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• **Sunday 12th November 2023** •
University of Wollongong
10am-4pm



Welcome to TAFFI 2023!

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance (ISGA) welcomes you to TAFFI 2023! It has been a busy year planning and it is finally here. We have over 60 stalls, health and wellbeing sessions and workshops, lived experience panels, a dedicated youth space, entertainment all day long and a variety of food options to keep you satisfied.

ISGA and the TAFFI organising committee would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of Country in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions. UOW sits upon ancestral lands of the Dharawal people and below the ancient teaching site of Mount Keira. We would like to extend respect to Elders past, present and emerging and particularly acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, including sisters, brotherboys and others who are attending TAFFI.

We would also like to acknowledge the support from the following organisations - without them this event would not be possible.



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A special thanks to University of Wollongong for hosting TAFFI 2023. The University of Wollongong has been recognised for its strong policies and practices on diversity and inclusion and support for the LGBTQIA+ community. Supporting the Festival to be held on Main Campus, supplying security, equipment, rooms and other amenities allows our community to enjoy the festivities in a safe space and a friendly environment.

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TAFFI is run by a big team of awesome volunteers. We couldn't do it without you! Ask anyone in a white TAFFI T shirt for help- if you need a bandaid, directions, physical help, security, a quiet area or just someone to chat to.

The ISGA Registration tent has sunscreen, lanyards and TAFFI badges. If you do not want to be in any photographs, pick up a **purple lanyard** from the tent and if you see someone taking photos or videos without consent, please tell security or speak to a volunteer.



The sunflower is symbol of invisible disabilities. If you see someone wearing a sunflower, they may need some extra care or support. You can get a sunflower pin or bracelet at the ISGA tent.

See the back pages for maps and links to ISGA resources.

TAFFI 2023 TIMETABLE

Opening Ceremony - Duck Pond 10:00 - 10:45		10:00	Opening remarks from MC	Ellawarra			
		10:05	Welcome to Country	Aunty Joyce Donovan			
		10:15	Welcome from University	Professor Patricia Davidson			
		10:20	Welcome from Lord Mayor	Councillor Gordon Bradbery			
		10:25	Welcome from ISGA	Dr Alison Rutherford			
		10:30	Welcome from Convenor	Claire Murphy			
		10:35	Opening Performance	Kiama Illawarra Pride Choir			
Time	Event	Time	Act	3	3	18	Mason's Remedial Massage
	ROOM (20-1)	11:30	Drag set 1 (Lyla, Magnus, Andy)	2	ACON Health & Transhub	1	Lucille Designs
11:00	ISGA Plenary: Supporting young trans and gender diverse people in the Illawarra	11:40	Brett Hoppenbrouwer	4	Nayas Arts and Crafts	21	UOW Ally Network
1:30	Workshop: Self/Friend Massage Technique - Pre and Post Surgery Healing Rusel Last	11:45	Queenie	7	Arts Of Ted	22	Eren's Canvas
2:30	Hormonal Therapies - if a little is good is more better? Dr Martina Gleeson	12:15	Giorgia	42	Beenie Balms	23	For the Luv of Dexter
3:00	Chest Surgery Options - Dr Robert Knight	12:45	Kiama Illawarra Pride Choir	9	She Shed Potters	41	Women Illawarra
	ROOM (20-4)	1:00	Drag set 2 (Annie, Kat, Sinn)	36	Anti Fascist Action Wollongong	58	Paws for a Selfie - Australian Rainbow Vets & Allies
12:30	Binding 101 Workshop - Lily and Bang Bang	1:15	Shannon McGrath	40	Illawarra Sexual Health Service	27	Wollongong Student Artists
1:30	Lived experience panel - Carla, Valkyrie, Miranda, Daniel	1:45	Hayden Moon	24	Illawarra Greens & UOW Greens	47	ISGA Info & Registration
	ROOM (20-5)	1:50	Drag set 3 (Lyla, Kat, Andy, Annie)	12	Mermaid & Me Bowtique	28	Lily and Bang Bang
11:00	Vocal Workshop- Danny Benn Southern Lights Academy	2:15	Jackie Turner	14	UOW Security	30	Blind Luck Intuitive
1:30	Find your Voice - Natasha Schellender, Gender Voice Centre	2:45	Sam + Juno (Princess Unit)	26	Kedesh Rehabilitation Services	8	Delennyks Gifts and Homewares
2:30	Relationships that last - Cathy Hayes	3:15	Drag set 4 (Fancy, Lotta, Magnus, Sinn)	15	Dykes on Bikes Sydney	37	Rainbow South Coast
3:00	Dating 101 - Ally Mason and Yeşim Karasu	Youth Area - Juggler's Lawn		38	PridePoint	10	Bin Chicken You Out
	FOYER	12.00	Hula Hoop Workshop – Happy Body Collective	17	Pademelon Press	19	Peach Clinic
All Day	Portrait exhibition: I AM. A trans masc visibility project	1.00	Weaving Workshop with Kylie and Wendy	16	Brave Shades	29	Wollongong Illawarra Roller Derby League
Stalls - Building 20		1:00	Sibling Workshop - Gender Centre (Parent space)	20	Flourish Australia	13	Choppa Chops Gourmet Pet Bakery
32	Hashworth Psychology	2.00	Intro to Mental Health First Aid - Wendi Hobbs				
11	Inside Out	3.00	Zine Workshop - Twenty10	Food Vans/Stalls			
43	The Gender Voice Centre	All Day	Badge Making Workshop - Twenty10	31	Amigos - Mexican	34	Your Dessert Station - Bubble Waffle
39	The Hand Up Space	All Day	Trans Future Workshop - Twenty10	48	Nani's - Indonesian Food	35	Bubble Tea and Snowcone
56	Centre for Social Research in Health - UNSW	All Day	Bead Jewellery Workshop - Headspace	46	2 Smoking Barrels - American BBQ	33	Hemmingway - Donuts
6	Mind Mode Psychology and Wellness	Stalls - Youth Area		60	Panizzi - Coffee and Meals	49	His Boy Elroy - Burgers
53	Zine Workshop	54	Headspace Wollongong	59	Uni Bar also open for Lunch	55	Lola and Maeve - Coffee Van
		5	Twenty10	51	MAIDO - Japanese Savory Pancake	50	Chicken Van Man
61	UNIQUE UOW	45 & 44	The Gender Centre	52	White Pearl Pizzeria Wood Fired Catering	62	Mountain Road Merchants

