



the
Charlotte
MUSEUM
Te Whare
Takatāpui-Wāhine
o Aotearoa

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2025!

Thank you everyone who supported us during 2024. Every effort and contribution was very much appreciated during a challenging year.

We enjoyed hosting lots of events and activities and we couldn't have done it without all our lovely communities supporting and helping us.

It was great to have space to host and hui with our fellow Rainbow Organisations and to be involved the Te Whare Āniwaniwa | Rainbow Hub Tāmaki Makaurau project.
<https://tewhareaniwaniwa.co.nz/>

For 2025 we kick off another busy year of hosting and collaboration with a busy Auckland Pride Festival. And on the 1st February we open a very special exhibit of Tui Hobson's amazing work - "Va'ine Warrior" Sculpture and Carvings Exhibition.

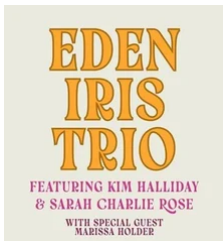
Please help us by sharing our event info across Aotearoa. And we aim to share information about all activities and events happening throughout Aotearoa so please email us about whats going on near you. To stay up to date check out our website and social media. We note Meta made changes creating some tech issues! Please double-check, particularly in facebook you are following us directly and not via an alternative profile.

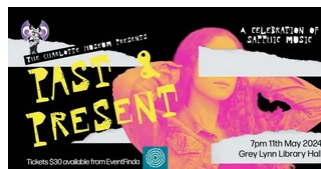
Ngā mihi
From the Museum Team

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 Takatapui-Wahine o Aotearoa

Save the Dates for: Auckland Pride Festival 2025

We have a number of scheduled events and all the details are on our [website](#)

February 1st 4:30PM-7:30PM Tui Hobson Exhibition Opening

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>

February 22nd 2PM-4PM Artist Talk with Tui Hobson

Tui walks the exhibit, discussing pieces in the show.

February 6th 'First Thursdays' for Auckland Pride is a special Pride edition. We are be joining the festivities up on the street.

February 7th Dyke Bingo with amazing prizes!!!

Our version of bingo! Come for a laugh and a great time spent with our inclusive community.

Prize lot so far...

10 Classes with Radiqal Movement

A double pass to Sapphic Sounds Pride event

Double Pass to Church Pride event

A Tote Bag and 2 Lesbian Novels from The Women's Bookshop

And drinks sponsored by ParrottDog

February 14th 40+ Mix'n'Mingle

Join us on Valentine's 'Gay Day' for a 40+ mix and mingle. We totally adhere too the 'age is but a number' mantra but we also know its nice to see yourself at events. Come as a group or with a friend, come as a single ready to mingle, or with your partner and friends looking for a fun, relaxed hang out, or just on your own to meet other welcoming Lesbian Sapphic folks.

February 16th Big Gay Out

Visit our to be showered in Lesbian Sapphic themes, chat to us about our mahi and buy some merchandise!

February 22nd 10am Arataki Dyke Hike

A collaboration of movement and history with Radiqal Movement. We are meeting up to enjoy an easy bush walk, then a relaxed morning tea and to view our Pride exhibit at the Arataki Visitors Centre.

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland



Decorate K'rds Bike Parks for Pride

Yarn for Pride January 18th 9:00am

Bring your crochet, bring your knitting, bring yourself - meet for coffee at Zeki's (K rd) before decorating the bike parking along Karangahape Road for Pride Month!



Overcom

Release of Issue 12

Overcom is a literary journal based in Aotearoa New Zealand, which publishes work by queer writers and artists from Aotearoa and around the world. Each of *Overcom*'s two yearly issues features a range of poetry, fiction, essays, and artwork.

Find their works [here](#)



Ladies 10 Ball Series with Cue Sports NZ

January 26th Pool & Blues in Glenfield

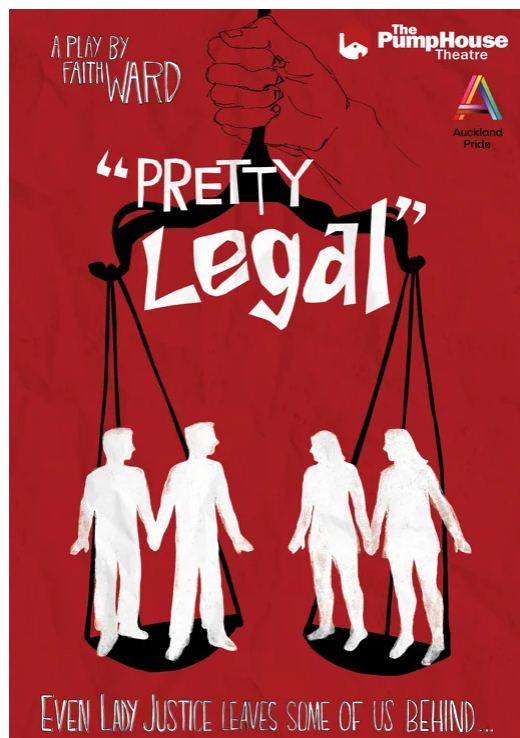
Join the new Cue sports association for their first of many ladies tournament. Come to watch or play. [Sing up here](#)



