

Subject: Hello Feasters



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Welcome to Hello Feasters!

In this weeks edition you can read all about Feast's 2010 Poster and Theme, our vision for the Feast Hub, and our other initiatives - a brand new website, artist registration site and the FEASTiX ticketing system... and much much more!

latest news...



2010 theme and poster launch

Friday 21st May saw media, MP's sponsors, partners and friends of Feast come together at the Colonel Light Hotel for the launch of Feast 2010 – Our place and the unveiling of our poster imagery, designed by Thanh Vu, an up and coming local web designer. Thanh's design was one of 15 received for this year's poster completion. He was presented with his winning design cheque for \$1500 on the night.

Hon. John Hill MP, Minister assisting in the Arts, and representing the Premier spoke of the value of Feast to the community and of our place on the South Australian arts and event calendar. John was followed by Cr. Stephen Yarwood from the Adelaide City Council and representing the Lord Mayor, Michael Harbison spoke of both Council's and his personal support of Feast and its essential place in the CBD.

This was a night of many significant announcements and milestones for Feast, read on to see what else we have in store for you...

Other exciting initiatives launched included:

New and exciting location for Picnic in the Park which will now be held at Pinky Flat alongside the

River Torrens and just at the northern end of the Morphett Street Bridge, new times for Picnic will be 10am – 5pm. Stallholder registrations for Picnic are now open, please [click here](#)

The launch of our more dynamic and user friendly website designed and managed by Daniel Vallejo, Managing Director of [TheFactory Digital Media Solutions](#), and Chelsea Diprose from Feast, signals a new era in website promotion of Feast. This new and easy to navigate site hosts a range of new functions and features

We have just completed the development of our on-line, in-house ticketing system, built and managed by [3D Resourcing](#), and managed in-house by Chelsea Diprose from Feast. The new ticketing system will officially commence operation in June, with a Feast events, shows and performances, fundraising activities and merchandise available for purchase. FeasTIX box office is located at the Feast office, Lion Arts Centre courtyard, corner of Morphett Street and North Terrace, Monday – Friday 9am – 4.30pm.

Artist registrations for this year's festival are now open. This new look component of our website has been significantly overhauled since last year, and the new streamlined process has been well received by artists to date. To register your event or show, [click here](#)

Feast has just implemented the Companion Card Scheme, which allows for eligible people, on purchase of a ticket, to receive a free ticket for their carer to support them in attending Feast shows.

Feast Announces plans for an Australian first...

Feast, one of Australia's leading queer performing arts events has announced its 2010 theme, launched its 2010 poster and announced plans for the most exciting initiative undertaken since the Festival's 1997 inception.

The theme for Feast 2010, which runs from 13-28 November, is 'Our Place' which ties into a new vision for the Festival, which would see Feast become the first queer performing arts event in Australia to build its own performance and entertainment Hub or 'place' in Light Square, in the city centre.

The Feast team believe the new hot pink poster (image above) designed by up and coming Adelaide web designer Thanh Vu reflects the 'Our Place' imagery and gets us thinking about what is 'Our Place' the home, the place, for queer culture in the wider universe. After several years of sourcing different venues to suit the Festival's needs and requirements of lead acts, Feast needs its own multi-purpose and multi-venue place where we can host our Opening Night Party and Picnic After Party as well as up to nine shows per evening, in three purpose built venues over Feast's fourteen days.

Light Square will remain open to the public and enable Feast to centralise and showcase many of the its key acts and iconic activities in one central location, well serviced by public transport, car parking, other key arts organisations, food and drink outlets and right in the heart of the CBD in Adelaide's West End. As well this new home would provide the platform for us to showcase Feast to the wider community.

Feast's new Hub would comprise four primary performance areas including: The Ballroom - a 200 seat tiered air conditioned performance tent; The Lounge venue seating 60 - 80 patrons will be within the walls of shipping containers, which also double as the Visual Arts Exhibition Space to be named The Halls. All the venues would host the Feast Literature Program featuring panel presentations, book launches and sales, reading and meet the author sessions and be one of the

venues for Feast's National Queer Thinkers forums. The Patio will be the open air emerging Artist and Busking Stage and the The Toolshed would accommodate 20 – 30 patrons in an intimate air-conditioned shipping container, as used in the 2010 Fringe. Feast's on-site bar – The Cellar will have outdoor seating for approx. 60 people and The Pantry is our undercover, on-site catering and café area serving coffee and light meals. The Window Box, Feast's Ticketing office will also be located on-site. For more info go to www.feast.org.au

'Our Light Square Hub plan is currently before the Adelaide City Council who are very supportive and have put it forward for public consultation.'

If you think this is a fantastic initiative to positively position Feast for the future, send us an email of support to gm@feast.org.au or write to us at PO Box 8183, Station Arcade, Adelaide 5000. This is a community engagement activity, let's show just how much our community and Adelaide is behind this exciting and essential initiative.

Calling all queer thinkers!

To take part in Quench – To satisfy a thirst (A Weekend of Queer Thinking) @ Adelaide's Annual Feast Festival.

