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MUSEUM
Te Whare
Takatāpui-Wāhine
o Aotearoa

Thanks to everyone who stopped into see us this month, we had some awesome chats and have made a lot of new plans for the months to come. We think we might be nearly recovered from Pride month, phew!! That was a big one.

We are privileged to have been hosting Tui Hobson's retrospective exhibition 'Va'ine Warrior' in our space. This exhibition brought in many new guests to our space who came to be awed by Tui's incredible works.

We have Mates not Dates coming up in April, a great way to make some new queer mates!

May is music month, and we have got a lot in the works. So stay tuned for a month full of musical joy.

Ngā mihi

From the Museum Team

The Charlotte Museum Te Whare Takatāpui-Wāhine o Aotearoa is a safe inclusive space open to everyone, including our lesbian sapphic communities, our takatāpui, rainbow+queer whanau and friends, and our allies.

Follow us on social media:



On Going Donation and Support.....

We will be continuing to reach out, asking you to please consider supporting the museum on a regular basis. We are struggling in a challenging funding environment under pressure in this government's bleak economy. If you are able to help please follow this link to set up a payment - every contribution is greatly appreciated.

[Donations and Payments](#)

Events At The Charlotte Museum
Te Whare Takatāpui-Wāhine o Aotearoa

"VA'INE WARRIOR"

SCULPTURE & CARVING EXHIBITION



TUI HOBSON
Retrospective

OPENING EVENT
1 FEBRUARY 4.30pm

February -
April 2025

ARTIST TALK

22 FEBRUARY
2PM - 4PM

February-April Tui Hobson Exhibition 'Va'ine Warrior'

Tui is a sculptor and carver whose mahi reflects her Cook Island and European heritage.

This exhibit celebrates Tui's artistic career exceeding 3 decades.

<https://www.tuihobson.com>

MATES NOT DATES

SKIP THE SMALL TALK,
FRIENDSHIP SPEED DATING

APRIL 11TH
6:30PM-9:00PM



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Mates Not Dates

Friday April 11th 6:30-9:00

Skip the small talk with mates not dates, a take on speed dating with the intention of making new friends. Visitors often ask us where to meet other sapphic/queer folk with a desire to grow their social group. We always aim to make our space just that, but will be designing this event to be more on the nose. Meeting new friends is no easy task and can be complicated to clearly approach the subject in a queer context without being mistaken for being flirty. So come along to our space and meet some like minded folk.

The space will be set up like speed dating with 5 minute rounds to chat, to help skip past the small talk we will recommend conversational prompts at the beginning of each round so you can dive into getting to know each other. Once the rounds are done we will stick around for casual hang outs and a chance to connect and maybe even go out as a group!

The museum is a safe inclusive space for all Rainbow+ Communities

For tickets head over [here to eventfinda](#).

SAVE THE DATES FOR MUSIC MONTH THIS MAY

Here are a few of our planned events, there is much more to come!!

Stayed tuned into our social media, website or pop in for a visit to make your music month plans. Tickets for all events coming soon.

Thursday May 1st 5:30–8:00
Free Event

***Music Month Exhibition
Opening Night***

**Vinyl from Aotearoa's Sapphic
musicians playing all night**



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Open Mic Night

10 slots available to pre-book

***Saturday
May 10th 7.00-9.30***

Tickets and pre-booking on eventfinda



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Saturday May 17th

***Live Performance
Night***

Featuring up and coming artists



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SONG WRITING WORKSHOP WITH SARAH RADFORD

SEMI-FINALIST OF THE INTERNATIONAL SONGWRITTING
COMPETITION AND MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST SARAH
RADFORD OF LITTLE WEIRD, EDEN TRIO & SARAH CHARLIE
ROSE WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP EXPLORING THE MANY FACETS
OF SONGWRITTING

MAY 17TH



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Use our Space for your rainbow event

Every Third Saturday of the month

We want to welcome our rainbow whanau to use our space for events, crafting, meetings or whatever your heart desires. If this interests you please e-mail us at info@charlottesmuseum.co.nz.

Tāmaki Makaurau



Love Begins

April 4th 10:00PM-4:00AM

Whammy Bar

Full Spectrum Events presents the LOVE Events starting with LOVE Begins. LOVE Begins is Aucklands newest LGBTQIA and Allies event boasting the best Queer DJs and a boutique environment that will leave you swimming in Wonder.

Full Spectrum is a Queer Organisation run by Intersex, Transgender and Lesbians who want to create events for their community. Event page [here](#).



Sapphic Sounds Y2K

April 11th Doors open at 10:00 PM. Event ends at 3:00 AM.

ACS, Ponsonby, Auckland, New Zealand

This is an OG sapphic party with a twist! Sapphic Sounds is bringing you a more intimate experience at **ACS**, with a cosy bar, fun arcade games, and a **secret entrance** to be revealed on the night. Due to the smaller capacity compared to our previous Phoenix venue, **space is limited**, so **get in quick** to avoid missing out on this exclusive night of fun and celebration! [Grab your tickets while you can.](#)



Moon Goose EP Release

April 11th The Button Factory

Moon Goose: 'On the Island Where our Shadows Lie' EP release

Tamaki Makaurau w/ special guest Fables.

