

# Newsletter

March 2009  
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## Ten Forty Soirée

**6pm - 10 pm, Saturday 4 April**  
**Summer Hill Community Centre**

### Dinner and Soirée

featuring a rare appearance by  
Lez Girls, musical interludes, skits  
and story telling.

BYO food to share & your own  
drinks.

Entry fee is:

\$10 fully waged

\$5 concession

Summer Hill Community Centre  
is at 131 Smith Street, Summer

Hill, near Lackey Street, which  
leads from the station.

There is parking near the Centre  
and the station.

By train, the Community Centre  
is on the right hand side of the  
station, going towards the City.

By bus, from George Street, City  
catch the 413 bus to Junction  
Road, Summer Hill or the 483 to  
the junction of Liverpool Road  
and Carlton Crescent,  
Summer Hill.

## What's on

### Dykes for Dinner

**Thursday 14 May 2009**

**6.30pm**

#### Il Goloso (Italian)

60 Dalhousie Street, Haberfield  
BYO and Licensed

Main courses \$14 to \$25

RSVP to Janne by emailing  
[contact@olderdykes.org](mailto:contact@olderdykes.org) before  
Sunday 10 May.

**Thursday 11 June 2009**

**6.30pm**

#### The Sultans Table (Turkish)

179 Enmore Road Enmore  
BYO only

Main courses \$3.50 to \$24

An inner sanctum is out the back.  
Highly recommended mezze and  
chargrilled shish kebab.

RSVP to Janne by emailing  
[contact@olderdykes.org](mailto:contact@olderdykes.org) before  
Sunday 7 June.

### Social event

**Sunday 3 May 2009**

#### Lunch at Taronga Zoo

Either drive or catch the ferry and  
ride the overhead carriages to  
the top of Taronga Park Zoo.

Bring a picnic or buy lunch at the  
zoo. Meet at the top of Taronga  
Park Zoo just inside the entrance  
by 11am. Anne will be wear-  
ing something purple for easy  
identification.

The event is still on if it is show-  
ery however email [contact@olderdykes.org](mailto:contact@olderdykes.org)  
first if it rains  
hard.



### About Ten Forty Matrix

Ten Forty Matrix is an infor-  
mal 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.

Five years ago we estab-  
lished the website [www.olderdykes.org](http://www.olderdykes.org) to encour-  
age national and interna-  
tional 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 newslet-  
ter subscription.

### Newsletter subscription

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

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

To receive a free emailed  
newsletter, please email  
[contact@olderdykes.org](mailto:contact@olderdykes.org).

To receive a hard copy  
please email  
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## Ten Forty games night Feb 7 2009

The games night attracted 19 women, including some new friends, to play Pictionary, Scrabble, and various card games. To start we enjoyed a beautiful feast with lots of cold fruit offsetting the heat of the day although the hall was cool and breezy.

There was a short business meeting. Topics discussed included:

- Responses to the Same Sex legislation and action plan reported on by Sylvia
- Attendance at the IWD march on Sat 7 March.
- Treasurer's Report: Esther reports that we have \$3,500 in kitty.
- In view of the fact that we have adequate funds for hall hire and the website plus contingencies it was agreed, that with tougher times we could reduce the amount for meeting attendance. At present it is \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00. It will now be trialled at \$10.00 (waged) and \$5.00 (benefits).
- Regarding the traditional \$10.00 for the newsletter it was agreed that the newsletter charge should be levied as of January each year. It would only apply to those who receive the hard copy as the email copy does not cost us. The next newsletter will need to contain a statement to this effect plus the mail address.
- Thanks again to the workers, especially Ruth and Dorothy who put in many hours on the newsletter and the website, and Esther for keeping the accounts in order. And thanks to Rob for keeping the meeting on track.

## Watsons Bay picnic

On Sunday 8 March about half a dozen of us caught the ferry to Watsons Bay. It's a great way to see the Eastern suburbs from the water as we called in to Garden Island, Double Bay and Rose Bay en route.

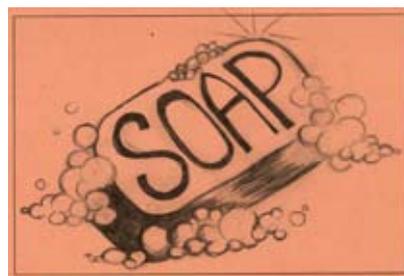
We were joined by others who came by car, and also a little poodle with a bucket on her head to stop her scratching her recently operated-on eye. Some of us had brought their lunch, others got fish and chips or other seafood delicacies from the kiosk on the wharf.

Meredith had arrived early and 'bags-ed' us two tables under the fig trees, which was fortuitous because before long we had a short sharp drenching



shower. Out came the brollies and jackets though and the picnic continued uninterrupted. Stars of the Mardi Gras and IWD marches were there to recount their adventures, and one of us became a grandmother during lunch!!

It was a very enjoyable way to meet some new women and to catch up with old friends. Don't miss our next venture - Taronga Zoo on Sunday 3 May Email [contact@olderdykes.org](mailto:contact@olderdykes.org) for details



### S.O.A.P.

Stop Outing Aged Pensioners Postcards addressed to Kevin Rudd urging the government to amend the same sex legislation were distributed during the IWD march on 7 March.

COAL [www.coal.org.au](http://www.coal.org.au) (email [coal@aapt.net.au](mailto:coal@aapt.net.au)) continues to co-ordinate a lobbying campaign.

Pride History Group's latest booklet, *Out and About: Sydney's Lesbian Social Scene 1960s-1980s* is now available from the Feminist bookshop and the Bookshop Darlinghurst.

Including many historic photographs, this booklet explores the bars, social groups, dances and parties frequented by Sydney lesbians from the 1960s to the 1980s.

