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PRIDE PARTY 2008 **Size does matter**

On Saturday, October 25 2008, after the 19th annual Pride Parade, Pride WA and Connections Nightclub will bring the Pride community a party to remember. With this year's theme in mind, Pride and Connections will reinvent the historic nightclub into a springtime wonderland and garden party to rival its now infamous 30th Birthday celebrations.

Connections Nightclub owner Tim Brown can hardly contain his excitement 'We're taking over all the laneways behind Connections to provide additional party space below. They'll be licensed and we'll have nearly 500 square meters extra space. People will even be able to enjoy coffee, tea and more all night, at one of the area's most exciting new cafés, Urbanistar.'

The incredible DJ line-up includes Sydney's Kate Monroe, Triple Js Sharif Galal, Paul Payne (UK) and the very best Perth has to offer including Dirty Den, Mandy, Dave Jackson, Michy T, Joby and the list goes on.

And where are we going to fit them all? 3 fabulous spaces with something for everyone: The main room will be the dance space, as dance floor diva Kate Monroe headlines with over 3 hours of electro, tribal, house and dirty, dirty disco. The cherry blossom tree will be in full bloom, as will Perth's very own drag superstars in three fantastically huge shows in true Pride fashion.

For those who like their music a bit more mellow, the terrace is for you with Sharif Galal (Triple J), Mandy, Joby & Phil grooving the night away.

The third space will blow the community away, being the largest transformation the club has undertaken in its four decades of history.

The side-alley entrance will take punters into the showpiece as Connections will reinvent the car park and surrounding shopping lanes into a mystical garden containing our very own larger than life, magic faraway tree that has to be seen to be believed. Woodland creatures and camp classics will keep you on your feet.... not to mention a final show designed to knock you off them.

This huge tree is symbolic of Connections' interpretation of Pride's 2008 theme: Reinvention.

"It's springtime at Connections. Winter's over, things are warming up, everything is blossoming" says Brown.

"The 2008 Pride Party is the perfect setting for the tribe to come together, dance, perform, drink and celebrate being alive and belonging".

We all know shows are what Connections does best, and a plethora of fabulous shows will keep you entertained every hour on the hour from the time the parade finishes right up until 6am. This will include 3 huge production shows that will rival any of the most memorable Pride shows of the past decade or so.

Joining Kate Monroe on the flight from Sydney to host the party will be professional housewife, media personality, former Celebrity Big Brother contestant and face of the unforgettable Snickers Hazelnut TV commercial Vanessa Wagner.

Vanessa has “hosted so many functions I have lost track” and will bring her own inimitable style to Connections Nightclub on the biggest night of the Pride Calendar.

Following close on Wagner’s heels will be drag icons Cindy Pastel, Strykermyer and Lizzy Chirpsworth, some of the most memorable drag icons of the last two decades.

Something will be happening in every corner of every space throughout the evening. You won’t want to keep still, except if you want to get your nails done by the very special Buffy for one night only.

Pride WA share Tim Brown’s excitement.

“It’s been a tough year for Pride but we’ve proved we can bounce back and sustain the organisation. Pride Parties have given joy to thousands of people over the years, and we’re so excited to work with Connections Nightclub to do that once again” says Pride Co-President Andrew Baietta.

“This is the only Official Pride Party, and the only party following the Pride Parade that will directly benefit Pride WA Inc, and ensure its sustainability as we head toward the 20th annual Pride Festival in 2009”.

Presale tickets for the Official Pride Party at Connections Nightclub are only \$25 for Pride members and \$30 for non members.
Pre-sale tickets will only be available at this price until midnight on October 24.
On the day, and for the first hour of the event, tickets will be \$30 for everyone.
Thereafter, all door sales will be \$35 for everyone.

The Official Pride Party at Connections Nightclub kicks off immediately after the Parade finished on Saturday October 25 and runs until 6am in all areas.

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