CHURCH PRESENTS **PRIDE**

SATURDAY 15TH FEB NECK OF THE WOODS

TICKETS: WWW.UNDERTHERADAR.CO.NZ



Pretty Legal

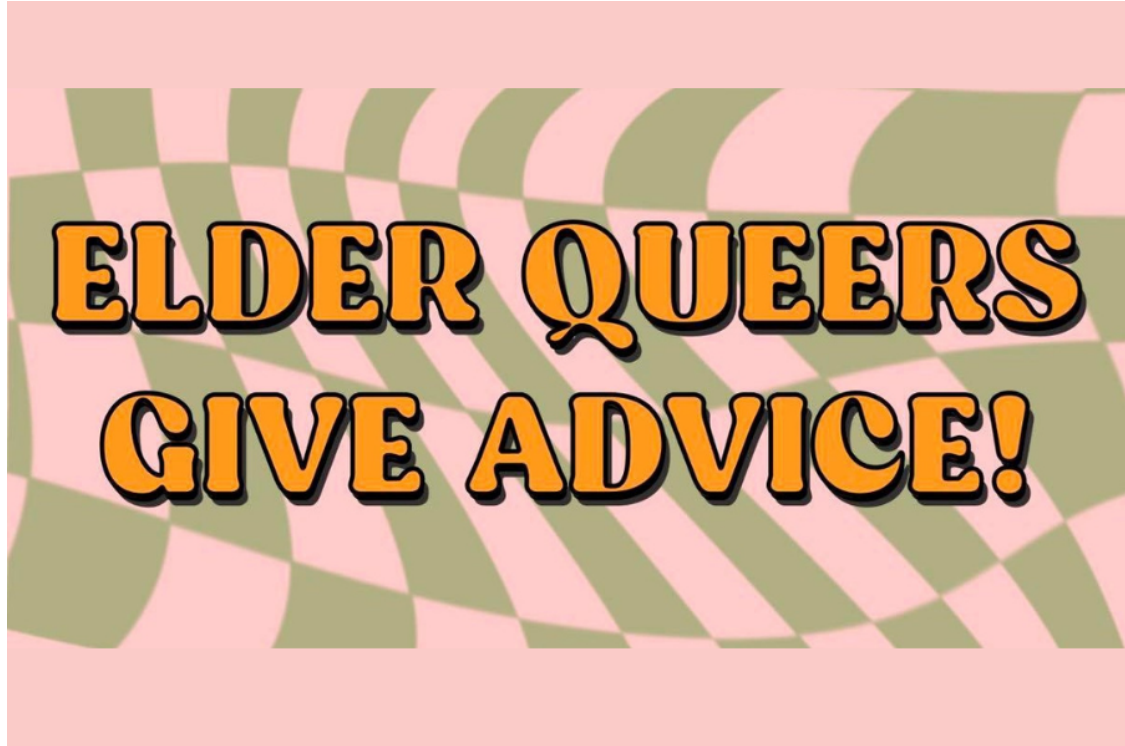
A Play by Faith Ward

Amidst the passing of the marriage equality bill, law firm colleagues Katrina and Olivia finally leave their lavender marriages for each other, while their husbands do the same. All is well, now that it's "*pretty legal*" ...or is it?

Bittersweet, heartfelt, and acerbically clever... join these four conventionally unconventional Gen X-ers as they navigate love, loss, and life in the John Key era. Written & directed by emerging queer playwright Faith Ward, and

presented as part of Auckland Pride's 2025 programme, "*Pretty Legal*" is a daring new play that hits close to home, and celebrates the resilience of human connections.

[Tickets available here](#)



Seeking Elder Queers

Do you identify as someone who is older? Do you enjoy chatting with people of all ages? Have you got a few stories up your sleeve? Congratulations, you're just who we're looking for!

If this sounds like you [check out the sign up form](#) to get all the info you need.



Flirt

Saturday 15th Phoenix Cabaret

Let's kick off 2025 with an epic celebration of lesbian pride.

The night will feature an all womxn queer band, dj and Anika Moa as MC.

[Grab your tickets will they last.](#)



Theta Project's Summer Sunday Social Series

January 12th Sweat Shop Brew Kitchen 7 Sale Street

Kick off the summer season with Theta Project's Summer Sunday Social! We're thrilled to launch a **free** (free entry between 3–4pm), monthly Sunday session that brings together our beautiful LGBTQIA+ community on the perfect outdoor deck at Sweatshop.