Starting out as a humble couple of music-making pals, Moon Goose are realising their powers. These strangely adorable creatures will warm your heart with their intricate harmonies, deep folk-scapes and glittering songs.

[Event page here](#), ticketing available soon.



DEI Challenges in 2025

Rainbow Auckland Networking Mixer

April 2nd 5pm-8:30pm

Join Rainbow Auckland for an evening at the Birdcage Tavern, hearing from guest speaker Michael Stevens on DEI Challenges in 2025.

[Tickets are available for purchase for non-members.](#)



**Te Wāhi Wāhine o
Tāmaki Makaurau**
AUCKLAND WOMEN'S CENTRE

Rainbow Women Social Night
Last Wednesday of every month
7pm – 9pm

4 Warnock St, Grey Lynn
\$1 – \$5 donation

Join Sharon for an evening of DVDs or games.

All queer, lesbian, bi, takatāpui, and trans women are welcome.

Trans women are women.

Feel free to just turn up, or if you'd like to chat beforehand you can contact Sharon:
rainbowwomenssocialnight@gmail.com



Dyke Hikes

Dyke Hikes are a walking group for lesbians. They have monthly walks on the first Sunday of every month.

Check out their [facebook](#) group for their monthly walk events.



Radiqal Community events:

Radiqal is an active group for the queer community of all levels of fitness, promoting movement and joyful exercise. Check out their community activities calendar to jump into bouldering, swimming, walks and more! With Dyke Hikes every week and bouldering and coffee once a month Radiqal has loads on offer to get you moving and socializing. Their community events can be found [here](#).

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Hamilton Pride 2025

This year Hamilton has lots of pride filled fun happening! Check out their [facebook page](#) for a list of events.

We've added one below so you can have a sneak peak of what's on offer.