TAFFI Speaker and Workshop Program					
10:00	Opening Ceremony on main Stage				
10:30	Entertainment begins on main stage				
	Building 20			Juggler's Lawn	
	Room 20-1	Room 20-4	Room 20-5	Youth, Parent and Workshop spaces	
11:00	ISGA Plenary: Young, trans and thriving: Supporting young trans and gender diverse people in the Illawarra Chair: Dr Kate Bowles Panellists: Eli Felstead, Krystle Morgan, Dr Amanda Cohn, Dr Johanna Meyer, Katrina Davies, Hayden Moon		Vocal Workshop with Danny Benn then sing on stage with Kiama Illawarra Pride Choir at 1245		Youth space: All day workshops <i>Badge Making</i> <i>Bead Jewellery</i> <i>Trans Futures</i>
11:30					
12:00					Parent space: Talk to other parents 12-4pm
12:30		Workshop: <i>Binding 101</i> with Lily and Bang Bang		Workshop: <i>Weaving</i> with Kylie and Wendy 1-3pm	
1:00				Parent space: <i>Sibling session</i> with Liz Ceissman	
1:30	Workshop: <i>Self/Friend Massage Technique</i> - Pre and Post Surgery Healing with Rusel Last	Lived Experience Panel with Carla, Valkyrie, Miranda and Daniel Chair: Dr Carla Hope	Workshop: <i>Find your Voice!</i> With Natasha Schellender, Gender Voice		
2:00					Workshop: <i>Intro to Mental Health First Aid</i> with Wendi Hobbs
	Medical session Chair: Dr Caroline Lade		Relationships and dating Chair: Dr Johanna Meyer		-
2:30	<i>Hormonal therapies-</i> If a little is good is more better? Dr Martina Gleeson		<i>Relationships that last</i> with Cathy Hayes		
3:00	<i>Chest surgery options:</i> Dr Robert Knight		<i>Dating 101</i> with Ally Mason and Yeşim Karasu		Workshop: <i>Zines</i>

Opening Ceremony – Duck Pond Lawn 10-1030



Opening Remarks from MC

Ellawarra (she/her) The Queen of the South Coast! One of the Illawarra's premiere showgirls. Working her Diva, Icon, and Legendary Star status from Wollongong to all corners of the country, this infectious queen is sure to bring beauty, grace, and let's not forget about that Bass! Ella is a recording artist, proud trans woman, and the host of all you most beloved events right here in Wollongong such as Drag Queen Bingo and Drag Race Down South.



Welcome to Country

Joyce Donovan (she/her), or Aunty Joyce, is a highly respected Dharawal elder and Gerringong resident, a health and human rights campaigner and the driving force behind establishment of the Aboriginal Medical Service in Wollongong. Aunty Joyce has travelled thousands of miles conducting healing ceremonies for victims of domestic violence and bringing her message that it takes a whole community to raise a child. Aunty Joyce Donovan welcomed the community to TAFFI 2022, and we are extremely proud to have Aunty Joyce welcome us to Dharawal Country for TAFFI 2023.



Welcome from the University

Professor Patricia Davidson (she/her) joined the University of Wollongong as Vice-Chancellor in May 2021. Prior to her current role, Professor Davidson was dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in Baltimore in the United States. In 2021 she was the recipient of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Distinguished Leader Award. This honour celebrates her exceptional contributions to the advancement of global health worldwide.



Welcome from Wollongong Lord Mayor

Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM (he/him) comes to Wollongong City Council from a strong background in the community. A previous Uniting Church Minister, he has been heavily involved in mental health, aged care and homelessness charities and organisations. Cr Bradbery was made a Member of the Order of Australia, for significant service to local government, to the community of the Illawarra, and to the Uniting Church.



Welcome from ISGA

Dr Alison Rutherford (she/her) is the co-founder and President of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance and the Academic Convenor for TAFFI. Alison is a local sexual health specialist with extensive experience in sexual and reproductive health, education and policy development and in gender affirming care. Alison is a passionate advocate for improving health care for the trans and gender diverse community.



Welcome from TAFFI Convenor

Claire Murphy (she/her) is the Convenor of TAFFI and a member of the ISGA Board. Claire has found working with the wonderful TAFFI organising committee a joy. Claire is passionate about bringing community together and watching TAFFI come together has been a true highlight. Claire wishes everyone a happy festival!



Opening Performance by Kiama Illawarra Pride Choir – 10.30

TAFFI is so excited to welcome back this eclectic and inclusive choir. KIPC started in 2021 as a choir for the local Illawarra Shoalhaven LGBTQIA+ community and our allies. KIPC intentionally creates a safe space to connect, sing, socialise and perform. We are welcoming members of all musical abilities and ages - beginners to experienced singers.

We are a non-auditioned choir and believe that everyone has a voice which should be celebrated. We are welcoming of new members, anytime and would encourage all to experience the joy of singing by joining the choir.

A special welcome from the First Dog on the Moon!



[First Dog on the Moon](#)



Vocal Workshop – Danny Benn from Southern Lights Academy

Room 20-5 - 11.00am to 12.30pm

Like what you heard? Head over to Building 20 after the performance and let **Danny Benn** (he/him) show you the ropes and harness your singing potential. After the workshop participants are offered an opportunity to join the Kiama Illawarra Pride Choir on stage at 12:45. We would like to thank Danny for allowing our community this wonderful opportunity.



Portrait exhibition: I AM. A trans masc visibility project Building 20 Foyer all day

This preview exhibition showcases the work of photographer Jamie James (they/them). This work is one of the first incarnations of a creative project involving 20 trans masc individuals who participated in a 5-day photo shoot in Dharug Country (Wollemi), NSW, supported by TPA, ACON and Mental Health Awareness.

This collection is designed to both celebrate and shed the historic shadow of invisibility by highlighting the vitality and diversity of trans masc people and their lived experiences. Working collaboratively with each individual, Jamie created images that emphasise unity, well-being and the essence of the trans masc spirit.

This preview exhibition aims to validate and uplift trans masc people, creating opportunities for the community to inscribe and embody their visual history in new ways. It aims to inspire and engage support for a larger exhibition and the long form future of this project.



Photo credits: Jamie James
James Photography.

Speaker program- Building 20

ISGA Plenary: Supporting young trans and gender diverse people in the Illawarra.

Room 20-1 - 11.00am to 12.30pm

Our inaugural ISGA Plenary kicks off with an important topic. Come and hear from a diverse panel of young people, their families and service providers as we discuss how young people in the Illawarra are finding what they need at home, at school and with health professionals. What are the current pathways to get support, and how can they be accessed? We will also ask- why have young people become such a media focus and how can we help them manage this?



Facilitator

Dr Kate Bowles (they/them) is a narrative researcher and a health consumer advocate. Kate works in education and has family experience in supporting gender transition.



Panellists

Eli Felstead (he/him) came out as transgender at the age of 15, after many years of feeling out of place and uncomfortable in his own skin. Eli learned very quickly that access to gender affirming care in the Illawarra as a young person under 18 is incredibly difficult and at times completely impossible. Navigating both education and gender affirming care has made Eli passionate about wanting to see improvements for the gender diverse community. As a result in 2024 Eli will start on his journey to become a social worker to ultimately assist the community to find and access the services they need.



