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# CASSIE



## THE FIRST KISS

Because I didn't really know who I was at the time my first experience kissing a male felt really funny. It was actually my boss. He was gay and I was a storeman. We used to go out on a Friday night to some gay pubs. This was my first time at these pubs. I was around eighteen or nineteen. I thought I was gay not realising what being transgender was all about. The kiss for me was a yucky feeling. It was a horrible experience!

## ABOUT ME

Well I am thirty-seven and I've been a transgender for the last three years. I had these instincts since about four or five years of age. My fantasies were being Cinderella and wanting to go to school in a dress. Doing girl stuff. Playing with girls' toys. Basically I avoided anything that was associated with boys. I had a dislike of things like football or cricket. I related to anything feminine. I had a huge identity problem. I had a complex with myself and my appearance. I felt very uncomfortable in boy's clothes. I looked like a boy but inside I felt like a girl. Now my positive attitude towards life and just getting on and dealing with all sorts of problems makes people want to be around me. I'm very proud of who I am. In a way I really don't care what other people think of me. I live my life the way I believe and I feel I have a responsibility educating people about it. Transgender issues today are at a stage that gay issues were twenty years ago. Transgender people need to participate more and get more involved and be proud of who we are.

## SEXUAL IDENTITY

I'm a non-judgmental person. I judge people for who they are. I look at what people have inside themselves. As long as people are happy it shouldn't matter if you are gay, lesbian or transgender as long as you are an individual.

## SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

At the time I decided, "Right I'm not going to have a hidden identity." I had a relationship with a woman. I also had a child with her. I expected a negative reaction but in fact it was the opposite. They have become so close to me. They are 100 percent behind me and supportive. My mother in law even said to me, "If I can't have you as a son in law, I'll have you as a daughter in law." That statement always stays in my mind. Another statement from her that sticks is, "If your mother doesn't accept you as her daughter, then I'll take you as my daughter." My parents have never given me the opportunity to explain to them what I'm going through. My parents live in Europe and I've sent them letters and photos and basically they don't want to know me. That has been a huge loss in my life. All my friends have been right behind me. I've also found someone who loves me completely for who I am. We're together now for two years. He encourages and supports me.

## MAJOR EVENTS

One day I was retrenched when my position was made redundant. Because I used to bury myself in my work that was the day I decided this is where I have to sort myself out. This is where I have to live the way I want to live not the way society expects I should live. Just like my parents who are strict Catholics. They are supposed to be doing good in this world but they are creating the greatest sin in the world by not recognising me for who I am. The fact is that I'm still their child. Parents should accept their child how they are and, if they don't, then they should work with the child, not against the child. In this case my parents have worked against me. The attitude of the church needs to change. This is reality.

## HIV/AIDS

I was unaware when I tested that I was carrying the virus. However finding out about being HIV positive had saved my life. At the time my T cell count was very low. So I must have had HIV for a while. If something happened to me my immune system would not have been able to battle the virus. It was like an earthquake when I got the news. Because it seemed that I was carrying this virus for a long time, my first worry was my female partner and child having HIV as well. That time for me was critical. It was a nightmare. I would not have known what to do if they were HIV positive as well. When they tested they were negative and I was the happiest person in the world. It was the first time I actually went to church and thanked God. Once I didn't have to concern myself about them, in terms of the virus, I focused back on myself and again decided to go back to thinking positively and having a good attitude. I took on the battle to look after myself and not let the virus spoil my dream. I don't look at HIV as a bad fact of my life. I just have to look after myself.

## THE FUTURE?

The world is my oyster. Hah! Hah! Hah! I've got so many dreams and the biggest one is, I want to make people happy. I like being around people. I want to be able to sell myself to get people to accept me for who I am. It's not easy but eventually I'll get there because I've got a positive attitude and I never give up. Whatever problem there is in life there is a solution. You just have to find that solution.

