

Editorial

Dear Friends

April has been less than stellar from an events perspective. That was surprising as we had a very successful March events programme.

Our monthly dinner attracted only a few starters and our monthly luncheon had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. That was unprecedented.

For the first time the Three Sisters could not summon a table for the bentART Trivia afternoon. That was embarrassing.

These poor showings may have been the results of a series of unfortunate events. Maybe the election of the destroyer of superannuation funds, the unusual confluence of public holidays, the imminent elections and the anticipation of Mothers' Day interrupted the flow of the normal.

But this has left me fearful for the success of our signature events on the Kings Birthday Blue Mountains Pride Long Weekend, particularly our Soirée.

We have arranged a fabulous venue, the VandA Guesthouse which is a great favourite of yours, great food, wonderful entertainment and a classic movie to whet your appetite, all at a bargain price.

What's not to like?

We have extended the earlybird tickets until Sunday 11 May and I urge you to purchase your tickets by then. Bring your friends and spread the word.

Until next time

Terry

Upcoming Events

Monthly Dinner

Avalon Restaurant, Katoomba
7.00 PM Wednesday 14 May 2025

- Price: \$67
- Includes Parmesan Bread, Main, Dessert, Glass of Wine
- Prepay by Direct Debit. Card/Cash at Event.

Reservations by the Sunday evening prior 3sisters.bookings@gmail.com

Luncheon

The Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls
12:30PM Tuesday 27 May 2025

- Price: \$42
- Prepay by Direct Deposit. Card/Cash at event.

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Events and Other Distractions April to August 2025

14 May	Monthly Dinner Avalon
17 May	IDAHOBIT Katoomba Civic Centre
27 May	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
6 - 15 June	bentART Grand Exhibition and Pride Weekend Initial Event Rex-Livingston Gallery
7 June	Bush Lemons Inclusive Bush Walk Details
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
27 June	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
8 July	Christmas in July
22 July	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
12 August	Annual General Meeting

Buy Your Tickets Now

	<p><u>Tickets</u></p> <p>Earlybird prices until 11 May</p>		<p><u>Tickets</u></p>
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'Thriller the Soirée' Talent Announced

The Three Sisters is proud to announce the celebrity talent for Thriller the Soirée.

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.



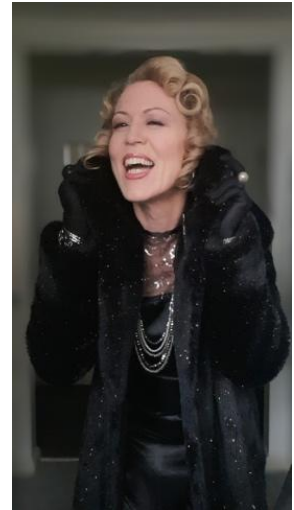
Vocal Talent

Introducing the fabulous talents of Ms Robyn Banks.

Robyn is a chanteuse extraordinaire. A woman of unlimited joie de vivre and vocal dexterity.

Robyn brings an air of sophisticated fun with a dash of something extra.

Robyn will delight, enchant and seduce you with her vocal talents and she will bring a dazzling burst of energetic joy to your extraordinary evening.



Music

On the decks will be Dj shOrty. Mat is a local legend who has played the Blackheath Disco and the Three Sisters Mountain Ball for the past few years.

Bursting free of the Mountains, Mat has a long and illustrious career as a DJ throughout Australia.

shOrty has a notable reputation for playing upbeat happy music that will wow and delight with music specially chosen to match the beautiful environs of the VandA.

Get your dancing shoes polished.

'Thriller the Soirée'

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.

Or maybe, just come in your party outfits. No pressure.

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.

I would be nice if the VandA was haunted; just for that night.

The Soirée is a worthy successor to the long lasting Queens' Birthday Balls. Not as frenetic. Not as demanding. Just a nice fun and relaxed event to end the long weekend exertions.

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.

Details:

<https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/Soirée/>

Tickets: [TryBooking](#)



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](#)



But Wait There's Much More



How can we miss the Blackheath Disco.

The disco returns to Blackheath, Saturday 7 June 2025, 7 pm to midnight.

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

The Talent

Denise Hanlon is an award-winning singer, a professional comedienne and an experienced Emcee. The great thing is – she can do all 3 at once!

