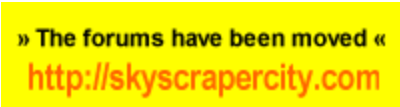


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From yesterday's Sydney Morning Herald.  
I found this pretty amusing more than anything.....

**If that city's where the boys are, then it has to be fabulous**  
**May 13 2002**

The size of the gay population is the best measure of a great place to live, write Andrew Leigh and Justin Wolfers.

What sets apart the world's great cities? While the leading metropolises - Paris, London, Berlin, Rio, and San Francisco - are all cosmopolitan, vibrant and exciting, what is it that makes them so special? Closer to home, how can we compare Sydney's brilliant beauty with the cafes of Melbourne, the beaches of Brisbane, and the laidback lifestyle of Perth?

A standard response is that you get what you pay for. By this reasoning, the easiest way to judge city quality is to look at housing prices. But economists have long objected that prices reflect not only whether a city is a nice place to live, but also the quality of local jobs and it's economic 'mix'.

So we might think that Sydney's land prices reflect what David Williamson once called her "sub-tropical abundance", while Canberra's property market is driven by proximity to government jobs.

Another attempt to compare city quality came earlier this year in a survey by William M. Mercer, a consulting firm. Mercer ranked the world's cities according to 39 factors, including political stability, air pollution, traffic congestion, health care and restaurants. However, how you weigh these factors almost certainly determines which city comes out on top.

How else to measure city quality? Writing in the latest issue of the

Journal of Urban Economics, four bright sparks in the US - Dan Black, Gary Gates, Seth Saunders, and Lowell Taylor - believe they have cracked this nut.

They argue that if you want to know which city has the best amenities, just look at the gay population.

And size matters. The argument is simple. Gay men do not have children, and hence they have more money to spend on the finer things in life, including living in the hippest locations. As such, they tend to congregate in cities where the living is good. So we should expect gay cities to be fabulous cities. The four economists' careful analysis of census data finds strong support for their theory within the United States, where San Francisco and Washington have the highest proportion of gay residents. Interestingly, city quality is a more powerful predictor of where gay men live than differing degrees of homophobia. Outside the US, the nexus between city quality and the proportion of gay residents also appears to hold true for most of the world's great cities.

How does Sydney measure up? Firm numbers are hard to come by, but it has been claimed that Sydney is the gayest city in the world. This may itself further improve the city - not only do we enjoy the gentrifying areas of Paddington, Surry Hills and Newtown, but the annual Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras is a spectacle all of its own. Moreover, those families that have children benefit from a group who pay their taxes, but do not further crowd their schools.

Of course, the gay index only reflects amenities that adults value - hip locations, nice weather, restaurants and theatre. So Melbourne can boast about her grassy suburbs, affable neighbourhoods, and other "family friendly" features. But on the sexuality and the city test, Sydney is queen.

So next time you see two men holding hands, give them a smile, for they are our proof that Sydney is indeed Australia's most livable city.

Andrew Leigh is a Frank Knox Scholar at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Dr Justin Wolfers is an Assistant Professor at Stanford Business School.

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**JAYT**

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So how would you find out which is the "gayest" city in Australia.

It's pretty obvious that Sydney is first in this but what about second?

Brisbane actually has more gay nightspots and is alot more liberal than Melbourne so whats the go there?

Would you then look at Per Capita populations?

Also would you look at Local politics and gay rights? In this area NSW and Queensland are at the front for different reasons. WA and Tasmania have also made giant leaps in recent years.

For their size Darwin and Cairns would be the gayest in terms of per capita population.

JT


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**Aussie Steve**

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Although Sydney may be #1 for gay boys, Melbourne is #2, that for sure  


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**JAYT**

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Perhaps Melbourne does have more than Brisbane but I would say judging by the scene down there that a much higher percentage would be "home bodies" and not go out much.

There arn't as many clubs and venues down there and what there is tends to be spread out over a very wide area.

Sydney and Brisbane tend to have alot of their action concentrated in just 2 or 3 suburbs which I think its better because they have more of a "gay feel" and culture to them.

Melbourne has some of the best venues and nightclubs if your straight though.