Join us on the second Sunday of every month from 3–7 pm (or later!)

For more info check out Theta Projects site for this and other events throughout Auckland.



Sapphic Sounds double header

We are treated with not one, but two Sapphic Sounds events in the coming weeks.

February 6th at The Mothership

[LaneGay](#), the unofficial Laneway after party.

March 1st at Phoenix Cabaret

[Sapphic Sounds Presents: PRIDE](#). *Sapphic Sounds* returns for an electrifying night of music, fierce performances, and unforgettable connections at the official **Auckland Pride 2025** closing party. This year, we're celebrating **one**

year of creating safe, inclusive spaces for our community, and we're going out with a bang!



Queers & Wares

February 1st 10:00AM-3:00PM Studio One Toi Tu

To register your interest in a stall - <https://forms.gle/wpYCL3iHHmEeNnCK7>



**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.

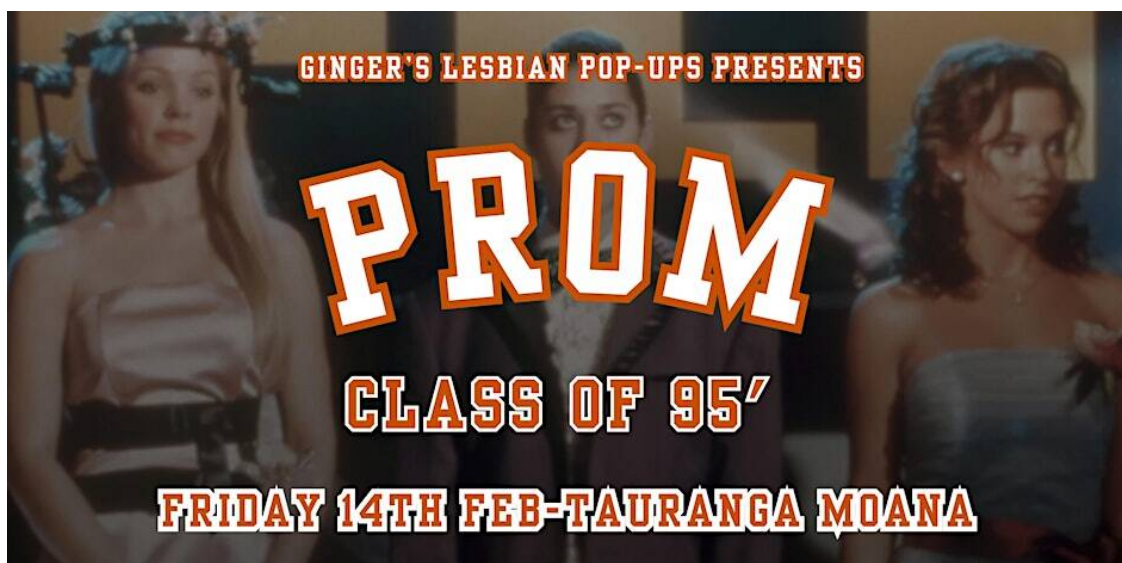
Check out their [facebook](#) group for their monthly walk events.



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](#).

Tauranga



Prom Class of 95'

Presented by Gingers Lesbian Pop-Ups

Friday 14th February 7:00PM-12:00AM

Whether you're rocking PAL-entines, treating yourself, or slow-dancing with your other half, this night is for everyone—solo or not.

Get your tickets quick, most of Gingers events sell out fast.

[Event tickets here.](#)



Queer Crafts

Jan 16 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Koha 159 17th Avenue

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. <https://www.facebook.com/events/541743082131043/>

Te Whanganui a Tara Wellington



Kindred Queers

Connection games for LGBTQ+ people

Are you seeking a deeper sense of community with your queer kin, cultivating more meaningful connections that go beyond the chit-chat? Kindred Queers is making that

space with their workshop series.

Their next workshop will be Story Telling on January 17th.

Keep up with the upcoming workshops and get all the info you need here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/kindred-queers-wellington-connection-games-for-lgbtq-people>



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!



Lesbians Are Everywhere exhibition by MOLA

Lilac Library, Level 2

MoLA (The Ministry of Lesbian Affairs) celebrates the broad visibility and boundless imagination of lesbians across all spaces. This exhibition delves into themes of infrastructure and envisions lesbian cities and worlds abundant in connection, creativity, and humorous bureaucratic forms unique to an alternative lesbian society.

Ōtautahi Christchurch



Christchurch Women's Center

Rainbow Support

Check out the Christchurch women's center page for tons of resources from them and other rainbow/women's spaces. <https://womenscentre.co.nz/>

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 POPUPS	gingerspoppers	sapphic events
Queer Yarns	@QUEERYARNS (ig)	craft group, mostly mitts/crochet etc.
Rainbow Westies	Rainbow-Westies	social group out west.

BUSINESSES:

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

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