Hayden Moon (he/they) is a PhD candidate in Theatre and Performance Studies at the University of Sydney. He is an author with his work published widely including a recent chapter in 'Nothing to Hide: Voices of Trans and Gender Diverse Australia'. Hayden advocates for the LGBTQIA+, disabled and First Nations communities, and is a well known Irish dancer. If you are lucky, you can also catch him dancing on the main stage at TAFFI.



Krystle Morgan (she/her) is a member of the ISGA board and a proud parent of both trans and non-binary teenagers. The struggles Krystle and her family have gone through in navigating education and gender affirming care in the Illawarra have made her a passionate advocate for change and growth to ensure that the Illawarra's gender diverse community has regular access to the services they need without the struggles that many before them have had to face.



Dr Amanda Cohn MLC (she/her) is a member of the NSW Legislative Council and is the Greens NSW spokesperson for Health, including mental health and LGBTQIA+ issues. Amanda is a GP, past deputy mayor of Albury and queer woman who has worked extensively in gender affirming care and reproductive health and is a fierce advocate for the rights of all LGBTQIA+ people including young trans and gender diverse people.



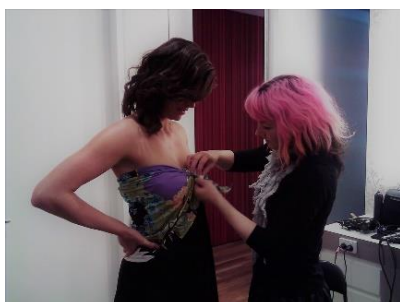
Maggie Smith (they/them) is currently working as the Clinical Project Lead for the development of the Sydney 16-25 yrs NSW Health Specialist TGD Health Service. Maggie co developed and successfully launched t150, one of Australia's first publicly funded trans specific HIV and sexual health services in 2018. They are a current board member for AusPATH (Australian Professional Association for Transgender Health), ASHHNA (Australian Sexual Health and HIV Nursing Association) and a past board member for the Gender Centre NSW.



Dr Johanna Meyer (she/her) is a Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Lead at headspace Wollongong, and the Convenor of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance Clinical Network. She is passionate about providing gender-affirming psychological care to trans and gender diverse clients and facilitating access to lifesaving, gender-affirming medical and surgical treatments. As a Psychology Board-approved supervisor, she also provides clinical supervision to mental health professionals interested in providing gender-affirming care.

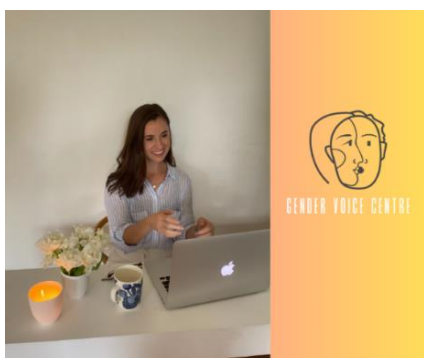


Katrina Davies (she/her) is a Registered Psychologist who has had the privilege of working as a school counsellor in the Illawarra region for nearly two decades. Throughout her career, Katrina has had the opportunity to work closely with children and adolescents in a variety of educational settings. Her experience includes supporting gender-diverse students in primary and high school contexts and collaborating with school executives to create a nurturing and inclusive environment for all young individuals.



Binding 101 Workshop
Room 20-5 – 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Lily and Bang Bang - aka Lisa Winnett and Adam McInerney- are a couple of Transparents who just so happen to be qualified spandex engineers. Based in Sydney, they produce small runs of high quality, affordable binders. Lisa and Adam's wonderful session on Binding 101 at TAFFI 2022 is back by popular demand. Come and hear all about how to bind your chest safely and correctly. You may even get to try one on!



Find your voice! A workshop on gender affirming voice therapy
Room 20-5 - 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Natasha Schellender (she/her) has ten years' experience as a qualified practicing Speech Pathologist, and seven of those years have been spent learning about gender affirming voice therapy. In 2020 Natasha established Gender Voice Centre to help people achieve a voice they are happier and more comfortable with. Natasha's diagnosis of ADHD is a blessing in this field as she picks up on the subtle changes and placements of the voice. Natasha is a Speech Pathology Australia registered provider and a member of AusPATH and WPATH. Come and join Natasha in a workshop to introduce you to voice techniques. You can also find Natasha on her stall at TAFFI.



Workshop: Self/Friend Massage Technique - Pre and Post Surgery Healing

Room 20-1 – 1.30pm to 2.00pm

Rusel Last (he/him) is a Doctor of Oriental Medicine and Massage Therapist who has been helping people with their health for 45 years. He is a Fellow of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association and an AHPRA registered practitioner. He has taught massage at TAFE and in his own College and was Massage Therapist of the Year in 1996. Rusel has worked in the Illawarra from 1990 and helped many in the LGBTQIA+ community. His philosophy is about empowering his patients to have control over their health and wellbeing. As the father of a trans woman, he is interested in the health outcomes of the trans community.

Relationships and Dating Session Room 20-5

Chair: Dr Johanna Meyer



Building Relationships - The foundations of relationships that last

Room 20-5 - 2.30pm to 3.00pm

Come and learn what science says about the foundation of healthy relationships and communication. Gottman therapy is based on over 40yrs of research on what makes relationships thrive, not just fixing what goes wrong. This workshop will talk you through the sound relationship house, a helpful model of resilient relationships, as well as the 4 horseman of the relationship apocalypse and their antidotes. Leave knowing small changes you can start making immediately to improve your relationship with yourself as well as others.

Cathy Hayes (she/her) is a psychologist, clinical registrar and Gottman certification candidate. She started her psychology & wellness clinic 'Mind Mode' 5 years ago and has been passionate about creating a safe and welcoming space for the rainbow and neurodiverse community, as well as other vulnerable populations such as domestic violence survivors and people with disabilities. Cathy loves relationship work and believes relationships are core to wellbeing, especially the relationship you have with yourself! Cathy runs Gottman and relationship workshops throughout the year.



Dating 101

Room 20-5 - 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Ever been anxious about dating? Wondering what to put on your profile or which apps are safe and friendly to use? Some trans and gender diverse people can find dating in their affirmed gender daunting. Come and get some tips from Ally and Yesim as they discuss how to navigate safe and successful dating.

Ally Mason (she/they) is a 24 year old trans woman from Dharawal Country. She moved to Wollongong in 2018 to study literature and philosophy at UOW aspiring to become an educator, and is a visible and vocal member of queer communities.



Yeşim Karasu (they/them) is a community health worker at ACON and has lived experience as an advocate in suicide prevention. Proudly bisexual and genderqueer, Yeşim has a strong vision for queer health and empowerment. They currently live on Gadigal country with their partner and dog but were raised in Wollongong.