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# LACHLAN



## THE FIRST KISS

My first kiss was with a guy who I met at Minus 18 a few months before I turned eighteen but I didn't get with him at the time. We started like, not seeing each other, just hanging out a bit and then, yeah, we kissed at this gay pub. It was pretty pathetic. I am not big into tongue and he was. Also the fact that it was at a club, which I think is a bit sad. It was in public. It was not intimate. I don't mind being affectionate with someone in public but to start out that way, I don't like it. For the first kiss it was not the best of places to be.

## ABOUT ME

I am nineteen years old and I just completed Year Twelve last year and I am going to start a TAFE course. I am not very sporty. I used to be but I didn't really have time with Year Twelve. But I like swimming. I like to garden. I really like cooking. I am not a vegetarian but I don't eat red meat. I eat fish and chicken because when I was a vegetarian I got pretty sick and it was the best way to stop from being sick, I was told. I don't wear pink clothing.

## SEXUAL IDENTITY

I am not very big on the label thing. When someone says you're gay or something, I don't really like to say that I am gay. I know that I am not straight. I am bi or gay or something. But I am not sure yet because I haven't been with a girl before. I have only been with guys. I may get with a girl at some stage. Although, there have been a few girls that I really liked but it never got to that stage. I came out in Year Eleven by saying 'I have a boyfriend'. And yeah! People at school didn't see it as a threat because I didn't change. I was still wearing baggy pants and footy jumpers and stuff. I am a guy that likes guys.

## IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND EVENTS

My parents obviously. They never have any problems about my sexuality. They are fine with that. They met my previous and present boyfriend. They are just really good. I can talk to mum about virtually anything. My sister is a brat. She is daddy's girl. I am a mum's boy. Family is really important to me. Then there are my friends and my current boyfriend and some teachers. A friend of mine from school went to Minus 18 ages ago, not last year but the year before that during Christmas holiday, 2001. I went to the one in the Easter holidays and I went to a couple of them after that. And yeah, it's just been great fun socialising and a learning experience. Andrea from Minus 18 also has an influence on me because I think she can do many things. She is a great friend. I can talk to her.

## FAMILY & RELIGION

Well dad's Church of England but he's non-practising. Mum's whole family is Roman Catholic and that's because my grandpa is Italian and my uncle married into a very Italian family. So we are Catholic but we don't attend church much. When I first started becoming attracted to guys, I wasn't too happy with it. Religion taught basically that this was something a sinner does and you go to hell and all of that. That was a lot for me to deal with personally but I didn't, wasn't able to, discuss it with anyone. Now I've looked into it more and it doesn't actually say anywhere in the bible, by Jesus or god or anyone writing on their behalf, that being attracted to guys is wrong or that guys who are, are bad. Or that there is anything wrong doing the things that us guys do. It's just immoral to break one of the Ten Commandments. They seem to have done a lot of that in the bible.

## HIV/AIDS

It is scary stuff. There is no cure for it and I don't really see a cure for it coming for a long time. I have never put myself into a situation where I think I was in danger although there was one time...I don't drink now because the first time I got drunk I got taken advantage of. I got an AIDS test after that even though we didn't do very much. I was really disturbed by what happened. I don't sleep around. I've had a boyfriend now for the past two and a half months. And before that I wasn't with anyone for four months and before that, nothing was serious. I have always been careful. I just got another AIDS test because we decided to do that at the beginning of the relationship. As I thought nothing came of it. Both negative for everything.

## THE FUTURE

Well, some time this year I will be living alone because my family is moving away. They are moving interstate because dad works there. They should have been there now but mum and dad couldn't leave me. So they're still here. They're just going to let me settle into my TAFE course and get a job. Ultimately I'd like to finish my course and be in a stable job. I want to buy a house within the next few years and pay off my mortgage. I don't know, I can't say I'll settle down with a guy. I might find a girl I want to settle down with but I will settle down with someone. I'll get married or an equivalent or something be it with a guy or a girl, probably a guy though. Lol! I want three or four kids before I am thirty, which I really think is scary.

