



Ten Forty Matrix Newsletter

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Hungry Beast and Tomboy Tales



Monique Schafter

Dinner and discussion with guest speaker

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Saturday 18 February

Mervyn Fletcher Hall, 81 Dalhousie Street (cnr Dixon St), Haberfield

6.00 pm

BYO food to share and your own drinks.

Entry fee: \$10 fully waged, \$5 concession.

Monique Schafter is a Walkley Award winning reporter/producer who co-hosted ABC's groundbreaking current affairs program *Hungry Beast*. Monique also writes a weekly

column *Tomboy Tales* for LGBTI newspaper *Star Observer*.

Over three series as a reporter on *Hungry Beast*, Monique covered

a variety of topics such as mental illness

www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-lvDghsaIU,

bullying www.youtube.com/watch?v=dz5dknFHAEA&feature=relmfu

and gay conversion therapy

www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWB1w_hICwI.

Her story *Trapped In Your Own Body* www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3uEMyVnThI about a woman who has Locked-In Syndrome and can only communicate by blinking, recently won a Walkley Award for Best Current Affairs TV Reporting (less than 20 minutes).

In 2012 Monique will be working on the ABC's nightly current affair program 7:30.

Monique is interested in meeting our group to get a better sense of issues affecting senior members of the LGBT community. She says, 'As a 31-year-old lesbian, I'm interested on a personal and professional level in your group as I'm always on the lookout for story ideas that aren't being told elsewhere, or aren't being told properly. I'm keen to meet people who have different perspectives to me and more life experience.'

Entry to the Mervyn Fletcher hall is in Dixon Street. There is unrestricted parking in Dixon St after 6pm.

By bus, catch the 436 or 438 buses which set down on the corner of Ramsay Road and Dalhousie Street. It takes less than half an hour from Central then a 2 minute walk from the bus stop to the hall.

Dykes for Dinner

Thursday 12 January 2012

6.30pm

Doytao Thai

207-211 Lyons Road,
Drummoyne

RSVP to contact@olderdykes.org no later than Sunday 8 January

Thursday 9 February 2012

6.30pm

love.fish

580 Darling Street, Rozelle

Mains: \$14-\$22, BYO \$2 corkage per person

N.B. Numbers are limited to the first 12 to RSVP to contact@olderdykes.org by Sunday 5 February

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Ten Forty Matrix Online Survey

Over the years many connections have been made at Ten Forty Matrix events and many special interest groups have emerged. One such group, known as the Websisters, has developed and maintains the website www.olderdykes.org and the Contact email list.

The Websisters have developed a survey to help find out more about the Ten Forty Matrix membership and the directions members would like activities to take in the future.

We are hoping that you and your lesbian friends will participate in the online survey so that we can find out which Ten Forty Matrix activities you currently enjoy and what you might want in the future.

The survey is completely confidential and anonymous and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The Websisters would like to reassure you that no one can be identified through data collected in the survey.

Please click on www.surveymonkey.com/s/NW39VPG to enter the survey. The link to the survey will also be sent out via a Contact email in early January. The survey closes on 19 February 2012.

The survey results will be published in the Ten Forty Matrix newsletter and emailed via Contact as soon as possible after the survey ends.

Thanks, Margot

Despite the forecast the rain held off and we enjoyed another enormously successful summer solstice party at Margot's. As usual everyone enjoyed the welcoming, relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

At the party we also celebrated Margot's recent retirement. We appreciate her end-of-year generosity to Ten Forty members and their friends, and wish her a creative and adventurous future.

About Ten Forty Matrix

Ten Forty Matrix is an informal group of lesbians over forty, many of whom have been socially and politically active in Sydney since 1987.

We enjoy discussion and debate on the issues we face in work, life and at home, and hold regular fun events to keep us in touch with the lighter side of life.

Ten years ago we established the website www.olderdykes.org to encourage national and international connections between older lesbians.

Ten Forty Matrix is not an organisation you have to join, but if you want to receive regular information about our activities and our bi-monthly newsletter, email contact@olderdykes.org and ask to be put on our mailing list.

Newsletter

To receive a free emailed newsletter, please email contact@olderdykes.org

The web edition and back copies of the newsletter are available for download from our website www.olderdykes.org

Who currently does what?

Bookings, liaison, and general contact: Jan

Utilities box: Sylvia and Wendy

Money Management: Esther

Website management: Jan, Ruth, Dorothy, Diann, Helen

Newsletter: editing and layout Ruth and Dorothy

If you would like to become involved in any of the above, or have some ideas about social events and/or topics for our bi-monthly dinner and discussion evenings, please contact Jan on 9810 5130 or email contact@olderdykes.org

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