Lived Experience Panel

Room 20-4 – 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Everyone's journey through life is unique. Come and join us as we peel back the facade and share our true and authentic selves. This facilitated session will see several amazing members of our community share their stories. Members of the audience will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the panel as part of an open and respectful discussion. You may laugh, you may cry but we hope you are inspired. We are all special and more than enough.

Facilitated by Dr Carla Hope (she/her)

Carla identifies as female with a trans past. Her journey has been extremely rapid commencing in February 2022 with medical transition completed in June 2023. Carla uses her writing to share her journey with a hope that her story helps at least one other in our community. Carla is currently writing a book called *Behind the Facade*. Carla holds a PhD in environmental and engineering science along with a range of other post graduate qualifications in education and engineering.

Panellists

Valkyrie (she/her)

Valkyrie was working in the construction industry. She is a transgender woman who started her journey in May 2021, and wants to support other members of the LGBTQI+ community who may not be as fortunate to live authentically. Val is married to an extremely supportive and accepting woman and they have four amazing children. Val has gathered a small following on social media platforms such as Tik Tok and Instagram and plans to use these platforms to allow other people to see that transitions aren't always as easy as they seem. Her handle is @Transarcher1994. Val is excited to see where we can go.

Miranda (they/them)

Miranda is a genderqueer organiser, writer and educator. They are co-founder and coordinator of the grassroots community project *Inside Out*, which aims to build solidarity amongst incarcerated queer and trans folks and those outside. Miranda loves to write short stories, prose and poetry exploring ideas around community, resistance, gender and sexuality.

Daniel (he/him)

Dan had his first shot of testosterone 8 years ago when he was three weeks shy of turning 44. Top surgery, hysterectomy and oophorectomy followed soon after. The past 8 years have seen Dan get close to celebrating 10 years of running his own business. He credits his gender transition with him being stable and mentally well enough to maintain the passion needed for his business success. In sharing his story today, Dan hopes to especially reassure anyone who may feel that it's too late to transition that there's still time to put those lifelong gender demons to bed. It's never too late to set yourself free.

Medical session Room 20-1
Chair: Dr Caroline Lade



Hormonal therapies: If a little is good, is more better?
Room 20-1 – 2.30pm to 3.00pm

Dr Martina Gleeson (she/her) is a GP who has been working in the Sutherland Shire for 30 years. She is a GP registrar supervisor and Senior Clinical Editor for Health Pathways South East Sydney. Dr Gleeson developed an interest in transgender care when some of her existing patients came out and she realised the need to provide this care in suburban general practice. She undertook extra training to provide this care and looks forward to the day when all GPs have the skills to be trans-affirming and all patients can find the care they need close to home.



Chest Surgery Options
Room 20-1 – 3.00pm to 3.45pm

Dr Robert Knight (he/him) is a specialist plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgeon with super speciality interests and post graduate fellowships in craniomaxillofacial, reconstructive, paediatric and aesthetic plastic surgery. He has a special interest in gender affirming surgery and spent a considerable amount of time with the FACIAL Team in Spain consolidating his skill set with respect to gender diverse patients and their specific needs. Dr Knight consults at Illawarra Specialist Plastics and Aesthetics <https://www.ispaclinic.com.au/>

Activities on Juggler’s Lawn/Youth Space



Australian Rainbow Vets and Allies - Paws for A Selfie
Juggler’s Lawn- All day

Pet photo stand. Come along and get a photo of your favourite family member in our specially made LGBTIQ+ pet photo frame. Maybe drape a trans flag in the background or have them dressed up. Post it to social media or just keep it as your little keepsake. Prizes for best costume, best trick, best POSE and more.



Weaving Workshop with Wendy and Kylie
Juggler’s Lawn - 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Come along and learn how to weave baskets using traditional methods used on this land for 50,000 years. Wendy and Kylie will be using finding and using native materials to demonstrate how to weave. Come along and join in the fun!

Wendy and Kylie, mother, and daughter, are proud Wiradjuri women with links to the Lithgow and Gulgong areas. They have been blessed to live on Dharawal speaking Country for the last 50 years. Both women have a passion for sharing the knowledge of weaving that has been passed down to them through the generosity of Dharawal and Wiradjuri Elders.



Hula Hoop Workshop – Happy Body Collective

Youth Area - 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Happy Body Collective will be running a Hula Hoop workshop for anyone under the age of 25. They will be bringing plenty of hoops for everyone to join, come along and learn the basics from the Illawarra's leading Hoop girls.

Our vision is to spread joy through hula hooping! Our hula hoop classes for adults encourage people of all abilities to try something new and grow their confidence through fun-based movement. The Hoop Babes bring energy and joy to festivals and events through roving and workshops. We also sell handmade apparel for you to look and feel good while you move!

[Happy Body Collective](#)



Sibling Workshop

Parent Space – 1.00pm to 2.00pm

As with parents, for some siblings the emotional journey when their brother or sister expresses gender diversity is not a smooth process. Many of these young people are the staunchest allies and supporters of their gender diverse family member. They also often feel they should take on greater, almost adult responsibilities. But in this allyship they do not take the time to process their own emotional responses. Often, they feel that to do so is to betray or be less of an ally, especially should they admit they have unresolved emotions about the change in their sibling relationship. It is important for these strong allies to be given support for their own emotional wellbeing. This session is about how as parents, we can give permission to our children to express their feelings in a safe way and help them find the supports they need without feeling they are falling down in their role as a sibling.

Liz Ceissman (she/her) is the Senior Manager- Programs and Family and Youth Support Worker at the Gender Centre. She has been delivering services to families of trans and gender diverse young people for over 15 years. She is a sociologist and specialist case worker with over 37 years of working in the community services sector.



Introduction to Mental Health First Aid

Youth Area – 2.00pm to 2.30pm

Everyone can have difficulties in life. Many of these difficulties we can solve ourselves, but sometimes we need help. Mental health first aid, like physical first aid, is the help given to a person until they receive professional help or the crisis resolves. Come and learn about how we can help each other by being kind, being present and listening. You will learn about the use of a 'Blue Card' to help young people ask for help when they need it.

Wendi Hobbs (she/her) is a youth health educator with Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. Wendi is a master Mental Health First Aid Trainer and has over thirty years' experience working particularly with homeless young people, drug and alcohol issues and suicide prevention. Wendi works to promote healthy and resilient young people through community education programs and special events and activities.



Zine Workshop - Hosted by Twenty10
Youth Area – 3.00pm to 3.30pm

In this workshop folks will be guided through the process of making a six page zine! Exploring collage, illustration or even poetry, makers will craft their own pocket sized stories



Exploring Trans Futures Workshop – Hosted by Twenty10
Youth Area – All Day

What does a trans future look like? In this activity folks will have an opportunity to share their words of advice, reflection and affirmation to both their future selves and future trans generations. These messages will then decorate the youth space.



Badge Making Workshop – Hosted by Twenty10
Youth Area – All Day

Come along and join Twenty10 throughout the day, they will be hosting a badge making workshop all day during the festival. Learn how to make a badge, make a badge to take home, bring a friend along, or meet up with others. See you there!



