

Kia ora!

Welcome to the 2nd Asia Pacific Outgames newsletter. From now on these newsletters will come out monthly, so you'll be up-to-date with all the latest news for what we have planned for March 2011.

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Come and say hello!

In January and February 2010 we have stalls at four big events on the LGBT social calendar. If we're in your city, come along and say hello, and find out a bit more about the AsiaPacific Outgames.

- January 17 we'll be at **Midsumma Carnival** at Alexandra Gardens in Melbourne
- January 23 we're at home base in Wellington for the fabulous **Out in the Square** in Civic Square
- February 14 we're at the **Big Gay Out** at Coyle Park, Pt Chevalier, in Auckland
- February 21 we're at the **Mardi Gras fair day** in Sydney

We're planning to come to other cities such as Brisbane in 2010. Future newsletters will give details.

Sports

We've announced sixteen sports that we'd like to hold:

- swimming
- volleyball
- dancesport
- badminton
- field hockey
- netball
- bridge
- mountain biking
- running (5k and 10k)
- tennis
- fast-pitch softball
- ten pin bowling
- lawn bowls
- diving (platform and springboard)
- squash
- golf

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There are minimum numbers required for each sport to go ahead, and we are discussing the final signoff requirements for these. The specific events within each sporting category will be announced early in 2010.

We're aware of quite a few LGBT sporting groups that are holding open days, barbeques and other events to get new people involved with an eye to the Outgames. This is a great way to boost club numbers. If you haven't played sport for a while and you'd like to get back involved, or you'd like to try something new, joining a local club is a great way to do it.

Parties

While plans are underway for exciting sports competitions, great arts and cultural events and fascinating conference speakers, we haven't forgotten about the nights during the Outgames. You'll have a lot to tempt you. For now, we'll just mention two big events: the fabulous closing night party, and a leather/uniform party.

International DJs, world-class entertainment, and lighting/sound/special effects systems that set a new benchmark in Wellington will make the massive closing night party the ideal way to end your Outgames experience. And the hot leather/uniform party will provide some mid-games spice.

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Search for champions

No, this isn't about medal winners – it's about finding people in different parts of New Zealand, Australia, Asia and the Pacific who are willing to act as local "champions" for the 2nd AsiaPacific Outgames. You might be sent posters to distribute, you'll help us with information about LGBT media in your area, LGBT sports teams, and so on.

If you'd like to know more, contact david.hindley@wellingtonoutgames.com

Who's doing what

In case you don't know who's who in the organisation, this is the Executive group:

Co-chairs, David Hindley and
Virginia Hopkins- Burns

**Convener–Logistics, operations and
volunteers**, Hamish Allardice

Secretary, Kevin Haunui

Convener–Registration, Peter Gordon

Convener – Administration,
James Barwell

Convener–Sponsorship and funding,
Darryl Parrant

Convener – Arts and culture,
Kong Guan Ho

Conveners–Sport, David Huxford and
Karen Moses

Convener– Conference, Barry
Taylor

Convener–Website, Peter
Soukolopoulos

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We want to hear from you

We'd like to run a few personal stories in coming newsletters. Are you planning to participate in something you've never done before? Are you setting yourself a new challenge? We'd love you to get in touch.

Best wishes!

David and Virginia

Co-chairs

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summer and we'll
see you next year!**