Moving in some colourful circles around Sydney, she has shared the stage with talents such as Bob Downe, Libbi Gorr, Jean Kitson and Courtney Act. A talented singer, it just wouldn't be Denise if her singing wasn't interspersed with her colourful costume, quick one-liners and often involuntary audience participation.

Bold, brash and wickedly entertaining.

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



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Blue Mountains Pride

Kings Birthday Long Weekend 6 – 9 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 a 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.

Read the Blue Mountains Pride newsletter on our [website](#).

Blue Mountains Pride Festival Programme	
10am – 5pm 7 June – 15 June	The bentArt Prize and Exhibition Rex-Livingston Gallery 182 Katoomba St Katoomba
10am Saturday 7 June	GLBTQ+ Bushwalk Hosted by Bush Lemons. <u>All welcome</u> (including dogs on leads)! We will walk the old fire trails and tracks at Ngula Bulgarabang Regional Park, just outside Katoomba, and end up at the Megalong Head Lookout for morning tea. All up the walk will be about 6km. Please, wear your rainbow finery! Scarves, feather boas, shimmery shorts etc!! For more information see our website .
7pm – midnight Saturday 7 June	The Three Sisters Social Group brings you The Blackheath Disco the Blackheath Community Hall Blackheath
10:30 am – 3pm Sunday 8 June	Clothing swap by Trans and Gender Diverse Blue Mountains
3pm – 4:55pm Sunday 8 June	Young Frankenstein Mt Vic Flicks Mount Victoria
5pm – 9pm Sunday 9 June	Thriller the Soirée, the windup party, the Victoria and Albert Guest House Mount Victoria bringing the Blue Mountains Pride Groups together and bring the weekend activities to an epic close.



Monthly Dinner and Luncheon



7 PM, Wednesday

14 May 2024

The Avalon

18 Katoomba St

Katoomba

\$67

**Parmesan Bread, Main
and Dessert, Glass of
Wine**

**Reservations: by the
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Luncheon



**The Grandview Hotel,
Wentworth Falls
12:30pm Tuesday**

27 May 2024

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

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IDAHOBIT

Blue Mountains City Council and the IDAHOBIT Committee host 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.



In Loving Memory of Mollie Smith

A True PFLAG Advocate & Passionate Warrior

With deep gratitude and heartfelt condolences, we honour the incredible life and legacy of *Mollie Smith*, a fierce advocate, compassionate educator, and beloved ally and supporter of the community.

Mollie, alongside her husband Ken and their four children, first connected with PFLAG Australia in 1990, attending meetings led by founder Heather Horntvedt in Castle Hill. From those early days, Mollie's dedication to creating a more loving and accepting world never wavered.

In 1992, Mollie, Ken, Heather, and several others proudly walked in their first Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade—a bold and beautiful act of visibility and support. Recognising the need for support closer to home, Mollie worked with ACON to establish the *PFLAG Sydney West* chapter 3 years later in 1995. That chapter still stands strong in Westmead today, continuing her legacy of advocacy, kindness, and connection.

Over 33 years, PFLAG has supported more than 11,000 families and individuals, a testament to the seed Mollie planted through her vision and courage. She played a vital role in developing the resources we still use today—resources that have become the backbone of PFLAG's educational outreach, guiding countless families toward understanding and acceptance.

Mollie's contributions were formally recognised when she was awarded a PFLAG Life Membership, honouring her unwavering service to the gender diverse community. Her work was also celebrated and respected across allied services and featured in an ABC documentary.

In 2018, at the age of 91, Mollie returned to where it all began—joining the Mardi Gras Parade once more as one of our cherished *PFLAG Parade Queens*, alongside Pamela Garske. It was a radiant full-circle moment that embodied her enduring spirit and commitment.

We remember Mollie for her *gentle strength, sincere compassion, and unwavering belief in the power of love and acceptance*. Her legacy lives on in the videos she helped create, including "*Bouncing Castle*", and in the hearts of everyone touched by her presence.

Mollie was, and always will be, *a True Advocate and PFLAG Warrior*.

At all levels she was heard and walked alongside many of us on our journeys to help us feel safe, seen, and accepted.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Mollie's family and loved ones, and thank them for sharing her with us for all these years.

Her light will continue to shine in every step we take toward a more inclusive and loving world.