Beaded Jewellery Workshop – Hosted by Headspace
Youth Area – All Day

Come relax with headspace and make your own jewellery. Running all day, the headspace stall will have supplies to make beaded bracelets, necklaces, or anything else your imagination allows. Both coloured and lettered beads will be available. Come along to have some fun and meet others- we can't wait to see you there!



Drag Set 1: 1130- Lyla, Magnus, Andy

Miss Lyla Joy

This fierce gong girl went from the south coast to the big city beautiful Sydney. Slaying her way through clubs she is a well-known diva with her passion for performing she is a fierce diva. Watch out for this icon TAFFI!



Magnus Opium

Magnus is a triple-threat king with over 20 years of performance experience, frequently performing on Dhawaral and Gadigal land. The newly crowned winner of Drag Race Down South Season 2 and the reigning champion of the Shoalhaven's Genesis of Drag, Magnus is sure to thrill and delight with velvet vocals, electric lip syncs, dramatic operantics with a larger- than-life stage presence. Experience him- if you dare!



Andy Clymaxx

Andy is a lover of fine things... He loves making people laugh with his over-the-top camp performances and brings glitter and sparkle wherever he goes. He is versatile and has an eclectic taste in music, so you'll never know what you'll get when you see him!

1140: Brett Hoppenbrouwer

Brett (They/Them) is a clown, circus artist, science communicator, and all around weirdo. They have performed up and down the east coast covering themselves in juice, ice-cream, fire, and toilet paper, and are now bringing their unique brand of chaos to the Illawarra. For TAFFI they are bringing you Brettski Hoppenbroski Professional Olympic Rhythmic Gymnast*.



*Professionalism and Olympic level skills not guaranteed.

Queenie: 11:45

Queenie is an art-folk duo, making music that blends ambient textures with contemporary folk storytelling. Their meditative soundscapes - created by layered synths, strings and looped guitar effects - offer gentle breathing room for their lyrical work. Live, Queenie's set wanders between ethereal ambient spaces, and intimate songs.



Giorgia: 12:15

With folky tones of acoustic guitar, Giorgia performs queer tunes based on their lived experience as a gender diverse, autistic lesbian. Her sounds have the major influence of indie folk rock and inspire a relatable vibe for the outcasts of society.





Kiama Illawarra Pride Choir: 12:45

Welcome the Choir back to the stage- but who will be joining them from the Vocal workshop? Listen to this eclectic and inclusive choir on the main stage at TAFFI.



Drag Set 2: 1:00- Annie, Kat, Sinn

Annie Holsagole

This femme fantasy is ready to steal your hearts. A (soon to be) local drag legend, Annie is a bit of a skank, a bit of a silly goose, and will sing for you any time of the day or night.



Kat Abolic

Heya Divas and Dolls, it's Kat Abolic!! With a style as vibrant as her makeup and a personality that can light up any room, Kat is a force to be reckoned with. Her performances are a whirlwind of fun and excitement, bringing electricity everywhere she goes. Get ready to be charmed by the one and only Kat Abolic!



Sinn Vicious

Sinn Vicious is slithering his way to the TAFFI stage for a showcase of spooktacular sights and vampy delights! Halloween isn't over for this lover of all things gloomy, but don't worry, the party he brings will be enough to wake the dead! Full of tricks and treats, be sure to catch him before he slips back into his tomb, I mean room.



Shannon McGrath: 1:15

Wollongong-based singer/ songwriter, who has performed professionally and for fundraising benefits for the past 35 years. Lending her voice to various causes and organisations, she believes music can be "instrumental" in developing cultural and political awareness, creating a foundation for celebration of diversity and change.



Hayden Moon: 1:45

Hayden Moon is the first transgender person to compete in Australian Irish Dancing competitions. He fought hard to change the policy to allow transgender people to compete in Australia. Watch Hayden flying across the stage as himself at TAFFI.

Drag set 3: 1:50- Lyla, Kat, Andy, Annie



Jackie Turner 2:15

Frontwoman of Final Girls. With a powerful voice and an electric stage presence, Final Girls and Turner have quickly been turning heads in the Sydney music scene. Jackie is a proud transgender woman and activist. Her lyrics explore self-love, grief, feminism, and her own journey of moving through the shame that so many queer people are raised to internalise. With a songwriting style that is energetic, vulnerable, and infectious, she is sure to have you singing along, long after the end of the show.



Sam and Juno (Princess Unit) 2:45

Samantha Bowker

Musician and producer based in Wollongong (Dharawal Country) who has been writing simple, hooky songs and presenting them to local audiences for the better part of 15 years. Influenced by the sounds of 90's alternative rock as well as contemporary pop punk and emo bands, her style of songwriting lands somewhere uniquely between them. Never taking herself too seriously, but always heartfelt and sincere, her music reflects years of experience in the highs and lows of growing up in a small town, her love of punk rock and the feeling of never quite fitting in.



Juno Žderić

Coming up through the Wollongong trans music scene in 2016, Juno has been an understated yet powerful force in the community with her punk and alternative stylings driving her fiery sound and her passion for the rights of women and queers.



Drag set 4: 3:15- Fancy, Lotta, Magnus, Sinn

Fancy is a non-binary drag artist and vocal powerhouse. Originating from the Gomeroi nation and now living on Dharawal land, Fancy is a proud Gamilaroi descendant. Her aesthetic is very pop star meets urban punk chic, while giving you enby drag excellence.



Lotta, The gender non conforming alien from other space that has travelled light years to earth to the heart of the Illawarra.

'They' is how they identify, but one style of drag is not 'Them'. This non binary artist serves to bring Queen, King and Thing artistry. You never know what to expect from the unexpected, and Lotta will keep you guessing.

Stalls



Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance INC (ISGA) is a registered Health Promotion Charity that works with and supports the local trans and gender diverse (TGD) community. We aim to improve and advance TGD health, wellbeing, and human rights. We hope to enhance collaboration between the TGD community, health providers, and allies by providing opportunities for engagement, support, education, and training. [Illawarra Shoalhaven Gender Alliance](#)



The Gender Centre Inc. is the peak state-wide multidisciplinary centre of excellence providing a broad range of specialised services that enables the exploration of gender identity and assistance with the alleviation of gender dysphoria. We support trans and gender expressive people at every stage of their journey as they explore and live their authentic sense of self. [Gender Centre](#)



ACON - We are a fiercely proud community organisation. For our entire history, the work of ACON has been designed by and for our communities. Established in 1985, our early years were defined by community coming together to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in NSW, and we remain committed to ending HIV for everyone in our communities. [ACON](#)



Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. We began in 2006, and ever since we've provided early intervention mental health services to 12-25-year-olds. At the heart of our services is ensuring we meet the evolving and unique needs of young people and those who support them. That's why young people are at the centre of everything we do, and they play an active role in designing, developing and evaluating our programs [Headspace](#)



