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Power of diversity

Gerwyn Davies, who combines costume making and photography to create art inspired by Aussie lifestyle aesthetics, is part of a new exhibition bringing together some of Australia's pre-eminent LGBTI artists.

Davies's Sydney Mardi Gras Fur exhibition saw snapshots of him, enveloped in feathers, fabric and fur, inspired by primary-coloured plastics from Dollar stores, American Gothic fiction and AFL.

We've also seen the anonymous subjects in his work wrapped in all manner of things, including faux grass, glitter, disposable kitchen towels and geometric shapes.

He will be exploring themes including love, identity, belonging and pride along-

side artists Daniel Mudie Cunningham, Liam Benson, Deborah Kelly, Kim Leutwyler, Helen Grace, Justin Shoulder and Shahmen Suku (Rahda La Bia) at the Bondi Pavilion Gallery from June 20-July 15.

A centrepiece of the exhibition is a work inspired by a traditional Indian wedding altar from which performance artist Suku (through his alter ego Ragha La Bia) will perform the Wedding Banquet on opening night.

Coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the first Mardi Gras protest the program, *We, The People who Live for the Beautiful*, also includes a public artwork being developed by ACON in partnership with Waverley Council.



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Art to warm the hands

As part of Mugged! Waterloo's May Space Gallery has invited artists to make unique mugs that are wonderful to hold or simply behold. Each Saturday at 11am they are filling purchased mugs with a complementary hot beverage so the gallery-goers can escape the cold and enjoy the shows with a warming drink in hand. This Saturday is a coffee morning, while on June 23 it is all about hot chocolate.

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Sydney Pride feature event

Writer, scientist and speaker Kaya Wilson will host a panel that includes gender diverse therapist Caitlin Hall and queer rights enthusiast Dibs Barisic Sprem at How to be a Good Trans Ally at the Stonewall Hotel on June 21. The friendly discussion will investigate ways to love and support our trans friends and family through transition and beyond.

Retief chef's lunch

Alex Retief, who started his own label A. Retief Wines in 2008, opened his Urban Winery in 2016 in St Peters. The fully-functioning winery and cellar door used grapes sourced from NSW cool climate regions, including his family's biodynamic vineyard near Wagga. Retief moved his whole winery, lock, stock and barrels, to Moore Park's Entertainment Quarter last month. On June 24 there's a chef's lunch with Chris Low who specialises in cooking with fire (\$150 for three courses and six wines). It is one of a series of monthly food events planned. urbanwinery.com.au



Makers on show

THE community hall above the Tramsheds food hall will play host to The Makers' Nest design market on Sunday from 10am-4pm. Held only twice a year, this event features 50 artisans and their works including Creatures & Cream's handmade soft felt creatures (right), Well Spotted's T-shirts, Camperdown's Molly Coombs Marr's handmade jewellery and inner west graphic designer Chloe Joyce's greeting cards, prints and hard enamel pins. Entry \$2.



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