JT

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**Aussie Steve**

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Sorry JAYT, although Melbourne has some of the best str8 venues, Melbourne also has some of the best gay venues. Although they are not



concentrated in one area/suburb, they are in the inner suburbs and I think spreading them out is better. It allows people to move from one club to another and experience the difference between the north side and south side of the Yarra River.


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**museumb**



The original article posted by BobDob. isn't just talking about the scene/s but more about the overall aspects of what G & L culture brings to the landscape. The bar/niteclubs are only a small (yet more obvious) part of this....this even takes in the "home bodies" and perhaps their influence on real estate prices.

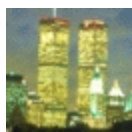
I'm more curious as to why B.D. found the article amusing. Besides a lame headline for a mass reading market and a well intentioned yet odd rap-up, it's a fairly str8-forward article. I just find it amusing that we're put under the microscope as third party objects as if we aren't there and not reading the newspapers  along with everybody else, like paying taxes (a contradiction there on the writer's behalf when you think about it....). It also portrays gay men as all being afluent, therefore to be exploited....ho-hum.

Also WTF is this 'gay-index'???

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 It's about 'the contextual, the conceptual and the social'

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**JAYT**



I' don't know, I've been out in Melbourne and I've always found it a very homophobic city. I did go out in the Commercial road and Chaple street area but there were only 3 or 4 clubs there plus several book and video stores. I also found that area very homophobic. I was walking down along commercial road hand in hand with my B/F and bogans were yelling abuse out car windows at us - something that has never happened to me in The Valley or Spring Hill.

Perhaps there are just more bogans and rednecks in Melbourne. Here in SEQ they (the bogans and rednecks) tend to concentrate and stay around GC and SC. Brisbane is the "liberal san francisco" in the middle which is fabulous and I love!!!! They are afraid to go into the Valley and I love that too because it means the different people can be different and not cop abuse!

The esplanade in GC is full of Bogans in their V8 commodores and loud

pumping music.

I didn't go out in Collingwood and I've heard its OK.

JT

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#### Aussie Steve

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JAYT, next time your in Melbourne, give me a call. I was out on Friday & Saturday night and had a ball in Commercial Rd and Chaple St. Not once have I been abused in my own suburb (I live just behind Chaple St) let alone in Melbourne. Holding hands in Melbourne in public is not an accepted thing anywhere, unless its the Mid Summa Carnival! 😊

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#### museumb

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I think in regard to your dilema guys, it's a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. It can certainly and has proved to happen in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney time in, time out; without argument and without a doubt.

BTW how did BobDob.'s article turn into the above? It's soooo funny, it's like i had said nothing in-between.

As you were.....

(Edited by museumb at 11:19 am on May 20, 2002)

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#### Aussie Steve

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In my opinoon, I would prefer that people of all race, color and sexual orientation live amongst one another rather than concentrate in one



area. Its not healthy and can create ghettos. Although a number of gay people live in the inner suburbs of Melbourne and Sdyeny, there are still quite a number who live out in the "burbs" too.

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**JAYT**

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I just don't like the "hoon" element you guys have down there. In a way its good that we have the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast near by because it leaves the Valley, New Farm and Spring Hill free from those people.

If your white, straight and male your a bit of an oddity in those suburbs - even if your just visiting.

I do prefere people of all socio-economic backgrounds to get along in one area but its also good to have a Gay ghetto that you can be free to express your love without worrying about who is gonna see.

Come to Brisbane - you'll know what I mean!

JT

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**museumb**

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Most gays and lesbians do live in the suburbs, out amongst and part of the 'general community' and not the target 'market' that the article is referring to. Most don't particalry need the glitz 'n glamour of the restaurants, coffee shops and club scene, yet know those areas are there if they need them. .... Also many don't live in and are in fact moving out of some of the traditional inner city 'gay' residential areas as the 2.5 kids move in.

In an ideal world, it would be great if we could live amongst each other as Aussie Steve said.....however, everybody in the wider community (including the Gay population) has different wants and needs...for example, i might want a lot of my neighbours as Gay men so that i feel a sense of community and my Gay friends to live closely for convenience. I'm actually somewhere in between the 2 worlds mentioned, not in the suburbs yet not in a heavily Gay populated area. I feel a sense of freedom from the two, yet enjoy the company of friends whenever and

wherever (including the club scene) i need too.

