



## ***Bfriend Newsletter Nov/Dec 2011***

Good Greetings to you all

This is the LAST newsletter for 2011 - geez where has all of that time gone, it seems yet again that we were only just in June but of course upon reflection of the Bfriend year it has been another busy one for us supporting new folk, training new volunteers, supporting the current volunteers, link-ups, travelling, dinners, social groups, networking, professional training and all the general day to day bfriend tasks and being this time of year we are getting ready for the Feast Festival and famous Bfriend End of Year Doo.

For the last 3 months Fanny has been on leave from her role at Bfriend to complete a social work placement at Southern Women's Health where she has been working on putting together the Southern Feast Fete (happening Nov 6<sup>th</sup>), in her place we have had Jacintha covering the women's role a couple of days per week.

Jacintha will be leaving us in the next 2 weeks with Fanny returning to the role so I would like to thank Jacintha for stepping in during this time and for her energy and mindfulness around the work we do at Bfriend. I know many people have had an opportunity to meet you through Out for Tea and the Trans dinners as well as through the regular work here and the SAPPHOS SETTEE group. I have also enjoyed having the opportunity to work alongside Jacintha and get to know her more than just a quick Hello how are you at a meeting or out and about. Jacintha will still be working at Shopfront in Salisbury where she is the Northern Rainbow Girls worker so we are bound to bump into her again in the community.

Feast starts on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> with Pride March & Opening Night Party (more into in general news) and is with us for 2 weeks of fun and happenings at the Feast Hub, this year the hub will be the entire Light Square for all of the festival promising many different shows and events with lots of things happening at the hub for free inc silent movies, entertainment by the camp fire (yes a real camp fire) and much more. If you have not got a Feast Guide as yet you can pop into Bfriend and pick one up or have a look around venues or places that events are advertised you should find one there. We hope you have a wonderful feast this year and feel free to come and say Hi if you see us out and about.

***NOTE: Over Xmas/New Year Bfriend will not be open from 22<sup>nd</sup> December until around the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012. During that time if you need to speak to someone you can call the GLCS on 8193 0800 7pm-10pm nightly or Lifeline on 13 11 14 24hrs a day.***

If we don't get to see you during feast or the Bfriend End of year doo we hope you have a great summer season, Xmas, New Years or whatever it is you do to celebrate this time of year and stay safe doing it!

Cheers

Paul

(on behalf of Fanny & Jacintha)

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# **Bfriend General News & Goss....**

## **Pride March & Picnic**

### ***Pride March***

Will once again take place as the pre cursor to the Feast Opening Night Party on **Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Meeting at Victoria Square from 5:30pm to start marching at 6:30pm**. The march will head down Gouger Street, along Morphett Street to Light Square. Bfriend will once again be part of the pride march and anyone who would like to march with us under the Bfriend banner is more than welcome to come along. It really is a fantastic event and I encourage anyone who has wanted or wanting to, to come and do it – You won't be disappointed! Following the march is Opening Night Party – this will cost you \$5 entry but well worth the price as the Hub comes alive in celebration and party time mood. There is loads of music and entertainment, drinks and food. It is always one party **NOT TO BE MISSED!**

### ***Picnic In The Park***

Is happening on Pinky Flat again (turned out to be a great venue last year!). Pinky Flat is on the Torrens River bank near the Morphett Street Bridge, across from the Convention Centre. The cost entry again this year is \$5 but it is worth the price. You can BYO everything or buy from the many food stalls and bar. Picnic is one of those events on the calendar that people from everywhere come out for, it is often a complete eye opener for new folk as they actually get to see how HUGE our community can actually be and how culturally vast we all are too. The day is filled with entertainment and of course is the place to catch up with friends and family as well as saying hi to those folk you may not have seen in sometime or wished you had said hi to at a venue or other place. Bfriend will NOT be having a marquee or stand this year to come and hang out with us – we have decided to have a year off

## **Trans Day of Remembrance**

Last year approx 180 people were murdered around the world simply for identifying as transgender! That is a huge number of people subjected to the most extreme of hate crimes (and of course does not include the number of people who survived vicious attacks). Every year the community comes together on November 20<sup>th</sup> to remember those past & present who have lost their lives too soon as part of the International Transgender Day of Remembrance. Last year we collaborated with The Carrousel Club SA and SA SIN (Sex Industry Network) and held a candle light vigil at the Feast hub which was attended by a large number of people from within the GLBT community.

This year we have collaborated again with Carrousel Club, SIN and Feast to hold the candle light vigil again. We would like to invite you to meet for drinks/nibbles at the Feast Hub and follow this up with a reading of the names of those who have died and lighting of candle to remember them. This will be held at the Camp Fire section of the Hub – Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm. A postcard with the info has been included in your newsletter (if it's posted to you) and has all the details.