Twenty10 - supporting people across Sydney and New South Wales who may be LGBTIQA+. That means we support people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or gender diverse, intersex, queer, asexual or those who are questioning their identity. [Twenty10](#)



UOW Ally Network - Managed by the Ally Network Advisory Committee (ANAC). This Committee is responsible for the success and growth of the Ally Network, and to promote UOW as a higher education sector leader in gender, sex and sexuality equity. ANAC meets four (4) times per year to discuss key policy areas and make changes/improvements to current practice. [UOW Ally Network](#)



UNIQUE UOW is an inclusive society targeted for students who experience adversity due to individual disabilities and differences, such as physical disability, invisibly disability or neurodiversity. Offering a quiet space this year around the Youth Area, UNIQUE will also be bringing along sensory squishy toys and other items



Women Illawarra is a not-for-profit, legally incorporated community association that operates from a feminist and social justice perspective for the empowerment of women. Based in the Illawarra and servicing from Helensburgh in the north to Gerroa in the South, we carry out activities that provide direct relief to women, girls and children to enable them to participate fully in the broader community. [Illawarra Women](#)



Kedesh Rehabilitation Services (KRS) is a non-government, non-profit, charitable community-based organisation that receives funding and support through several different sources including both State and Federal Government bodies. KRS is managed by a board of directors. [Kedesh Rehabilitation Services](#)



Gender Voice Centre - An inclusive approach to gender affirming voice therapy. Online, in the comfort of your home. A friendly personalised service tailored to your authentic self. [Gender Voice Centre](#)



Mind Mode Psychology & Wellness - Professional Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Schema Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy (SFT), Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Attachment therapy. Female psychologists available, Male psychologists available. [Mind Mode Psychology & Wellness](#)



Hashworth Psychology - We are a LGBTQI+ affirming practice located in Wollongong CBD. We support adolescents and adults to achieve recovery from mental health difficulties and create a life worth living. Our values include fostering autonomy, resilience, respect, hope, and empowerment, while ensuring safety, understanding, and flexibility. [Hashworth Psychology](#)



Flourish Australia - We help people with a lived experience feel supported and meet their everyday challenges. We want them to live ordinary, even extraordinary lives. [Flourish Australia](#)



The Hand Up Space - Nina, owner and operator of The Hand Up Space, brings a unique perspective to the Support Coordinator role as she has lived experience of disability and is a passionate advocate for people with disability! Nina started working in the NDIS Space in 2017 with MS NSW as an Engagement Coordinator, assisting participants with preplanning to ensure the best outcomes possible. She has spent the last six years working as a Support Coordinator and in the SDA Housing space." [The Hand Up Space](#)



Mason's Remedial Massage - Qualified Remedial Massage Therapist, assisting with post injury recovery, pain management, and good old relaxation. Operating from a multi-disciplinary clinic at the heart of Woonona
[Mason's Remedial Massage](#)



Illawarra Sexual Health Service provides confidential advice, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, HIV, hepatitis, pre and post exposure prophylaxis and sexual health counselling and support. We are experienced in caring for trans and gender diverse people. With a GP referral, we can provide expert advice on genital issues, contraception and complex issues related to your hormone treatment. [Illawarra Sexual Health Service](#)



Rainbow South Coast aims to facilitate social connections for the LGBTQIA+SB community of the NSW South Coast, covering the Local Government Areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven, and Wingecarribee. [Rainbow South Coast](#)



Dykes on Bikes - We love to socialise. There are weekends away (normally near a water hole, for fishing and swimming), day rides to locations outside of Sydney and short rides around Sydney, for those who don't want to travel too far. We also have a number of social events, like our meet & greet throughout the year and the Christmas party. [Dykes on Bikes - Sydney](#)



Inside Out is a grassroots network of LGBTQIA+ people both inside and outside prisons across so-called Australia. We aim to create a sense of community across the walls, amplify the voices of incarcerated queer and trans people, and provide access to information, community news and resources as of 2023, there are around 300 members of Inside Out who are in prison across Australia. [Inside Out LGBTQI+ Prisoner Solidarity Network](#)



The UNSW Centre of Social Research in Health was established in 1990 as the National Centre in HIV Social Research. We have over 30 years of experience in social and behavioural health research. Our work makes a crucial contribution to the Australian response to blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections by examining the social aspects of: HIV, viral hepatitis and injecting drug use, sexual health, sexuality and education, substance use and mental health, the health of Aboriginal Australians. [Centre for Social Research in Health](#)



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UOW Security - Our role is to protect people and property on University properties. UOW Security operates in Wollongong 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year and responds to the Wollongong Campus, Innovation Campus and Student Accommodation and business activity across Wollongong. [UOW Security](#)



The Greens - The Greens have a positive vision for the Illawarra: for a sustainable and fair society where we use the challenge of climate change to provide good jobs to people in our community. [Illawarra Greens](#)



Anti-Fascist Action Wollongong - Anti-fascist Action Wollongong last year were one of our most popular stalls offering stickers and other information [Anti-Fascist Action Wollongong](#)



Lily and Bang Bang are the new place to buy binders in Australia. It is also home to Siouxsie Swim - sumptuous, supportive swimwear. You may even be lucky enough to snap up one of the very last Sue Rice Originals. call past and chat to the team at Lily and Bang Bang

[Lily and Bang Bang](#)

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Sock Draw Heroes - Dedicated to gender euphoria Gender expression shop Trans and queer owned will be offering a selection of Binders, Gaffs, tape, LGBTQIA+ apparel, badges, lanyards and much more . [Sock Draw Heroes](#)



Wollongong Illawarra Roller Derby - Established in 2009 we are the Illawarra's only Roller Derby league. We are an all-inclusive league with skaters from 7 years and up, where we offer Learn to Roller Derby and Learn to skate programs throughout the year. We are home to three roller derby teams; The Steel City Derby Dolls (woman-identifying and non-binary team), Steel City Rollers (mixed team), and Nuts and Bolts (Junior League). [Wollongong Illawarra Roller Derby](#)



Peach Clinics offer electrolysis services in Sydney and Melbourne. Peach Clinics will be at TAFFI to offer advice on pre surgery electrolysis and permanent hair removal options. Call in and see their store and discuss options that are available to you. [PEACH CLINICS](#)



Pride Point - LGBTQIA+ Pride items including handmade paracord bracelets, flags, pins and badges.

