



the
Charlotte
MUSEUM
Te Whare
Takatāpui-Wāhine
o Aotearoa

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2025!

Thank you everyone who joined us to celebrate Pride 2025 with us. Despite efforts from hateful groups to bring us down we all stayed together and grew more connected as a community.

We were privileged to start off pride 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 had a blast at dyke bingo, we were so amazed at the massive turn out! We had to pull out every chair in the building to try and make sure everyone go to participate. We shared lots of laughs and a lot of new friendships were made.

Our 40+ mix and mingle was a total hit! It went so well that we plan on making it a recurring event.

We also enjoyed participating in the larger pride events like The Rainbow Parade and The Big Gay out. We are also looking forward to the Waimahara Closing Event, a chance to come together and celebrate the time we all had together.

It was a great to get a chance to meet so many new faces and make new connections with our rainbow community. However, it is pride 12 months of the year here, so we welcome you to join anytime to connect with our rainbow past and present.

We want to thank our generous event sponsors who helped bring our events to life.

[ParrotDog](#), [Sapphic Sounds](#), [Church](#), [The Women's Bookshop](#), [Marijke Van Schaardenburg](#), [Mudita Cakes](#) and [Radical Movement](#).

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



"VA'INE WARRIOR"

SCULPTURE & CARVING EXHIBITION

TUI HOBSON

Retrospective

February -
April 2025

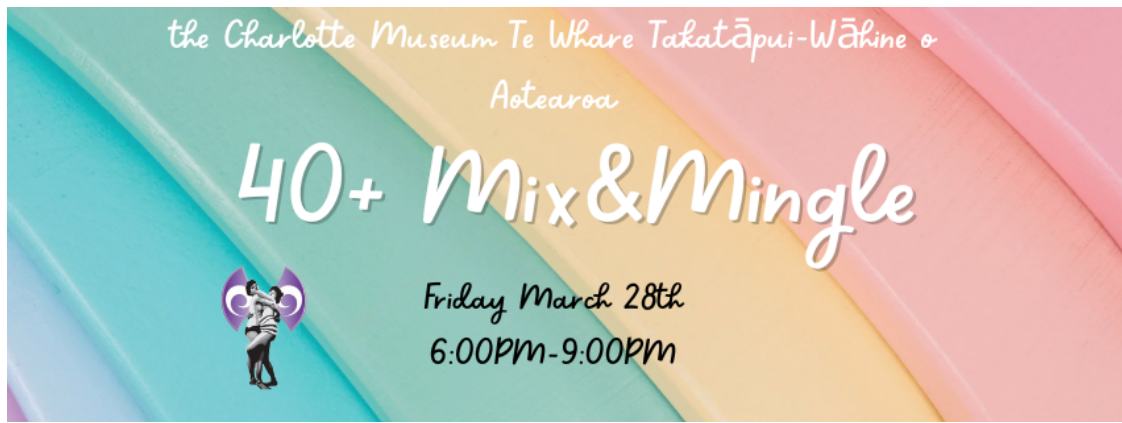
OPENING EVENT
1 FEBRUARY 4.30pm

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>



40+ Mix & Mingle, take 2.

Friday March 28th 6:00PM-9:00PM

Lesbian Sapphic 40+ mix and mingle.

We had so much positive feedback and requests for more that we will be hosting another mixer this March!! We had such a great time hosting you last time, so much positivity and enthusiasm.

This is not a singles event, rather a way to connect with the community.

We totally adhere too the 'age is but a number' mantra but it can be nice to see more of yourself at events.

Many Lesbian Sapphic community events are geared for a younger crowd, so as requested the museum is inviting you to take over our space for the night.

Grab your tickets [here](#).



Art Night at Bergman Gallery

March 20th 5:30-7:30

The Bergman Gallery has generously offered to host a private event for the friends and members of the Charlotte Museum. We would love to have you all along to explore their current exhibition with us. This is a free event and refreshments will be provided. Further [Exhibition details here.](#)

Inflection Point

March 1 - 22

Opening Saturday March 1, 12-4pm, all welcome.

Shannon Novak | Andy Leleisi'uao | Lucas Grogan |
Rozana Lee | Taja Vaetoru | Aaron Lassey | Ben
McCook-Weir

The post-pandemic world stands at a crucial inflection point, reshaping societies, economies, and cultural identities. As the dust settles, the collective consciousness grapples with themes of resilience, transformation, and redefinition. Artists, thinkers, and communities navigate the intersections of past trauma and future possibilities, using creativity as a tool for reflection and progress. This exhibition delves into the raw energy of change, presenting works that reflect powerful, personal experience.



