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ABOUT BQFF

The Bendigo Queer Film Festival was founded in 2004 by Chris Walters in collaboration with the Melbourne Queer Film Festival - (who have been major supporters of the BQFF since its inception)

In its inaugural year, the Bendigo Queer Film Festival achieved an overall attendance exceeding 300 people from all over Victoria and interstate. In subsequent years the patronage has steadily increased as more people become aware of the annual event. In total, 219 films have been screened.

Bendigo Queer Film Festival (BQFF) is now in its thirteenth year. We are very proud to be one of the few regional centres Australia wide, which hosts its very own queer film festival.

The BQFF provides cultural and artistic opportunities to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people living in Central Victoria.

Bendigo Queer Film Festival is recognised as a significant event by the LGBTIQ community and by the City of Greater Bendigo. We are proud of this special event, which showcases queer talent and attracts interstate and international visitors to our region.

WHY DO WE NEED EVENTS LIKE THE BQFF?

Research has proven that people in rural communities, are more likely to suffer isolation, depression, self-harm and suicide.

The Bendigo Queer Film Festival offers a space for rural lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people, their families and friends, to connect with and support each other through common stories and lessen the feeling of isolation.



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to Bendigo for the 2016 Bendigo Queer Film Festival - the longest continuously running queer film festival in regional Victoria.

The City of Greater Bendigo is pleased to support this annual festival which provides opportunities for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer members of the community to come together and share a positive celebration of our diverse and shared experiences.

The City of Greater Bendigo celebrates the cultural diversity which makes our city a strong, vibrant and supportive community and we are delighted to host this important festival which has become an exciting and much anticipated event on our annual calendar of events.

The Bendigo Queer Film Festival continues to develop Greater Bendigo as a major regional centre for the arts, and we are proud to acknowledge that the Queer Film Festival was our first continuous film festival.

I hope that everyone enjoys our city's hospitality and all that this year's festival has to offer.

Bendigo is a warm and welcoming city and I hope that you take full advantage of our attractions and facilities during your time here.

Cr Rod
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MAYOR



QUEER COUNTRY

AN EXHIBITION OF RURAL BASED GLBTI ARTISTS

Chelsea Arnott, Denis Chapman, Yvonne George, Catherine Johnston, Motto Lucus, Rohan Morris, Jessica Murtagh, Gavin North, Tom Pender, Tashara Roberts, Issie Soudy, Kate Tellefson and Rynelle Walker.

OPENING NIGHT

Friday 8th April, 7pm

Dudley House
60 View Street, Bendigo

Sat 9th April - Sun 24th April
10am - 5pm daily

*CLOSED Mondays & Tuesdays

The exhibition is a platform for rural queer artists to express themselves, showcase their creativity, offer another perspective and educate the broader community about gay and lesbian arts and culture.



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OPENING NIGHT

Remembering the man

Dir: Nickolas Bird & Eleanor Sharpe,
Australia, 2015, 83 mins

7.00pm Start
Friday 22nd April
@ the Star Cinema

Based on Timothy Conigrave's much-loved memoir, *Remembering the Man* is a moving documentary that chronicles the relationship between Conigrave and his long-term partner John Caleo. Featuring little seen archival footage of the two men, the film is a tender tribute to their relationship whilst documenting the devastating effect of the AIDS virus in Australia.

This film has been sponsored by



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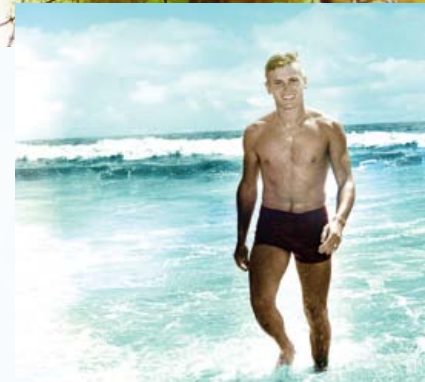
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Tab Hunter Confidential

Dir: Jeffrey Schwarz, USA, 2015, 90 mins

10.30am
 Saturday 23rd April
 @ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

In 1950's Hollywood, Tab Hunter was the embodiment of youthful American masculinity and a bankable star for Warner Brothers. But Hunter lived two lives - he was a studio heartthrob and intensely private about his sexuality. From I am Divine and Vito director Jeffrey Schwarz, this Im is about one man's personal journey and the changing business of Hollywood. This highly entertaining documentary features John Waters, George Takei, Portia de Rossi and Debbie Reynolds.



