

# MAGazine

A new look MAGazine,  
for a new year!!

At the request from ACON, I have been asked to re format the Newsletter for Mature Aged Gays - "MAGazine".

This is so the various ACON Projects will have Newsletters in a similar format.

The old Margins have been removed and I have been able to increase the amount of content in the Newsletter. I hope our readers will enjoy this new layout.

My Christmas was great, and hope your was too - David, Editor.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!  
Hoping that  
2012 will be very kind  
to us ALL !!



MAG is  
a  
project  
of

**acon**  
BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY'S  
HEALTH & WELLBEING

2012 Seniors Week  
"Afternoon Delight"

ACON is already planning this year's **Afternoon Delight** - to be held on Sunday 25th March 2012. As with past years this will be a Movie Matinee with a delicious afternoon tea included.

ACON Health is very proud to be associated with NSW Seniors Week and this very special event for the senior GLBT community.

Please pencil this date in your diaries now!! We will be providing more details of the venue, time and how to RSVP as soon as they become available.

We look forward to many MAG Members coming along and enjoying a great afternoon of entertainment!!

2012 Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concert for Individuals is on Monday 19th March 2012 for either 10.30am or 2.30pm.

Please see page 4 for details of how you could possibly obtain a ticket.

Look us up on the web  
[magnsw.org](http://magnsw.org)

# 2012 EVENTS

## Mardi Gras

Fair Day — Sunday,  
12th February 2012

MAG will be having a Stall at the 2012 Fair Day, at Victoria Park, Broadway.

We are seek donations of bottles of good wines for our famous

36 bottles of fine wines

from our Members & Friends.

Donations can be made at any of our meetings. To the guys who have already donated a bottle or two our sincere thanks for your kindness.

The cost of a ticket is only 1.00.

Anyone who wins the raffle can be assured that *Dame Dolly Devine* has promised to help them drink the prize - ha ha.

We extend an invitation to all our Members and Friends to come along to Fair Day and enjoy OUR Community. It is a great day out, and some of the sights make your eyes water - especially those gorgeous bodies on the half naked younger men.

14 January

Adrian Eisler,

Manager Community Care ACON

28 January

[A red, white & blue evening]

Maurice Greenham

Talk on his group in North Staffordshire, UK

11 February

Movie Evening with popcorn for start of 2012 Mardi Gras

25 February

Reflections on past Mardi Gras

Expect some surprises!

## The Parade — Saturday, 3rd March 2012

MAG will be having a Bus in this year's **Sydney Mardi Gras Parade**; which has dropped the wording Gay & Lesbian from its title.

Our bus will be a 24 seater bus. It will be dressed in silver sequins and have a **hot pink slipper** on its roof with silver streamers at the back of the slipper.

Guys either walking or riding on the bus, will be required to wear a white shirt with a silver vest.

The vests will be supplied by MAG. These vests have been recycled from **MAG's 2002 Parade entry** - 'Hello Dolly'.

Our theme this year is

**MAGcilla - Queens of the Sofa.**

## 2012 SENIORS WEEK

Exciting times are planned for 2012 **Seniors Week**, from **ACON's Afternoon Delight** to the Premier's Gala Concerts. There are also other events happening during the week, so please keep a lookout for them.

## OTHER ACON PUBLICATIONS

When attending MAG meetings, please be aware that as you walk from the front entrance doors towards the Reception Booth, on the left hand side is a cupboard which has a variety of newsletters and other publications on display. Guys are encouraged to have a look at and take a copy home to read, at **one's leisure**

**Disclaimer:** The opinions expressed in this Newsletter are those of individuals and do not necessarily reflect the policies of MAG or ACON.

# PRESIDENT

## Happy New Year!!

Here we are in 2012 ready to tackle whatever fate throws at us, I have never been one to make (and



**break) New Year's resolutions but I believe** that subconsciously we do make some resolutions – our plans for the future and what we would like to happen.

It is therefore appropriate that your MAG Committee plan for the year ahead of us in our 21<sup>st</sup> year and we welcome your thoughts on what direction you would like MAG to go. We have now settled into Elizabeth St and we are enjoying the better facilities available through ACON, we have now more opportunities to make our meetings interesting and I can assure you that the Committee will be trying to make our meetings pleasant, informative and entertaining.