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### Aussie Steve

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I love living in the inner city where all the action is and I like being close to friends and family and the CBD. But I don't want to live in an area that is full of gay people. That would make the area very boring. Activity and a sence of community amoungst a variety of people is what I enjoy the most, that is why I live where I live, not beacuse its a "gay part of Melbourne". What a load of bull dust!

But I must say this, I am looking for a home to purchase in the leafy eastern suburbs (Malvern) to move into in a few years time, even though I love my own apartment that I live in right now.

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### museumb

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....okk-kkayyyyyy.....

i'm still curious as to why the article is considered amusing. i've pointed out my reasons for thinking it is. What might others think of the actual article in question?

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### Aussie Steve

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What a load of bull dust! Not all gay men live in the "hip" inner suburbs, not all gay men can afford to live in the "hip" suburbs and not all gay men love living in clean environments. This article is saying gay men = clean wonderful cities. Well, I hate to tell them, that that is not true.

I wouldn't call Sydney a clean city. Walking through the inner suburbs can be dark, cold and dirty, but I guess that is making another generalization! Sounding familiar is it? Well, lets all make generalisations that being gay means you have heaps of \$\$\$, no children, love your job, live in the inner city, own a flashy new car and walk around in tight shorts and tank tops.

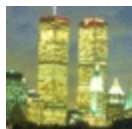
Well, sorry to say, but not every gay man is like that and not every city that has gay men means its a wonderful city.

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**JAYT**

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Aussie Steve, Your right in that respect. I live on the outskirts of Brisbane and I'm a student so I don't fit into the steriotypical gay persona thats depicted in the media. But I do like to hang out in coffee shops in gay suburbs every now and then.

JT

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**chrisaus**

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i don't think perth has any gay suburbs  
 i wouldn't go holding hands in northbridge

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**Perth - Western Australia**

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**BobDobolina**

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I found the article amusing because it wrongfully treats gay people as 'commodities' who have some sort of responsibility to make the place 'cool' and 'hip', which ofcourse they don't.

BTW I live in the inner west suburb of Leichhardt, affectionally known as 'Dykeheart' and am the first heterosexual person to promote and support gay relationships.

(Edited by BobDobolina at 8:00 pm on May 20, 2002)

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Have no probs with the first part Bobdob....in fact it's spot on. However, hmhhh with the second part.....

With the second part, i'm not sure if you are being tongue-in-cheek or serious. If tongue-in-cheek, fine. If serious, ouhhh, lots of probs. Seeing there were no smiley or laugh emoticons accompanying this, we will take it at this stage that you were serious.

The fact that you support our long historical stuggle is great and please continue to do so. However, do not just with one sentence wipe off all the hard work and heartache that many of our straight friends, family members and other supporters have given us in the many, many, many years before you. I don't want to 'rain on your parade' by this and i would like you to continue with your support; this is not meant to affect that, but it must be said.

Also, we're not in the business of promoting our lifestyle. That's what many str8 people think we are doing when all we want is some appropriate representation in the media (a long way off still and i don't mean 'dickey' articles written by str8 people for a mass str8 audience). Also recognition as living, working, active members of society. If that be the case, then we have str8 society 'promoted' to us virtually 24/7, particularly by the media, films etc..

I'm *realllllly* hoping that you come back and say you were being tongue-in-cheek and forgot the smilies, proving me wrong here! 😊😊😊 Or you even may have meant the first at OZScrapers. The emoticons do have a function and can be quite useful at times.

Cheers, 🤗

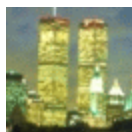
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## Tony P

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Oh Museumb, I don't think Bob Dobolina meant any ill will in what he was trying to say! 🤔 I think he just tried to use a 'figure of speech' when trying to say what he meant but it didn't come out as planned.



I took what he said not as a literal "I'm the first person ever to support and....." but more as an "I'll eagerly/dutifully jump up and support.....".