Girls Lost

Dir: Alexandra-Therese Keining, Sweden, 2015, 106 mins

1.00pm
 Saturday 23rd April
 @ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

Three teenage girls - all best friends - discover a mysterious plant that can change their gender overnight. The girls discover a whole new perspective on their high school lives, whilst grappling with the personal awakenings and sexual confusion the transformation brings about. Based on an acclaimed Swedish Young Adult novel, Girls Lost is an engrossing and moving gender-swapping fantasy.

Bendigo Queer Film Festival recommends 15+

Swedish with English subtitles (Hearing impaired friendly)



HOMO

Dir: Issie Soudy, 2016, 25min

3.00pm
Saturday 23rd April
@ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

Homo provides first hand accounts of queer people and their families' homophobic experiences. The filmmaker wants audiences from all kinds of backgrounds to have some perspective and insight into the ever pressing discrimination and general homophobic experiences of a diverse range of queer people.

Homo was to be screened at the school's Arts and Technology Showcase. The Head of the Art Department informed Issie that her film had 'no artistic merit' and that it would be 'offensive to families and the school community, who would be attending the evening, therefore may not be screened.

The series of issues surrounding arts night highlighted the discrimination and stigma that unfortunately still exists, even in schools that purport to be a safe place?

The film will be followed by a Q&A session with the filmmaker.

This is a FREE EVENT, gold coin donations accepted.



Henry Gamble's Birthday Party

Dir: Stephen Cone, USA, 2015, 86 mins

4.00pm
Saturday 23rd April
@ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

It's Henry's birthday and he's having a pool party. The weather is hot and the tension is sizzling: Henry may be in lust with his best friend, Gabe, and cute drama geek, Logan, may be in love with Henry. Meanwhile, the adults are dealing with their own dramas. It is life in the deep Christian middle-class America, where everyone has a secret.



Desert Migration

Dir: Daniel F. Cardone, USA, 2015, 80 mins

6.30pm
Saturday 23rd April
@ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

A rainbow star spangled banner flies high above a stark desert landscape. This is Palm Springs, an oasis for HIV- positive older men escaping death, loss and the expense of living with long-term HIV. This touching documentary introduces us to a diverse community of the marginalised, including an ex-Broadway performer, a Studio 54 disco bunny, a former alcoholic and others who just want to live out their lives in a place that they love.

This film is followed with a panel discussion and the launch of the VACOUNTRY project.

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	FRIDAY 22ND	SATURDAY 23RD	SUNDAY 24TH
10:00			
11:00		Tab Hunter Confidential 10:30 - 12:00	Patron's Breakfast with Jason Ball 10:00 - 12:00
12:00			
1:00			Do I Sound Gay? 12:30 - 1:47
2:00		Girls Lost 1:00 - 2:46	
3:00		HOMO 3:00 - 3:25 Q&A with the filmmaker	Portait of a serial monogamist 2:15 - 3:38
4:00			
5:00		Henry Gamble's Birthday 4:00 - 5:26	City of Melbourne Australia Shorts Pack 4:00 - 5:20
6:00			That's not us 5:45 - 7:22
7:00		Desert Migration 6:30 - 7:50	
8:00	Opening Night: Remembering the Man 7:00 - 9:23	Panel discussion and VACOUNTRY Launch 7:50 - 9:00	
9:00			
10:00	FAB CV Party @ ICON Bar 9:30 - late		

Patrons Breakfast

Sunday
24th April

10.00am

@ Capital Theatre
banquet room

GUEST PATRON

Jason Ball

Jason Ball is best known as the pioneering LGBTI advocate who in 2012 became the first Aussie Rules footballer at any level of the game to publicly come out as gay. Ball used this platform to launch a national campaign to challenge homophobia in sport and drive cultural change that has led to major advances in the AFL's commitment to creating a more inclusive environment for all players and supporters.

We are very pleased to have Jason as our patron for 2016 and look forward to hosting him in Bendigo.

TICKETS

\$40 full
\$35 concession

*Ticket includes a sumptuous
cooked buffet breakfast.*

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Do I sound Gay?

