

MAGazine

The Newsletter for Mature Age Gays

January and February 2011 Edition



Guys listening to speeches at our 2010 Christmas Party. The highlight of the evening, besides the sumptuous supper, was JBear singing and entertaining the gathering.

HAPPY NEW YEAR. We hope that 2011 will be very kind to us ALL !!



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President MAGazine

Hello Everyone,

By the time you read this message our wonderful Christmas party will be over and we will be preparing for our next big event Fair Day and the Mardi Gras Parade, and our double decker bus.

A big thank you, as always to all the guys who helped to make our Christmas party a great success, especially to the guys in the kitchen headed by Jeff and Ronnie, and not forgetting all the extra work that **John O'Dea puts in to making our food tables always special and scrumptious.** David with his expert Christmas decorations. What would we do without the efforts of these very dedicated guys.

I am sure everyone enjoyed the wonderful entertainment provided by JBear. He always gives 110% and kept us all in the Christmas spirit.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 8th January **2011 in our present location.** We haven't had any word as to when the big move is happening, but you will all be informed as soon as we are notified.

We are seeking donations of wine for our Fair Day Wine Raffle, so if you can help out with a bottle of wine it would be most appreciated. Please bring them in as soon as possible — **thankyou.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very a safe and prosperous New Year.
Good health and God Bless.

Love from your President, Erroll x x x x x x



Erroll with JBear



John, dressed to kill poses for the camera His boots lit up!

OUR PLANNED EVENTS

8 January 2011

T B A

29 January

Shinen Wong

Shinen is from ACON's

Fun & Esteem Project

Relevance of Risk Prevention & HIV
Education for the young & all in the
GLBTI Community

12 February

The Commitment Project

Evan Cooper

Sunday 20 February

FAIR DAY

26 February

T B A



Hi Guys,

Well here I am on a beautiful Sunday Morning sitting in my favourite little park where I live and looking out at the azure sky after having taken a dip in the white foamed blue waters of the bay.

The water is a comfortable temperature for late spring although a bit wet.

All is well at the moment, so why not enjoy the **moment I tell myself, 'cause when you think about it, that's all we ever** have. The past is gone, the future may never come and it is only in the present moment that no matter how many years, days, hours, minutes and seconds we have had in our lifetime (and my numbers would probably fill up this page), it is only in the present moment that we truly exist!

So take the time to enjoy it to the fullest, the sky, water, birds, flowers, humanoids, animals, insects,...WOW what a creation, and who is the creator?...God only knows.

Well my God is love and I have left instructions to my enduring guardian, **(have you appointed one yet? don't wait till it's too late) that when I can** no longer receive or give love...pull the plug!

For what would life be like without love? I don't want to know, pull the plug and let me find it elsewhere.

In the meantime I believe that if all peoples on this planet believed in love, regardless of their religion, what a wonderful world we would live in, without hate, prejudice, terrorism, idolatry, intolerance, discrimination etc etc etc.

So take one of your precious moments and know that I am sending my love to you as always.

Hugs and love to you.

Love Steve.



Mature Age Gays MAG

Caring for each other, sharing friendships and affection with each other in similar situations to lead as full a life as possible

Remembering MAG in your Will

Previous members have bequeathed a small amount of funds from their wills to MAG, following their passing.

We would be very honoured if members or friends of MAG may care to consider doing something similar.



Erroll, Harry, John and Steve enjoying ACON's 25th Anniversary Afternoon Tea, held at Sydney Park at St Peters on a wet and rainy Saturday afternoon in October 2010.

2011 Sydney Gay & Lesbian
Mardi Gras
Fair Day — Sunday,
20th February 2011
Parade & Party — Saturday
evening, 5th March 2011