Te Whare Āniwaniwa Collective Community Meeting

Wednesday 12 March 2025

5.30pm - 7pm

Charlotte Museum - 1A Howe Street, Newton

RSVP by e-mailing kiaora@tewhareaniwaniwa.com

Come along and meet the current board, talk about the purpose and role of the community committee and get to know one another. We look forward to seeing you there.

Don't worry if you can't make it on the 12th, just let us know and we will keep you updated on the next meeting. We plan to have them every 8-10 weeks.



Use our Space for your rainbow event

Every third Saturday of the month 11am-4pm

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 Auckland



Rainbow Path Aotearoa

Information sessions and Workshops to support Rainbow asylum seekers and refugees in Aotearoa

Rainbow Path is organising 2x online information sessions and 2x Auckland based in-person volunteer workshops for the Rainbow community and allies to build wider awareness about and support for Rainbow asylum seekers and refugees living in Aotearoa. Please read and complete this form if you want to join the information sessions and/ or workshops, or to hear about future sessions: <https://forms.gle/TQ5qUR19iUpgPg8A6>



Waimahara Closing Event

March 1st 12pm-4pm Myers Park

Beginning with a rally in Aotea Square Grass Terraces, attendees will march to Myers Park through the public art installation Waimahara by Graham Tipene (Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Manu) for a day of connection, learning, and organising around shared advocacy goals.



Sapphic Sounds

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!

Board gaymes with Sapphic Sound

March 12th 6:30PM-9:30PM

a fun and chill evening of games, snacks, and good company at O3 Space in Newmarket. Whether you're coming with a friend or flying solo, this is your chance to connect with other sapphics in a relaxed and welcoming environment! For all the event details head over to the [event page here](#).



art day for gender equality

Monte Cecilia Park

Sunday, 9 March

1001 Spheres project in collaboration with *The Arts House Trust* is celebrating International Women's Day with an inspiring day of creativity, music, poetry and conversation. There is a great line-up of events occurring at the site of 1001 Spheres sculpture in Monte Cecilia Park and at Pah Homestead.

This is a free event. All welcome. 10:30am to 5:30pm.

[Program details](#)



Tu Meke Tūi Rainbow Roadshow

March 1st 10:30am-11:00am 300 Scenic Drive, Oratia, Waitakere,

Prepare for a delightful 30 minutes of storytelling magic with Malcom Clarke, the author of 'Tu Meke Tūi!' and 'Tu Meke Tuatara!' at Arataki Visitor Centre, in front of our very own Flox wall!

Supported by Pride Fest Out West x Proud Centres.

Facebook event [here](#)

Join us for a screening of the groundbreaking
MENOPAUSE DOCUMENTARY

THE [M] FACTOR AUCKLAND

DATE: 08th of March 2025

TIME: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Fickling Convention Centre
Sr. Citizen Room, 546 Mt. Albert,
Three Kings Auckland 1042

- Film Screening
- Panel Discussions Q & A
- Conversation

“The M Factor” empowers women to make informed health decisions and aims to remove the stigma surrounding menopause and aging.



SCAN TO REGISTER!

Screening of the M Factor, followed by panel

March 8th Fickling Convention Center

We are bringing this event to Auckland communities for a night of information, learning, conversation, connection and celebration. Women's progress - progress in health care deserves celebration and support in particularly about Menopause and health towards midlife.

We will be joined by Industry qualified/ leaders in Women's Health & Menopause.

The M Factor Film (@themfactorfilm) is a groundbreaking documentary that will empower and educate the 1.1 billion women worldwide who will be in menopause in 2025. We have the opportunity to be part of this in Auckland out of over 500 screenings in 40 countries, this is the only screening in New Zealand. This is For You, For Us!

Eventbrite link for tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/49aza4xy>

About the film: <https://themfactorfilm.com/>



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.

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](#).



**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

MOVEMENT

Radical Community events:

Radical 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 Radical has loads on offer to get you moving and socializing. Their community events can be found [here](#).

Tauranga



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.

Women's Health Evening

March 11th 6:30PM

St John Station at 146 17th Avenue, Tauranga

Want to come and to some amazing speakers and learn about all things

Menopause, Breathing and Pelvic Health?

At just \$12 and with talented and knowledgeable women giving their time to help us all understand our bodies that bit better - this is an evening NOT to be

missed.

[Event page](#)



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



Wellington Pride Festival 2025

March 2025

There's all kinds of things happening over the month of March, from large scale to small. Have a hunt and find what's good for you. Pride site with events calendar [here](#).



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!

Ōtautahi Christchurch



Ōtautahi Christchurch Pride 2025

March 1st March 31st

Check out the Chch Pride site to see a full schedule of activities. Looks like a fabulous month ahead filled with beautiful pride events.

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 movements 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

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