Dir: David Thorpe, USA, 2014, 77 mins

12.30pm
Sunday 24th April
@ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

Following a break up with his boyfriend, journalist David Thorpe sets out on a quest to unravel a linguistic mystery...All his life, like many gay men, Thorpe has felt self-conscious about his stereotypically un-macho voice. But what are its origins? And why is there such a stigma attached to "sounding gay"? Featuring candid interviews with Dan Savage, David Sedaris, Margaret Cho, George Takei and many more, DO I SOUND GAY? is a refreshingly frank and thoroughly entertaining look at a taboo subject.



Portrait of a serial monogamist

Dir: John Mitchell & Christina Zeidler, Canada, 2015, 83 mins

2.15pm
Sunday 24th April
@ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

Serial monogamist Elsie believes the key to avoiding a broken heart is to always leave your lover first. When Elsie breaks up with long-term girlfriend Robyn to pursue a crush on a DJ, she is surprised to ignite the disapproval of her loveable bunch of queer friends. This smart and authentic Canadian comedy is set to a fabulous soundtrack and is bound to be a Festival favourite.

City of Melbourne Australian Shorts Package

Sunday 24th April

4.00pm

The Australian shorts package puts the spotlight on local queer filmmakers. This year's films range from dark schoolyard dramas, intimate documentary, through to farcical camp and sweet romantic comedy. There is something for everyone!

Total running time for all 8 films is 80 min



Summer of ABC Burns

Dir: Dannika Horvat, 2015, 13 mins

In the summer of ABC burns, Gem discovers there is a lot she doesn't know about her best friend Drew.



Cake

Dir: Jacintho Muinos, 2015, 15 mins

A late night Internet hook-up between a housebound gamer and a relentless party boy runs overtime and awkwardly transitions into a neighbourhood BBQ.



On Stage

Dir: Benjamin Southwell, 2015, 10 mins

Dean, an Aboriginal gay male, is banished from the family home by his father. He goes onto to become a celebrated drag performer but is still torn between the love for his father and his new found fame.



Nineteen

Dir: Madeline Kelly, 2015, 10 mins

A compelling and deeply moving story of the freedom that comes when faced with imminent mortality.



The Fruity

Dir: Jamieson Pearce, 2015, 10 mins

Friday night at the The Fruity means one thing: Friday night Karaoke BBQ! Jorge the spunky new bartender is there to spice things up and for Lindsay; this is going to be a night to remember.



Love is Love

Dir: Logan Mucha & Daniel Von Czarnecki, 2015, 11 mins

Inspired by photographer Lisa White's In Bed Project, the documentary takes an intimate look into the lives and homes of four LGBTI families across Melbourne.



Oasis

Dir: Joshua Longhurst, 2015, 8 mins

It is the summer of '93 and awkward teenager Dale has been dragged along by his parents to a caravan park. One night as he finishes up in the shower block, Dale's secret crush arrives.



Marrow

Dir: Stevie Cruz-Martin, 2015, 3 mins

In this intimate short Daniel Monks, who has a physical disability himself, strips for the viewer in a way to challenge society's perception of people with disabilities.



CLOSING NIGHT

That's not us

Dir: William Sullivan, USA, 2015, 97 mins

5.45pm
Sunday 24th April
@ La Trobe Visual Arts Centre

Six friends, all couples – gay, straight and lesbian – head to the beach for a weekend of fun, sun and sex. But as they spend time together and the whiskey comes out, secrets are revealed and things get messy. Featuring a wonderful ensemble cast, this funny and heartfelt take on contemporary relationships is a modern-day The Big Chill for the queer set.

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Saturday April 23rd, 2016

Ridge Room at the
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8.30pm. Entry \$5.



More information including a program of events go to www.kissinlescousins.com.au

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Festival Pass: Adult \$135; Conc \$118
Opening Night: Adult \$35; Conc \$30
3 Film Pass: Adult \$45; Conc \$40
Patrons Breakfast: Adult \$40; Conc \$35
Single Sessions: Adult: \$19; Conc \$16
all tickets at the door \$20. Cash only.

MAP



VENUES

8-24 APRIL
Queer Country Art Exhibition Dudley House, 60 View St Bendigo

22 APRIL
Opening Night of the Bendigo Queer Film Festival Star Cinema, 1 Peg Leg Rd Eaglehawk

22 APRIL
Opening Night Party ICON Bar, Howard Place off Bridge St Bendigo

23 - 24 APRIL
Film Screenings La Trobe Visual Arts Centre, 121 View St Bendigo

24 APRIL
BQFF Patrons Breakfast Capital Theatre, Banquet room, 50 View St Bendigo