

Feast Festival Project Acquittal to the Parkestone Association for Adelaide Queer Memory Map

Description of Project

This project was a national first, enabling Adelaide's queer community members to share their stories and memories of GLBTQ sites in the city of Adelaide. These memories will be anchored to specific locations on a giant map of the City of Adelaide inside a beautiful, evocative structure situated within the Feast Festival Hub, Light Square during Feast 2012.

The Project

The project had a active project committee -,Mag Merrillees, Ros Prosser, Mij Tanith and Will Sergeant. Margie Fischer as Coordinator, Ian Purcell as Project Advisor. Fanny Jacobson assisted Margie with project coordination in the lead up to Feast 2012.

Casey Seville and students from the Advanced Diploma of Design for Live Production, Theatre and Events Adelaide College of the Arts were an essential part of the project as they designed and constructed the Memory Map structure which was placed at the Feast Hub. They provided their expertise and time as a donation to the project.

The brief of designing an evocative structure to house the growing map that community members added to and viewed throughout the Festival was ambitious, Casey and the students rose to the challenge and developed a three dimensional walk in triangle constructed with light aluminium with a grid system that reflected the streets of the city of Adelaide.

The streets were marked on the structure so that people could walk into the structure, locate sites that had queer cultural memories for them and write their memories on clear plastic strips that were attached to where their memory took place on the memory map.

The Queer Memory Map was at the Feast Hub throughout the Festival, a wide variety of people engaged with the Map leaving their memories either on the structure or in the Visitors Book that we provided. Volunteers were present at the Memory Map to assist people and write their memories and explain the project. Fanny Jacobson documented the memories that were written and attached to the map. They are part of this report.

Project Outcomes

This project did achieve two of the three outcomes that we set out to achieve.

1) To provide Adelaide's queer community members with the opportunity and space to document their memories of events, places and history most of which are untold, rarely shared and almost completely unrecorded.

2) To build an evocative structure to engage visitors to the Feast Hub providing the opportunity for them to participate in the project by adding their memories and/or viewing the growing memory map as it is added to throughout the Festival.

3) To capture all the memories collected during Feast on a accessible, well designed, inviting web page as a permanent historical and social record of queer history in Adelaide. This was not achieved as there was not enough funding to achieve it.

Feast now has the memories recorded and the Memory Map structure which can be put together again at Feast 2013 and added to. We plan to do this and then to apply for further funding to develop an interactive website.

In Conclusion

This project did collect and preserve GLBT cultural memories/ history. It focused on community members writing our history, preserving our memories, sharing and celebrating our lives, spaces, places and achievements with the aim of supporting both the wider and GLBT community's understanding of homosexuality.

As is often the case with underfunded projects involving hard working idealistic community members donating their time we couldn't do all we wanted to. Permanently displaying what is written on line is yet to be achieved. The committee members are working on making this a reality.

Also due to cuts to AC Arts funding materials couldn't be provided so the project had to pay for the materials used to construct the Memory Map. Feast supported the project by providing an additional financial contribution to cover costs.

The committee debriefed in December with Casey Van Seville. We agreed – The Memory Map's position at the Hub wasn't ideal, we would have liked it to be in a more prominent position.

It was ambitious to timetable volunteers to 'sit' with the Map every day and night of the Festival. At times people couldn't make the commitment they had made.

We came up with a different way of attaching memories to the Map which we want to use in the future. We plan to use waterproof sail cloth in rainbow colours that can be tied to the map with memories written in a book and on a computer on site. The structure will become covered in ribbons at key memory sites floating in the breeze.

We are proud of this project and trust that the Parkstone Association is as well.

Margie Fischer on behalf of the project Committee.

Expenditure

\$ 500 cost of event listing and advertising in the Feast Program Guide

\$1,633 cost of materials to construct the structure to house the Memory Map

\$2,133 total

Income

\$ 700 Parkstone Assoc.

\$ 500 Event listing and advertising provided by Feast.

\$ 933 additional funding provided by Feast

\$2,133 total

In kind contribution

Project Advisory committee time

TAFE students design and construction of the Memory Map structure

Feast's provision of volunteers to assist contributors at the Memory Map

A Selection of Memories from the Queer Cultural Memory Map.

Each was/is attached to a specific site on the map.