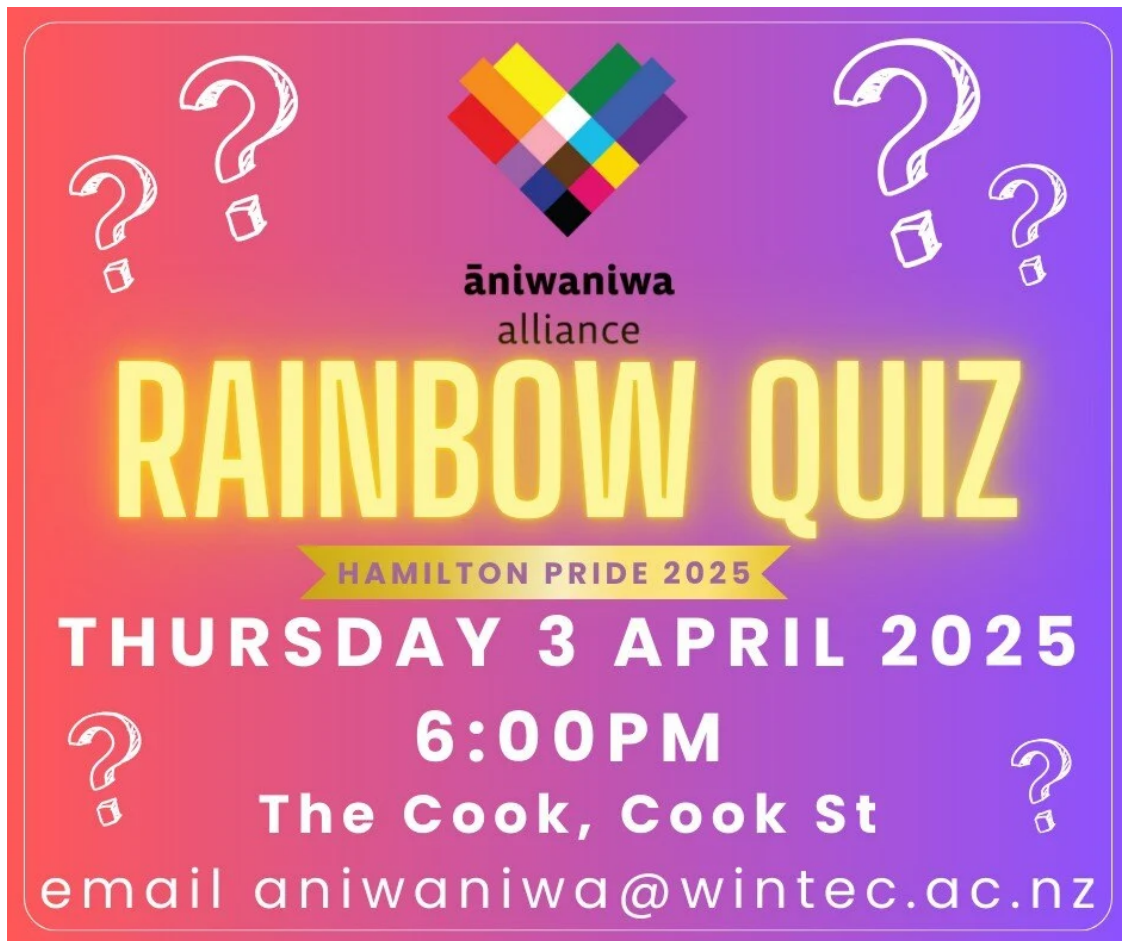
Pride In The Park

Elliot Park | April 6 | 11am - 3pm

Free Ticketed Event

All Ages

A day of love, laughter, and community under the open sky! Pride in the Park is a celebration of queer joy, featuring live entertainment, music, local vendors, and plenty of space to connect and be yourself. Bring a blanket, your friends, and all the good vibes



Āniwaniwa Alliance Rainbow Quiz

Quizmaster supreme Sam Symons is back for the 4th annual
Āniwaniwa Alliance Rainbow Quiz for HAMILTON PRIDE 2025.
Follow [this link for ticket and event info.](#)

Tauranga

TAURANGA MOANA RAINBOW COLLECTIVE



PRIDE MONTH 2025

**Events throughout
the month of April**

**See our website
[TMRC.org.nz](https://tmrc.org.nz) for
up-to-date info**



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Tauranga Pride April 2025

Head over to the [official website](https://tmrc.org.nz) for the full calendar of events!!



Queer Crafts

Third Thursday of every month

6.30 - 8.30pm

The Creative Campus

Koha

A meet up for all people who identify as LGBTQAI+, we are a warm community who meet to socialise, share our stories and learn from each other - all over doing crafts. Every third Thursday of the month. Follow their [facebook](#) page to keep up with their crafty meet-ups.



Tauranga Pride

April 2025

Stay up to date with what's happening at this years Tauranga Pride by checking out their [site](#).

Te Whanganui a Tara Wellington



Lilac Wellington Events

Head on over to Lilac Library event page for loads of Sapphic events in the Wellington area. From dinners to drag they post it all.

<https://wellington.lesbian.net.nz/events.html>



Femmes and Thems Comedy

A line-up of women, non-binary, & gender non-conforming funny folk. Follow [this link](#) for tickets event info and to clear your schedule for next months night of comedy!



Eden Iris Trio South Island Tour

April 2nd-5th

April 2nd 7:30PM Le Café Picton

April 3rd 7:00PM Fairfield House Nelson

April 4th 6:30PM Ruby Bay Store Mapua

April 5th 7:30PM The Mussel Inn Takaka

Check out [their page](#) for other shows and more info on the band.



Rainbow Wellington Monthly Social Mixer

April 11th Saint John Bar and eatery

This is a great way to meet other LGBTQ+ people from around Pōneke. Make new friends, or meet up with old mates.

A monthly event held at different venues, check out their [Facebook page](#) to see where the next one will be held.

On The Move!



Les Vanners

Les Vanners is a collective group of well over 400 lesbians, who have motorhomes and campervans who gather regularly to enjoy Aotearoa's great outdoors. We are self-contained and park up in various locations to cycle, hike, sit around campfires, sing, play golf, swim, eat, play and laugh.

Our two set events are at Easter and Matariki every year, with many other informal weekends away, or journeys to the South Island evolving with groups of friends who enjoy exploring our beautiful country.

Any lesbian with a motor home or

Campervan, please search [Les Vanners on Facebook](#) and answer a couple of questions to find out more from the group's administrators.

Let us know about your events. Let us now about your communities places and spaces and groups so we can connect people up. And add to our notice board list.

We love to know about Rainbow events happening around Aotearoa and the world! If you are involved in an event or project or know of something happening near you please let us know as soon as possible so we can include it in our newsletter with plenty of notice. Contact us via the website or email info@charlottesmuseum.co.nz

NAMES AND @'S OF SAPPHIC QUEER SPACES

FEEL FREE TO ADD TO THIS

EVENTS:

NAME	SOCIAL MEDIA	NOTES
QUEER AF	queer_af_nz	queer markets
Sapphic Sounds	sapphicsound	club + social events
CHURCH	church.club	queer club nights
Radical Movement	radicalmovement	queer movement events eg. rock climb hikes etc.
Flirt Night	flirtnightnz	sapphic club night
Gingers POP UPS	gingerspoppers	sapphic events
Queer Yarns	@QUEERYARNS (ig)	craft group, mostly mittens, crochets etc.
Rainbow Westies	rainbow-westies	social group out west.

BUSINESSES:

NAME	SOCIAL MEDIA	NOTES
Spooky Ceremony	spooky-ceremony	queer gender gender neutral run barbert events
Sahana	@shannyszn	queer artist selling textile keychains + art etc.

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