Pride Point is proudly trans owned and operated. Come along and show your support for our community. [Pride Point](#)



Pademelon Press

Pademelon Press - Early Childhood Teacher Resources & Books, there will be a selection of children's books on gender topics and other interesting books for parents and teachers. [Pademelon Press](#)



Eren's Canvas - Upcycled earrings and art offering a large selection of pride jewellery and art, call past and visit Eren at the festival. [Eren's Canvas](#)



Beenie Balms - Handmade, all-natural lip & body care products + resin art by teen entrepreneur Tia. Stop by and see what Tia has brought along for the festival. [Beenie Balms](#)



Mermaid&Me Bowtique - will be offering Bows, Lanyards, Coin Purses, Tiaras. Handmade with love at this year's Festival, drop by and show some love. [Mermaid&Me Bowtique](#)



She Shed Potters - Local couple creating amazing pottery, come along and visit Karen and Elena at the Festival. [She Shed Potters](#)



Blind Luck Intuitive - Selling crystals, handmade earrings, second hand tarot decks, possibly tarot/astrology readings call past and say hello to Adj. [Blind Luck Intuitive](#)



Brave Shades - Jewellery and accessories celebrating pride, they will have a great selection of trans coloured jewellery and other pride colours as well, look out for them on the day.

[Brave Shades](#)



Lucille Designs – graphic designer and plant mum from Wollongong. Offering a selection of stickers, tote bags and greeting cards. [Lucille Designs](#)



Bin Chicken You Out - A little bit of everything all rolled into one. At this stall you will find stickers, graphic tees, crocheted items, some second-hand clothes and who knows what else?

[Bin Chicken You Out](#)



Art by Ted - Local artist offering some of their selection for the festival. Stop by for a chat about art. [Art by Ted](#)



For the luv of Dexter - offering a selection of Clothing and accessories embroidered and sublimation clothing all pop Culture inspired products. Plus, resins tumblers something for everyone here drop by and check out the designs. [For the luv of Dexter](#)



Choppa Chop's Gourmet Pet Bakery - hand makes delicious biscuits for dogs and cats made from Human grade products, drop by and say hello to the team. [Choppa Chops Gourmet Pet Bakery](#)

Food vans



Amigos

Mexican food van offering a wide selection of Mexican cuisine. Two locations in the Illawarra

(Wollongong and Shellharbour

[AMIGOS FOOD TRUCK](#)



MAIDO Okonomiyaki

Japanese-style pancake made by grilling a mixture of batter and ingredients such as chopped cabbage, meat and seafood. It is topped with special okonomiyaki

[MAIDO OKONOMIYAKI](#)



White Pearl Pizzeria Woodfired Catering

A true and tasteful Neapolitan style pizza. Our pizzas are hand-stretched to order and cooked in our authentic woodfired pizza oven. We make our own pizza dough that rests for 72 hrs creating a light and soft dough which is easier to digest, then topped with imported and fresh produce.

[WHITE PEARL PIZZERIA VAN](#)



2 Smoking Barrels

American BBQ offering a selection of Chicken, Brisket, Burgers and delicious Coleslaws located in Crown St, Wollongong

[2 SMOKING BARRELS FOOD TRUCK](#)



Chicken Van Man

Chicken that is jerk inspired, southeast Asian influenced and Aussie BBQ tested! We run a food truck showcasing our signature marinade. Our core menu is: 1. Caramelised Chicken, rice and corn 2. Chicken nachos 3. Toasted chicken wrap 4. The CVM burger. **Marinade available at the Van!!!**

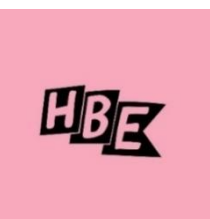
[CHICKEN VAN MAN](#)



Nani's Food

Selection of Indonesian food including some Vegetarian and Vegan options. Servicing the Illawarra from North to South

[NANI'S FOOD TRUCK](#)



His Boy Elroy

A selection of Burgers, Fries and Chicken.

Located in Kiera St, Wollongong

[HIS BOY ELROY FOOD TRUCK](#)



Your Dessert Station

Hong Kong No.1 Street Snack - Bubble waffles with ice cream and different toppings.

[YOUR DESSERT STATION VAN](#)



Bobble Tea

Offering Bubble Tea and Snow Cones, come and see The Bobble Van from Sydney

[BOBBLE TEA TRUCK](#)



Hemmingway Cafe

Located within UOW main campus, offering a selection of donuts for the festival. Café is located on Level 1 McKinnon Building 67. Call past the Uni Bar area and see the large selection of scrumptious donuts

[HEMMINGWAY UOW CAFE](#)



Lola and Maeve

A vintage-style caravan offering premium coffee and artisan eats in the Illawarra.

[LOLA AND MAEVE COFFEE VAN](#)