## **End of Year Doo**

The annual Bfriend Project – End of Year Doo will once again be on for all Bfriend connected folk to attend. This year is will be on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at UntingCare Wesley Adelaide (Invites will be out soon). For those who have never been it is an opportunity to come together and celebrate Bfriend our volunteers and all those connected to us, it is a fun night with drinks and nibbles and like other years a raffle of various items we manage to collect along the way during the year. It is always a great time to catch up with some people that we/you might only see once or twice a year too.

## **Xmas Hampers**

In the past UntingCare Wesley Adelaide has provided Xmas hampers of food and toys which some of you have been able to access through us at Bfriend. Unfortunately this year UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide is not going to be doing food hampers so you will not be able to access them through us this year. If you feel you are in need of a hamper contact us and we can suggest some services that we know are providing them to people this year. Instead of food hampers the organisation will be holding 2 major community events in the North at Playford and in the South at Morphette Vale. We will pass the info on about these events when it comes to us.

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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

At the beginning of Sept I was fortunate to have an interview by the messenger newspapers around the issues for new SSA folk and the Bfriend Project. This was then printed in the Southern Times Messenger along with a spiel on Bfriend in the Community Noticeboard section of all Messengers the following week. Because of these articles we were and continue to be contacted by a number of people who have seen them wanting to connect in as Volunteers or to access the service with link-ups. We ran a volunteer training last week with 7 new volunteers to come on board.

## SAPPHOS SETTEE – (New Women’s 25ish to 40ish group)

The group finally has a name, chosen by the women who are attending the group. At this stage we meet fortnightly on a Tuesday from around 6pm to 8pm with one group per month being situated at UnitingCare Wesley and the other going out in town for a cheap meal or coffee. If you are interested being on the email distribution list for this group don’t hesitate to contact Jacintha or Fanny on 8202 5805 or email [bfriend@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au](mailto:bfriend@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au)

## Bfriend GATHERINGS



### Bfriend Gatherings for Women

#### Out For Tea

**Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> @ the World’s End Hotel 208 Hindley St Adelaide**

All self identified women welcome. *(Please Note Jacintha will be on leave for this dinner and Monica has kindly offered to keep an eye out for people).*

**Book with Jacintha on 8202 5805** or email: [bfriend@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au](mailto:bfriend@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au)

*RSVP by Thurs am*

**Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> @ the World’s End Hotel 208 Hindley St Adelaide**

All self identified women welcome.

**Book with Fanny on 8202 5805** or email: [bfriend@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au](mailto:bfriend@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au)

*RSVP by Thurs am*

### Bfriend Gatherings for Men

#### Bfriend Men’s Dinner’s

**Friday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30 for 7pm Where: *The Edinburgh Castle Hotel, Currie Street Adelaide***

RSVP: Paul by Wednesday Afternoon (before) *at the latest* on 8202 5192

**Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30 for 7pm Where: *The Edinburgh Castle Hotel , Currie Street***

***Adelaide*** RSVP: Paul by Wednesday Afternoon (before) *at the latest* on 8202 5192

### Bfriend Gatherings for Trans folk

#### Bfriend Trans Dinners

**NO DINNER IN NOVEMBER – Due to the International Transgender Day of**

**Remembrance on Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** *we would love you to come along to this event instead of a dinner.*

**20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – Feast Hub, Light Square** *for drinks/nibbles followed by the reading of names and candle light vigil.*

**Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Time: 7pm Venue: *Directors Hotel 247 Gouger Street Adelaide***

*RSVP : Paul or Fanny 82025805 by Thurs before*

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## **Men's News**

Heyo Guys, Well not too much to share with you this edition. A Big thanks to Paul M & Bill P for looking after the Men's Dinner while I was on holidays. Thinking about the dinner they have been running every month with the exception of January and a few Decembers since I have been at Bfriend and certainly long before my time in the project as well. During my time at Bfriend that is about 55 dinners that have had a regular attendance rate of between 12 and 20 guys month after month. To me it makes me realise that the Bfriend Monthly Dinners are a concreted event on the community social calendar. The dinners will continue to run for as long as guys keep attending them, at this stage we plan on staying at The Ed Castle but if you have other suggestions let me know I am always happy to consider it with the opinion of other regulars too.

**Speaking of other suggestions** – Do you have any for Bfriend Men's Program in 2012 – Groups, Projects, Events, Outings what ever you think could be a good idea I am happy to look at incorporating into next years calendar. I would much rather develop stuff YOU ask me to do rather than me assuming it is what YOU WANT and not be correct in those assumptions.

I am looking forward to checking out Feast this year and some of the events focused on the men's community, I hope to see you out n about soaking up the Feasty Vibes. Please come up and say Hi if you see me out n about.

Don't forget the Bfriend End of Year Doo Too!!, and please take note I have planned for a December Dinner this year as it falls the week before the End of Year Doo (which is a free event, so no excuse not to come along).

For those who still want to go ahead with the Photography Project I will be gathering you together in the next couple of weeks (prob during Feast) so we can plan the project more and get it started...there is still time to tell me if you want to be part of this project and get more info/come along.