Bob (no doubt) would have meant something like "I'll be the first to jump up and support/promote/defend gay relationships in a situation where someone/ some group is acting in a negative way towards it". He's definitely not trying to upstage the people that put in the struggle before him. That thought would have not crossed his mind because he was thinking down another track altogether.

In much the same manner and using the same figure of speech, I probably have said in the past..... "I'll be the first person to jump in and take care of Liz Hurley after what that Hugh put her through!" 😊

Obviously I wasn't the first, and if it was how I really felt, I wouldn't expect to get scolded for saying it. 😊

But if it came out as "I was the first person to take care of Liz Hurley after what Hugh did to her" then I would expect to get belted down by criticism 😊

Bob on the other hand meant the former (i.e. I'll be the first person to jump in and take care of Liz Hurley after what that Hugh put her through!" ) but it came out as the latter (i.e "I was the first person to take care of Liz Hurley after what Hugh did to her").

So Bob Dobolina may initially feel he is getting some harsh treatment from you after reading your message but I think through reading your message, he'll understand why you felt that way because you were acting on something totally different to what he meant (and will probably wholeheartedly agree with your views when he realises what you thought he meant) and I hope you read this message understand what Bob no doubt meant to say and mean.

'Cause you know, I'll be the first person to jump in and resolve issues that were most likely not supposed to be issues. 😊

I think the sticky thing here has been language. When the words 'promote gay relationships' are used, it could be taken as "Gay people are trying to turn the whole world gay" (bad association and deserves criticism) or it could be taken as "promoting acceptance to the point when it's as valued by the community as heterosexual relationships currently are" (better association) and we all know how far there still is to go with that.

Words like "defend gay relationships" are dangerous too. I don't like to say I "defend gay relationships" because I simply think there should be nothing to defend! It's absurd! But every now and then I find myself 'defending gay relationships' to utter homophobic dolts.

Both you guys (Bob Dobolina and Museum) are some of the nicest online personalities I've come accross (I can hear a round of "cheers" from the other forumers as I write 😊) and so I hope this all gets cleared up quickly!

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*sydney***australia**Total Posts: **231** | Joined **Jan. 2002** | Posted on: **3:46 am on May 21, 2002** | **IP****museumb** EDIT |  PROFILE |  MESSAGE |  QUOTE

I do see your point Tony P and i am flexible, wanting to see the best in people. i hope that is the case 😊 . i most certainly was in my language ready to give BobDob. the benefit of the doubt and not speak 100% on his account and by default represent him. I was also careful not to sound defensive. I must say, i have seen time and time again many non-gay people try and be well intentioned only to show their own prejudices and just sound patronising (not saying in this case tho'). This also happens very obviously in many racial matters.

LOL on the Hugh 'n Liz Show tho' and a sudden gratuitous use of emoticons. I'm sure BobDob. is a nice guy too; that was never a question.

i know i am getting into semantics here, but the expression could have been "i would be the 1st to" or "i'd be the 1st to", 'cos it was expressed a little awkwardly. However, not to worry. As long as a simple misunderstanding is cleared up 'quick as' so that it won't drag on and we can all learn and move on! (Have you seen some of the endless 'shit flying' that goes on over at UKScrapers? They're often going around in circles on many matters. I really feel for the poor serious forumers over there....)

I still and always will have trouble with the word 'promote' though. That is the sort of word the 'Fred Niles' and 'George Pells' of this world use, along with that tiresome 'Adam & Steve' analogy. Ho-hum.

(geniune) advice tho' if you want to be (genuinely) supportive. Empower us by letting us have the verdict on matters such as the silly, yet well intentioned things like the article that was written. You have the verdict as our *good* and *true* supporters (this includes listening to and taking in any constructive cricisms we may have). I and you have also seen many true homophobic comments in these pages and you boyz have not been there.....or maybe like us, you just couldn't be bothered most of the time. That could have been true support however....

 BobDob. and as Tony P suggests, the crowd went "Cheers!!" 

and "Hoo-ray!!" for emoticons.... 😊

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**wadems**

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shut up you silly faggots....lol....just kiddin?

is everyone in this forum besides me gay (and brizzychis and perthboy) or somthing?

