

# Welcome to the Australian Radical Faery Website

The Radical Faeries will be buzzing around to keep you up to date on the latest news and information on what's going down with the Ozfaeries in Australia.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION CONSENSUS COALITION

### VISIT US AT FAERYLAND

Contact us now at [ozfaeries@gmail.com](mailto:ozfaeries@gmail.com) to let us know when you'd like to come- if you haven't been before drop us a line saying how you found out about us and what attracted you to know more about the community?

## WHO ARE WE FAERIES?

Radical Faeries are a loosely affiliated international group of mostly gay men and mostly counterculture pagans. The Faeries began in California, and have spread throughout the world over the past several decades, in tandem with the larger gay rights movement. The group challenges the commercialisation and patriarchal gay life while celebrating pagan constructs and rituals and adapting rural living and environmentally

sustainable concepts to modern technologies as part of their creative expression.

Members embody the fae or, in simplified terms feminized ideals in gay men while, also, being fiercely independent, anti-establishment and community-focused. The group offers a fascinating look into counter-cultural survival within the gay community which is itself a minority. In other words, the group is considered a beloved fringe group of a larger fringe group of society.

Radical Faeries vary *greatly* from region to region and often commune at large gatherings timed with the seasons and solar system – especially the Equinox and Solstice.

Started in 1979 by Harry Hay, his long-time partner John Burnside, Don Kilhefner, and Mitch Walker. A central tenet of the group is that there is no single definition of faerie – Faerie is a self-assumed identity.

The Faeries were a contributing influence to John Cameron Mitchell's film *Shortbus*.

The Radical Faerie movement started in the United States among gay men during the 1970s sexual revolution. Radical Faerie communities are generally inspired by aboriginal or native, traditional spiritualities, especially those that incorporate queer sensibilities. The Radical Faeries use heart circle, communal living, consensus decision-making, dance, drag, pagan ritual, drumming, sex, magic, and intimacy to examine what it means to be a whole human who is also a queer person. In the beginning, the movement was open exclusively to gay men, though most communities are now open to all genders and sexual orientations. Radical Faerie communities practice queer-themed spirituality associated with radical politics, paganism or neo-paganism, feminism, gender liberation, and may encompass any and all religions or a lack of them.

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## ozfaery EVENTS 2017

### FAERIELAND'S PAINT PARTY WEEKEND APRIL 29-30TH



At Summer Solstice Gathering 2016 there was a call to paint the exterior of the Faerie House – let's make it happen! The old wooden weather boards need some care so that they last us many more years.

This weekend is mostly about preparation of the old walls, and then undercoating. There will be wire brushing, power-sanding, wood repairs, puttying etc. We'll provide dust masks!

Would you come along and stay for a night...or a few...and help us out with this project?

**FAERYLAND'S  
CELEBRATION**

**15TH**

**BIRTHDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**13TH**

**MAY**



Welcome all to

# Faeryland's

## 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



13th May 2017

Looking forward to seeing you for a great day of celebration  
Info: [oziaeries@gmail.com](mailto:oziaeries@gmail.com) or 0266897070

## Saturday Schedule

(come when you can)

- 10.00: ARRIVALS BEGIN (park as directed)
- 11.00 : GROUP MEDITATION FOR 30MIN. (to settle in)
- 11.30: WELCOME/ HOUSEKEEPING/ OUTLINE of PROGRAM
- 12:30: LUNCH (bring a plate for lunch)
- 1.30-5.00: AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES- telling stories, looking at photo/history display, tours of faeryland, swimming, treasure hunt, treeplanting
- 3:00: RITUAL/CONNECTION for Faeryland
- 4.00: SHARING CIRCLE-Stories/honouring/anecdotes of Faeryland
- 6.30: DINNER (Main course provided by Faeryland - bring a plate of pre-dinner nibblys or dessert or both)
- 8.00: PERFORMANCE/MUSIC/DANCING/BONFIRE

## What to Bring

- \*Vegetarian Food to share- see above depending on when you come-BYO
- \*Own bedding/towel if staying overnight
- \*Torch/repellant/clean shoes for indoors
- \*Festive dress - Thelma's Drag Swamp will be pumping all day
- \*Old photos/videos/memorabilia/flyers/written stories to share in our His/Herstory Display (scanning facilities available if you're happy to share)
- \*No pets/animals please

Please RSVP to help with catering, and let us know if you need a bed/camping space

# ENTER STILLNESS SILENT MEDITATION RETREAT

(cancelled due to  
cyclone/rescheduled)

6-10th JULY



Enter Stillness – Radical Faerie Silent Meditation Retreat

This meditation retreat is an opportunity to spend three days as a community in silence.

Read on for details of the silent meditation retreat and how to register and pay

6TH -10TH JULY

We ask that you be prepared to come for the whole retreat, from Thursday evening (6TH JULY) to midday Monday (10TH JULY)

Venue: The Rainforest Meditation Retreat Centre, the Channon

Cost: \$110 (includes food and accommodation). No one turned away for lack of funds – please email us if you need to discuss a reduced rate: [ozfaerygather@gmail.com](mailto:ozfaerygather@gmail.com)

Please pay and register by 1st JULY so we can buy food for the Retreat

Note: due to the accommodation at the Centre, numbers for this retreat are limited to 20 (12 cabin spaces; 5 tent spaces; 3

van spaces)

This is an Alcohol and Drug free retreat.

Please call Anand on 0409227147 if you have any queries.

Payment is by bank transfer – please see details on the

Registration Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/-1FAIpQLSfSZo5Pk2HJj9G4jsAMpYYxbJh5BZylzNS41Dsf9dqc\\_fG-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/-1FAIpQLSfSZo5Pk2HJj9G4jsAMpYYxbJh5BZylzNS41Dsf9dqc_fG-EhQ/viewform)

[EhQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/-1FAIpQLSfSZo5Pk2HJj9G4jsAMpYYxbJh5BZylzNS41Dsf9dqc_fG-EhQ/viewform) When you have registered, directions to the

Retreat Centre, what to bring and other details will be

emailed to you.

Namaste

Anand

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## **LAST YEARS GATHERING**

**oZFAERY SUMMER SOLISTICE GATHERING  
2016 THUR. 15TH TO THUR. 22ND  
DECEMBER 2016**

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