1. March 09 Met the kinky friends who would introduce me to TANYA ♥
2. Angas Hotel LESBIANnight Wednesday's front bar. Late 80's – 1991 or 2
3. My first "pickup" Boat shed toilet beat (KW st) 1971
4. 2003 – 2005 Radio Adelaide was the place where I first met LGBTIQ people. I listened to Aqueerium for the first time when volunteering at Radio Adelaide
5. Hot office sex 2012
6. I remember back in the 80's I used to go with a few closet friends to the beat next to King William bridge across from the Army barracks. We used to drink, smoke joints and have anonymous sex. My first beat
7. 1970 – 1990's Seahorse club for the transvestites the fun of social activities , support groups newsletters and conferences. I was part of SA it was national
8. 2012 met the greatest elf a pirate could wish for coffee bean
9. Girl fest 2011 for the first time someone kissed me first. She chose to kiss me and it came out of nature
10. First saw Boylesque at Cabaret Fest 2012. So touching to hear two of the performers say it was the first time their dads had seen them perform in their 12 year gay dancing career! A huge moment for them. Mayor city Prospect
11. Staff room sex
12. Feast 2012 Opening Night November 10 outside emerging artist hall my amazing girlfriend went down on one knee and asked me to spend the rest of our lives together. I said yes!
13. In 2004 when the Ed Castle was still a gay bar, they put on amazing strip drag shows each Wednesday night which led the guys to Melb
14. Nov 10th 2012 Kissed Kai!
15. Victoria square first reclaim the night oct 1978 Also Rymill park 2001 Always hindley st, bells trumpets whistles and song
16. Queer reading group at Adelaide Uni

17. First Pride March with Free Pussy Riot contingent 2012xx
18. Women Performing – wonderful fri nights at Girl Guides Hall, Irish Club and ???
19. Saturday 10th November 2012 – My first participation in the Pride March. Such a glorious sunny day filled with love joy sunshine music and rainbows. Such a beautiful journey with gorgeous community
20. My first night “out” @ Armstrongs Currie St with a bunch of guys I met at Maslins Beach. I was very shy and don’t remember much about it.
21. I remember the Hilton Hotel: my first night as an “out” baby dyke (aged 35) I wore a satin rainbow jacket my sister made for me
22. Edinburgh Castle Hotel Opening night so crowded lots of body contact . Start of 7 days a week hotel early 90’s
23. The Angas hotel Wednesday night lesbian pub night had ended. 4 of us went on a pub crawl and set up the “lovely Hilton” (our local) Wednesday lesbian night 1992? Helen Printer
24. 1982 The Hilton hotel had Dyke nights . Sometimes I had fun. Other times it was down-right tragic. My feckless girlfriend got off with someone else one night and I went home alone. That was over the idea of socio experimentation in the 80’s! Ha!
25. My partner and I shared our first kiss @ the ed 7 years ago. Now we are expecting our first baby! 15.11.12
26. Outloud a program for gay, lesbian, bisexual people and allies started at 5mm – 3D which moved to Stepney it was 11 fabulous years
27. 2010 – 11 Met the person I love on my first birthday since beginning transition. Also the first place I ever went female
28. My first ever girl pash was at the Ed – the first of many! 1999
29. 1993 I was 24 and had never met a lesbian before... I met you and my life changed
30. in the summer of 98/99 I went to beans bar with friends and saw drag queens and experienced my first queer space
31. In 2007 I started seeing a psychiatrist for gender dysphoria and I started taking testosterone
32. 22/11 My first exhibition as part of bearstock thanks bears of Adelaide for inviting me! Greg x

33. Woodville town hall my first womens dance 1996 as a newbie
34. My first gay festival – feast 2012 in the land of sheer joy Adelaide!!!
35. Party at Feast 08 ; In what is now the reading room. The room was all white, tubs of paint and tools provided. Free style art! It was my first year volunteering at feast. We covered the room and each other with paint it was awesome
36. 17.11.12 Found really cool stuff at Jam Factory that'll last forever and remind me of Adelaide Faido
37. I saw heard Mel Watson perform I loved her gutsyness and enquiring
38. Central Markets how many hugs and kisses meetings, coffees and meals
39. Star Theatre formerly Theatre 62 the Pink Files production for Feast
40. Helaine and Sandra got illegally married on steps of Parliament House 2012
41. Protesting police inaction outside the office of the attorney general in pirie st following a spate of gay bashings in 1992/3 I was one of those Matt
42. Kissed my future husband
43. 2012 first time I ever fell in love (didn't work tho)
44. I ♥ Adelaide Drag Queens My Gnirls are the most talented in Australia Ed Vonnies, Mars Garage Queer @ Live
45. 2009 – first Mars Bar visit love the dragshow and cool tunes danced my booty off Jayne
46. My first experience of queer Adelaide was dyke night at the grace Emily hotel 2002
47. The girl of my dreams said yes!! At the feast hub 2012 Brook Rogers
48. 1995 Pink Flamingo Hindley St had a great time fabulous drag shows
49. Lots of fond memories of parties at Geoff and uncle Bob's. RIP Geoff Crowhurst 90's and 00's xx
50. Bloor house bloor court off curries st womens Liberation Liberated Lesbian
51. Earth night club my home. Those were the days
52. Straight people having sex on the dance floor at Mars BAR