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**museumb**

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Hahaha LOL ZZZzzz

OMG, don't say that or as usual the str8 guys will come in masses and defend their heterosexuality....we won't have enough space for the list. argghhh!

BTW If you call what seems to be most of the forum to you 'faggots' we are used to it and will only think/reply "and??? So wot's new mate!?! Moving right along now....." but some of us might be genuinely offended, even if it is a joke. (I belong to the 1st btw).

Thank You for your, uh....., insightful and deeply thought-out comments though wadems.

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**Aussie Steve**

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**WOOOOO HOOOO**

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**Tony P**

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This calls for an emoticon party!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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*sydney***australia**

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**museumb**

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Now it's the crowd looking at the Mardi Gras Parade; this is where our only one-day-in-the-year supporters come, not knowing that supporting us is a 24/7 365 day (366 every leap year) commitment.

(Edited by museumb at 1:21 pm on May 21, 2002)

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**ipex**

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I don't mean to be mean MuseumB, but don't you think you've been a little too touchy here? Bob Dobolina's comment wasn't negative in any way - did it really require hundreds and hundreds of words of analysis. 😊 Again, I'm not being mean, just saying that maybe you should be aware

of how you're coming across (to me, anyway)...

Anyway, back to the original topic: I don't really agree with what the article says, but I do think that if a city has a reputation for accepting gay people, it's usually a great city. Why? Because it means that the city is open-minded, tolerant and accepts diversity - which are the hallmarks of an interesting, exciting city. Sydney is a great example of this. Relatively speaking, Sydney is accepting of gay people (and many other minorities for that matter) and this has helped make Sydney the diverse, interesting place it is today.

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**BobDobolina**

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Woops..... I've just logged on and seen the ruckus that I have unintentionally initiated!

mboy - there was nothing "ill intentioned" by my comment what so ever and I'm sorry that you perceived it that way. I do however see how you could have taken it that way given the history of some of the forum threads.

The message that I am trying to convey is that "I would be the first to jump in and put my hand up and support" etc.....

The reason why I stated myself as hetero sexual is because it was the central point to my message and that there should be plenty more folk, like me , who are **truly** open minded and not those with a 'false facade' hiding simmering or latent homophobic feelings.

My brother is gay and I have seen that pain that he has and continues to

endure and I would not wish that on anyone. Since he came out in 1999 he is not the same fun loving person that he was and that makes my whole family very sad.

My next door neighbours ( Karen and Sue) are also gay and we have them over for BBQ's regularly and go to the footy together.

My girlfriend and I marched in the Mardi Gras this year too ( for the first time ) !

My personal assistant is also gay and he has been through absolute hell and back. None of his fucking family even want to recognise him anymore let alone talk to him.

Given the crap that has been thrown around the forum recently re : homosexuality I can understand that we are all perhaps treading a little warily on this topic, particularly from forumers who haven't spoken up much about it before.

The reason why I found the original article "amusing" BTW is because I hate the way the media tends to pigeon hole homosexuals as commodities who fit into the set , almost 'predetermined', public image of being trendy, vivacious, high income earning, inner city apartment dwelling, colourful and camp people. In the majority of cases they aren't.

Hope this clears up this little mis understanding....9 emoticon time I think - 😊 )

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**museumb**

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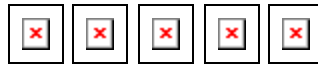
Thank You BobDob; i was giving you the benefit of the doubt all along so i was only kinda perceiving it in some way i.e. it wasn't black 'n white, an open/shut case and i didn't see it as far as even being ill intentioned. There weren't to be misunderstandings and i hope you read all the responses and understood them (i don't think some are doing either). People have been trying to speak for you without really knowing you (it's really how they feel on the issues, not you).

You didn't create any ruckus, it's good to talk about this stuff. Now we know a little more about each other and perhaps we can even symphahtise/empahtise with you on issues such as your brother's dilemma. It's also probably a lot of non-gay forumers that tread warily around these subjects, either not sure how to approach them or just not interested (shame but fair enuff).

i think nobody would disagree with your viewpoint about the article. initially i just wanted to know why you (who initiated the thread) thought it was amusing.