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# HAMISH



## THE FIRST KISS

It was with a lecturer of mine. I wasn't a student of his at the time but it was someone I saw as a mentor. As soon as our lips met the penny dropped... it was like an absolute revelation. I had kissed some girls before and that was kind of slimy, weird completely. It was just a number of physical sensations. It wasn't an emotional experience. It wasn't some kind of spiritual connection. It wasn't sexual. Two pieces of flesh touching... but it was so completely different when it was a man!

## ABOUT ME

Let's just say that I'm a thirty five year old artist and teacher, but I really don't know what makes me, me. I feel like I'm completely at a crossroads in what I'm choosing to create, about my career, about travel, about relationships... everything is up for grabs at the moment and that's all happy and good. Friends have told me that I'm not afraid of experiencing new things, whether that's what I order from a menu or what I try in bed, to what music I listen to. Once I gave a friend a piece of advice. She was concerned about asking a guy out on a date, which she said was just not her. I told her that was ridiculous. The 'me' you are now is definitely different from the 'me' who you were when you were twelve years old and when you were twenty. Who people are is constantly in a state of flow and that's great. There is something essential about yourself that doesn't change but there's also a whole lot of other baggage you can get rid of... Jesus, I sound like a bloody new age fridge magnet!

## SEXUAL IDENTITY

Gay. While queer has a lot of appeal to me as a political term and as an academic movement, in terms of personal identity it implies a certain association with being alternative, which I honestly can't identify with. Gay's a happy and a positive word although I don't necessarily buy into the whole notion that gay means that you're conservative, middle-class, rich or white. Gay can be all those things, but I suppose it comes down to how I have always identified.

## SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

Well my parents first of all. They're an incredible influence. A lesbian friend of mine, an early university friend, represented looking at things differently and being more relaxed and seeing an alternative view. She really introduced me to the lesbian scene before the gay scene. I think particularly about an older gay friend of mine who was something of a camp mentor. He introduced me to a lot of campy old films and a way of appreciating the world that was to do with humour. That lecturer friend of mine was the first person I had seen who was openly gay and who was happy and his very existence and support allowed me to come out.

## MAJOR EVENTS

Hoping from a young age to be a professional dancer, and actually getting into a well-known school of dance was a dream come true. Then having to admit that I wasn't as good a dancer as my dream, leaving and having a very idealised way of looking at the world taken away by myself. I found that particularly devastating but growing through that, finding my right creative niche was absolutely important. And being part of an incredible nine-year relationship that then ended. That was really helpful in who I am and maybe helpful in working out what I'm not. It was 'be careful what you look for, you just might get it'. I saw my partner as being my absolute dream. He is still a dream man as a very good friend and a fantastic person who is still in my life. But I had a lot to learn about what it is to live with someone and to love someone unconditionally while also trying to find the courage to be myself. Oh and of course, coming out and my getting the diagnosis.

