

Newsletter

June 2011

Dinner and discussion

**Saturday 6 August
6.00 pm**

The song/music/singer that affected my life

Facilitated by Sylvia

Venue: Mervyn Fletcher Hall,
81 Dalhousie Street, Haberfield
BYO food to share and your
own drinks.

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

Entry to the hall is on Dixon
Street around the corner. There
is unrestricted parking on
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.

Party Time!

Ten Forty Matrix invites you
all, especially visitors from
out of Sydney, to a party with
wine, women and music on
the Saturday night before the
Lesbians in the Opera House
concert on Sunday 10th.

**Saturday 9 July 2011
6 - 10pm**

Venue: Mervyn Fletcher Hall,
81 Dalhousie Street, Haberfield
(see above for details on how to
get there)

The hall has a dance floor and
there will be fabulous dance
music all evening.

Bring a bottle or two and food
to share.

Mervyn Fletcher Hall is only a
block from Haberfield's Italian
Quarter - lots of pizza!

Entry is free!

Email contact@olderdykes.org
if you need any more
information.

Lesbians in the House

Sunday 10 July 7pm - 11pm

Tickets are still available!
Book your tickets at [www.sydneyoperahouse.com/
whatson/lesbians_in_the_
house.aspx?start=yes&start=yes](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/whatson/lesbians_in_the_house.aspx?start=yes&start=yes)



Pre Concert Dinner

Sunday 10 July 2011

5-7pm

Bistro Mozart

Bistro Mozart is on the box
office level of the Opera House
and offers reasonably priced
cafeteria-style bistro food.

They don't take bookings.
However, we can all gather at
the left hand end as you face
the bar and then play Spot the
Dyke. Wear a touch of purple to
make it easy!

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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, you
need to take out a newsletter
subscription.

Newsletter subscription

The annual subscription
for a hard copy of our
bi-monthly newsletter is
\$10 and \$5 concession
payable in January each year.

Subscriptions can be paid
at Ten Forty Dinner and
Discussion evenings.

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Oranges are not the only fruit...

...that can be used to play hilarious interactive games as we discovered during our June dinner and games night. Just picture a line of women trying to pass an orange tucked under the chin from one to the other without using hands. The few women who weren't too weak with laughter after attempting orange passing progressed to the even more challenging tangelo passing.

The games began as soon as we arrived with a conversation challenge. The quick witted were rapidly weighed down with shiny necklaces won from others they'd tricked into saying the forbidden words – no, don't know, isn't.

After dinner Games Mistress Extraordinaire, Bronwyn, tested our coordination skills at

synchronised plastic cup passing – which only the 'fittest' survived as the tempo got faster and faster.

More games followed where among other things we tracked down our partners (Julia Gillard eventually found Penny Wong), basted a chook, pinned a badge on a feminist and told convincing lies (you had to be there).

Our final game was chinese whispers in mime where a breast feeding and nappy changing scene morphed into dissecting a cadaver to hilarious effect.

Many thanks to Bronwyn for organising all the games and props. We had a wonderful evening filled with laughter and fun.



Dykes for Dinner

Thursday 14 July 2011

6.30pm

love.fish

580 Darling Street, Rozelle
(opp the Sackville Hotel)

Sustainable seafood served.

Mains: \$14-\$22

BYO \$2 corkage per person

Ample parking in side streets.

Please note: Numbers were limited to the first 12 and it's now fully booked.



Thursday 11 August 2011

6.30pm

Il Goloso

60 Dalhousie Street

Haberfield

Licensed, BYO no corkage

RSVP by Sunday 7 August via email to

contact@olderdykes.org

I can't decide if I want a baby and my friends who have kids don't make very good salesmen. They're like, you learn all this great stuff, like how to survive on two hours sleep. If I want to learn that, I'll just become a political prisoner or something.

Cathryn Michon

Ten Forty Matrix

Who currently does what?

Bookings, liaison, and general contact: Jan

Utilities box: Sylvia and Wendy

Money Management: Esther

The Secret Diaries of Anne Lister

Ed. Helena Whitbread

\$29.99 *Little Brown* 2010

The discovery and decoding of a remarkable four-million word diary by an upper-class Englishwoman by the name of Anne Lister (1791–1840) has turned the presumptions of a genteel world of fan-wielding women on its head.

Her diaries are a piece of lost lesbian history. Anne Lister defied the role of womanhood seen in the novels of Jane Austen: she was bold, fiercely independent, a landowner, industrialist, traveller - and lesbian.

"I love and only love the fairer sex and thus beloved by them in turn, my heart revolts from any love but theirs."

Anne wrote in detail about her love affairs with other women. Her descriptions of society life, detailing the shortcomings of the local dignitaries, the loaded conversations of tea parties and the remarkable fact that aspirational parents would throw their daughters Anne's way so they could climb the social ladder.

The Secret Diaries have been adapted as a BBC TV film starring Anna Maddeley.



The film tells the story of a wealthy landowner in 19th century England, Anne Lister, and the love of her life, Marianna. The two are soul mates and Anne is deeply in love. Marianna is married off to an older man, according to the era's social requirements, leaving Anne devastated and heartbroken. They attempt to stay "together" but distance and social responsibilities take their toll and it seems almost impossible for the two women to even spend a small amount of time alone. Anne is also caught up with a third woman, creating a bizarre love triangle, as well as her attempts to forget Marianna through affairs and other relationships. But can true love overcome all?

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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 email contact@olderdykes.org