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→ MELBOURNE DOMESTIC TERMINAL



## WHAT'S ON

Melbourne's answer to the Sydney Mardi Gras is the Midsumma Festival, three weeks of gay and lesbian performance, music, art, sports and parties! One highlight is the Midsumma Carnival on 13 February with market stalls, rides and more. Or, if you like musicals, get down to Chapel off Chapel in Prahran for *I Do, in Caroline Springs* – a farcical take on Aussie life in suburbia. **Where and when:** Various venues across the city. Grab a program for details. **Price:** Various. **Contact:** Call (03) 9415 9819 or visit [www.midsumma.org.au](http://www.midsumma.org.au).

## CITY SECRETS

Melbourne's best cafes, shops, street art and architecture are tucked down laneways and elegant arcades waiting to be discovered. You can do it in style with Hidden Secrets Shopping Tours' insider knowledge and keen eye for fashion. Wear your walking shoes, as you'll visit more than 50 boutiques while learning about Melbourne's unique culture. **Where and when:** Departs 10am, Wed and Sat or by appointment. Bookings essential. **Price:** \$70pp. **Contact:** Call (03) 9329 9665 or visit [www.shoppingsecrets.com](http://www.shoppingsecrets.com).

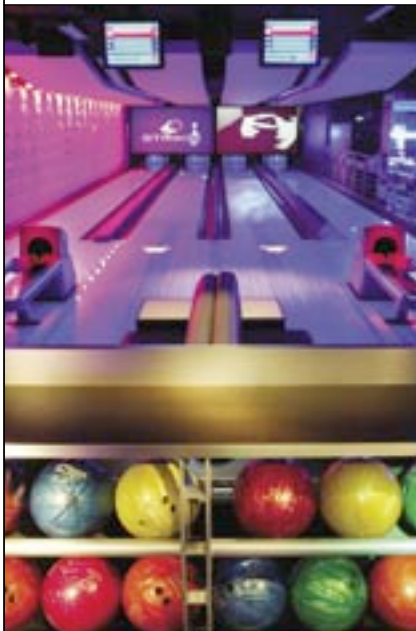
## WINING & DINING

Jamie Stevens (below) is one third of ARIA-winning Infusion – described as one of Australia's best live acts. You can catch them during this year's Big Day Out festival.

**CAFE:** Up the road from our studio is the Carlton Paragon Cafe Bar in Carlton North. It's pretty much frequented by mums and their offspring (be it human or canine), but I've had over 300 coffees there and every one has been excellent.

**RESTAURANT:** All of us in Infusion eat at Fu Lu Chinese Cafe in Carlton probably at least a couple of times a week. Mrs Wu, who takes the orders, has apparently been there for over 20 years. It's run-down and there's only seating for probably a dozen people, but I could not imagine finding a better short soup or crunchy pepper squid anywhere on the planet. I also like going to Hairy Canary on Little Collins Street in the city. It's a nice place for some wine and a tapas plate.

**NIGHTLIFE:** I really like Cinema Nova on Lygon Street. It has a lot of late night sessions and always a good selection of films showing. One of its advantages is it's opposite Readings Bookshop, so if you're stood up you can pretend to be browsing for a book.



## THINGS TO DO FOR UNDER \$15

Strike Bowling Bars are all over town – the most central is on Little Lonsdale Street – and provide a one-stop-playtime-shop for bowling, pool, games or karaoke. There's a licensed bar and a menu with Asian-influenced platters, as well as classic fare such as burgers and fries. **Where and when:** QV Complex, Little Lonsdale St. Daily until late. **Price:** Bowling from \$8-\$15 per game (includes shoe hire), depending on day and time. **Contact:** Call (03) 9656 7171 or for more info visit [www.strikebowlingbar.com.au](http://www.strikebowlingbar.com.au).

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