We were surprised to receive a letter from the Sydney Opera House Trust informing us that we were breaching their copyright on the Sydney Opera House design so we have no option but to change our Logo, ACON has agreed to help design the new Logo which we will present to you as soon as the Committee has had an opportunity to consider the new design.

David has drawn your attention to the new format of our magazine which will more closely identify MAG as part of the ACON family so in a sense these changes put us in the direction of a new beginning for MAG.

However what will not change is the philosophy and purpose of MAG that is to be a welcoming organisation for older gay men and their friends to meet and greet and to participate in social and cultural activities. Once again the Committee welcomes your thoughts and ideas.

MAG will again participate in Mardi Gras and Fair Day and we look to your support to make a relevant contribution to the festivities and events during February.

Eric Ellem, President

## CHANGES AT ACON

ACON Health, trading as ACON has had a restructure, and MAG now comes under the Division of Community Health and Wellbeing.

Mr Ian Walker is the Director and **Steve's new boss** is Mr Adrian Eisler, who is the Manager of Community Care. The guys who attended our 2011 Xmas Party would have had a chance to meet Adrian; and he did enjoy the Trivia Quiz.

We would like to express our thanks to **Siri May, who was Steve's previous boss**; for her help and assistance, especially in the relocating of our gear from Commonwealth Street to Elizabeth Street.

## SAD NEWS

All the guys at MAG were saddened to hear of the death of a *real character* - Carmen Rupe - aged 75 years. Carmen was our Guest Speaker 27.11.2010 & certainly entertained us with all her amazing stories of her days in the Army in NZ, her Coffee Lounge in Wellington NZ, a Les Girls performer and all her other *escapades*. She always had a big smile.

# 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

## STEVE OSTROW

HI GUYS,

WELCOME TO 2012!!

WOW, where did those two thousand and twelve years go?

And what happened before then? And was there a MAG then?

**Well let's just enjoy that we have made it this far..and MAG is still here!**

Not only here but almost reborn. A new venue, a new Executive Committee and so much to be thankful for.

And most important, we have each other..cause love, health, and support is what MAG is all about.

**So let's take a moment and remember all those MAGs that got us this far and all of those who are no longer with us.**

I wish you all the best in the New Year and look forward to being there for you ad infinitum and hope you all be the same!

Enjoy, live, serve, support and most of all LOVE! The best 4 letter word in our vocabulary.

Love to you all here and beyond!!

Steve, Founder of MAG and  
**ACON's Project Officer for MAG**



## 2012 Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concert for Individuals

Monday 19 March 2012

at 10.30 am or 2.30pm.

Tickets for these concerts will be available through **Ticketmaster** from **9.00am on Tuesday 7 February 2012.**

Book all tickets through **Ticketmaster**. Tickets are FREE but strictly limited to a maximum of 4 per person. Tickets are allocated by a next best seat available system at the time of booking. Wheelchair tickets can only be booked by phone (then press 2, then press 9).

Online

To book online visit  
[www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au)

or

Over the Counter  
Visit any of the participating  
**NSW Ticketmaster** outlets

or

By phone  
**Phone 1300 855 501.**

Bookings by phone, please be patient and expect lengthy delays.

Wheelchair tickets can only be booked by telephoning **1300 855 501** - then press 2, then press 9.

Tickets are strictly limited to a maximum of 4 tickets per person. There is no booking fee. Tickets are allocated by a best seat available system at the time of booking. If booking online through **Ticketmaster** for the first time, it is recommended that you create a user account before the tickets become available.

To be eligible you must be a resident of NSW, aged 60 years or older.

Not all **Ticketmaster** outlets are participating. A list of participating outlets will be made available in January 2012. Calls to **1300 855 501** are charged at the cost of a local call.

### 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.

# SECRETARY

## HAVE A GREAT 2012

For the first issue for 2012, let me wish everyone best wishes for a happy, healthy and enjoyable new year.



### REFLECTIONS ON OUR 2011 XMAS PARTY

We had a most enjoyable evening on 19th December, on the occasion of our 2011 Christmas Party.

Good cheer was had by all 85 attendees.

