



## Creative Womyn Down Under Email Newsletter

23 May 2011

### Young Singers Showcase Announced

Since our newsletter last month, so much has happened in the "Motor Room", Stanmore where we work on Creative Womyn initiatives. First of all, we are excited to announce the **Young Singers Showcase** artists performing at the Lesbians in the House Concert are [Bo Banta](#) (trio/band) [Genevieve Chadwick](#), [Hannah Matysek](#) and [Gabby Dever](#). They will all perform an original song. You can also find more on Genevieve and Bo Banta at Manager Sin Mariani's website <http://yesyesmaam.wordpress.com/artists/>

A big thank you to everyone who sent audition music, and those who let young womyn know about it. There are a lot of very talented young lesbian singer songwriters in Australia. Later this year we look forward to expanding our website to include links for womyn in music. Please email us with band / singer websites to link onto this page.

**Concert tickets:** There are only 8 Sundays to go before the big event! Tickets are selling well. Get yours by searching under the date 10 July or concert title "**Lesbians in the House**" at the Sydney Opera House website <http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com>

**Auslan in the House:** We are really excited that a wonderful team of 13 womyn Auslan Interpreters will be signing the concert. Download the [Auslan access booking form online here](#). Please help us to spread the word to your contacts in the deaf community.

**Lesbian Weekender:** 8-10 July events are online at [www.creativewomyn.net/Lesbian Weekender 2011.html](http://www.creativewomyn.net/Lesbian_Weekender_2011.html)

Send us an email to let us know if you are planning to join us for the Bush Dance, Day in Newtown or the Movie Night at The Women's Library. The Bush Dance will be a fun night out with a live bush band, prizes for best dressed and a great raffle including dinner at [Bloodwood Restaurant](#), 416 King Street Newtown.

### Events Online

Click here to view our [Noticeboard Listings](#) or open website links below.

[Feminist Futures Conference](#)  
Melbourne  
28-29 May 2011

[National Day of Action for Equal Pay](#)  
Sydney Hyde Park  
and Australia-wide  
8 June 2011

[Camp Betty Sydney](#)  
10-13 June 2011

[bentART 2011 Exhibition](#)  
Blue Mountains NSW  
10-13 June 2011

[Sydney Film Festival](#)  
8-19 June 2011

[Sydney Pride Festival](#)  
16 June - 2 July 2011

[Creative Writing Workshop](#)  
for Women, Sydney  
Late June-July 2011

[Aphrodite's Magic Workshop](#)  
for Women, Sydney  
30-31 July 2011

**Calling Lesbian Artisans:** if you have handmade art and crafts you would like to display and sell at **"A Day in Newtown"** on Saturday 9 July from 10am-5pm in Newtown, please email [georgina@creativewomyn.net](mailto:georgina@creativewomyn.net) or phone 0406372142. \$30 to book a table, indoor venue.

## NEWS

### Feminist Bookshop Changes Hands After Almost 30 Years



L-R: Gail, Jo, Libby & Cat

This year The Feminist Bookshop is celebrating 37 years of service to community. Libby Silva and Gail Hewison have been there for 29 of those years, taking the bookshop from a small struggling business to the widely acclaimed bookshop and resource centre that it is today. So much more than a bookshop it has always been a safe and welcoming space full of information, healing, and friendship.

This year Gail and Libby after loving their work for 29 years have decided to retire, and the shop was purchased in March by Caterina Giuliano and Jo Angri who are enthusiastic to continue the work and ideals of this iconic feminist institution. Gail and Libby say goodbye, and ask you all to please drop in soon to say hello to Cat and Jo. It is business as usual, and they will need your support.

You can also join [The Feminist Bookshop on Facebook](#), or have a look at the website. A lesbian newsletter is available on request. Opening hours are 10.30am-6pm Monday to Friday and 10.30am - 4pm Saturdays. Closed Sundays and Public holidays.

## Double Pass Winner

The Lesbians in the House Concert 10 July double pass was won by Pagan Kael and her partner.

CWDU would like to thank [LOTL our Major Media Partner](#) for the Lesbians in the House Concert for their wonderful support in helping us to spread the word via enews and articles published each month in LOTL's free magazine. Keep an eye out in their publications for more Lesbian Weekender giveaways.

## Creativity Group

The next Creative Womyn's Show and Share Group will be on **Sunday 5 June 2011** from 4-6pm in Tempe, NSW. The last meetings have been fun & inspirational !

**Contact:** Gabe Journey on 0400 619 868 to join us regularly or on a drop-in basis. No cost to attend. All womyn welcome. Child minding available.

## Passion Wand

### Lesbians in the House Concert



The beautiful artwork "Passion Wand" for our concert comes from the

The Feminist Bookshop  
shop 9 Orange Grove Plaza, Lilyfield 2040  
02 9810 2666 [www.feministbookshop.com](http://www.feministbookshop.com)

Creative Womyn Down Under would like to thank Gail and Libby for their tremendous contribution to womyn's community during almost three decades at The Feminist Bookshop.

We have enjoyed many book launches, poetry readings and events such as Perverse Verse run by Gail and Libby. We were always sure to see them supporting women's conferences and gatherings in many ways: as organisers behind the scenes; as presenters; with a table full of well-considered books for the occasion; and with their friendly faces and generous spirits of presence, activism and commitment to women's and lesbian community.

We wish Libby and Gail a happy, relaxing and creative retirement. We look forward to meeting Jo and Cat.

**National Day of Action: Wednesday 8 June 2011  
It's Time to Fight for Equal Pay!**

Rally 12 noon: Sydney Hyde Park South and march

Continuing along the theme of feminism, please let your friends and family know about this important day of action to fight for equal pay to recognise the value of community workers. When this battle is won the contribution of countless womyn and their families will be valued and acknowledged at the appropriate pay rates.

All equal pay supporters must rally in support of the **Community Worker Equal Pay Campaign**. Let the Australian Services Union know you'll be there by emailing: [emily@asu.org.au](mailto:emily@asu.org.au) or calling her 02 9310 4000. Please contact the ASU if you can volunteer to help rally the troops. It's time to fight for equal pay.

For more information and details of events in Lismore, Newcastle and ACT: [www.asumembers.org.au/equalpay](http://www.asumembers.org.au/equalpay)  
For national events go to: [www.payup.org.au/more\\_info/](http://www.payup.org.au/more_info/)

In creativity and activism,  
**Gabrielle Journey Jones & Georgina JD Abrahams**  
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collection of NSW lesbian feminist artist [Jack Draper](http://www.jackdraper.com.au).

You can now order a t-shirt with the original Passion Wand image from Jack's website, as well as a range of her other paintings as cards, posters, prints and t-shirts. [www.jackdraper.com.au](http://www.jackdraper.com.au)

**Creative courage**

"There are no new ideas still waiting in the wings to save us as women, as human. There are only old and forgotten ones, new combinations, extrapolations and recognitions from within ourselves -- along with the renewed courage to try them out."

~ Audre Lorde  
US Poet & Feminist  
(1934 - 1992)

[www.creativecourage.com](http://www.creativecourage.com)

Annie Zalezsak presents her thoughts on what creative courage means. She looks into conscious creation, self expression, creativity, flow and healing. Each page has interesting ideas and some of Annie's art work.

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