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MEDIA RELEASE - 94.9 in the SHADE!

Thanks to funding from Family Planning Victoria's Sexual Health and Diversity Enterprise (SHADE), Australia's only Gay and Lesbian community radio station, JOY 94.9, will be travelling to Shepparton in February for an Outside Broadcast to raise awareness of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Blood Borne Viruses in young GLBTIQ people, in regional Victoria.

JOY 94.9 President, David McCarthy said, "We are excited that we will be working with local organisations, including GV Pride, and the SHADE partner organisations, to promote STI and BBV prevention and testing, and supporting greater access to sexual health care in regional Victoria. The issues that GLBTIQ youth face along with social isolation, social exclusion and disconnection from family and community networks make this an important initiative. We want to counter their increased risk of sexual and mental ill health, homelessness, suicide, self-harm and drug and alcohol misuse. "

General Manager, Danae Gibson said, "Keep an eye on www.joy.org.au for further details soon, and keep listening to JOY 94.9 throughout summer for coverage of the 2011 Midsumma Festival, including live broadcasts from Carnival, and the annual Pride March Victoria.

JOY 94.9 is a Gay and Lesbian community radio station committed to providing a voice for the diverse lesbian and gay communities, enabling freedom of expression, the breaking down of isolation and the celebration of gay and lesbian culture, achievements and pride.

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