The food was excellently prepared and presented - thanks to the Kitchen guys.

I really enjoyed the ham - thanks for getting all the *goodies* John.

Thank you Arthur, our Trivia Quiz Master, I still feel that a red G string would have been good look - ha ha. Thanks to all who joined in the Quiz and to the winning team.

Thank you all who helped set up and cleaned up the Café area.

We appreciate Adrian Eisler from ACON for giving up his evening to join in the celebrations.

### NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

As mentioned on the front cover, I have been asked to change the format of this Newsletter, so as to be somewhat similar in design with other ACON publications.

I changed the MAG Newsletter in 2001, after I was elected Secretary, and in turn was given the position as Editor of the MAG Newsletter. I altered the design from the previous editor, Richard Buckdale; as I **could not receive Richard's format on my** then internet provider - AOL.

The rest is history.

As this is a new year, changing the format of the Newsletter is maybe a bit ironic.

I do hope YOU, the readers will like it.

### MAG'S LOGO

As President Eric mentioned, the Sydney Opera House feels our Logo is in breach of their trademark. I do not believe this is the case, but ACON is looking into the matter -

For the time being, we have ceased using it. Watch this space for further developments.

### THE 2012 FAIR DAY

**This year's Mardi Gras Fair Day will be on Sunday, 12th February, at Victoria Park, on Broadway.** MAG will be having a Stall, so please come to the Fair, enjoy the day and come on by the MAG Stall to say "*hi*".

We hope to be put near the ACON Alley We will be selling home made plants and chutneys, plus Dame Dolly Devine will be spruiking for the 36 bottles of wine in our Raffle. We are seeking donations of a bottle of wine from members & friends. Any donation great or small will be very much appreciated. Bottles can be brought in to any of our meetings. We have had some donations already and I do thank those generous guys.

### THE 2012 PARADE

The Parade will be held on Saturday evening, 3rd March 2012. I told the Committee I would seek out the costing of a bus for our guys, who could not walk the distant of the parade route to travel in. I have given the Committee the details and have now been granted approval to hire a 24 seater bus. It will be decorated in silver sequins and a BIG fluffy pink slipper on its roof, with silver streamers at its back.

Our Theme is

### MAGcillia - Queens of the Sofa.

*Ignatius Jones from the New Mardi Gras loves our name.* Participants will wear a white shirt, with a silver vest and waving a cerise waver.

*Ladies* will also be required to wear silver sequins. This is so our walking group and bus passengers can be identified as being part of the same group.

If you wish to join the fun of this evening, please let me know ASAP.

I have been in every Parade since 1990, when I was with the Boomerangs Social Club [now defunct]. The colours of silver vests and **cerise wavers are recycled items from MAG's very successful 2002 Parade entry "Hello Dolly".**

David, Secretary

**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. For instance the Wednesday Members Badge Drawer – here are \$100 badge draws from 6pm till 8pm for those members present - a fun evening.

The meals are well priced and enjoyable.

All mature age gay & bi-sexual men come join us in having a meal, a drink and socialising.

# HAVE A LAUGH

## RETIREMENT BONUS

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 tape 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."**

REMEMBER  
SAFE SEX  
ALL WAYS ALWAYS

## OBSERVATIONS ON GROWING OLDER

Your kids are becoming you...and you don't like them...but your grandchildren are perfect!

Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

When people say you look "Great"... they add "for your age!"

When you needed the discount, you paid full price. Now you get discounts on everything... movies, hotels, flights, but you're too tired to use them.

You forget names... but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

The 5 pounds you wanted to lose is now 15 and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.

You realize you're never going to be really good at anything... especially golf.

Your spouse is counting on you to remember things you don't remember.

The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

Your spouse sleeps better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than he does in bed. It's called their "pre-sleep".

Remember when your mother said, "Wear clean underwear in case you GET in an accident"?

Now you bring clean underwear in case you HAVE an accident!

You used to say, "I hope my kids GET married..."

Now, "I hope they STAY married!"

You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

When GOOGLE, ipod, email, modem.... were unheard of, and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table

You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???

Now that you can afford expensive jewellery, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

You read 100 pages into a book before you realise you've read it.

What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

Everybody whispers.

