

### DATES COMING UP

**Thursday 10 November**, 9.30 pm. 'Making the boys', US documentary about the making of the 1968 play, *The Boys in the Band*, on STVDIO (Channel 132, a pay TV arts channel). A preview copy is held by ALGA (for viewing on-site only, not for loan).

**Wednesday 16 November, 7.30 pm** ALGA's annual general meeting at the Victorian AIDS Council, 6 Claremont Street, South Yarra. All members and friends warmly invited. Joan Nestle guest speaker on "Archives in times of need and times of change".

**Sunday 15 January.** ALGA (and others!) will be at Carnival (at Birrarung Marr park again.) If you are there, do drop by our tent and say hi.

**Sunday 22 January, 11 am.** ALGA's Midsumma history walk, back to the CBD. Bookings essential as numbers are limited. Tickets via the [Midsumma](#) web site (details not there yet). Concession price for ALGA members (deduct \$5 from the listed price).

**2-4 February** - the "After *Homosexual*" conference, ALGA a co-sponsor. There will be a public event at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Flinders Street, Melbourne on Thursday 2 February, and the conference will be at Victoria University, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne on 3-4 February. This marks 40 years since publication of the landmark work *Homosexual: oppression and liberation* by Dennis Altman. More details on the [conference website](#). But note, **the early bird registration deadline is 5 November** (significant savings if you're planning to attend).

### QUEER HISTORY ON THE WEB: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ALGA is looking for volunteers to help expand the History Bites pages of its new [website](#). History Bites are based on columns written for community newspapers by ALGA president Graham Willett with help from others from time to time. They cover events and people from queer history, ranging from the iconic to the merely bizarre. Graham's donated the digital text of his columns for the website, and we're progressively uploading them for the History Bites pages.

To help, you'll need your own computer and internet access. The website has been created using WordPress. It's easy to use, and we'll provide training. If you're interested, contact John at [webprojects@alga.org.au](mailto:webprojects@alga.org.au).

### VALE MARGARET TAYLOR

We are sad to report the death recently of Margaret Taylor, aged 81. Margaret will be remembered for her work in many gay, lesbian and feminist organisations from the early 1980s onwards. As an organiser in groups for older lesbians (Golden Oldies, Evergreens), a founding member of [Matrix Guild](#) (in which she and partner Sue organised several fundraising Satin and Silk balls), and as a member of the Performing Older Women's Circus Showband, Margaret's trademark energy and good humour were much valued. In later life she moved to country Victoria, where Margaret's and Sue's contributions to community life were honoured in 2009 with life membership of [Country Awareness Network](#).

#### Thinking of donating material to ALGA?

If so, please contact us first – email [algarchives@hotmail.com](mailto:algarchives@hotmail.com). ALGA's collecting policy is online at [www.alga.org.au/the-collection](http://www.alga.org.au/the-collection). Whilst some larger offers are on hold (till offsite collections are fully bedded down at VAC), we are happy to accept smaller quantities (up to say 10 cm shelf space) that meet our collecting policy. A list is a great help! Offers are considered by the committee on a monthly basis.