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Dear ALGA members and friends

AGM and MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Paperwork for ALGA's Annual General Meeting has been mailed to members in the last few days. The AGM starts 7.30 pm on Thursday 25 November, 2010 at the Victorian AIDS Council Training Room (6 Claremont Street, South Yarra). After formalities, professional historian Sarah Rood, who conducted a significance assessment of ALGA's collection earlier this year, will be talking about what such an assessment means for community organisations like ours. All members and friends are invited - refreshments will be served after the meeting.

It's membership renewal time for those who haven't already renewed (ALGA's financial year runs 1 Oct - 30 Sep). The paperwork indicates if you are already financial but please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any doubts. Email algarchives@hotmail.com

People who are not members but would like to be, can join via ALGA's website - <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~alga/join.htm> If you pay direct to ALGA's bank a/c, please send us either hard copy or electronic version of the form, so that we have your contact details.

OUT IN THE STREETS CONFERENCE

The tenth Australian Homosexual Histories conference in Sydney on 24-25 September was a great success - about 100 people attending, and a full program of interesting presentations focused on the early years of the Australian homosexual movement, 1970-75. Podcasts of most sessions are now on the website of University of Technology Sydney - <http://epress.lib.uts.edu.au/dspace/handle/2100/783> You can also see photos from the conference on the Pride History Group website - http://www.pridehistorygroup.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114

Incidentally, if you haven't looked at the PHG website for a while, there's new material being added all the time to the pages for Events, Venues over the decades, Who's who and Exhibition. Well worth a visit.

HONOUR TO SUE WILLS AND LEX WATSON

The first co-presidents of CAMP NSW, Sue Wills and Lex Watson, were joint recipients of the community Hero Award recently conferred by the AIDS Council of NSW. Their nominations were put forward by the Pride History Group in recognition of their 40 years advocacy for the health and welfare of the GLBT community. Congratulations to Sue and Lex from all of us at ALGA on this much deserved honour.



ALGA FUNDRAISING



United We Dance is the annual community fundraiser organised by Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council. Thanks to Colin Krycer and AGMC for nominating ALGA to be one of the beneficiaries this year. It's on Sunday 28 November, 7.30 pm till late, at the Market Hotel. \$15 entry includes drink on arrival. (Flyer attached)

The recent mailout included a flyer about ALGA's funding priorities for the near and medium term. More about this over summer.

MIDSUMMA

This summer we get out and about with our **history walk**, tackling new territory for us - South Yarra. It's on Sunday 30 January at 11 am (starting and finishing at the VAC). Bookings are essential, numbers limited. Tickets via the Midsumma site. Concession price to ALGA members. Have a cuppa with us at the end of the walk and see the new space if you haven't already.

And, as always, we will be at **Carnival**. This year it is on Sunday 16 January. (Don't forget the new site though - this year it is at Birrarung Marr park.) If you are there, do drop by our tent and say hi.

DIRECTORIES

A list of gay/lesbian directories held by ALGA is now on the collection page of ALGA's website - <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~alga/docs/directories.pdf> The earliest is the fascinating *IN Guide* (subtitled 'International guide to interesting institutions') published in New York, 1966, which includes references to 'interesting institutions' in most Australian capitals. The list is organised by state and we would be pleased to receive copies of any obvious gaps in the directories collection.

THESIS PRIZE DEADLINE

December 1st is the deadline for ALGA's 2010 thesis prize, \$250 prize for the best fourth year honours thesis in the field of GLBTI studies.

More details at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ozhomohist/message/953>

VALI MYERS EXHIBITION

Dancer and artist Vali Myers was a well known figure in Melbourne's late 1940s camp/bohemian scene before leaving Australia for Paris in 1950. Vali lived much of her adult life in a remote valley near Positano in southern Italy, before returning to Melbourne in 1993, where she spent the last 10 years of her life. An exhibition of Vali's work will be held at Outre's Melbourne Gallery (249-251 Elizabeth Street) from 12-24 November. Details at

<http://www.outregallery.com/browse.aspx?Category=244> There are to be special screenings of Ruth Cullen's two fine films about Vali, *The tightrope dancer* and *Painted lady*, at ACMI on Friday 19 November, 7-9 pm. For more about Vali's life and work, see <http://www.valimyrs.com/>

GAY MEDIA HISTORY PROJECT - REQUEST FOR HELP

Bill Calder, ALGA member and former publisher of Melbourne G&L publications *BrotherSister* and *Bnews*, is currently undertaking postgrad research into the history of Australian gay and lesbian media from 1970-2000. He is hoping to interview the founders of up to 50 titles spanning this period and is seeking help to find the people he has not yet made contact with. Those he is interested in finding (with publication title in brackets) are listed below. ***If you have any information please email him - billcalder@hotmail.com***

Michelle Daw (Labrys)

Sheril Berkovitch (Lesbiana)

Paul Docherty (Bliss)

Brian Lamb (Now)

Peter Langford (Campaign/Cruiser and others)

Bill Horne (Libertine/Oxford Weekender)

Bill Munro (Little Butch/Gay)

Harry Lyle Mitchell (Oxford Lifestyle Magazine)

Glen Wells (Village Voice)

Francine Laybutt (Wicked Women) transgendered now Jasper Laybutt

John Baker and Michael Delaney (William & John)

He is also interested in the following people who are deceased and if anyone has information of whether they left behind any memoirs:

Michael Glynn (Sydney Star/Green Park Observer/Harbour City Times)

Jan Hillier (City Rhythm)

Chris Carter (Melbourne Voice)

Martin Smith (Stallion/Gayzette?)

Allan Deith (Melbourne Voice/Star/ others)

If anyone can help please contact Bill at his email address above.

Best wishes

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