

# **Newsletter** February 2025



#### Dear Friends

We have been busy arranging our vast suite of events to keep you busy until July.

In the first place we have been working with David of the Avalon to get the best possible deal for the rest of the year. As you know increasing cost pressures have affected us and our regular venues. We have to thank David for keeping the cost of our dinners at a reasonable rate. The Avalon has long been a favourite of ours and I'm sure we will enjoy our visit in February.

Next I'd like to announce a very special outing, which has pleased our members and friends over the last couple of years, Sunday luncheon at the Victoria and Albert Guesthouse in March. Last year's event was highly successful and I'm sure that March's lunch will surpass all expectations.

Our list of events also includes those of our good friends at bentART. We have participated their Barefoot Bowls and Trivia events over the past few years to our great enjoyment. I expect that we will continue to collaborate with each other under the Blue Mountains Pride banner, along with other mountains based LGBTQI groups, in the coming years.

We are also announcing our Kings Birthday Long Weekend signature events, the Blackheath Disco, which is returning to Blackheath, and our the first of what will be our regular soirées on the Sunday, Thriller the Soirée.

There's a lot more to add and I refer you to all the relevant information below.

Until then Terry

### **Upcoming Events**

### Dinner

Avalon Restaurant, Katoomba 7.00 PM Wednesday 12 February 2025

- Price \$53
- Prepay by Direct Debit. Card/Cash at Event.

Dinner reservations the Sunday evening prior to <u>3sisters.bookings@gmail.com</u>

### Luncheon

The Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls 12:30PM Tuesday 25 February 2025

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

Reservations by the Sunday evening prior to <u>3sisters.bookings@gmail.com</u>

### **Payment Methods**

Prepay BSB 633 000, account number 193 701 778. Reference your surname.

Card/Cash accepted at the event. Reservations are still required.

### Three Sisters Social Group Inc

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Treasurer:	Rick Hawthorn

# Calendar

12 February	Monthly Dinner Avalon
23 February	Barefoot Bowls Lawson Bowling Club (bentART event)
25 February	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
1 March	Mardi Gras Party, Gardners Hotel Blackheath (A Blond Convoy event)
March	bentART Applications Open (bentART event)
9 March	Luncheon Victoria and Albert Guesthouse
25 March	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
9 April	Monthly Dinner Avalon
13 April	Trivia Katoomba RSL (bentART event)
22 April	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
13 May	Monthly Dinner TBA
27 May	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
6 June	bentART Exhibition and Pride Weekend Kickoff Rex-Livingston Gallery
7 June	Bush Lemons Inclusive Bush Walk Details TBA
7 June	Blackheath Disco, Blackheath
8 June	Thriller the Soirée: Details TBA
24 June	Monthly Luncheon Grandview Hotel
8 July	Christmas in July

### **Events and Other Distractions**

Have you noticed the number of events that will take place over the coming months





Monthly Dinner 7 PM, Wednesday 12 February2024

The Avalon 18 Katoomba St Katoomba \$53 / 2 Courses Reservations: by the Sunday evening prior booking@thresidersocial asnau that will culminate in our signature Kings Birthday Long Weekend celebrations?

You may have noticed that the list includes a number of collaborations with our fellow mountains LGBTQI groups. These events are all branded under the Blue Mountains Pride banner together with







their usual logos and branding.

These collaborations will work towards gathering momentum towards the ultimate Blue Mountains Pride events on the King's Birthday Long Weekend in June.

Whilst this will help cementPridewithintheBlueBlueMountainsLGBTQI







The Grandview Hotel Wentworth Falls 12:30pm Tuesday 25 February 2025 A choice of main course and dessert Price: \$42 Reservations by the Sunday evening prior to booking@threesisterssocial.asn.au

community it will also provide a welcome boost to our Long Weekend festivities.

In the not too distant past the Queens Birthday weekend held a prominent position and important social event in the lesbian and gay mountain community.

The bentART exhibition at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts provided a highly social start to the then Queens Birthday celebrations which included a bush walk hosted by Bush Lemons and the Blackheath Disco and the much-lauded Mountain Ball.

Times change and so must we. But with the collaboration between the local LGBTQI groups we will work together to capture that feeling of anticipation and excitement that the bentART exhibition presaged and that continued throughout our special weekend.