53. To be back with beautiful friends, laughing and dancing in a truly amazing place! I love you girlies at this year's Feast Festival 2012
54. 2004 The Mars Bar
55. My first GF and I met at the Mars, I was young (18) she was 22. Monique ... years later me and my now x wife (also Monique) kissed in the same spot my 1st gf and I kissed Alica-Rose Joslin
56. 1st time at Mars. Fell down stairs, hit my head got a concussion was also my 2nd date with my ex
57. I remember when I fell in love with a boy named Claudio we made love his skin olive against the ivory. We made love and I really and truly saw fireworks, gay love is magic
58. I'm a straight person with lots of gay friends I treasure them all ♥
59. Kissed my amazing boyfriend here for the first time
60. Was approached and tried to be picked up by someone while using the toilet
61. My first feast and bearstock 23/11/2012
62. I met my love on the Pink Sofa. The first weekend I flew to Adelaide to meet her in the flesh. She took me to the food court at the central market Vietnamese soup. Now we take our son there
63. That love comes to you in all forms and touches you on all levels and the lessons learned lead to understanding
64. Women performing moved here from the Irish club. Fantastic performance. Musicians paid tech lighting. New upcoming women mentored. Mary Heath and Silver Moon and others pulled this off
65. 1987 a bisexual friend took me to wimmings night at the Angus Hotel, to meet the lesbians. I finally felt at home in Adelaide after finding my own people
66. gay carols semaphore uniting church 2002
67. A warm summer night at feast holding my partner 10 years together still in love and loving feast fest
68. Christmas 2009 cnr south and east tce. Another dismal failure – someone sends me a message on on bwww "if you want a relationship txt 04" Three years later I love him more every day

69. 2006 what a fabulous event. Not sleeping all night but enjoying the buzz of all around. Drugs sex and rock n' roll. Rage on regardless ♥ U Gays xx Ginnyxx
70. In a moment, make-up introduction and on to the better part of my life, thanks Richard xxx 1998 Pulteney St
71. My friend Llew was beaten badly in the jaw by a gay basher walking along Hindley street. I took him to police station and later to RAH. It took him over 2 years to recover from the bashing. I was angry for what happened to him in a peaceful city like Adelaide. The whole bashing occurred without any provocation only Llew was wearing a leather harness at that time.
72. Bashed by poofter bashers Unley Rd beat 1980
73. 1346 club mid 70s run by great people big balls sports days Fun! My dad compered en femme! My girlfriend and I helped behind the scenes
74. Sappho's Lesbian camp for wimmin – luscious Mylor 199?
75. 1996 went to 1st golden club dance at Fullarton community centre and did go in cause it looked butch /femme and wimmin in polyester skirts
76. first girl on girl kiss at 17 – have never looked back ♥ Susie
77. My first golden club dance 1998 Burnside town hall very butch and fem in those days
78. I kissed a random boy so he could write about it on his blog. He said it was the most arousing kiss of the year. I was chuffed Dec 24 2010
79. I met the love of my life in 1994 at 2nd story in a group run by mahamati. 18 years later and with a child
80. The first time I felt I wouldn't always be alone, farewell Hyde Out second story Blix
81. Epworth Building top floor Pirie st 1974
82. Light Square 25/11/12 Going to my first picnic and having an awesome time with BF friends family ♥ Sarah Karmann
83. I remember wild sex with my girlfriend on the Torrens
84. The first "gay" event I ever attended was La Boheme's Purve night. I saw a community and a possibility that night. Also tits. I saw tits

85. 1997 Margie Fischer on the sofa at Fowler's live I had just arrived in Adelaide from Canada
86. Ashton and Isuul sexy times back office
87. 2012 I had my first major solo exhibition it was fabulous
88. 1983 – 1985 Marylou ... ran the Hilton Hotel and Bar on Wed nite then everyone came to the Colonel Light Htl to party on
89. 1987 Marylou ran womens bar in the salon at the stag hotel the cocktail bar upstairs
90. Came down from the country to my first golden club womens dance. COULD NOT BELIEVE MY EYES!!! Women of every age shape and size. Couldn't wipe the grin off my face!!! 2002 Aged 39
91. North Adelaide 15 Gover Place The spa! And all the callers at all hours. 1988 – 2004
92. 1983 ADELAIDE Uni great friends all accepting
93. Attended GLCS training program at darling house Jayne 1992
94. 2010 went to pulteney 431 for the first time met a nice guy went home with him then dated for 12 months. Was under age
95. I went to the Irish club. New not knowing anyone . hungry for connection . had a great time then to the girl guides hall
96. 1984 In the early 80's I lived in a share house in North Adelaide with a bunch of groovy young dykes and we'd all frock up, pile into my '58 combi and hit town. Those were the days!
97. First date as an openly transgender man. War memorial drive 15 Aug 2011
98. My first feast festival
99. 1997 went to my first picnic in the park with my boyfriend. We got married, divorced and then I came out 3 years later. Feast let me know that I wasn't alone.
100. First womens liberation march IWD 1972 Police very intrusive. Rymill Park
101. 30 November 2006 the love of my life and I used the I word for the first time at Picnic. Rymill park
102. part of ARC we met behind MMM Radio . Some very strong proud lesbian members stood up for Process against domineering arrogant bullying men.

103. First place I spoke about being gay in Adelaide Girls Loung was fantastic for me (2010) 2nd story
104. Blowing Tyer while check a bloke out on the way to Picnic 25/11/12 M u Adam light square

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