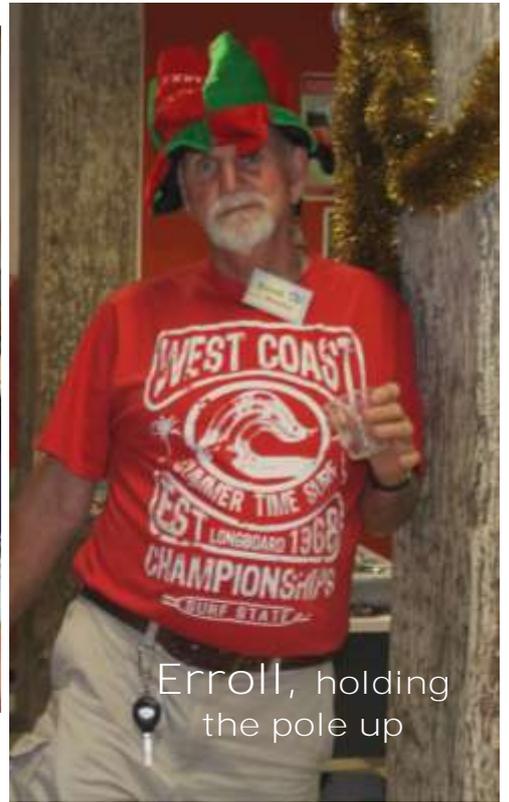
You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet ... 2 of which you will never wear.



Hark the Angel Jerry prays



David with his red nose and antlers



Erroll, holding the pole up



Arthur asks a questions at our 2011 Christmas Party.  
"Pay attention, for I shall only say this once!"



David with his big red hat



Another great photo



John & Eric



Doug pours a drink



Ian, John & Tony



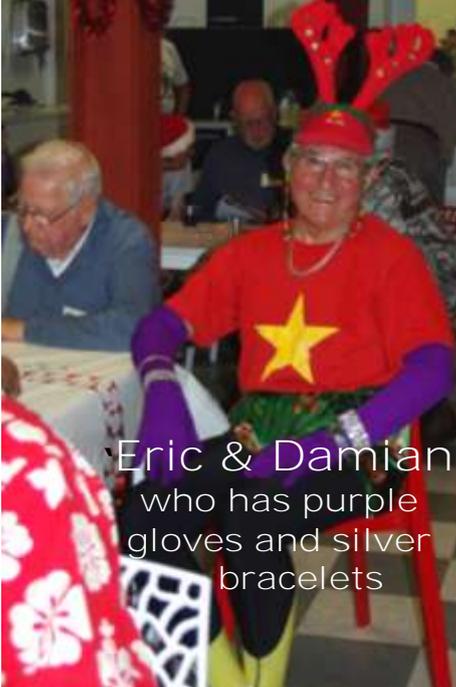
Chris checks his camera



Photo of the guys



Joe & David



Eric & Damian who has purple gloves and silver bracelets



Paul & Tee



Photos courtesy of Glenn, Joe & David



'Heads down', as Arthur asks another question

## WARREN'S POEM



### THE GAY BEE

By Warren Sawkins

Why become a human flower  
of the hour, for a gay bee.  
Who will probably do the his  
thing again today, to someone besides  
you & me.

Why fall into his arms, be taken by his  
charms,  
that gay bee.

He will probably do his thing,  
again today, to someone besides you & me.

Why be effected emotionally by his lies,  
fall victim to his powerful disguise, a gay  
bee.

He will probably do his thing,  
again today, to someone besides you & me.

Our gay bee, will fly from flower to flower by  
the hour,

Spreading his arms, offering his charms.  
Using his powerful disguise, spreading more  
lies.

