

LGBTIQ+ ELDERS
DANCE CLUB
BY ALL THE QUEENS MEN



PRESENTER
PACK

ABOUT

LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club (Dance Club) champions the recreational and social rights of older LGBTIQ+ people, offering a space for the community that is safer, accessible and inclusive.

Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex people and their allies are warmly invited to attend this social event, learn new dances, enjoy nourishing refreshments and socialise with other older LGBTIQ+ community members and allies. The event is relaxed, informal, welcoming and a whole lot of fun.

Dance Club is dedicated to celebrating older LGBTIQ+ people but we welcome friends, family and allies so we can all build multi-generational and intersectional connections.

No 'dance' experience is necessary. We welcome participants with no dance experience, through to life-long social dancers, their friends, family and allies. Volunteers also help make attendees feel welcome, fostering social connection and belonging.





THE PEOPLE

From All The Queens Men (ATQM):

- 1 x Host
- 1 x Dance Facilitator

The Host: greets attendees, liaises with venue staff and volunteers, facilitates safe and respectful environments, collaborates with Dance Facilitator.

The Dance Facilitator: greets attendees, liaises with venue staff and volunteers, facilitates safe and respectful environments, leads dance moments, supports attendees with dance tips if requested.



From your community:

- Local volunteers or Staff (serving refreshments, socialising with attendees and being fabulous dance partners)
- A local guest Artist (Drag Queen, Singer, Musicians)





THE EVENT

Dance Club is presented as a one-off event, best programmed as part of a Festival or connected to local LGBTIQ+ celebrations such as Pride or community events such as IDAHOBIT Day.

Dance Club is best scheduled in the early afternoon e.g. from around 2 - 4pm and ideally on a weekend day to maximise attendance.

Run time: 1.5 - 2 hours

Bump-in 1 hour

Bump-out: 30 mins - 1 hour

Dance Club commences with informal socialising, introductions and chit chat. Facilitated dance is interspersed through the event responsive to the attendees needs and requests. A range of dance experience and repertoire are presented, and our Dance Facilitator is highly adaptive to the dance needs, requests and skills of the attendees. Dance styles may include; Old Time Ballroom, New Vogue Ballroom, Latin Styles, Line Dancing, Disco.



AUDIENCE

Dance Club is for older LGBTIQ+ people and their allies.

All are welcome with multi-generational and intersectional connections actively encouraged.

PROCESS

ATQM can discuss community engagement with the Presenter ahead of the presentation of the Dance Club event to ensure meaningful connection with local LGBTIQ+ communities, groups and organisations.

Dance Club is often successfully presented and promoted in partnership with local health and advocacy organisations across the health, aged care and aligned LGBTIQ+ sectors/ Service Providers.





VENUE

Dance Club is best suited to:

- Local community venues with a stage
- Town halls and community centres
- Appropriate outdoor, civic space
- Ideally the venue is close to public transport and parking.

The presentation location requires:

- space for, and set up of, chairs and tables to allow for participant's rest and refreshments
- a flat performance floor space of approximately 40 metres squared
- If possible, a stage or raised area for dance instruction
- accessible entry/exit, seating areas, performance areas, restrooms, furniture and facilities
- 1 x Private space for dressing room and storage
- Good acoustics for amplified music and dance instruction
- sound system which allows the use of a hand held microphone and playback from a computer.



TECHINCAL

Local Crew: as required by the venue to give access to venue and equipment

- 2 x handheld radio microphones
- PA speakers with input for laptop for playback and FOH PA
- Foldback speakers if venue is large enough that FOH sound is not clearly audible on stage
- Reliable WIFI for streaming of music
- Small table for sound operation

LICENCING

APRA licence to be covered by Presenter / venue as appropriate.
If Presenter has appropriate venue licensing, alcohol may be served within the catering provision.

TICKETING

For equity, all Dance Club presentations are always free to attend. Presenters may need to coordinate a simplified and appropriate registration process for health and safety compliance and or attendance numbers tracking for a Festival's reporting requirements or catering information etc.

