

Editorial

Dear Friends

That was the month that was.

June is the month of our signature events, the Blackheath Disco and the Soirée.

The Disco goes from strength to strength thanks to Larry and Greg who put a mammoth amount of creative work into ensuring a memorable night. Thanks too, to all who helped on the night bumping in and out and staffing the snack bar.

The Soirée is a departure from the Balls of the past. Certainly not as 'energetic'. The new format will settle in and, I'm sure, prove to be a popular annual event. Robyn Banks presented a marvellous show and Dj shOrty spun some fun tunes.

We have advertised Christmas in July to be held at The Chalet. This is always a popular event and the Davids at The Chalet are always the consummate hosts. Numbers are limited so book your place early.

The AGM is just around the corner as is our annual membership renewals. Be sure that you renew your membership in good time so that you can attend the AGM dinner and be able to vote and nominate for the committee.

Until next time

Terry

Upcoming Events

Christmas In July

The Chalet, Medlow Bath
7PM, Tuesday 8 July 2025
Price: \$47

Luncheon

The Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls
12:30PM Tuesday 22 July 2025
Price: \$42

Reservations and Payments

Prepay by Direct Deposit. Card/Cash at event.

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

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Committee Executive:

President: Terence Preeo

Vice-president: Vacant

Secretary: Larry Singer

Treasurer: Rick Hawthorn

Events and Other Distractions July and August 2025

8 July	Christmas in July, The Chalet
22 July	Monthly Luncheon, Grandview Hotel
12 August	Annual General Meeting, Grandview Hotel

Christmas in July



The Three Sisters
Annual
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at
The Chalet
Tuesday
8 July 2025



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Membership Renewal

Membership of Three Sisters Social Group Inc is now due. Members will receive an email shortly. We have kept the membership for this year at \$30 or \$25 for pensioners. Membership entitles you to a free dinner at the AGM if you join or renew by 8 August. The AGM will be held on 12 August.

If you would like to become a member please download and complete the membership form on <https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/membership/> and return it to 3sisters.sg@gmail.com or any committee member.

Memberships can be paid to our Bendigo Bank account: BSB 633 000, account number 193 701 778. Please use your surname as the reference on your deposit.

We will accept membership renewals at the Christmas in July dinner and July luncheon either in cash or by card.

Committee

The committee is responsible for the operation of the Three Sisters Social Group. It organises the luncheons, dinners and other activities. Through subcommittees it organises the events of the Blue Mountains Pride weekend in June, and is responsible for the AIDS Memorial in Medlow Bath. To keep our activities fresh and exciting we need new committee and subcommittee members with brilliant (and practical) ideas. We also need committee members to share the load of running of the Group. Please consider joining the committee.

Nomination forms will be distributed with the agenda for the AGM, or you can nominate at the AGM for any vacant positions. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the committee or a subcommittee.



Annual General Meeting

7 PM, Tuesday

12 August 2025

Grandview Hotel

Wentworth Falls



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Blackheath Disco

The Blackheath Disco on the Saturday of the Blue Mountains Pride long weekend in June was a fabulous success. Great fun was had by all with around 350 people dancing the night away. Dj sh0rty played a fantastic selection of songs including 70s disco greats, recent hits and many dance floor fillers. Denise Hanlon, our first lesbian performer, gave us two wonderful shows with songs including You Make Me Feel Like Dancing, I Am What I Am, Movin' On Up and Dancing Queen (complete with backing dancers). Greg completed the atmosphere with 5 mirror balls, scenic, special effects and fabulous lighting. Will and Bruce were responsible for the sound.



We had a great group of volunteers to help set up, run the door and pack up: Terry, Kevin, Chris, Bill, Paul, Derrick, Maree, Ron, Ruth and others. Rick, Colin, Tala and Chris did a wonderful job on the Snack Bar and the Blue Mountains Trans and Gender Diverse group were fabulous on the cloak room. Greg not only did the lights and scenic but also baked the cakes that were available from the snack bar. A special thanks to Jade from BANC for her assistance.

There were some changes this year. We used both halls for the night, with entry being through Bates Hall (the small hall). It also was home to the snack bar and the cloak room. We even had room for a chill space for those who needed a break from the dance floor. These seemed to work well and we hope to continue them in the future.

It would not have been such a great event without the lovely people who joined us at the Blackheath Disco. We had people from every letter of the queer alphabet, dancing, chatting and enjoying themselves. Some people dressed up while others dressed down. You all looked fabulous and helped make it a friendly and fun night.

Larry



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Farewell to an Old Friend

Vale: Roderick William John Rothwell

19th January 1941 to the 23rd June 2025.

Rod passed away unexpectedly from heart failure after surgery for a perforated ulcer at Nepean Hospital and his life support was turned off.

Rod had been a longtime resident in the Blue Mountains living at 47 Stephen Street Lawson for forty four Years.

Rod grew up in Concord and was educated at Trinity Grammar School Sydney. Afterwards he studied at Sydney University attaining a PhD in the Philosophy of Science and later lectured at Sydney University for over forty years.



In his early years Rod travelled extensively.

Living in Germany Thailand and the United States of America. He visited many other countries. In his later years he was a regular visitor to Morocco. He adored the culture and its people and had many a tale to tell of his experiences there.

Rod was an inaugural member of the Mountaineers social group that later became the Garden and Gourmet Society and to the current Three Sisters Social Group today.

Rod is survived by his daughters Anna and Olivia, son Nicholas, granddaughter Pheobe and grandson Orlando.



A celebration of Rodericks life will be held on Sunday 6th July 12.00 Noon to 3.00 pm. At The Grandview Hotel, Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls. All those who knew Rod are asked to attend. Finger food and refreshments will be served.



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bentART

bentART has sent us a thank you for the Three Sisters' participation in and sponsorship of their 20th anniversary exhibition.

The anniversary exhibition was held over the June Long Weekend and the week following at the Rex Livingstone Gallery, Katoomba.

The Three Sisters Social Group presented the Runner Up prize, a stunning, sensitive statue.

Congratulations must also be given to Patrick Lee who sold two of his paintings at the exhibition.



*Runner Up – \$1500
"Alicia" – Katrina Bodey*

“Dear Three Sisters Social Group,

Pride May Be Over, but Our Celebration Continues

As June draws to a close, we reflect on a remarkable milestone: **20 years of queer creativity**, community and connection through bentART.

This year's anniversary exhibition was our biggest yet — with 121 works by 64 artists, a national cross-section of LGBTQIA+ talent and expression. We were moved by your presence, participation and support throughout the King's Birthday long weekend and across Pride Month.

From the opening night to the final vote for People's Choice, you helped make this celebration unforgettable.”

The bentART Committee



Katrina Bodey and Terry Preeo



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Blackheath Disco



Thriller the Soirée





June Luncheon