JBear at sings at our
Xmas Party

Should you no longer wish to receive this MAGazine, kindly inform the Secretary



Secretary MAGazine

Our 2010 Christmas Party – 11th December 2010

This function would have had to be one of the best, if not the best socials MAG has held. Over 130 people attended. Thank you to those guys and Michelle who dressed in *Chrissy attire* — it certainly added to a great night. JBear our entertainer sang magnificently, and with his “Celebrity Heads” contest had all in much laughter, especially when he gave the name of *Marilyn* away — thanks JBear and partner Noel for a great sound and lighting show. John O’Dea provided us with plenty of *fine fair* for all to tuck into and drink [the ham was delicious] — don’t know what we would do with out John’s work behind the scenes — sincere thanks John. Thank you to the kitchen guys, and all who lent a hand on the night, especially to clean up and re-assemble the rooms for a meeting ACON was holding on the following Monday. Thanks Joe for your expert carpet sweeping — you did a great job despite critics saying you had missed some spots on the carpet. Your response had all helping out laughing. I decorated the rooms on the Friday night previous. It took 2 hours to do so — GOLD for the main room, SILVER and RED in the foyer and a mixed arrangement of decos in the supper hall. Taking it all down took about 30 minutes. The folding of the sequins will be done later. So, thanks everyone who attended and helped. I hope you enjoyed yourselves — I did!



The 2011 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras

Fair Day — Sunday, 20th February 2011

MAG will again be having a Stall for next year’s Fair Day at Victoria Park, Broadway, Sydney. Home made plants and home grown jams will be on sale, not to mention dirty sex for only \$1.00; I mean 36 bottles of fine wines we will be raffling for the cost of only ONE DOLLAR a ticket. To ensure the success of the raffle, we seek assistance from members and friends for a donation of a bottle of wine for the raffle. Donations can be made at any meeting. We also seek assistance for *manning* the Stall and Raffle Table, so if you can help out, please let our President, Erroll know of your availability.

To the generous guys who have already donated a bottle of wine – thank you!!!!.

The Parade — Saturday 5th March 2011

MAG guys will travel by Bus in next year’s Parade, courtesy of the Over 55’s Services of the City of Sydney providing funds for the hire of an open roofed double decker bus, which MAG is most appreciative of. MAG will pay for the decorating costs.

Our Theme — MAG’s Gold, Bold and Beautiful.

Gold will be our colour, which ties in very well with the City of Sydney Over 55’s Services GOLD programme — Growing Older Living Dangerously. The GOLD programme has one of its main aims to provide a positive image of older people in their communities and they are delighted to have the opportunity to assist our members to celebrate and participate in this high profile event. Participants may, if they wish, wear or wave gold garland scarves. These will be great in Taylor Square where it will be brighter than daylight for the TV cameras.

Happy New Year I hope that this year is good to all our members and readers, and may each of us have good health and much happiness.

David Secretary and Newsletter Editor Tel: [02] 9516 2063.

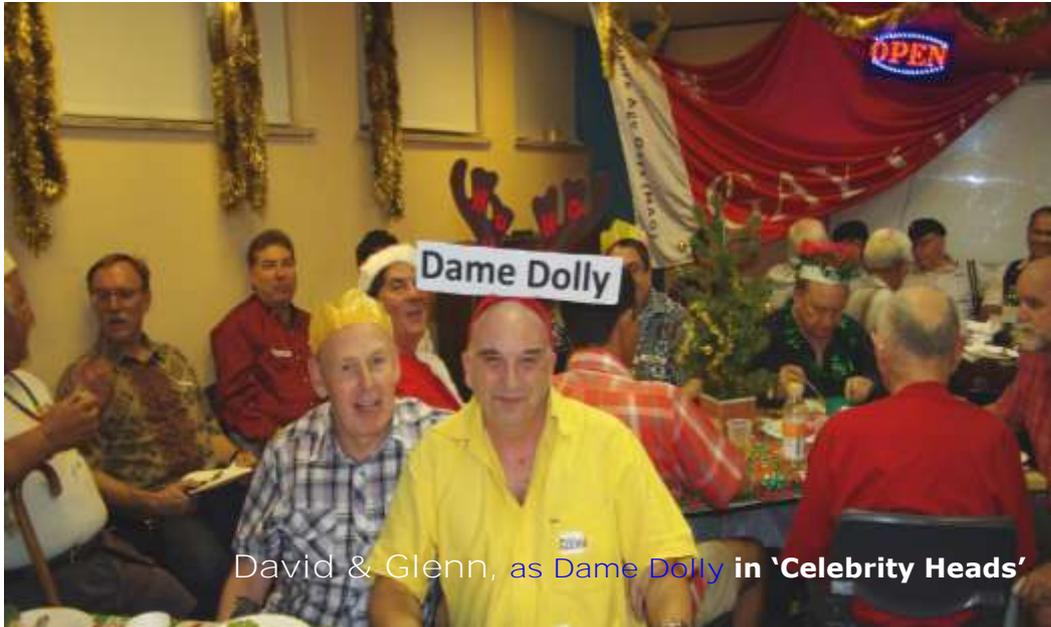
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Our 2010
Christmas Party

MAGazine

Photos taken by Erroll, David
and Valery
More pics will be published in
future issues from shots taken
by Michelle.