One even saw me as being 'touchy', however i've felt right at home with the whole issue (i've been around this block many a time, labourisly so!...ho-hum). I think once again, it was more about the person who posted it.

At least we've had an emoticon party and the post is well over 20 hits!!



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(Edited by museumb at 9:47 am on May 22, 2002)

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It's about 'the contextual, the conceptual and the social'

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**MelbunBoy**



Hey, just to digress a bit, and to tell you something you probably don't give a damn about, I just got married to my Dutch boyfriend in Holland last week! Holland is the first country in the world to fully legalise gay marriages, and I believe I am the first Gay Australian to legally marry my partner. Of course it's not recognised outside of Holland, but one day, maybe one day....

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Total Posts: **62** | Joined **Mar. 2002** | Posted on: **5:43 pm on May 21, 2002** | [IP](#)

**chrisaus**



shut up you silly faggots....lol....just kiddin?

is everyone in this forum besides me gay (and brizzychis and perthboy) or somthing

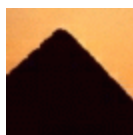
im not gay

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**Perth - Western Australia**

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Total Posts: **3291** | Joined **Jan. 2002** | Posted on: **6:28 pm on May 21, 2002** | [IP](#)

**airwave86**



yeah throw me into the poof basket with all u lot !!!

im from brisbane and think its a pretty liberal place however im not a scene person at all ; more of a raver so i dont really associate with the gay scene at all ....



and i plan to move to melbourne with my boy next year sydney is a great city howver gay cliché a little i think .... bigger pond doesnt necessarily mean better lifestyle ; i think melbourne has won me over maybe sydney will be on the cards later .....

and i live in the suburbs too i would have no qualms of living in a non-"gay"suburb though i prefer inner city life

and what about the all the lesbians dont they get a say on a city's wealth and status?

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Total Posts: **614** | Joined **Jan. 2002** | Posted on: **9:22 pm on May 21, 2002** | [IP](#)

**ipex**

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I don't see what relevance that has to anything, but since you've brought it up: I wasn't being "mean" in that 'Melbourne thread', I was simply expressing an opinion. Some people disagreed with my opinion and I responded. There's nothing wrong with that - it's called discussion. So what if it got a little lively? No-one got hurt did they? (Anyone who could get hurt by opinions posted on a skyscraper messageboard should get help ASAP!)

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I agree Aussie Steve - Australia is quite accepting of various minorities as a nation (at least compared to most other nations). I just singled out Sydney because it's the biggest, most obvious Australian example of the type of city the article was talking about.

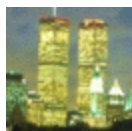
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**JAYT**

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On a per capita basis some of our smaller towns are very gay and accepting, been to Byron Bay or Noosa lately??? - Noosa especially is probably the most gay town in Australia, its full of couples (men) in tiny sports cars driving around or simply just taking in the scene on Hastings Street. Byron is very similar only a little more relaxed. One thing these two places have in common are thier nudist beaches which are usually 1/3 straight and the other 2/3rds gay.

Sunshine Coast has probably more Gay guesthouses and resorts than any other region in Australia - certainly more than GC. Byron area would come close too!

I know this is contravercial but I can't help my self.

JT

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**wadems**

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**Aussie Steve**

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I think its got something to do with feeling a lot more comfortable kissing another man and holding hands with another man and walking around nude in front of other gay men!

NB. This is not from personal experience.

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**JAYT**



Steve,  
walking round nude in fron of other gay men - That sounds more like a sauna or a sex on premises venue.

I don't think they go nude at gay resorts, their just lke str8 resorts only gay's and lesbians can just be themselvs.  
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What makes them different is that gay people are welcomed there. That's what people would usually mean when they say that a resort (or a club, pub or cafe...whatever) is "gay". There are still places where gay people are not welcome or even turned away from places of accommodation because they are gay. Last year, one of my friends went on a road trip with his partner and was told at one motel in Bundaberg that "we don't allow your type in our establishment" after he asked for a

double room. While that kind of thing is increasingly rare in this day and age, you still often attract unwanted attention as a gay couple in country areas. I guess that's why some gay men would seek out gay-friendly accommodation (for instance "gay" resorts) when on holidays.

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