

WARNING: VIOLENT SUMMER AHEAD

Summer equals heat equals violence: against lesbians, against gay men. Your friend or lover could be attacked. How would you intervene? Could you protect yourself? What advice should you give your lover after she's been bashed simply for being a lesbian.

The *Anti-Violence Project (AVP)* have a well researched strategic plan which aims to address these and other related issues. They are planning a violence awareness week, community education, whistle blowing know how and self defence courses. Each time a person reports an act of violence, threatened or carried out, the AVP notes the relevant details which further support their demands to the government on why the violence against our communities must stop. Violence is after all unacceptable.

There are a number of ways you can get involved in helping make the streets safer. Along with the Anti-Violence project, the following groups are ready to train you in various skills. Then, not only will your friends and lovers be safer, you will be too.

The *Taylor Square Community Policing Centre* will collect reports of violence, provide information, support and referral and aims to reduce crime and fear in the local community. They need

people to assist others. Phone Bruce Grant at the AVP on 360 6687.

The *Volunteer Community Street Patrol* was highlighted in December LOTL. They respond to and monitor violence in a non-interventionist manner. Training includes self defence, first aid and radio procedures. Contact Michael Glynn or Mark Jones on 660 4190

The *Lesbian and Gay Advocacy Support Group* becomes involved after the bashers have gone, providing support for lesbian and gay survivors of violence. They will also offer practical assistance with police, court and hospital related situations. Phone 360.3063 for more information.

So when the summer heats up and there's a violent edge to the streets, don't just get angry...get involved!

Julie Price

GaLTaS INVESTIGATES LESOPHOBIA IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

GaLTaS is urging gay and lesbian teachers in Private/Independent Schools to help in their campaign to end discrimination and harassment of lesbians and gays in these schools by completing an anonymous, confidential questionnaire that addresses the issue of discrimination and harassment. Religious denomination details are requested but optional. Questionnaires can be obtained from The bookshop in Newtown and Darlinghurst, The feminist bookshop and Bella Bar, or by contacting Jacqui Griffin 692 8617.

A telephone hot-line for gay and lesbian teachers and students to describe incidents of discrimination and harassment will be held on a weekend in February, with the date to be advised.

Gay & Lesbian Kickboxing and Kung-fu
Classes start Mon 25 Jan 7.30-9.00pm
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
1 Bedford St, Newtown
Enquiries: 356-2994 or 30-8064

LOUD AND PROUD - WHISTLE OUT!!

Monday 25th January
10:00 pm — 6:00 am



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A Coalition
Dance Party
with the best
lesbian and gay
DJ's and
Performers this
side of the
wastelands.

Two bars and
chill-out area

Midnight: Launch of
the Whistle Education
Campaign Poster

\$10/\$8 (half price for
Sight patrons of Sun. 24 Jan.)

All proceeds go to the Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project
SOHO BAR & SIGHT CLUB 171 Victoria Street Potts Point

OUT AND LOUD! ON THE OTHER SIDE



SUNDAY 24th JANUARY

8pm — 3am
SHOWTIME at MIDNIGHT
\$5/\$7 Cover Charge

D.J. Kate Monroe

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171 VICTORIA ST. POTTS POINT