David & Glenn, as Dame Dolly in 'Celebrity Heads'



Bradelena



Les



Val, Chris & Bhupen



Phillip & Jack



Guys clearly enjoying JBear's entertainment



John, John & Ken



John, Warren & friend



Noel & JBear
singing a *duet*



Keith, Damian, David & Michelle
[David has his own Santa's beard]



Michael, Mamoud, Elliott, Morris & Kevin

Our Celebrity Head guys

This was one
of **JBear's**
audience
participation
acts.
The guys all
loved it.



Glenn [as Dame Dolly], Brian [as Porky Pig] & Elliott [as Marilyn Monroe]



John holds a birthday cake whilst
the *December birthday boys* cut it



Brian & Norman



Elliott & Morris, with Nelson & friend in the background



Joe & David



Ricky, Ian, Donald & Tony, with Rex in the background



Kevin, Ian with JBear



The Navy has found they have too many Officers and have decided to offer an early retirement bonus. They promise any officer who volunteers for retirement a bonus of \$1,000 for every inch measured in a straight line between any 2 points on his body. The Officers got to choose what those 2 points would be.

The first Officer who accepted asked he be measured from the top of his head to the tip of his toes. He was measured at 6ft and walked out with a bonus of \$72,000.

The second Officer who accepted, was a little smarter and asked to be measured from the tip of his outstretched hands to his toes. He walked out with \$96,000.

The 3rd Officer was a non-commissioned officer, a grizzly Old Chief who, **when asked where he would like to be measured replied, "From the tip of my weenie to my testicles."** It was suggested by the Pension Man that he might want to reconsider, explaining about the nice big cheques the two previous Officers had received. But the old Chief insisted and they decided to go along with him providing the measurement was taken by the Navy's Medical Officer. The Medical Officer arrived and instructed the Chief to 'Drop em,' which he did. The Medical Officer placed the tap of the tip of the Chief's weenie and began to work back. "Dear Lord!", he suddenly exclaimed, "where are your testicles?"

The Old Chief calmly replied, **"Vietnam."**



Memories of Silk

FROM THE COLLECTION OF ROGER GRELLMAN

A history of Chinese women's costume and accessories in daily life from Qing Dynasty to Republic

**OPENING FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER AT 6.30PM
WOLLONGONG CITY GALLERY**

Free All welcome
Continues until 20 February 2011

FREE EVENTS

Curator's talk by Dr. Lim Chye Hong
Saturday 22 January at 1pm

Exhibition walk-through with
collector Roger Grellman
Wednesday 16 February at 10.30am

Selections from the Roger Grellman Collection. Photograph Geoff Friend.



MAG member Roger Grellman is holding an exhibition of Chinese women's costumes and accessories at the Wollongong City Gallery, cnr Kembla St & Burelli St, Wollongong, on Wednesday, 16th February 2011, at 10:30am.



Warren Sawkins
MAG MAGazine
POET

Written 11th October, 2010.

IAN BAYLY: SEE WHAT I SEE IN THIS GUY.

The person I know as Ian Bayly.
Is a kind and sincere guy.
Get to know him and find out why.
These are his, I feel true traits.

For this reason he's a special human being.

In a friendship of a couple of good mates.
Ian is a person with deep feelings.
These feelings may not be.
Realized by a lot of people.

Who don't know or understand him.

Maybe one day.
They might like to take the time.
To him individually and humanly deal.
There is a time for all of us.
To look away from ourselves.

To another person.
Make a little human fuss.

To show you really care.
Maybe let yourself dare,
Add a little human wealth.

For another's personal happiness.

And ever lasting good health.

