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MEDIA RELEASE – SHADEs OF JOY Outside Broadcast COME ALONG - JOIN THE FUN - BE INFORMED

Thanks to funding from Family Planning Victoria's Mind The Gap project, Australia's only Gay and Lesbian community radio station, JOY 94.9, will be travelling to Shepparton on Sunday 13 February for an Outside Broadcast.

This will be the first event of the Sexual Health and Diversity Enterprise (SHADE), a sexual health campaign to raise awareness of Sexually Transmitted Infections and Blood Borne Viruses in young GLBTIQ people, in regional Victoria.

The four hour broadcast, commencing at 11 am, will provide listeners – be they at the event, on JOY 94.9, or via joy.org.au – with relevant information on safe sex practices and a range of other issues facing GLBTIQ youth in regional Victoria.

The event is to be launched by Minister Jeanette Powell, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Local Government, and the local member for Shepparton.

Other guests include representatives from:

- the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Sexual Health Workers
- a local Medical Practice
- the Melbourne University Centre for Rural Sexual Health
- CAN Victoria
- Youth Empowerment Against HIV-AIDS
- PLWHA Positive Speakers Bureau
- GV Pride and other GLBTIQ support groups from across north-eastern Victoria

There will also be a special performance from some local artists.

There will be a free BBQ provided by PFLAG Shepparton, so everyone is encouraged to bring their picnic rugs and make a day of it.

Everyone attending will be going into the draw from some great door prizes, including entry passes for the Chill Out Festival.

SHADE is part of Mind the Gap, a broad rural and regional community engagement program funded by the Victorian Department of Health. It focuses on the primary prevention of HIV and STIs among young GLBTI people and the engagement of their social networks. The organisations collaborating on Mind The Gap are: Family Planning Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, The Centre for Adolescent Health and Youth Empowerment Against HIV-AIDS.



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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