We'll do it our way.

But in the meantime, we will continue on with our scheduled lunches and dinners and the occasional special events and to share events with other LGBTQI groups.

Which leads us to the very popular Sunday luncheon that we have been holding the last couple of years at the Victoria and Albert Guesthouse Mount Victoria. You are invited to come with us this coming March.





THE THREE SISTERS SOCIAL GROUP INVITE YOU TO OUR EXTREMELY POPULAR SUNDAY LUNCHEON AT THE SUPERB VICTORIA AND ALBERT GUESTHOUSE 19 STATION ST, MOUNT VICTORIA 1230 9 MARCH 2025 \$ 67 WELCOME DRINK & 2 COURSES

RSVP <u>3sisters.bookings@gmail.com</u> by the prior Thursday Pay by card at event Pre Pay at Bendigo Bank account: BSB 633 000, account number 193 701 778







# Mardi Gras in the Mountains

This very impromptu party has been organised by a Blackheath group calling themselves the Blonde Convoy.

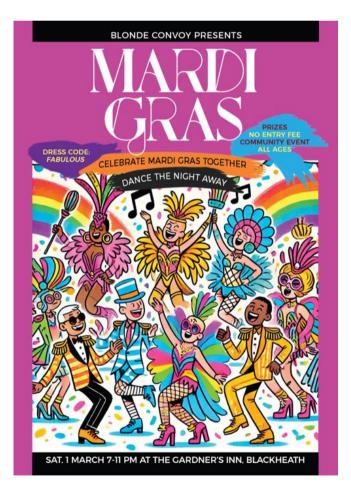
The organisers have graciously extended an invitation to the Three Sisters to join them in celebrating Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras Comes to Blackheath



Mardi Gras Party Saturday 1 March 2025 at the Gardners Inn, Blackheath. DJ, prizes and it's free

entry. A Blonde Convoy event.







### bentART



#### Celebrate 20 Years of queer creativity at our 2025 Barefoot Bowls fundraiser

Also on the day: Music from DJ Ruby Red, Fabulous Raffle prizes, Photo Booth Pics & drinks for the winning team!

> Sunday, 23 Feb 2pm – 5pm

Club Lawson (Lawson Bowiing Club) bentART's very successful **Barefoot Bowls fundraising** event is back by popular demand. This year you can look forward to:

- Live DJ Ruby Red (Randa Magdi bentArt runner up 2023)
- Fabulous Raffle prizes

• **Photo Booth** - celebrating 20 Years of queer creativity

• 6 teams of 10 - come to play or mingle

• Bragging rights to 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams with social media photo opportunity PLUS a round of drinks for the winning team

Barefoot Bowls Details and Tickets



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2025 is a monumental year for Bent Art as we proudly celebrate 20 years of Queer Creativity, Art, and Community! We're kicking things off with two fabulous fundraisers to bring everyone together and ensure this milestone year is unforgettable.

Fundraiser #1: Barefoot Bowls with DJ Ruby Red

When: Sunday, 23 February

Where: Lawson Bowling Club. Ticket Link in 1st comment.  $\int$  Get ready to roll and groove to retro tunes spun by the fabulous DJ Ruby Red. Barefoot bowls have never been this much fun!

Fundraiser #2: Trivia Day with Sue Collins

When: Sunday, 13 April Where: Katoomba PSL (post will folk

Where: Katoomba RSL (post will follow soon with a link for tickets). Put on your thinking caps and join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and brain-busting trivia hosted by the wonderful Sue Collins.

Raffles Galore!

Both events will feature incredible raffles with substantial prizes up for grabs—so don't miss your chance to win while supporting the arts!

#### bentART Prize Applications Open in March

We're also thrilled to announce that applications for this year's bentART Prize will go live in early March. Stay tuned for details and get ready to showcase your creativity at Rex-Livingston Art + Objects, where the magic happens once again!



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# **Kings Birthday Weekend**

The ultimate Pride Week Parties.

The Blackheath Disco is Back in Black*heath* on Saturday 7 June.

The first Kings Birthday Weekend Soirée celebrating those 50s Sci Fi and Horror movies will be launched on Sunday 8 June.

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