Cheers – Have a great Feast, Xmas & New Year! Paul

## **Women's News**

Hi everyone – So my time here is coming to a close. I have really enjoyed being able to meet many of you and sharing in different parts of the community that I am used to working in. Everyone has been really patient (especially Paul) with me and welcoming. The 25ish to 40ish group now officially has a name... SAPPHOS SETTEE which has been chosen and created by them members. The group (though currently small) is going strong. We meet fortnightly with one meeting a month being held inside UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide and the other meeting per month we go out for tea. So if you fall in the above age group and you are same sex attracted female or female identified please contact and we can add you to the email list.

We are also looking at a potential new venue for Out For Tea... one that includes reasonable food prices, vegetarian food options, close to public transport and same sex attracted friendly. So if anyone has anything in mind, don't hesitate to email through suggestions. I also want to encourage people to attend Southern Feast Fete. It is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November at Market Square, Patapinda Rd, Old Noarlunga. This is such a wonderful event that happens every year around Feast time with stalls, live music and Dog Shows. You are also welcome to bring along your own pooch if you are lucky to have one.

Lastly I just want to thank you all for the support and opportunity to work in this thriving community over the past three months and I hope to catch many of your faces over the Festive Feast period.

## **Trans News**

The trans dinner is also going strong with between 20 and 25 people each month! We are still enjoying The Directors Hotel as the venue and getting new people each dinner which is fantastic. Just want to encourage everyone to attend the International Day of Transgender Remembrance which is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November from 6pm. Meeting at the Hub (on Light Square) for drinks and nibbles and a march around Light Square followed be a candlelight vigil. This day acknowledges and protests against transgender hate crime and transphobia. For more details feel free to contact Bfriend and the event is also listed with the special events section of the Feast Guide which you can also download as an APP!

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# **In The Community**

## **Yes, I Remember It Well – Calling For Your Memories**

Dear Community Groups

I am working on collecting stories for 'Yes, I Remember it Well' - Feast's Cultural Memory Project with Margie and am looking for stories from you to be read out on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at The Camp Site in Light Square. They could be about anything from your personal GLBT history. It can be anonymous or you can provide your name. In less than 1,000 words you could tell us about:

- The first gay bar you went to – when this happened, how you felt and who was there
- Stories of GLBT households you've been a part of
- HIV/AIDS realities of the 70's & 80's
- Queer community groups that you've been a part of
- Parties, dances, events that have been important in your life
- Venues now gone that need to be remembered
- Memories of people who have made/ are making a difference in the GLBT community
- Events that have been important in shaping who you are
- Whatever other Adelaide GLBT memories you want to share

You can contact me to discuss any concerns or just email/mail me your story and I will pass it onto Margie.

Happy remembering & kind regards

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## **Community Forum – PREACHERS POLLIES & PREJUDICE**

**Tuesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm at the Feast Campsite** – This will be a discussion on Gay Marriage.

Featuring guest speakers Ian Hunter M.P., Rev. Leanne Jenski & Rev Ian Hunter (different to the M.P. I believe). All welcome to attend, ask questions, have a say or sit back and listen to others. **FREE.**

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## ManTag Adelaide

**WHERE:** FEAST FESTIVAL Cuming together – PRIDE MARCH then OPENING NIGHT PARTY

**WHEN:** SECOND SATURDAY OF MONTH – 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011

From 5.30 PM – FOR PRIDE MARCH - Victoria Sq Adelaide

From 6.00 PM – FOR OPENING NIGHT PARTY – Light Sq Adelaide

**WHY:** Because FEAST is a world class Arts Festival worth supporting.

**HOW:**

- The plan is to MAN-TAG each month exploring new gay friendly spaces.
- Favourite venues will be repeated.
- If possible DJ/Music will be: Electronic/Ambient/Lounge/Trance/House
- The date will be kept the same; Second Saturday of each month.
- This is simply an Email and www Network to coordinate an on mass Gay/Bi Men's gathering.
- Feel free to forward this message on to your Gay/Bi Men friends.
- No responsibility is taken by administrator for any consequences, as a result of this invitation.
- To be added or taken off the email list please reply to zarmor@hotmail.com

## BearStock 11

### **CHUNKY – MEN'S ONLY DANCE PARTY**

***Adelaide CHUNKY DOES ADELAIDE November 26***

Chunky is a huge Men Only dance party which mainly happens in Sydney and Melbourne a few times per year. As part of BearStock 2011 Bear Men of Adelaide and Harbour City Bears are bringing the event to Adelaide.

These types of Men's Only events rarely happen in Adelaide so I encourage all guys to buy a ticket go along and enjoy a fantastic night of smooths beats & tunes, great light show and a friendly no attitude crowd of men (I hear there is a large contingent of guys coming from interstate for this one too).

***It's happening at Caos Café on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov tickets are \$15 Bear members/concession or \$20 non-members. Tix through FeastTix or buy at the door (may be slightly more on the door).***

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