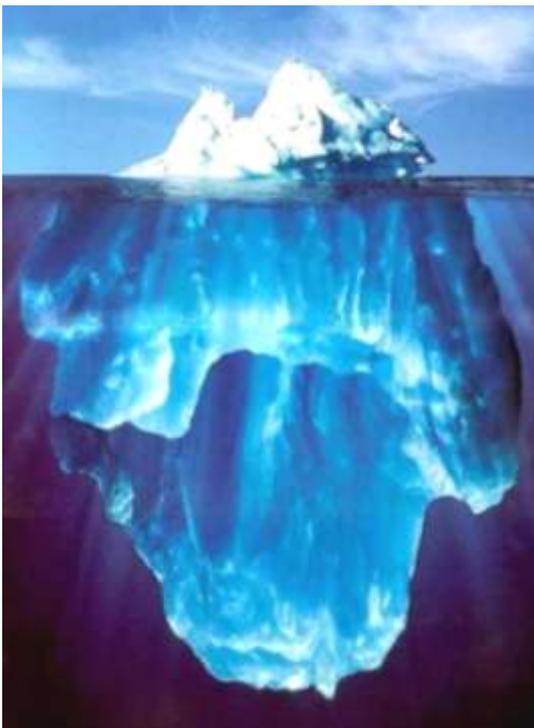
It may be someone else besides you or me.

## INTERESTING -

an Iceberg from top to bottom.

The photograph below came from a Rig Manager for

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Marine  
Drilling in St  
Johns,  
Newfound-  
land. The  
water was  
calm and the  
sun almost  
directly  
overhead, so  
the diver was  
able to get  
into the water  
to take this  
awesome  
picture.



Estimated  
weight at  
300,000,000  
tons;  
so what  
chance did  
the Titanic  
have?

## NEWS ITEM

### A NIGHT WITH JOAN



On 7th November 2011, at the  
State Theatre, Market Street, Sydney,  
**Tony Sierra attended "A Night with Joan".**  
Tony found Joan to be very nice, charming and  
a fantastic LADY.

**Joan is now a "gay icon",** after playing the  
character of "Alexis Carrington", the  
SUPER BITCH role, in the dama series,  
**"DYNASTY".**

The photo above is Joan on Stage, and  
below Tony with Joan after her  
*fantastic* performance.



## MAG's DETAILS

### Executive Members:

President: Eric Ellem 0418 686 429  
 Secretary: David Bowron 9516 2063  
 Treasurer: Jon Allwood 0431 062 343

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

### Committee Members:

Joe Mula	—
Lewis Turtur	—
Mario Panzarino	—
Stuart Ferguson	—
<b>John O'Dea</b>	—

### MAG / C

MAG in the Community.  
 For guys who are ill, in hospital,  
 or who require assistance.  
 Kindly contact Noel Hunter on  
 (02) 96991317.

Our postal address is:

**MAG, PO Box 350  
 DARLINGHURST NSW 1300**

[web site is](http://www.magnsw.org)

[www.magnsw.org](http://www.magnsw.org)

We meet on the second and the  
 last Saturdays of each month

at **414 Elizabeth St.,  
 Surry Hills**

[near Devonshire St],

from 6:30 pm for tea & coffee  
 with the meeting commencing

at 7:00pm, usually with a  
 Guest Speaker — every so

**often we'll have a  
 social, or even see a movie.**

*A light supper follows.*

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

## 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 Solomin 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

Tel. 9267 4000 [www.gamma.org.au](http://www.gamma.org.au)

Gaydownunder [www.gaydownunder.com](http://www.gaydownunder.com)

GLCS Tel. 1800 184 527

GSN - Gay Sydney Nudists

contact *Tony James* 49725357.

MAM — Mature Age Men

Meets the last Saturday of month Sportsman's  
 Hotel, Springhill, Brisbane at 4pm

Contact Noel (07) 325 7743 for more details.

MCC Good Shepherd 6:30pm Sundays

37 East Street, Granville.

Pastor *Robert Clark* Tel. 9386 9293

MCC Sydney 96 Crystal St, Petersham.

10:00am & 6:30pm Sundays

Pastor part time *Greg Smith* Tel. 9569 5122

Email — [office@mccsydney.org](mailto:office@mccsydney.org)

PFLAG

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays.

[www.pflagaustralia.org](http://www.pflagaustralia.org)

SCOG

Southern Cross Outdoor Group: Bushwalks and  
 other outdoor activities in the Sydney area.

Contact *David* 9698 9308.

Email: [southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com](mailto:southern.cross.outdoors.group@gmail.com)

SPAIDS

Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves

Dates on tree planting days kindly contact  
[josken@josken.net](mailto: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](http://www.wags.net.au)