

Growing up Asian in Australia



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By Angela Yin

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Growing Up Asian in Australia by Alice Pung

Christmas In July

Christmas is coming early this year in the form of an all ages event to be held as a fund raiser for GLBT youth services group Open Doors.

Christmas in July, with the theme: 'The Spirit of Giving,' will feature performances by Brisbane Band Fem Ink, Kirsty Apps and the music grooves of DJ IKNDI.

Pearl, the drummer of FEM Inc. said "we wanted to do an All Ages show to support a youth service by helping to raise awareness and funds. Working with Open Doors promotes awareness and the needs of this marginalised group of kids".

▶ Growing up Asian in Australia

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Edited by Alice Pung

Growing up Asian in Australia is an anthology of essays written by over 50 Asian Australians. People of Asian descent have long been under-represented in Western media and often when they have been represented, they have been two-dimensional stereotypes – as an extra on M*A*S*H or a glasses-wearing, violin-playing nerd. Rarely before have we heard their stories in their own words. This anthology is chock full of touching, funny, sad and triumphant stories – a brave girl who ran away from a violent father, a famous doctor who once vowed to win every single Nobel prize, an adopted Vietnamese girl going back to her village, a slender Mariah Carey-loving young man who vowed to beef up on protein and banana shakes, only to cause putrid-smelling flatulence that made his family run for cover. The book is divided into sections with titles that one normally associates with Anglo-Australia, "Pioneers", "Battlers", and "Tall Poppies" among others. These stories highlight that even though many Asian Australians have lived a more difficult life than other Australians, all have emerged the more interesting and stronger for it.

Book Review

▶ Stella and Marco



Men throughout Australia can now exfoliate without fear of scorn or harmful chemicals, after a range of masculine skin care products has brought male skin care out in the open. Lisa Rose and Melinda Stevenson are the local Bayside talent behind the new 'Stella and Marco' rang, causing a stir amongst Brissy men. Melinda, company co-director, has worked in Queensland's booming film and modelling industry for 17 years, working with some of Australia's top stylists and artists. "All of the guys on set use products but they are never satisfied with the boutique skin care range on the market, especially because a lot of them are full of harmful chemicals." With plans to sell the new range in high end retail stores around the country, Stella and Marco are already hitting the mark with selling their products online. The young company has received an outstanding response from men buying up big from the privacy of their own home. Stripped naked of harmful chemicals, the new products including, cleanser, moisturiser, industrial strength lip balm and exfoliants are all natural- setting them apart from few other male skin care products on the market. The full range of products can be seen at their website, www.stellaandmarco.com

PFLAG QLD 2020 Summit

Booze, Pingas, Charles, Crack, Meth, G, Tabs,
Mary Jane, Whiz, K and Hammer

These are the nicknames on our dance card that some of us catch up with daily, weekly, the odd Sunday before a public holiday or for just a splash at new years. Are we turning to our party treats for a sense of fun and adventure? Is it a harmless pregnant pause into an otherwise dreary week of all work and no play? Do these pills, powders, potions and elixirs make us better lovers, friends and communicators? Or are they a creeping lantana on our already bruised psychology, whose presence is felt more strongly on a Tuesday than that vacant euphoria between 3am and 4am on a Sunday? At the recent Q News 2020 Summit, Doctor Wendell challenged our belief these party

that we leave them in the dust. What alternatives are there to the sweet caress of your 20th Bacardi Breezer? Where can we go where excess isn't the norm? When does a night end without being loose that is not about as entertaining as a game of canasta with your favourite stamp collector? These issues, with no easy answer, were grabbed with both hands by Dr Wendell's session on Drug and Alcohol Abuse? This is not about being a nanny state Dr Wendell stresses. "The best person who should decide what is the appropriate use is the person themselves, weighing up the pluses and the minuses, and cutting out the denial of those minuses" he suggests. **Some of the outcomes that Dr Wendell's groups came up with were:**

Regulating and legalising the supply