bring some champagne or a bottle from a local vineyard. Prepare a feast and get there early to grab a table.

Tickets are available online at <u>TryBooking</u> for \$35+bf. If not sold out there will be tickets on the door for \$40.



It's almost time. The excitement builds. The anticipation is unbearable. It may be called the King's Birthday holiday, but it is still the Queens' Ball.

'On the Catwalk' is almost upon us. The Carrington Hotel will be ablaze with the light of a host of sparkling eyes, possibly enhanced by a pre ball bubbly.

The costumes will be extraordinary in their brilliance. The tables will shine with stupendous creativity. If you thought that the stupendous Platinum and Ruby Ball was, well, stupendous, then wait until you experience 'On the Catwalk'.

On the Catwalk will be held on the King's Birthday long weekend, 6:30pm to 11:30pm, Sunday 11 June 2023 at the Carrington Hotel, our new and sensational venue.

The Carrington is a marvellous venue, steeped in history and having a unique style of its own. A style that our community can well match, or outdo.

Ticket Availability

There are 4 tickets still available as of the date of this newsletter.

Now is the time to cajole those wayward friends who have expressed the desire to attend; or who have expressed regret that they haven't bought a ticket; or that special reticent friend who you know will thoroughly enjoy the ball; or someone whose company you value, into purchasing that last chance of unbridled joy. Contact the Carrington 02 4782 1111.

Hostess with the Mostest

Frock is back.

<u>Frock Hudson</u>, who wowed us at the Ruby and Platinum Ball last year, is making a repeat appearance.



Frock Hudson describes himself as a "fabulous, furry and a whole heap of fun." He is a talented cabaret performer, a stalwart of the LGBTIQ community and a legend in his hometown of Melbourne and within the wider LGBTQI community.

Frock is guaranteed to inject a specialness into 'On the Catwalk', whether it be as hostess with the mostest on the ball or entertainer par excellence.

The Venue and Hospitality

The Carrington Hotel is an icon. The oldest resort hotel in the Blue Mountains offers you style, old world elegance and an experience you will never forget.



We will begin our escapade into fashion and style with aperitifs in the old Ballroom, a beautiful room that will be repurposed to enjoy our pre festive drinks and to mix and mingle with friends and soon to be friends. Aperitivo is the time to greet old friends, gaze upon the most amazing costumes and praise the creativity and skills and beauty in which our rainbow community excels.



Then to the Grand Dining Room to feast and dance and to strut your stuff. The Grand Dining Room will see us enveloped in Victorian grace, an intimate space that will entice the most reserved of us to unleash our inner super model.

Hospitality during the ball consists of a delicious three course meal and a wine and beer drinks package until 9.45pm.

Table Decoration

Keeping with our 40+ year tradition, guests are invited to decorate their tables.

Time has been set aside at 3pm on the day of the ball to enable table to be decorated.



However, if you do not wish to do this, you are encouraged to bring manageable, yet fabulous, table decorations with you on the night.

Again, in accordance with our tradition, the Carrington staff will judge the 'Best Decorated Table Award'.

The Awards and Parade

It wouldn't be a Three Sisters Ball without giving everyone an opportunity to show off their fabulousness, their creativity and their superb style.

Our new format for the ball that spreads the parades over the night was an unbridled success last ball and will be improved for 'On the Catwalk'.

Making you, all of you, the focus of the night and giving you, all of you, an opportunity to shine is 'On the Catwalk's' cause célèbre. You will delight and amaze your friends as you strut, swish, vogue, sashay, pout, pirouette, flounce and generally show off along the brightly lit length of the dance floor and on the stage.

It will be all about you.

Awards:

- Best Decorated Table
- Best Group Costume
- Best Identifying Male Costume
- Best Identifying Female Costume
- Best Couple in Costume
- Belle of the Ball

Bonus points will be given for the best runway walk that is performed with confidence, ease, and a unique style particular to you. One foot before the other is the apex. Remember, practice makes perfect.



The 18th annual bentART exhibition will be held from June 10 to 12 at Rex-Livingston Art+Objects, 182 Katoomba St, Katoomba. The exhibition will be open from 11am - 5pm, Saturday and Sunday, with artist talks at 3.00pm each day. On Monday it will be open from 11am-2pm.

Over 100 artworks will create the physical bentART exhibition this year, with more in the virtual gallery. Painting, photography, sketches, digital artwork, glasswork, wearable art, sculpture, creative craft, and mosaics are represented. A fabulous eclectic collection of artworks created by experienced, emerging, and young artists, all representing our diverse LGBTQIA+ communities.

Come along and enjoy the artwork, support our artists, and hear some of them speak about their artistic experiences.

A link to the virtual gallery will be available on the <u>bentART website</u> from Friday June 9.

An exhibition not to be missed.