This unique event provides an opportunity for as wide an audience as possible to hear what queer thinkers (you being one) are thinking, writing, inspired by and passionate about. It provides an opportunity for conversations that energise and inspire.

The event will take place on Sat 20 and Sun 21 November (the middle weekend of Feast 2010) - dates for the whole Feast Festival are 13- 28 November - and Sessions will be held during the day leaving nights free to attend Feast events of which there will be many.

Rather than limiting the range of subjects to be covered we are open to you getting back to us about what you would like to speak about. The range of subjects could cover LGBTIQ health, gender, sexuality, history, law reform, spirituality, community, diversity, creativity in all its forms, youth, ageing, a specific area you are researching, passionate about or engrossed in.

We are also keen to know what you would like to see included in the weekend.

We will program the 2 days based on what areas of interest, subjects speakers nominate to speak about. Sessions will be 1 – 1 1/2 hours with the format up to each presenter. Sessions can be whatever format you want. On a practical front Feast will provide the venue – the Feast Hub which has a number of café style areas with whatever technical equipment is necessary. We are keen to get away from an academic setting. This event has no funding, (surprise, surprise) So there is no payment for speakers or airfares available, however Feast can provide accommodation for interstate speakers. Each session will cost \$5/\$3 conc to attend making the event accessible to a wide range of interested people. We trust you will be inspired to be involved.

Now what? you ask...

1) Get back to us asap with your initial reaction to being involved



Do not panic. We will be back in touch with you with practical details as we have plenty of time before late June when we need to finalise the Quench program.

2) Let Feast know your ideas on who else to ask to present

3) Begin to think about what you could present and let Feast know your ideas for what you want to do. You may want to present more than one session on more than one subject. That's fine.

This event fits in brilliantly with Feast Festival's 2010 theme OUR PLACE which can be interpreted in many thought provoking ways.

For further details contact Margie Fischer Email: margiefischer@ozemail.com.au

upcoming events...

Feast presents BITE!

A fantastic mix of literary and culinary delights.

Sunday 20 June 2010 in the beautiful Carclew Ballroom

Our scrumptious MENU consists of:

1pm - 2pm... **The Write Food A top panel of Writers talk about Food** - Genevieve Harris, Ray Tyndale, Roxxy Bent and Teri Louise Kelly and talk about food. *Cost - \$10*

2 - 3pm... **TASTE ~ Savoury & Sweet Readings** - Open Mic with the theme of food Join emerging authors and guests, Ian Purcell, Mij Tanith, Jill Jones, Ron Hughes, Mag Merrilees, Daniel G Taylor, read on the theme of food. MC Kimberley Mann. *Cost - FREE*

3.30 - 5pm... **Having Your Cake and Eating It Too - a High Tea Feast**

Come along and eat words and gourmet cakes and fingerfood homemade by 20+ Adelaide LGBTQ Community Identities. *Cost - \$15*

Cost - \$20 for the full Menu - First 40 advanced Full Menu Bookings receive a Free Feast Tea towel!

For more information [click here](#) or to book, contact the Feast office on 8463 0684 or email boxoffice@feast.org.au



Flinders Uni Queer Action Quiz Night

Come and help raise money for the Flinders Queer Action Group! It's going to be a fun, entertaining night so gather your friends and hit the trivia books! It will be in the Scholars Bar at Flinders University on Thursday 3 June from 7.00pm until 10.00pm.

Tickets are \$15 per head for tables of 8 and are available in the Student Hub at Flinders. If you are unable to get to Flinders, feel free to contact Luke at queer.officer@flinders.edu.au to make your booking.

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A Centenary Commemoration Celebration – Why Muriel Matters



Join Muriel and Violet and find out!

Tremendous true stories, passionate song, wonderful live music... Caravans and courage, airships and inspiration, bravery and big hats... Born in Adelaide, ignored by history, Muriel tells it how it was...

Starring: Teresa De Gennaro and Carol Young
Writer: Sheila Duncan

Director: Catherine Campbell
Visuals: Lisa Philip-Harbutt
Sunday 13th June, 7pm Adelaide Town Hall

Join us exactly 100 years after Muriel's sell out performance in this very venue!

\$25 Full / \$15 Concession. Bookings @ BASS 131246 or www.bass.net.au
A Project of [The Muriel Matters Society Inc.](http://www.themurielmattersociety.com.au)

Dates for your diary...

BINGO Feast

7.30 - 9.30pm every Sunday Night from 6th June @ Hampshire Hotel - 110 Grote St
Your host is Victoria Square with Barrel girl Margie Fischer + surprise guest
\$5 for 10 Games & \$10 for 20 Games - Drinks at happy hour prices all night.

Never played?? No worries - we will teach you!! Another fabulous Feast event
For more information or to download an E-flyer [click here.](#)

Now Open:

- **Artist registrations**
- **Stallholder Registrations for Picnic in the Park**
- **Food Vendor registrations for Opening Night Party**
- **Feast Hub Visual arts exhibitor expressions for interest**

Well that is it from us for this week. Remember, if you have an event planned over the next 12 months, let us know so we can add it to the Community Calendar of Events in the [Upcoming Events](#) section.

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Thanks for reading, All the best until next week - The Feast Team!



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