## HIV/AIDS

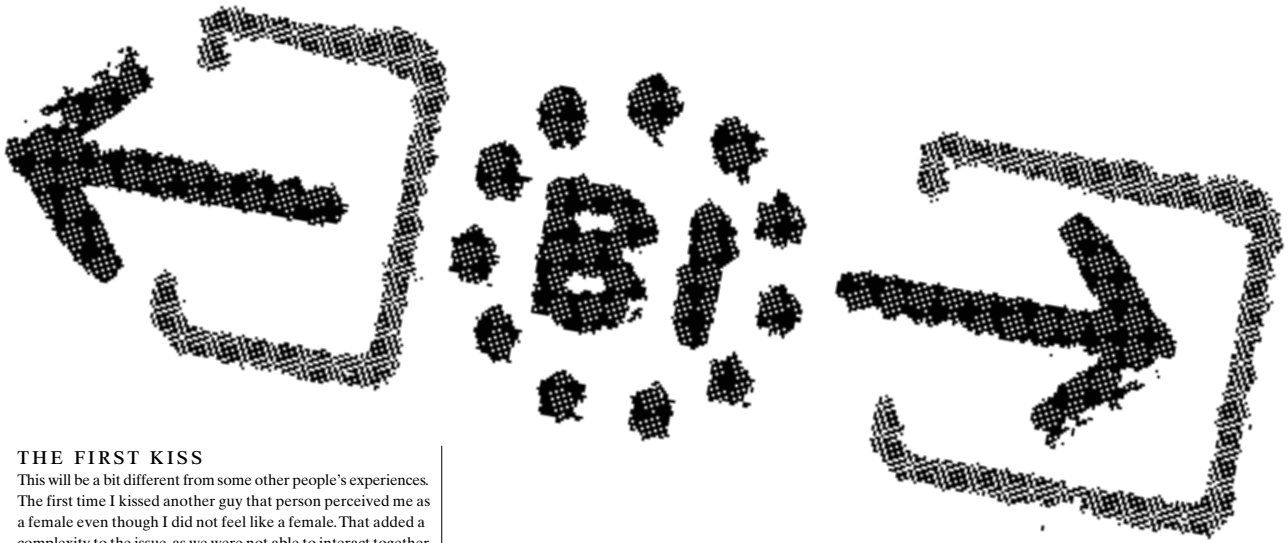
I came out in the mid to late 80s in the thick of safe sex posters and campaigns and I am a gay man who to this day hasn't had unsafe sex, to his knowledge, though obviously at some point something must have happened. Part of my reality of being gay was HIV although I didn't know someone who was positive who had died. It then became something I studied and taught about so I had some kind of limited experience of help services around HIV. All of that was 'very interesting' but it didn't provide me with the knowledge that comes from having it happen to me. The diagnosis is terribly shocking, an incredible period of fear. I was staring death in the face even though I was completely healthy. It was the first time I ever seriously considered the possibility that I will die. I take ten tablets a day and I'm reminded twice a day that I'm positive but it is not something I've taken on board as an identity. I haven't accessed the HIV positive support networks that are there. I'm extremely grateful that they are there but because with the treatments that I was on and with my prognosis looking quite good HIV would probably not affect my life span or my quality of life... providing I took the medications and blah de blah. There is a certain victim mentality that I was encouraged not to be a part of, so I chose not to take HIV on board as an identity. I was only diagnosed a couple, a few months ago, while I was seroconverting, so this is still a process that is ongoing. All of these attitudes may change in a year's time.

## THE FUTURE?

Well I'll be alive...healthy and probably either more successful in my given career or more satisfied with what I have achieved.

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# ZAC



## THE FIRST KISS

This will be a bit different from some other people's experiences. The first time I kissed another guy that person perceived me as a female even though I did not feel like a female. That added a complexity to the issue, as we were not able to interact together effectively. It sort of created a lot of confusion for me at the same time.

## ABOUT ME

I am a thirty six year old male. I grew up interstate, lived in Victoria for ten years and recently moved back interstate in order to complete further studies. I have experienced a few career changes in my life but am now working toward a career in human rights advocacy. I also come from a background known as transsexualism. It is part of my life and that means that I experience discomfort with my physical features in terms of being able to interact with people. One of the good things is that I have been able to affirm my male sex by taking medical treatment, taking testosterone and having surgery. But one of the most frustrating things is the lack of effective surgery for men with transsexualism, and how that impacts on my ability to interact in sexual relationships and how other people then perceive me in those relationships. It can create a bit of a barrier at times to some people treating me as a man.

## SEXUAL IDENTITY

I identify as a man who likes to have sex with both men and women. I would like to use the term bi-sexual, but that is not quite right because there is a great deal of variety in people's sexual formation and how they come into the world. I suppose it really depends on the person I am with at the time as to how I interact with them. That is what I would describe as my bi-sexuality. I am someone who likes to look for someone who wants a long-term committed relationship as opposed to short term ones.

## SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

Well I had to sort of create a new family concept around me when I shifted interstate and got medical treatment. So the family I created has really played a big role. A group of friends were formed into my family. And over time my biological family have come to accept my sex and so they now play a more important role in my life. Certainly the medical and counselling staff have been a valuable part of this stage of my life as well. I am very much a human rights advocate and now I look to people like Justice Michael Kirby as a role model for me as a future career direction.

## MAIN EVENTS

During the process of my sexual formation as a human being, when I was being born, my sex development did not go quite the right way and this meant that my reproductive organs are incongruent with how I identify as a man. I actually grew up with a real challenge. I was born a twin and people's perceptions of who I was as a person were fairly confrontational to my own understanding of my personal identity. I have been told that the culture believes I should dress in a female way and only behave in certain feminine ways. Certainly the ways that the churches are treating people like me at the moment is not too favourable and it seems to come from ignorance within society about what transsexualism is. So what I have done is go through a process of what I call sex affirmation procedures, or self-affirmation procedures. That is I take testosterone to address my hormone imbalance and undergo medical treatment to address some of the incongruent sex features, such as chest reconstruction. This affirms my sex publicly through living my life as a man. I have found that the process of affirming my sex has meant that I have moved within a different group of people. It has helped me develop my understanding of the qualities of manhood that I share with other men and the distinction between those and the feminine qualities that women have. All this has given me an unusual perspective on this culture that we live amongst.

## HIV/AIDS

Well I first heard about HIV in the bad old days when there was the Grim Reaper advert. I think I was still at school and I did not know too much about gay culture. I found that advert really confrontational and challenging and that sort of had an impact at that time. But as I have become more aware of my sexuality, my understanding of HIV has changed. HIV has impacted on the way I interact with other people in the terms of relationships. I am really thankful for the advertising that has happened because a couple of weeks ago I was with someone and they felt comfortable and open enough to let me know that they were HIV positive. But I still had apprehension about having sex with the guy because I still felt that there was that risk. I think one thing HIV awareness has done is make me aware of the different men's health issues that I need to be aware of for myself. I probably look after my health a lot more than what I would have before.

## THE FUTURE?

In the future I hope for happiness and to have a professional career working towards human rights advocacy and I hope to meet someone who I can share my life with. I don't know if that will be with a man or a woman but I would still like to have relationships with both. I wish for the day when surgery is available for the creation of a penis and I want to find someone who will be intimate with me as a male in the way I identify.

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# CALLUM



## THE FIRST KISS

Fucken hell, what a question! The first kiss I actually enjoyed must have been when I was thirteen. The guy was twenty-nine and a real man. It was the kind of kiss that was so intense. Yeah there was a real awakening inside me saying to me, 'This is what I want.' It was overwhelming but also frightening because at that age I knew it was something that others in society wouldn't look on nicely. It was scary because it was not part of the norms I'd grown up with or in society generally. But I'm still kissing men now, so obviously I don't give a fuck what society thinks!

## ABOUT ME

Well I'm in my twenties and was born in Canada. I lived there until I was about two years old before my family moved to Australia and lived in Sydney. We moved around a bit living in Sydney, South Australia and some regional towns in Victoria. I don't identify all that closely with the gay community now or even much before. I think I'm very aware that generalisations and labels that people try to force you into are pretty much restrictive. I make a huge effort to fight those off for myself and for other people too. I have always felt more comfortable around other people who party on drugs. Actually lots of my friends are women and a good number of them inject speed like me. I do things to make me stand out more. It is pretty much by being straightforward and honest about what I'm feeling at that time. There are lots of people who don't feel comfortable doing this. I'm not just going to go along with a group because it is easier. The way I relate to the world is not to run away from challenges. Though there are times when those challenges become too much and I just wipe myself out to deal with it all in an altered state of mind. But often when I came out of that altered state, it has made it worse because I have confronted much more when I am whacked than I am ready to when I'm straight.

## SEXUAL IDENTITY

I suppose on a sexual basis I would call myself queer but on a personal basis I'm not really into labels. I'm just an alternative type of guy who enjoys getting off with other guys. I identify as myself. If people don't like it, they can fuck off. If I had to describe or put a label on myself I would say that I am a non-gay identifying man who injects drugs. I come across as a person who is comfortable with himself and his life.

## SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

One person would be this incredibly strong lady who taught me the way to treat others, myself and appreciate what is around me. From a really young age I learnt from her how to keep myself safe and to stick up for myself. The guidelines from her life were that everyone deserves respect and be proud of who you are and don't let anyone heap shit on you. She always took responsibility for her own decisions and that's what I've been trying to do. As well I think about my ex partner from a few years ago who was always asking questions and kept making judgement calls in different situations. I think this has made me look at the consequences of what I do, whenever I am making decisions about what is the best way to deal with what's in front of me. Though I still prefer relying on my first gut response.

## MAJOR EVENTS

My family all went in different directions when I was eleven so that meant that my family has given me the skill to be independent and survive. We weren't an emotional family so I have little emotion for them or much else. Emotional detachment is a major skill that is needed to survive if you don't have what others see as usual supports. The first time I got paid for sex was a turning point. This brought a new way of relating to myself and others. What happened at that point in my life was I learnt a basic survival skill. From that point on I knew I had the power, the capability of doing anything I wanted to.

## HIV/AIDS

As a HIV negative man HIV has had little impact and I've had to make very few life changes as a result of it personally. As a little kid I can remember the bowling ball ads that showed during the 80s and can remember thinking that I didn't want to become one of those bowling pins. Being sexually active from a really young age I have tried to be safe in any of my sexual activities but particularly so whenever I was working. Any person's health and in particular any sex worker's health is the key to a healthy state of mind and getting what you want.

## THE FUTURE?

Because of my lifestyle from the age of a young boy doing sex work, one challenge has been ever planning for the future. I have lived from a day-to-day basis. I don't see five years or even a week's time in front of me. One small incident in one day can change my future in ten years time. Therefore I am only familiar with now and don't consider the future. I don't like to think about the future because I can't visualise myself actually being there. But I know I want comfort and safety. Expectations can set you up for disappointment and sadness. My sore kidneys today could mean that I need a kidney transplant in ten years time!

# PETER

## THE FIRST KISS

I had my first kiss when I was fifteen and a half. He was the same age. It happened in the Queensland bush and I was camp – as in a row of tents.

## ABOUT ME

I lived in Queensland from the age of three until I was about fifty. I don't care much for politics or for religion. As a younger person I went to Sunday School and enjoyed it, but all the trappings of religion turn me off and I don't see that this will ever change for me. I lived on the Gold Coast for forty-three years and lived in a monogamous relationship with a gay man for ten years. I've been out since I was fifteen and spent years doing the beats, but not during that relationship. When I was about eighteen, I joined the air force and was employed there for around three years. I got out and lived overseas. Then I moved back to Australia and immediately moved to Sydney in the early seventies, when gay life there was really interesting.

After two years of living in Sydney I moved back to Queensland and moved back into my parent's house. I only moved out of there when they found out I was gay and they didn't want to know me because they thought that if I lived at home they would catch AIDS. This was in the early eighties. I stayed in Queensland because my mother was really sick. Eventually she was too ill to be cared for at home and she moved into a nursing home. I decided that I couldn't do anything more for her, so I packed my belongings and moved to Melbourne. This is where I have stayed.

## sexual identity

First off I described myself as camp. Now I call myself gay and there is nothing queer at all about that or me! We all have to have labels and that's the one I call myself, but it doesn't matter 'cause we are all people.

## SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

My most significant friendship in the past was with a friend who owned a backpacker's accommodation place on the Gold Coast. This was the man who looked after me and helped me to reconstruct my life after the end of my ten-year relationship. He was camp, but not a lover. He was just a really good mate. There is one other person, a really beautiful person, who is an important person in my life. He is rather like an ingrown toenail! He has been around for along time and it is likely that he will always be there for me. The most significant person in my life at present is my boyfriend. He is the man that I love. I can't imagine living life without him. He does everything for me and has given me the life I didn't know was possible to live. We have an open relationship and regularly enjoy cruising sex clubs together. I have maintained my interest in beats.