Ian Bayly, I feel gives all that's his best.

But doesn't always receive the same.

From the majority of the human rest.
He may be in stature small, but ever so tall.
In character.

Could be ever so kind and sincere to you.

If you could take the time.

To see, get to know him for yourself,
You might then witness this part of him too.

The shadow of his warm smile.

Is there all the while.

This is his unnoticed by many, style.

The person I know as Ian Bayly

Is a good guy through and through.

**He's the guy I could recommend to
you.**

Just give him a personal try.



The handsome JBear

MAGnet

MAGnet — is our mid week venue for mature gay and bi men.

Every Wednesday evening meeting at the Taxi Club, on Flinders Street, Darlinghurst, from 6:30pm for a meal. It is a great place to be at. We recommend guys join the Taxi Club — **it's** only \$11 per year and you can enjoy all the benefits.

For instance the Wednesday Members Badge Drawer — here are \$100 badge draws from 6pm till 8pm for those members present.

The meals are well priced and enjoyable. MAG invites all mature age gay and bisexual men to join our guys in having a meal, a drink and socialising.





MAG's Details

Executive Members:

President: Erroll Higson 9557 5903
Secretary: David Bowron 9516 2063
Treasurer: **John O'Dea** 9521 1953

ACON — Project Officer MAG
and the founder of MAG:
Steve Ostrow 9358 1460

Committee Members:

Bradley Falappi 9550 6359
Eric Ellem —
Mario Panzarino 0438 931 999
Joe Mula —

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MAG in the Community.
For guys who are ill, in hospital,
or who require assistance. Please
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96991317.

Our postal address is:
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DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Web site is magnsw.org

MAG meetings are held at:
Lower Ground Floor
ACON Building
9-25 Commonwealth Street,
Darlinghurst

The entrance is at the back of
the building, on the corner
of Clarke and Alberta Streets.
We meet on the second and
last Saturdays of each month,
from 6:30 pm for tea & coffee
with the meeting commencing
at 7:00pm, usually with a
Guest Speaker — sometimes
we'll have a social evening.

A light supper follows.

The Committee meets on the
second Saturday of the month
prior to the General Meeting.

Editor — David 9516 2063

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Acceptance (Gay Catholics) Tel. 9568 4433.
Friday Mass, St. Josephs Church, Bedford
Street, Newtown, 8pm.

Aleph Australia for gay Jews & friends,
Contact *Michael* 9300 9700.

Asian Project Contact Solomon 9206 2080
bgay Community News
Contact Marc on 0404112831.

Country Network a national social network
for gay men. Sydney Metro contact Max Cluff or
Ian Campbell Tel. 9648 0304.

Cronulla Gay Group
Contact John 9528 9158 or Eric 9589 1161.

Cross Section for gays within the Uniting
Church phone *Des* 9319 0722.

GAMMA Gay & Married Men's Assoc
Meets on 1st & 3rd Wed every month,
at 9 C'wealth St, Surry Hills. Tel. 9267 4000
www.gamma.org.au

Gaydownunder www.gaydownunder.com
GLCS Tel. 1800 184 527

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists
contact *Tony James* 49725357.

MAM — Mature Aged Men
Meets the last Saturday of month Sportsman's
Hotel, Springhill, Brisbane at 4pm
Contact Noel (07) 325 77743 for more details.

MCC Good Shepherd 6:30pm Sundays
Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 9386 9293
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MCC Sydney 10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays
Pastor part time *Greg Smith* Tel. 9569 5122
96 Crystal St, Petersham.

Email — office@mccsydney.org

PFLAG Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians
& Gays. www.pflagaustralia.org

SCOG Southern Cross Outdoor Group:
bushwalks and other outdoor activities in the
Sydney area. Contact *John* 9907 9144.

Email address is scog@scog.asn.au

SPAI DS Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves
Dates on tree planting days kindly contact
josken@josken.net for further information.

Christ Our Hope Community
Meetings: fortnightly at 320 Riley Street,
Surry Hills, at 11am. Contact: Father Peter
on 9588 6893 or 0419 464 353

WAGS 1st and 3rd Saturdays of month
ACON, 13 Ellen Street, Wollongong
7:00pm till 9:00pm.

There is no supper. www.wags.net.au