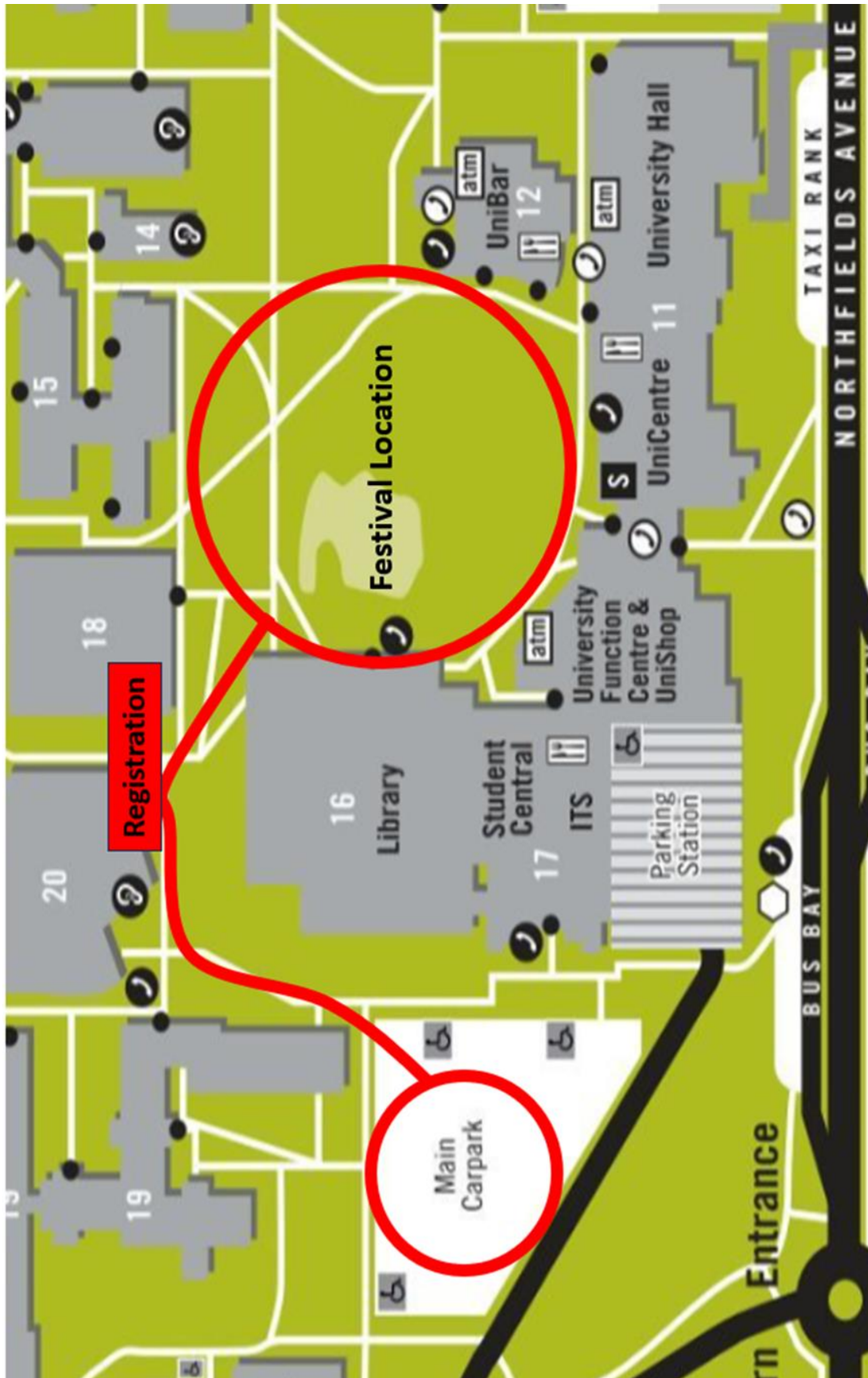
Mountain Road Merchants

Offering a selection of Iced Teas and cakes, Mountain Road Merchants is a proud LGBTQIA+ business that is locally owned and operated and a regular at all queer events. Come along and say hi to Ericka and their team. Organic single estate teas and tisanes along with small batch baking.

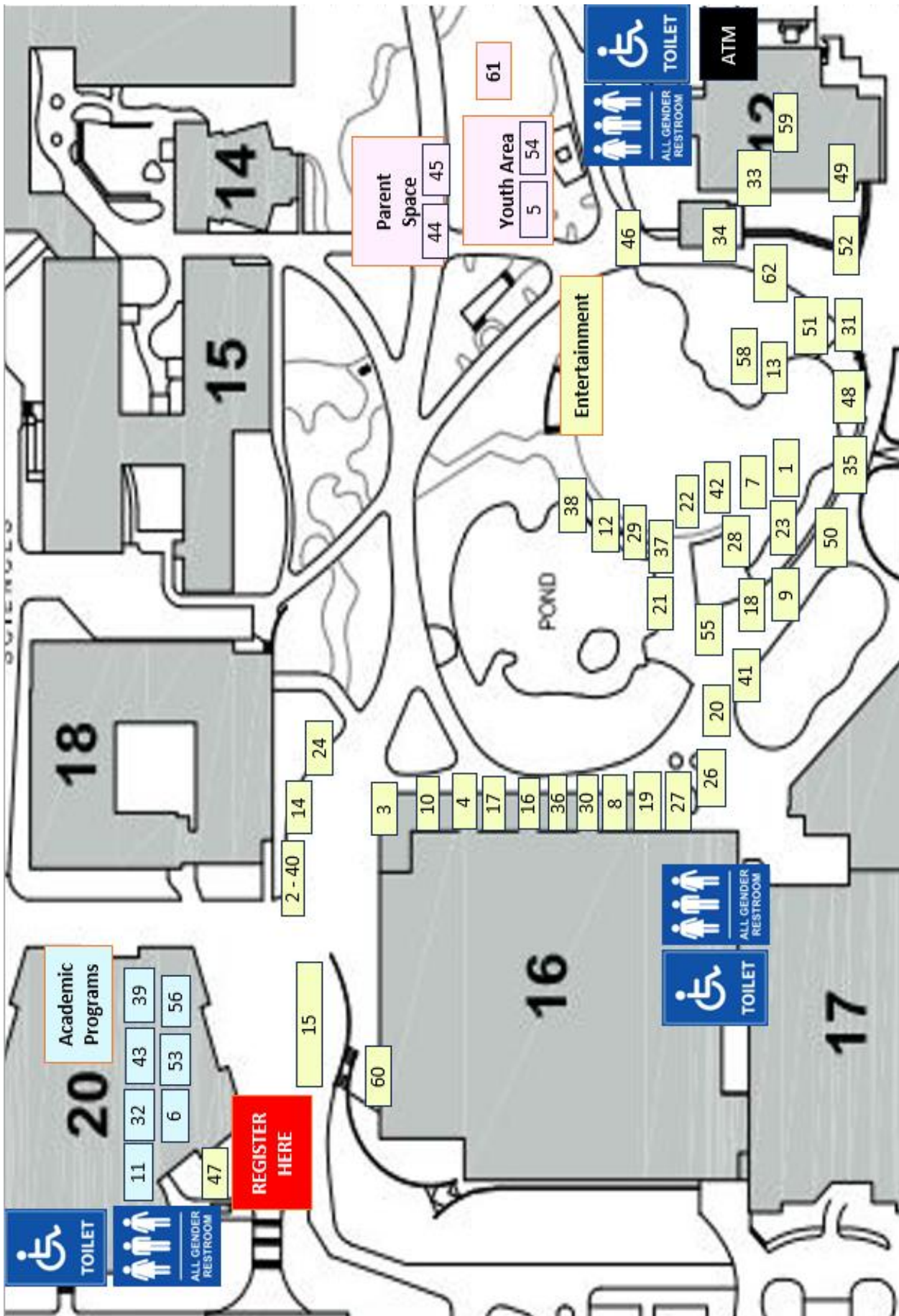
[MOUNTAIN ROAD MERCHANTS](#)

Site Map

If driving or catching the bus see map below, follow the red line to the registration desk to gain access to the festival.



Festival Map



ISGA QR Codes to helpful resources



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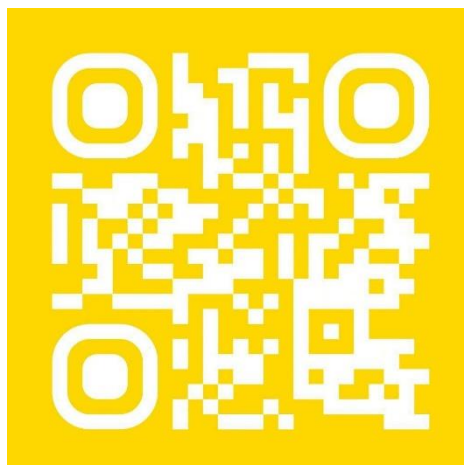
Young people



Older people



Partners



Parents carers and families

The TAFFI organising committee hope you have a great day!

If you need anything, find a volunteer in a white T shirt!

Don't forget to register and we will send you an evaluation at the end of the day



Want to make a tax free donation to ISGA to help us in our work?



Do you want to be part of developing ISGA and TAFFI? We would love to hear from you!
Join up or check out our website.

www.illawarrashoalhavengenderalliance.org.au