## MAJOR EVENTS

I died once. When I came back to Australia from overseas I was diagnosed with epilepsy and prescribed a series of tablets by a doctor. The only problem was that he didn't tell me how many to take and when to take them. I took too many and they burnt away a section of my brain. They also fucked up my blood and I contracted hepatitis. I grew up surrounded by women, which was also significant. All my siblings are female and growing up amongst them was not a pleasurable experience. An unpleasant experience was also the case when I came out and for most of them is still the case. There are one or two women who have been a significant part of my life, but generally I live my life surrounded by men and for me, this is a great way to live.



The ending of my ten-year relationship was traumatic. It happened when my then lover changed the locks in our house, locking me out from home and from him. The relationship ended in a nasty way. I was hurt and lost everything I owned. He inherited a lot of money and wanted to have that more than my love.

## HIV/AIDS

I first heard about AIDS in the early eighties, when it was big news in the straight community in Queensland with the AIDS babies and the like. Over the years I have lost lots of guys I know to HIV/AIDS, one in particular, and the deaths go on and on and on. I've lost some really good friends and mates. To return a little bit back to the community, I have volunteered time to help out. First when I lived up north with the Queensland AIDS Council and more recently here in Melbourne with the Victorian AIDS Council. Despite all the new treatments the deaths just continue to mount up. I'm lucky. I have remained HIV negative.

## THE FUTURE?

Looking to the future is something that I don't spend a great deal of time worrying about after I died that time. Now I live each day for each day. I don't look to the future and I have no long-term plans. I have learnt that I can't have them. So I live for each day.

## GROUPS

**YOUNG & GAY**—is a six-week discussion group for guys aged 26 and under. Trained facilitators lead guys from a variety of backgrounds and at various stages of identifying that they are attracted to other guys.

*Next group with vacancies starts Monday April 14.*

**MOMENTUM**—Over 26, just coming out or feeling isolated, or if the commercial scene just isn't working for you? This six-week discussion group could be for you.

*Next group with vacancies starts Tuesday April 15.*

**RELATIONSHIPS**—For both single and 'attached' men, the course covers issues such as forming relationships, negotiation, trust, being sexual, communication, intimacy, homophobia and more.

*Next group begins Monday March 10.*

**MOMENTUM AND RELATIONSHIPS DROP IN**—Former participants can come together for some structured discussion & to socialise.

*7.30pm on fourth Wednesday of each month.*

**GAY ASIAN PROUD (G.A.P.)**—is a drop-in/support group for Asian guys. Meet other guys, have fun and feel proud about being gay! Each session covers a different topic.

*Next gathering Saturday March 8.*

**NEGATIVE PARTNERS**—Are you an HIV negative guy in a relationship with an HIV positive guy? The negative partners group is a great way to meet others living with similar issues as you. The group is one two-hour session per week and goes ten weeks. There will be plenty of time to really get into those issues that you are dealing with.

*The next group starts Tuesday April 29.*

**CRUISING**—Learn more about cruising for sex in casual sex environments and improve your cruising skills. There are three different workshops about cruising beats, sex venues and on-line.

*For further information on any of these workshops call Guy Hussey.*

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## WHAT'S ON

**COUNSELLORS REQUIRED**—If you are a qualified counsellor with counselling experience the Victorian AIDS Council is currently recruiting volunteer sessional counsellors to provide GLBT/HIV individuals and couples with an ongoing counselling service throughout 2003. For more information contact the Counselling Services Manager, Nicci Rossel on 9865 6700.

**POSITIVE LIFE**—Listen into this program about HIV/AIDS and hear people living with HIV share their experiences every

*Wednesday @ 8.00pm on JOY Melbourne 94.9 FM.*

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**—Orientation for potential VAC/GMHC volunteers at the PLC (51 Commercial Rd Sth Yarra):

*7–9.30pm Wednesday March 12 & April 9.*

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