CULTURAL SAFETY

ATQM requires the Presenter to commit to cultural safety for all; the Dance Club Facilitators, Staff and attendees. If the Presenter, the Facilitators and/or attendees experience any discrimination (online and/or in person), the Presenter will take appropriate steps to protect all parties. This is not limited to but may include the Presenter monitoring social media and/or engaging appropriate venue security for the event dates/times. Before any confirmation of presentation, ATQM will seek a conversation with the Presenter around best practice for cultural safety.



CATERING

Dance Club events always offer light refreshments including water, juice, tea and coffee and nourishing and dietary-friendly snacks. Serving a glass of non-alcoholic, sparkling wine on arrival is also a fabulous option for a sense of occasion. ATQM can provide guidance on easy self-catering options or can arrange this for an additional fee.

The Presenter will supply:

- an Urn,
- Crockery or biodegradable serving ware,
- trestle tables,
- suitable and safe tables and chairs for all attendees

ATQM can also provide colourful bunting and pop-up banners featuring high quality images from previous editions of Dance Club.



ACCESS

Many older LGBTIQ+ people live alone, may experience some form of disability or disadvantage and can be significantly, socially isolated. To ensure older LGBTIQ+ people are able to access the Dance Club, we encourage Presenters to identify older LGBTIQ+ individuals' and/or groups' access needs including;

- appropriate options for facilitating transport to and from the events
- encouraged attendance of Carers/Support Staff
- accessible venue with ramps, accessible and non-gendered bathrooms etc

MARKETING

All The Queens Men will provide the Presenter with a marketing pack including:

- branding guidelines
- project logo and fonts
- credits, by-lines and acknowledgements
- a selection of hero images
- testimonials from older LGBTIQ+ people
- short promotional video

These materials are to be used when promoting Dance Club across marketing and promotional collateral. Other collateral may be made available on request. The Presenter is responsible for all design, marketing and publicity with appropriate approvals from ATQM.

ATQM may independently professionally document each presentation of Dance Club across photography and film. We can consult with you on appropriate and ethical documentation of events including all attendees.



ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS

ATQM can also offer the Coming Back Out Salon as a grander event. The Salon is a fabulous event with a series of performances from the best LGBTIQ+ performers in your region, full sumptuous afternoon tea / grazing table style catering, elegant production design as well as the beloved social dance that is the core of Dance Club events. Duration four hours. Company Fee negotiable relative to context.

ATQM can also offer Digital Dance Club via Zoom to suit older people in your region who are less mobile or are not comfortable participating in face-to-face events. Digital Dance Club is an easy way to connect and celebrate with people living in aged care, or at home with friends and family. Duration one hour. Company Fee negotiable relative to context.





AVAILABILITY AND COST

Dance Club is available for touring throughout Australia and beyond. Our Touring Party includes 2 pax:

- 1 x Host
- 1 x Dance Facilitator

We require a minimum of six weeks notice to book and confirm an edition of Dance Club in your location.

All The Queens Men asks you to cover:

- Company fee of \$5000 AUD + GST
- Per diems for all touring party members
- Return travel and appropriate accommodation for all touring party members
- Catering including tea, coffee, light snacks with re-usable or biodegradable servingware
- All Technical and Production costs including technical personnel
- All Venue and Front of House costs
- All publicity and marketing costs
- Appropriate fee for guest local Artist(s).



HISTORY

Dance Club was first presented in Naarm/Melbourne in 2016.

Since then, thousands of participants have danced and delighted across;

- Naarm/ Melbourne
- Regional Victoria
- Meanjin/ Brisbane
- Ngunnawal/ Canberra
- Tarntanya/ Adelaide
- Eora/ Sydney
- Yugambah/ Gold Coast
- Inverness and Glasgow (Scotland)

VIDEOS

Short project films here:

LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club

- vimeo.com/757848433
- vimeo.com/360531470

Digital Dance Club

- vimeo.com/427969407

The Coming Back Out Salon

- vimeo.com/883690491
- vimeo.com/38039791

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