National Homosexual Conference

August 16, 17 1975
Melbourne University Union

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST
8.00 p.m. RECEPTION (Mixed Lounge)

SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST
9.30–11.00 a.m. HOW HOMOSEXUALS ARE OPPRESSED
An exploration of our experience of homosexual oppression through the major social institutions and the basic problems confronting us as homosexuals.
- Psychology
- Education
- Media
- Religion
- Legal situation and law reform
- Family
- Self oppression

11.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m. WORKSHOPS
- Coming Out
- Bisexuality
- Lesbian Mothers
- Homosexuals and their families
- Gay Culture
- Being Homosexual at work
- Australian Gay History

2.00–4.00 p.m. SPEAK OUT
All welcome to speak on their personal experience and views.

4.30–6.00 p.m. WHY HOMOSEXUALS ARE OPPRESSED
An exploration of the political nature of homosexual oppression through theoretical analysis in the light of psychological and sociological theories of social structure and human behaviour.
- Social identity or self identity?
- Homosexuals as scapegoats?
- Social myths?
- Necessity of homosexual oppression?

SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST
9.00–11.00 a.m. HOMOSEXUALITY AND FEMINISM
A discussion of homosexual oppression and liberation within the framework of feminist concepts.
- Sexual objectification
- Feminism/Effeminism
- Relationship with the Left
- "Ethics" of social relationships
  (e.g. monogamy/promiscuity question, "falling in love, again")
- Sexism among homosexuals
- Women and men working together?

11.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m. WORKSHOPS
- Effeminism
- Lesbian Separatism (Women only)
- Ageism
- Sexual Objectification
- Homosexuals and the Left
- Men's group

1.00–2.00 p.m. LUNCH
Different State groups could meet over lunch concerning future action

2.00–4.00 p.m. HOMOSEXUAL MOVEMENTS—PAST AND FUTURE
An analysis of experience in Gay Liberation, Camp and other homosexual rights groups. What will have the greatest impact for change on contemporary Australian society?
- Problems of sexism among homosexuals
- Possibility of unity among homosexuals?
- Possibility of unity among lesbian women and male homosexuals?
- Contradiction between ideology and gut reactions (conditioning?)
- Toward a non-sexist society

4.00–5.30 p.m. ACTION WORKSHOPS
The formation of new action groups and meeting of specific interest groups to discuss concrete proposals for action.
- Mental health workers
- Education groups, e.g. teachers, students
- Public Service
- Law and prisons
- Media
- Homosexual counselling
- Parents of homosexuals